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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Council on Finance and Administration South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church Columbia, South Carolina

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Council. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. The prior year summarized comparative information has been derived from the Conference's 2005 financial statements and, in our report dated August 1, 2006, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note B, the statements do not include the Conference's investment in property and equipment as required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Expenditures for such investments are charged as expenditures in the year of purchase. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements are generally not intended to present financial position and results of operations in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, except for not capitalizing property and equipment and recording depreciation, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church as of December 31, 2006, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Denick, Stubbs - Stith, LLP

October 3, 2007

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2006 (With Summarized Financial Information as of December 31, 2005)

ASSETS Cash and Cash Equivalents	Unrestricted	Temporarily <u>Restricted</u>	2006 Total <u>Net Assets</u>	2005 Total <u>Net Assets</u>
Demand deposits: Bank of America	\$	\$ 2,934,217	\$ 2,934,217	\$ 4,074,280
Receivables Due from churches Due from others Accrued interest receivable Total receivables		\$ 1,641,505 306,072 24,736 1,972,313	1,641,505 306,072 24,736 1,972,313	1,478,417 826,872 13,338 2,318,627
Prepaid Expenses Registration deposits				61,999
Investments Certificates of deposit Bobo Estate Certificates of deposit Van Kampen Merritt Government Fund Wachovia Money Market accounts Total investments	1,012,847 - - - 1,012,847	\$ 1,887,153 530,000 122,988 1,183,303 3,723,444	2,900,000 530,000 122,988 1,183,303 4,736,291	2,800,000 125,661 1,230,870 4,156,531
Property and Equipment Building improvements	1,584,505		1,584,505	1,584,505
Total assets	2,597,352	8,629,974	11,227,326	12,194,755
LIABILITIES Current portion of notes payable Due to General Board of Pensions Due to General Council on Finance	42,154 -	:	42,154 -	52,419 337,635
and Administration Due to Conference boards, agencies and	-	450,328	450,328	1,635,857
support groups Accounts payable Funds held in trust for others Advance fees held for others Church remittances received for future years		922,541 - 328,405 -	922,541 - 328,405 -	683,127 93,914 222,859 1,270 1,172
Total current liabilities	42,154	1,701,274	1,743,428	3,028,253
Notes payable	852,866		852,866	1,059,629
Total liabilities	895,020	1,701,274	2,596,294	4,087,882
NET ASSETS Unrestricted Temporarily restricted for programs Total net assets	1,702,332	6,928,700 6,928,700	1,702,332 6,928,700 8,631,032	1,176,865 6,930,008 8,106,873
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 2,597,352	\$ 8,629,974	\$ 11,227,326	\$ 12,194,755

