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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2019 session of the South Carolina Annual Conference! As we gather this year for praise, worship, service and fellowship, we give thanks to almighty God and celebrate the ways in which we have **been seeking and fulfilling God's purpose** for the Church.

This year's theme, "Seeking A More Excellent Way: A Future With Hope" encourages us to trust God with each step that we take. Miraculous things can happen when we leave our place of comfort and take a step beyond caution into God's preferred future. We will come together with hope, remembering who God has called us to be and what God wants for us.

A number of distinguished guests will share in leadership during this annual conference. Bishop James Swanson, the resident bishop of the Mississippi Annual Conference, joins us as preacher for the Service of Commissioning & Ordination. Dr. Gregory Jones, dean of Duke Divinity School, & Rev. Susan Pendleton Jones, Ministry Associate for Church Transformation Ministries in the North Carolina Conference, will lead us in daily Bible study, and Rev. Sara White, SC Conference Director of Congregational Development, will share the message during the Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving.

In addition to our special conference offerings for the United Methodist Women Legacy Fund and SC Seminary Student Scholarship Fund, there is also an opportunity to participate in hands-on missions as each church is invited to prepare a Native American Elder Basket or a Harvest Hope Box and bring them with you to Greenville. You can find more detailed instructions included in your pre-conference materials. Your participation in these missional initiatives and your generous giving will make a significant difference in many lives.

The hard work of so many people makes this gathering possible. A profound word of gratitude is expressed to The Rev. Dr. George Howle and the people and churches of the Greenville District, our host district, and to The Rev. Webb Belangia and members of Mauldin UMC, our host church. For many months, this team has worked closely with Conference Secretary Rev. Ken Nelson and the Committee on the Annual Conference to consider every detail. I am certain that you will join me in saluting the proactive leadership of all of these people who have worked so diligently on our behalf.

As we prepare for the 2019 Annual Conference, I ask for your prayers that great and marvelous things will happen through the Holy Spirit who guides and sustains us. Pray that our presence in this place will be a living witness to the grace, mercy and love of Jesus Christ to all whom we meet. I look forward to seeing all of you soon in Greenville.

Grace and Peace,

L. Jonathan Holston



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Friends:

Grace and peace you! What an exciting time in the life and ministry of the SC Annual Conference! As the time for annual conference draws near, my enthusiasm for our time together grows! Allow me to be among the first to welcome you the 2019 South Carolina Annual Conference! Our theme for 2019 is ***A More Excellent Way: A Future With Hope.*** As you know, this is a special year as we will elect persons to serve as delegates to the 2020 General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

Enclosed for your review are the reports, recommendations and resolutions received to date for consideration at the 2019 Session of the South Carolina Conference. The Agenda and the Special Events Calendar can be found just after the Table of Contents, Program and Events. Additional material will be distributed in your registration packet at Annual Conference. Information on lodging in the Greenville area, together with maps of the Greenville Convention Center, is included in the hospitality section of this packet. If you have not already made housing arrangements, or registered for the meal plan, please take time to make this reservation immediately.

Registration for clergy and lay members will begin at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, June 2. ***Laity and retired clergy*** will register upstairs on the **Level 2 in the pre-function area** (hallway outside ballroom). ***All active clergy*** will register upstairs on **Level 2 on the Concourse area just beyond the escalator**. Registration will close at 6:00 pm on Sunday evening. Registrations will continue in the pre-function area on Monday morning and will begin at 8:00 a.m. close at 5:00 p.m.

All ***first time lay members*** are invited to an orientation session on Sunday at 4:00 p.m. on **Level One in Room 102 A & B**. The remaining laity are invited to a sharing our stories event beginning at 5:00 p.m. on **Level One in Room 102 C**. Both sessions will be repeated. **The Clergy Session** will be held on **Level two in Room 202**. The Clergy Session will begin at 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be served on site at 6:00 pm for all who register in advance. You may register for the conference meal plan at umcsc.org/mealplan

Annual conference will be live streamed. We encourage everyone to follow the actions of the conference at www.umcsc.org or via social media using Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Daily summaries of the actions taking during conference will be posted on the website to assist you in making your report to your congregation.

On Monday, the Lay Leadership Area of Connectional Ministries will host a **"Hands On Mission Expo."** The fair will enable local churches to show case the mission and ministry in which they have been engaged. On Tuesday, we will share in a special service celebrating the Ministry of Native American peoples! There will also be a special art exhibition recognizing the ministry of Salkehatchie.

