

## THE COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY

The Conference Committee on Episcopacy met in the spring and again on Monday, October 15, 2007, at the Methodist Center in Columbia.

The agenda was to summarize the results of an evaluation process recommended by the Council on Bishops to the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy. The purpose of the evaluation was to provide input for the Bishops throughout the jurisdiction to assess areas in which they might better serve their Conferences.

The evaluation process began with a survey by the Conference Committee on Episcopacy, the Cabinet and leaders throughout the Conference. This enabled a broad and varied view from many perspectives. Results proved to be supportive, positive and also constructive. This led to a meaningful dialogue and provided helpful insight for our Bishop and the Committee.

One recommendation especially worth noting was addressing the need to provide assistance to the Bishop in carrying out the varied duties of her office. It came to our attention from the survey that the magnitude, demands and expectations of an Episcopal office are more than one person can realistically accomplish. A subcommittee has been formed to consider these needs and make recommendations.

Findings from this interaction have been forwarded to the Jurisdictional Episcopacy Committee. As a result, Bishop Taylor has been unanimously asked to return for a second quadrennium. The Committee affirmed her work among us and is deeply appreciative of the leadership she provides.

*George K. Howle, Chairperson*