See notes to financial statements.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006				
(With Summarized Financial Information as of December 31, 2005)			2006	2005
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total Net Assets	Total Net Assets
Payenia				
Contributions				
Chirches	\$ 248,559	\$ 13,733,530	\$ 13,982,089	\$ 14,637,240
Other		81,784	81,784	120,434
Beguest	•	915	915	2,924
Institutional Payments for				
Pension fund		4,638,047	4,638,047	5,728,720
Conference insurance	•	7,247,922	7,247,922	10,109,270
Insureds - Conference insurance		2,237,052	2,237,052	2,308,966
General Council on Finance and Administration		77,200	77,200	99,125
Registrations and fees	,	1,899,190	1,899,190	1,804,108
Rent	•	61,125	61,125	185,354
Investment income	267,597	26,421	294,018	147,969
Print media services	•	231,173	231,173	207,697
Other	20,450	1,959,152	1,979,602	2,208,187
Net unrealized gains on investments	•	56,980	56,980	28,023
Total	536,606	32,250,491	32,787,097	37,588,017
Net assets released from restrictions to satisfy program restrictions	32,251,799	(32,251,799)	•	1 10
Total revenue	32,788,405	(1,308)	32,787,097	37,588,017
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Program Septions				
General Board of Densions - Dension Flind	4 855 845	ı	4.855.845	5.275.000
General Board of Pensions - Conference insurance	000 006 6	•	000'006'6	11,550,000
Senior College Find and Shartanhira Methodist College	1 568 142	•	1.568.142	1,293,835
District administration	668 347	•	668,347	652,877
District cumenintendent's salary	1.021.571	•	1.021.571	1,005,910
Council on Ministries operations	868.690		868,690	648,616
Ministerial education	597,089	•	597,089	502,632
Figure 1 Children's Home	525 731		525.731	479.042
Methodist Homes	492,590	•	492,590	469,487
World Septice Find	1.719.337	•	1.719.337	1,541,367
Camps and Retreat Center	1.346.890	•	1,346,890	1,205,299
Vouth spiritial retreats	522,169		522,169	507,268
Other program services for Conference hoards, agencies and commissions	7.808.430		7,808,430	11,326,981
Management and general	302,623		302,623	292,283
Conference Center construction	65.484		65,484	58,903
Total expenses	32,262,938		32,262,938	36,809,500
Increase (decrease) in net assets	525,467	(1,308)	524,159	778,517
Net Assets Beginning	1,176,865	6,930,008	8,106,873	7,328,356
Ending	\$ 1,702,332	\$ 6,928,700	\$ 8,631,032	\$ 8,106,873

See notes to financial statements.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005

Cash Flows from Operating Activities	2	006		2005
Increase in net assets Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$	524,159	\$	778,517
Net unrealized (gains) losses on investments		(56,980)		(22,800)
(Increase) decrease in receivables		346,314		309,595
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses		61,999		(17,141)
Increase (decrease) in due to General Board of Pensions Increase (decrease) in due to General Council on	(337,635)		(66,365)
Finance and Administration	(1,	185,529)		1,207,302
Increase (decrease) in due to Conference boards, agencies and support groups		239,414		(142,333)
Increase (decrease) in notes payable	(217,028)		(235,610)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable		(93,914)		(20,238)
Increase (decrease) in funds held in trust for others		105,546		5,327
Increase (decrease) advance fees held for others		(1,270)		(82,502)
Increase in deferred revenue		(1,172)		(9,912)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(616,096)		1,703,840
Cash Flows from Investing Activities				
Proceeds from matured investments	4,	017,978		2,300,000
Purchase of investments	(4,	541,945)		(2,900,000)
Net cash (used in) investing activities	(523,967)		(600,000)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(1,	140,063)		1,103,840
Cash and Cash Equivalents				
Beginning	4,0	074,280		2,970,440
Ending	2,9	934,217		4,074,280
Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information Cash payment of interest	\$	65,484	<u>\$</u>	58,903

See notes to financial statements.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note A. Nature of Activities

The South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church governs the various boards, commissions, committees and agencies whose purpose is to carry out the programs of the United Methodist Church. The South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church is a nonprofit religious organization and is exempt from paying income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. These financial statements report only those transactions maintained by the Treasurer of the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Note B. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Financial reporting: The accompanying financial statements are based on the accrual method of accounting reflecting income earned regardless of when received and expenses incurred regardless of when paid.

The Conference has three net asset categories, which are described as follows:

Unrestricted net assets: Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions.

Temporarily restricted net assets: Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met either by actions of the Conference and/or the passage of time.

Permanently restricted net assets: Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may be maintained permanently by the Conference. Generally, the donors of these assets permit the Conference to use all or part of the income earned on related investments for program operations. There are no permanently restricted net assets.

To insure observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of resources available to the Conference, the accounts of the Conference are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. This is the procedure by which resources for various purposes are classified for accounting and reporting purposes into funds established according to their nature and purpose.

Support and expenses: A contribution is deemed to have been received when the cash or other assets including securities, land, buildings, use of facilities, materials and supplies, intangible assets, services or unconditional promise to give such items in the future is received. An unconditional promise to give is a promise, which is not dependent on the occurrence of a specified future and uncertain event to bind the promisor.