There is a tremendous enthusiasm about Annual Conference and I look forward to being with you in Greenville on June 2-6 for an amazing time of worship, service, and Christian conferencing. Join me as we look forward to "A Future With Hope!"

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March 27, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Once again we welcome you to Greenville and the 2019 session of the South Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. The twenty-two thousand members and seventy-one Churches of the Greenville District open our arms with a gentile hospitality to all our delegates, visitors and friends who join us in holy conferencing. Our goal is to make your stay with us as enjoyable as possible.

Over a hundred volunteers are here to provide assistance to you during the conference. Look for a volunteer in a green vest. They are here to be helpful and to answer any questions. Greeters will be stationed at various places throughout the center to welcome and assist. We will have volunteers at all times at the information desk outside the conference hall to answer questions about the time and place of meetings, lunches, and other gatherings. During the day the information desk is also the place to inquire about lost and found. After the afternoon sessions, all lost and found items will be at the Greenville Convention Center's information desk downstairs.

This year there will be ushers during conference session to assist in seating delegates and visitors within the bar of the conference. We ask the delegates to refrain from standing on the back wall. For safety purposes we need to keep the aisle in front of the back wall free from obstruction. If you have back problems and need to stand please use the side walls.

Again this year, we will hold a **"Kidz Konference"** for those in need of childcare. Please register online for this successful and helpful ministry.

Lastly, our theme for this year is **"A More Excellent Way: A Future with Hope."** One of my favorite scriptures is Jeremiah 29: 11. ***"For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*** (NIV) Our church and our conferencing together give us a future with hope! I look forward to seeing you soon!

Grace and peace,

George K. Howle, Superintendent



Dear members of the SCUMC Annual Conference:

Grace and Peace to you.

On behalf of the Mauldin UMC church family, I welcome you to Greenville. What a privilege it is to have you here! It is my hope and prayer that during your visit you find Greenville as pleasant as our family has found it since being appointed here three years ago. It makes perfect sense that Greenville was originally named Pleasantburg. Whether you are strolling through Falls Park or dining at one of our many fine dining establishments, it is truly a pleasant place to be.

At Mauldin UMC we have been called into a life of "Living in Christ, Loving all People." "Living in Christ," for us, means that our Christian lives do not consist only of our time at our church building, but every living moment of our lives. "Loving all People," means that we view every human soul as sacred and precious to God and, therefore, sacred and precious to us as well. May we all agree to extend grace to one another as we seek our Lord's will this week.

If there is anything we can do to help make your visit more "pleasant," please feel free to contact me or the church with the contact information listed below.

Again, welcome to Greenville!

Grace and Peace,

Dr. Webb Belangia

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Emergency Number at Greenville Convention Center
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Sunday, June 2 – Thursday, June 6, 2019
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| 3:00 PM | Registration – Greenville Convention Center (until 6:00pm) Laity and Retired Clergy in Pre-function Area of Ballroom on Level 2 Active Clergy –Concourse Area- Level 2 |
| 4:00 PM | Orientation Session-(First Time Lay Delegates)-Level 1 Room 102 A & B <i>(This session will be repeated at 5:00 p.m.)</i> |
| 4:00 PM | Laity Conversations: Sharing Your Successes-Level 1, Room 102C <i>(This session will be repeated at 5:00 p.m.)</i> |
| 5:00 PM | Clergy Session – Level 2, Room 202 A,B&C |
| 6:00 PM | Dinner-Served in Dining Area on Level 2-Hall 1-located across from the Ballroom |

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| 7:30 AM | Holy Communion (Level 2, Room 203) Rev. Edward McCutcheon, Furman Wesley Fellowship, Greenville, SC |
| 8:00 AM | Registration Greenville Convention Center (until 5pm) Laity & retired clergy - Level 2-Pre-function Area of Ballroom Active clergy registration - Level 2- Concourse Area |
| 8:30 AM | Conference Organization Welcome, Greetings, and Introductions Call to Order "And Are We Yet Alive" Greeting from Greenville DS Organizational Motions by the Secretary Committee on Standing Rules (SR 18) |
| 9:00 AM | Bible Study- The Reverends Gregory & Susan Jones Dean- Duke Divinity School Ministry Associate for Church Transformation Ministries-The NC Conference of UMC |
| 9:35 AM | Report of Committee on Episcopacy Consent Calendar (SR 22) Balloting Orientation & Testing General and Jurisdictional Conference Balloting Report of the Board of Ordained Ministry (Licensing Service) |
| 12:00 PM | Lunch Recess <i>(Rehearsal for Service of Commissioning and Ordination-Gather in front of stage)</i> |

Monday Afternoon, The Second Day

- 2:00 PM **A Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving**
The Reverend Sara White, Director of Congregational Development, SC Conference
(*Participants & Robing Gathering Area in Hall 1 Opposite Area 5*)
- 3:15 PM Break-Transition to Business
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- 5:30 PM Dinner Recess

Monday Evening, The Second Day

- 7:00 PM Pre-Service Music
- 7:30 PM Commissioning and Ordination Service – Bishop Jonathan Holston, Presiding
Bishop James Swanson, Preacher-Resident Bishop
Mississippi Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church
(The offering received this evening is for the **Seminary Students Scholarship Fund**, an endowment which provides scholarship awards to South Carolina students attending United Methodist seminaries.) All checks should be made payable to the Treasurer, South Carolina Conference.
- 9:00 PM Reception for Ordinands - the **Concourse Level 2**

June 4, 2019

Tuesday Morning, The Third Day

- 7:30 AM Holy Communion (**Level 2 Room 203**)
Rev. Sara Relaford, St. Paul United Methodist Church, St. Matthews, SC
- 7:30 AM Awards Breakfast **Level 2-Room 202 C**
- 8:30 AM Bible Study – The Reverends Gregory & Susan Jones
Dean- Duke Divinity School
Ministry Associate for Church Transformation Ministries-The NC Conference of UMC
- 9:00 AM General and Jurisdictional Conference Balloting
Connectional Ministries Report
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- 10:45 AM Break & Transition Time
- 11:00 AM **Service of Recognition for Retiring Ministers and the “Passing of the Mantle”**
(*Participants gathering area on Level 2 in Hall 1 in Area 4*)
- 12:15 PM Lunch Recess

Tuesday Afternoon, The Third Day

- 2:00 PM **Acts of Reconciliation – Native American Worship Service**
- 3:15 PM Break-Transition to Business
- General and Jurisdictional Conference Balloting
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- 5:30 PM Dinner Recess

Tuesday Evening, The Third Day

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June 5, 2019

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June 6, 2019

Thursday Morning, the Fifth Day

- 7:30 AM Holy Communion (**Level 2-Room 203**)
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- 8:30 AM Bible Study- The Reverends Gregory & Susan Jones
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Meals: All meals with the exception of the Special Events will be held in the main dining room at the Greenville Convention Center on **Level 2 in Hall 1** (directly across from the Ballroom). All Special Events will be held in their designated spaces. PLEASE MAKE CERTAIN THAT YOU CHECK THE BOX FOR THE SPECIAL EVENT THAT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND WHEN YOU REGISTER FOR THE MEALPLAN. You must register and pay in advance online at mealplan.umcsc.org by Friday, May 17th. **Meal tickets will be distributed at the Pre-paid Meal Ticket Table located by the Information Booth on Level 2 in the Pre-function Area for all persons who registered online.** Menus may be found online and in your pre-conference packet in the Hospitality Section.

SALKEHATCHIE ART INSTALLATION – In celebration of the ministry of Salkehatchie Summer Services, an art exhibit of handcrafted 4 ft. crosses representing each of the 48 camp sites across the state of SC has been created. This new exhibit will be located on **Level 2 Hall 1**. For additional information, please contact Kathy Hart. 803-318-2646 (mobile) kathyvivey@sc.rr.com

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019

Health Screening from 7–10:30 a.m., located on Level 2 in Hall 1. Open only to Health Plan Members free to those members. Offered by the Conference Benefits Office. Online registration details will be mailed to you in April. It is imperative that you pre-register so we will have the necessary supplies.

Holy Communion at 7:30 a.m. on **Level 2 in Room 203**. Rev. Edward McCutcheon, Furman Wesley Fellowship, Greenville, SC.

American Red Cross Blood Drive, 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in the Greenville Convention Center **Level 2 Hall 1**. Help save up to three lives by donating blood! Register on-line at www.redcrossblood.org before annual conference (enter sponsor code: scmethodist), or register in person when you arrive in Greenville. The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood!