Contributions received and unconditional promises to give are measured at their fair values and are reported as increase in net assets. The Conference reports gifts of cash and other assets as restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets, or if they are designated as support for future periods. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

The financial statements present expenses in accordance with the overall service mission of the Conference displayed within their natural classifications.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note B. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Cash and cash equivalents: For purposes of reporting the statement of cash flows, the Conference considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Investments are measured at fair value in the statement of financial position. Investment income or loss (including gains and losses on investments, interest, and dividends) is included in the statement of activities as increases or decreases in unrestricted net assets unless the income or loss is restricted by donor or law.

Property and equipment: The Conference has generally not recorded land or buildings as fixed assets on its balance sheet. In 2003, the Conference recorded the renovations to the conference center, based on its intention to start recording fixed assets along with the related depreciation. Property was to be recorded at cost with depreciation being provided on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of 10 to 39 years for buildings and 10 to 39 years for Improvements to Land and Building. The plan has been delayed while the Conference re-evaluates starting the policy of recording all current land and property versus continuing the previous policy. Therefore the Conference did not record depreciation for the conference renovation. The Conference does not maintain investments in an equipment fund or record the related depreciation of such equipment as required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Expenditures for such investments in the equipment fund are generally charged as expenditures in the year of purchase.

Note C. Investments

Investments are valued at market value with appreciation being recognized and reported in the Statement of Activities in the appropriate classes. Unless specific prohibited clauses are contained in the gift instrument, funds for investment have been combined into one investment pool. Earned income received on investments by the Conference Treasurer is credited to the permanent reserve fund. The cost and market values of investments at December 31, 2006 and 2005 are summarized as follows:

	20	006		20	05	
	Cost		Fair Value	 Cost		Fair Value
Certificates of deposit	\$ 2,900,000	\$	2,900,000	\$ 2,800,000	\$	2,800,000
Bobo Estate certificates of deposit	530,000		530,000	-		-
Van Kampen American Capital -						
U.S. Governmental Fund A	158,102		122,988	158,102		125,661
Wachovia money market	1,111,945		1,183,303	1,223,731		1,230,870
Total	\$ 4,700,047	\$	4,736,291	\$ 4,181,833	\$	4,156,531

Note D. Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue consists of church contributions made to support the following years' activities. There were no deferred revenues at the end of 2006.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note E. Funds Held for Others

The following funds are held for certain United Methodist Conference Boards, Committees and Agencies at December 31, 2006 and 2005:

	2006	2005	
Ministers' spouses association	\$ 2,176	\$ 2,222	
Ministers' wives retreat	8,501	9,707	
Maintenance reserve (United Methodist Center)	216,141	196,141	
Maintenance reserve (Episcopal Residence)	16,276	16,276	
Campus Ministry/repairs and maintenance	8,059	7,124	
Outreach and Community Collaboration	-	1,625	
Asbury Hills Development	(11,116)	(11,301)	
Asbury Hills - designated fund	15,527	-	
Sewee Coastal Retreat Development	1,064	1,065	
Camps and Retreats Annual Fund	5,077	-	
Historical Society	4,984	-	
Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry	2,822	-	
UM Volunteers in Mission	58,957	-	
Mike Watson UmVIM Award	(52)	-	
T. Dennis Smith Scholarship	(11)	<u> </u>	
Total	\$ 328,405	\$ 222,859	

Note F. Assets Released from Donor Restrictions

Net assets during the year ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes, purchase of property and equipment, and by occurrence of other events specified by donors as follows:

Purpose restrictions accomplished by:

Satisfaction of Program Restriction Expense Category:

	2006	2005
General Board of Pensions - Pension Fund	\$ 4,855,845	\$ 5,275,000
General Board of Pensions - Conference insurance	9,900,000	11,550,000
Senior College Fund and Spartanburg Methodist College	1,568,142	1,293,835
District administration	386,447	376,977
District superintendent's salary	1,021,571	1,005,910
Council on Ministries operations	868,690	648,616
Ministerial education	597,089	502,632
Epworth Children's Home	525,731	479,042
Methodist Homes	492,590	469,487
World Service Fund	1,719,338	1,541,367
Camps and Retreat Center	1,346,890	1,205,299
Youth spiritual retreats	522,169	507,268
Other program services for Conference boards,		
agencies and commissions	8,144,674	11,661,784
Management and general	302,623	240,412
Total	\$ 32,251,799	<u>\$ 36,757,629</u>

Notes to Financial Statements

Note G. Fidelity Bond

The General Council on Finance and Administration provides \$ 1,000,000 fidelity bond protection for all Annual Conference Treasurers and their staff at no charge. Fidelity bonding for trustees and related staff is provided by the Annual Conference.

Note H. Net Assets

Unrestricted net assets at December 31, 2006 and 2005 are available for the following purposes:

	2006	2005
Contingency fund	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Permanent reserve	912,847	604,408
Total	\$ 1,012.847	\$ 704,408

Temporarily restricted net assets at December 31, 2006 and 2005 are available for the following purposes:

	2006	2005
Ministers book	\$ 37,599	\$ 31,736
United Methodist Center operations	70,659	55,681
Conference Board of Trustees	179,547	301,330
Computer upgrade reserve	29,864	29,864
District administration	182,161	102,450
District parsonage funds	237,568	197,019
District office occupancy	67,252	44,338
District extension funds	239,615	209,622
District undesignated specials	108,052	87,230
District habitat houses	26,690	25,011
District Superintendent continuing education	17,091	12,186
District congregational development	217,287	271,059
Equitable compensation	415,661	331,132
Asbury Hills Camp	•	(25,739)
Golden Cross	2,534	1,299
Congregational development	781,190	781,190
Congregational development/allocated	540,474	283,245
Congregational development/land acquisition	469,463	362,173
Salkehatchie summer service	102,949	53,390
UM volunteers in mission	58,957	103,355
Ordained ministry scholarships	291,249	309,734
Other program services for Conference boards,		
agencies and commissions	2,852,838	3,362,703
Total	\$ 6,928,700	\$ 6,930,008

Note I. Ministerial Pension Plan and Comprehensive Protection Plan (MPP/CPP) and Cumulative Pension and Benefit Fund (CPBF)

The South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church participates in a defined benefit multiemployer pension plan administered by the General Board of Pensions of the United Methodist Church. The plan provides pension benefits to retiring members in addition to providing disability income benefits and guaranteed minimum benefits for widows and dependent children of deceased members.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note I. Ministerial Pension Plan and Comprehensive Protection Plan (MPP/CPP) and Cumulative Pension and Benefit Fund (CPBF) (Continued)

The Conference contributes to the fund an amount equivalent to twelve percent (12%) of each minister's annual plan compensation (cash salary, tax-deferred contributions made and housing allowance) limited by the denominational average compensation. For lay employees, the Conference contributes nine percent (9%) and the lay employee contributes three percent (3%). CPP contributions for eligible full-time ministers are the equivalent of 4.4% of the minister's plan compensation limited by 200% of the current denominational average compensation. Past service defined benefit funding is an annual actuarially determined amount approved by the Annual Conference. Contributions for each participant are fully vested. The Conference Treasurer remitted \$ 4,855,845 in 2006 and \$ 5,275,000 in 2005 to the General Board of Pensions. The Conference is not liable for any unfunded liabilities under the MPP/CPP/CPBF plans in force.

Past service expenses are charged to the Annual Conference. The RP 2000 Individual Annuity Mortality Table is used in the determination of these amounts.

Ministers' pension payments received by the Conference Treasurer are remitted to the General Board of Pensions of the United Methodist Church.

Note J. Accounting for Post-Retirement Benefits Other Than Pensions

The Annual Conference requires payment of \$ 70 per participant per month from retirees for retiree or dependents for postretirement benefits.