Kidz Konference is set up to host our most precious guests—the children of the conference! 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on **Level 1 in rooms 100, 103, and 104** for children from 6 weeks to those who have finished 5th grade. Children will be cared for on site at no charge. You must register in advance at <http://www.umcsc.org>. **Click on the 2019 Annual Conference page and then click on the Kidz Konference link.**

Reconciling Ministries of SC Breakfast Gathering from 7:15-8:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 847 Cleveland Street, Greenville, SC 29601. A panel of individuals will share their stories and experiences. Both clergy and laity are invited to attend. Cost is \$15.00 including a full breakfast buffet. RSVP at www.reconcilingminisriessc.org. For additional information or any questions, please email Swann Adams at swann.adams@sc.edu or Christopher Greene at jcgreene@umcsc.org.

African American Clergywomen's Luncheon, noon in the Greenville Convention Center **Level 2 Room 202 B & C**. Bishop Linda Lee, Retired, is the speaker. Cost of the lunch is \$ 30 per person. Please contact the Dr. Redonia Thomas at 864 325-9282 or Rev. Doris Bright at drbright@umcsc.org for tickets.

Ministers' Spouses Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. in the Greenville Convention Center, **Level 1, Room 102C**. Reservations must be made by Friday, May 18th. No reservations will be taken at conference or at the door. Cost of lunch is \$25.00/person. Make checks payable to Greenville District Ministers' Spouses and mail check and registration to Mrs. Freida Stokes, PO Box 1974 Greer SC 29652. If you have questions please contact Mrs. Jennifer Cheatham at 864-414-4268 or Mrs. Dee Johnson 864-982-2764.

Hands On Mission Expo will be held in the Greenville Convention Center on **Level 2 in Hall 1** Monday, June 3, 2019 11:00am-3:00pm. Plan to join us on Monday where six different ministries will be demonstrated by churches from across the Conference. Some of these ministries may include plan, dresses for girls, wheelchair ramps, beds for children, reusable hygiene kits and the Conference Early Response Team/Disaster Relief. Instructions will be provided. For more information, please email Lisa Livingston or Jenny Rawlings at laityevents@umcsc.org.

Asbury Hills Mock Camp Fire. Do you have fond memories of warm summer nights spent singing around the camp fire? Come and experience a taste of at Asbury Hills as we host a mock camp fire. All are welcome to stop by this gathering! The location of our gathering will be announced during annual conference. For more information contact Jean Fisher at (864) 298-0125 or at admin@sccarm.org.

Conference Finance & Administration Learning Event & Dinner. Held at Greenville Convention Center in **Room 102 A** at 6 p.m. We will discuss how apportionments are calculated and stewardship in the local church. You must register in advance by purchasing the meal plan and mealplan.umcsc.org. The only cost is the meal ticket. **Pick up your tickets at the door** from Mrs. Beth Westbury, Conference Treasurer. Participation is limited to 50 people. The deadline for registering and purchasing the meal Friday, May 17th.

Spartanburg Methodist College will host from 5-7pm: Burgers with SMC at St. Matthew UMC (701 Cleveland St., Greenville, SC 29601). This is a free event hosted by SMC, and our President, Scott Cochran, will provide an update about the college, our programs and our relationship with the SC UMC. Please RSVP to Becky Snow (snowb@smcsc.edu or (864-587-4210) if you plan to attend.

Ordination Service Reception, in the Greenville Convention Center immediately following the ordination service on **Level 2** on the concourse.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019

Health Screening. 7–10:30 a.m., in the Greenville Convention Center **Level 2 Hall 1**. Open only to Health Plan Members - free to those members. Offered by the Conference Benefits Office. Online registration details will be mailed to you in April. It is imperative that you pre-register so we will have the necessary supplies.

Holy Communion at 7:30 a.m. in **Room 203**, Rev. Sara Relaford, St. Paul UMC, St. Matthews, SC.

Awards Breakfast. will be held at 7:30 a.m. in the Greenville Convention Center **Level 2 Room 202C**. The Awards Breakfast is an event that recognizes individuals and churches who are receiving one of the awards at Annual Conference on Tuesday morning. **This breakfast is by invitation only.**

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Columbia College Alumnae and Friends. You are invited! Please join members of the Columbia College community for lunch at the Greenville Convention Center **Level 1 Room 102B** at 12:30 p.m. You must register and pay in advance online at mealplan.umcsc.org by Friday, May 17th. Meal tickets will be distributed at registration for all persons who registered online. Please contact the Alumnae Office at ccevents@columbiasc.edu or 803-786-3645 if you have questions.

Hood Theological Seminary Alumni & Prospective Students Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 12:30 pm at Greenville Convention Center **Level 1 Room 102A**. Please register online at mealplan.umcsc.org by Friday, May 17th. For additional information, contact Carmen Harper at 704-314-4970 or Charper@hoodseminary.edu

***Diakonia Luncheon** 12:30 p.m. in the Greenville Convention Center, **Level 1, Room 101A**. All Deacons, Deacon candidates, Diaconal ministers, Deaconesses, and their family/friends are invited. You must make your reservation by Friday, May 17 by registering and paying in advance online at mealplan.umcsc.org. Meal tickets will be distributed at the Pre-paid Meal Ticket Table by the Information Booth on Level 2 in the Pre-function Area. If you have questions, please contact the Rev. Karen Jones at karen.lail.jones@hotmail.com or 803-546-4230 or the Rev. Shelly Holder at saholder@umcsc.org or 843-206-8659.

***Extension Ministries Luncheon** will be held at 12:30 p.m. at the Greenville Convention Center **Level 1 Room 101B**. You will need to register and pay in advance online at mealplan.umcsc.org by Friday, May 17th. Please contact Rev. Anna Miller (843) 206-6574 prior to annual conference if you have any questions.

***Laity Clergy Partnership Luncheon**, 12:30 p.m., in the Greenville Convention Center **Level 2 Room 202 B & C**. Reservations must be made by Friday, May 17th at www.umcsc.org. No reservations will be taken at conference or at the door. Cost of lunch is \$15 per person. If you have questions please contact Jackie Jenkins 843-509-1880.

Retiree Luncheon 12 noon, in the Greenville Convention Center **Level 2 Room 202A**. Luncheon held for retirees and their families. **This gathering is by invitation only.**

***Candler Club Dinner.** The dinner will be held at 5:30 p.m., at the Greenville Convention Center **Level 1 Room 102C**. Reservations must be made by Friday, May 17th. You will need to register and pay in advance online at mealplan.umcsc.org . If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Sara Relaford at srelaford@gmail.com or by phone at 404 216-3575.

Claflin/Gammon Alumni Fellowship Dinner will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 5:30 p.m., at the Hilton Greenville, 45 West Orchard Park Drive, Greenville, South Carolina. Cost: \$30.00 per person. RSVP by Friday, May 24. This year's speaker is Dr. Henry Tisdale, President of Claflin University. For more information or to make reservations, contact Ms. Tammy McCottry 803-535-5665. Transportation services will be provided by Claflin University from the Greenville Convention Center to the Greenville Hilton and back to the Greenville Convention Center.

***CF&A Business Meeting and Dinner.** This dinner will be held on at 5:30 p.m. at the Greenville Convention Center **Level 1 Room 101B**. Reservations must be made by Friday, May 17th. You will need to register and pay in advance online at mealplan.umcsc.org . You will need a password to register for this meeting/meal. **Pick up your tickets at the door** from Mrs. Beth Westbury, Conference Treasurer. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Mitch Houston at dmhouston@umcsc.org or 843-874-1230. This meal is for CF&A members only.

***Duke Alumni Gathering.** The dinner will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Greenville Convention Center **Level 1 Room 102A**. You will need to register and pay in advance online at mealplan.umcsc.org by Friday, May 17th. Special Guest: Dean Greg Jones, Duke Divinity School. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Ken Nelson at knelson@umcsc.org or 803-312-2824.

Erskine Seminary Alumni & Student Get Together. All Erskine Theological Seminary alumni, students, friends, and spouses are invited to join us for heavy appetizers at 5:30 p.m. at the ARP Center, 918 S. Pleasantburg Drive, Greenville. For more information or to RSVP, please contact David Cathcart at cathcart@erskine.edu or 864.379.6596.

***Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary Alumni Dinner,** 5:30 p.m. in the Greenville Convention Center **Level 1 Room 102B**. You will need to register and pay in advance online at mealplan.umcsc.org by Friday, May 17th. For more information, contact Joey Gambrell at 864-331-9627 or jbgambrell@umcsc.org

Wesley Theological Seminary Alumni Dinner- Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at The Lazy Goat Restaurant, 170 Riverplace, Greenville, SC 29061. For more information, please contact Rev. Wally Culp at 864 630-0203 or wwculpii@umcsc.org.