The Annual Conference sponsors a contributory defined benefit post-retirement medical plan that covers substantially all of its statutory and common-law employees.

The Annual Conference also sponsors a defined benefit post-retirement death benefit plan that covers substantially all of its full-time retired CPP eligible clergy members. This plan is non-contributory, is fully funded, and no change from this policy is anticipated in the future.

Other than the plans identified above, the Annual Conference sponsors no other post-retirement benefit plans.

Legal opinion has been obtained that the plans described above are multi-employer plans as that term is defined in Paragraph 79 of SFAS No. 106, "Employer's Accounting for Post-Retirement Benefits Other Than Pensions". Accordingly, the post-retirement benefit costs are recognized on a current period basis.

Note K. Comparative Amounts

The financial statements include certain prior-year summarized comparative information in total but not by net asset class. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the organization's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2005 from which the summarized information was derived.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note L. Concentration of Market and Credit Risk

Pooled investments include an overnight investment account with Bank of America totaling \$2,933,716. The financial institution has a strong credit rating and management believes that credit risk related to this deposit is minimal. There are also four \$100,000 certificates of deposit at First Federal of Charleston, \$300,000 is secured by federal bonds and a \$530,000 certificate of deposit at Bank of America.

Note M. Equitable Compensation Commission

The Conference treasurer holds investments in Van Kampen mutual funds (U.S. Government Fund Class A). This fund is reserved for the purpose of paying supplemental salary for pastors of local churches that cannot afford to pay the minimum salary for pastors as set by the Conference. The market value at December 31, 2006 is \$ 335,835 compared to cost of \$ 427,019 in 1986.

The investments are not recorded in the records or financial statements of the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church

Note N. Conference Board of Trustees

The Conference treasurer held one (1) loan receivable totaling \$ 7,500 at December 31, 2006. The loan is not recorded in the records or financial statements of the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Note O. United Methodist Center Renovation

Expenditures for the acquisition of property were to be capitalized at cost when completed in 2004. The Conference has decided to delay recording the renovation until it has re-evaluated the proposed new policy of recording land and buildings currently owned versus the existing policy. The Conference has not capitalized any land or building prior to the current renovation to the Conference Center in Columbia. Similarly, no depreciation expense has been reflected on any building related asset. Renovations of the United Methodist Center located in Columbia started in October of 2002 with completion coming in early 2004. At December 31, 2003, \$ 1,584,505 was the revised cost estimate and \$ 1,495,279 was the outstanding balance of the construction loan. The construction loan was converted to permanent financing in February 2004. At December 31, 2006, \$ 895,020 was the outstanding balance of the loan.

Note P. Investment in Building

Expenditures for the acquisition of property are capitalized at cost when done. The Conference has not capitalized any land or building prior to the current renovation to the Conference Center in Columbia. Similarly, no depreciation expense has been reflected on any building related asset. The Conference has decided to delay recording the renovation until it has re-evaluated the proposed new policy of recording land and buildings currently owned versus the existing policy.

Note Q. Pension and Insurance

Beginning with the conference year 2004, institutional pension and insurance costs for pastors appointed to local churches was billed directly to individual churches. For years prior year to 2004, those costs were covered by line items in the conference budget and apportioned to churches. The money was received from churches and shown in church contributions on prior financial statements.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note R. Long-Term Debt

The Conference has obtained a mortgage loan with Bank of America for an original principal balance of \$1,585,505 which included the construction loan at the end of 2006 with a balance of \$895,020. The monthly payments of \$8,543, including principal and interest, were set up for a 5 year payback period with a balloon payment at the end of that period. The interest rate is floating indexed to the LIBOR Daily Floating Rate. Additional principal payments are anticipated to be made during the payback period. The total principal payments during 2006 were \$217,028.

Future payments:

Year	Principal Payments	
2007	\$ 42,154	
2008	45,081	
2009	807,785	