Black Methodists for Church Renewal Worship Service, at 9 p.m. or at close of evening session at the Greenville Convention Center **Level 2 Room 203**. The Rev. Ellis White preaching.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2019

Health Screening. 7–10:30 a.m., at the Greenville Convention Center **Level 2 Hall 1**. Open only to Health Plan Members - free to those members. Offered by the Conference Benefits Office. Online Registration details will be mailed to you in April. It is imperative that you pre-register so we will have the necessary supplies.

Holy Communion 7:30 a.m. in **Room 203**. Rev. Constance Barnes, Rehoboth United Methodist Church, Columbia, SC.

Kidz Conference is set up to host our most precious guests – the children of the conference! 8 a.m. to the close of Annual Conference on **Level 1 in rooms 100, 103, and 104** for children from 6 weeks to those who have finished 5th grade. Children will be cared for on site at no charge. You must register in advance at <http://www.umcsc.org>. **Click on the 2019 Annual Conference page and then click on the Kidz Conference link.**

Local Pastor's Luncheon. The lunch will be held at 12:15 p.m. at the Greenville Convention Center **Level 2 Room 202A**. You will need to register and pay in advance online at mealplan.umcsc.org by Friday, May 18th. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Alfonza Jones at ajonesr@umcsc.org or call 843-830-8830.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2019

Holy Communion 7:30 a.m. in **Room 203**. Rev. Brandon Fulmer, The Jackson Charge, Jackson, SC

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*These special event meals are included in the conference meal plan. When you register for the meal plan, PLEASE MAKE CERTAIN THAT YOU CHECK THE BOX FOR THE SPECIAL EVENT THAT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND WHEN YOU REGISTER FOR THE MEALPLAN. All Special Events meals will be served in their designated spaces. You must register and pay in advance online at mealplan.umcsc.org by Friday, May 18th. **Meal tickets will be distributed at the Pre-paid Meal Plan Table (beside the Information Booth on Level 2, pre-function area) for all persons who registered online.** Menus may be found online and in your preconference packet in the Hospitality Section.

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2019 Annual Conference Offerings

United Methodist Women's Legacy Fund

In celebration of 150 years of ministry, UMW has established a fund to undergird the capacity of future generations to carry forward the mission of service and advocacy with women, children and youth for the next 150 years. Its goal is \$60 million.

Offering will be received during Sunday's Opening Worship Service.



United Methodist Women

FAITH • HOPE
LOVE IN ACTION



SEMINARY STUDENTS
SCHOLARSHIP

UMCSC Seminary Students Scholarship

Established in 1991 assist certified candidates for ordained ministry in the South Carolina Conference who are pursuing a program of study leading to a first professional degree from a United Methodist seminary or theological school.

Offering will be received during Monday's Service of Commissioning and Ordination.

Please make checks for all offerings payable to:

Treasurer, South Carolina Conference



**Annual
Conference
Mission
Initiatives**



Native American
Elder Baskets

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**A Future
With Hope**

PART I

- ♦ **REPORTS**
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THE COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Recommendations to the 2019 Annual Conference

Each and every disciple of Christ is called to be stewards of the mysteries of God. On behalf of the Council on Finance and Administration, I want to thank all United Methodists in South Carolina for their generosity in 2018. We achieved a 90.90% collection rate on apportionments. This is the fourth consecutive year in which apportioned giving exceeded 90% for our Annual Conference. The Council commends all congregations for their continued and sacrificial support of their extended ministry through the South Carolina Annual Conference. We celebrate the Walterboro district for collecting the highest percentage at 97.51%. We also celebrate the Charleston District which had the largest increase in funds collected, an increase of \$57,425 over the prior year, and the largest percentage point increase at 2.29.

The following pages outline the complete ministry funding plan for our South Carolina Annual Conference for calendar year 2020. The Council has sought to prepare this document with deep prayer and faithful reflection. With assistance from boards and agencies receiving apportionment funds, the Council has reduced the 2020 recommended budget by \$180,071 compared to 2019. The Council is aware that the target is to have a budget at or around 15% of total Conference average net funds. It is aware that this percentage has been creeping higher. The recommended budget is 15.4% of the estimated average net funds which is a decrease from 2019's 15.5%.

Again, CF&A will have an information table at Annual Conference. This table will provide resources on stewardship, financial administration, and the Annual Conference budget. Please stop by during our time of conferencing this year in Greenville.

Additionally, we will have a dinner and presentation on apportionments at Annual Conference. It is scheduled for Monday, June 3rd during the dinner break at the Greenville Convention Center. Seating is limited and pre-registration is required.

We appreciate the service of Mrs. Elizabeth (Beth) Westbury, as well as her faithful staff, as our Annual Conference Treasurer and Director of Administrative Services. I am also constantly grateful for the devoted work of every lay and clergy member of the Council on Finance and Administration. They attend, interact, debate and support the work of the Council in a most faithful and dependable manner.

May God continue to bless and guide all the ministries of our beloved SC Annual Conference!

The Reverend Mitch Houston, President, Council on Finance and Admin.

Report No. 1

- A. The compensation for the District Superintendents for the year 2020 will be set at \$103,000. (DS compensation for 2018 was \$101,500 and for 2019 is \$103,000)
- B. The Council on Finance and Administration of the South Carolina Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church, hereby designates 15% (\$15,450) of the district superintendent's salary for the year 2020 as allocated for parsonage utilities and maintenance ("utility exclusion"), not including maid service and such expenses as paid by the district. Any subsequent changes to the utilities exclusion that may be requested by an individual may be approved by the Treasurer on behalf of the Council on Finance and Administration.
- C. The District Administration Fund will be handled as follows:
 - 1) The item "Office Expense" in the District Administration Fund will be for the operation of the District Office to pay such items as secretary, postage, and supplies and will be set at \$21,000 per district.
 - 2) Exceptions: Inasmuch as the Columbia District Office must be in The United Methodist Center, one-half of that office rent will be paid from the Conference Expense Fund. Inasmuch as the Columbia District superintendent is designated as the Cabinet secretary, one-half of the salary and benefits of the secretary in that office will be paid from the Conference Expense Fund.
 - 3) Travel (in and out-of-district) is set at \$170,000 for the total of all districts, which includes \$8,000 for the common lodging and meal expenses of retreats. This will be set at \$13,500 per district or an allocated amount set by the Cabinet not to exceed a total of \$162,000. In addition, insurance & pensions is expected to be approximately \$325,000 (\$27,083 per district), and continuing education will be set at the amount recommended by the Commission on Equitable Compensation (currently at \$750 per superintendent).
 - 4) Vouchers for continuing education must be approved prior to payment. The unused portion of the Continuing Education allowance may be carried forward from year to year during a district superintendent's tenure, not to exceed a total amounting to three year's Continuing Education allocation. The accumulation is cancelled in full when a district superintendent leaves the superintendency. It does not carry forward to the new district superintendent. However, by application to the CF&A in advance of leaving the superintendency, the district superintendent may within a reasonable length of time use the unused portion of the Continuing Education allowance to take training that would assist in his/her return to the parish ministry or other appointment. For the year in which there is a move, one-half of the Continuing Education allowance will be available for each superintendent.
 - 5) The funds for program in each district are based on the membership of the district, beginning with a base of \$2,800 for the smallest membership district and adding \$100 for each one thousand (1,000) members, or major fraction thereof, above 18,000. These funds are not guaranteed and are contingent upon the

apportionment receipts and other requirement of the district administration fund. The schedule for 2020 will be as follows (*Final amounts will be reflected in the 2019 Journal*):

| District | 2018 Membership | Amount |
|---------------|-----------------|--------|
| Anderson | | |
| Charleston | | |
| Columbia | | |
| Florence | | |
| Greenville | | |
| Greenwood | | |
| Hartsville | | |
| Marion | | |
| Orangeburg | | |
| Rock Hill | | |
| Spartanburg | | |
| Walterboro | | |
| Totals | | |

Final amounts will be reflected in the 2019 Journal.

- D. Each District Board of Trustees shall administer all funds for the District Parsonage Fund, which provides funds for parsonage payments, repairs, insurance and furnishings (not to include parsonage utility payments). The moving expenses of an in-coming district superintendent may also be paid from the District Parsonage Fund, not to include more than \$350 packing expenses. To comply with the change in tax law effective January 1, 2018 whereby reimbursements of moving expenses become taxable compensation to the recipient, the amount of reimbursement will be included in the district superintendent's taxable income as reported on Form W-2. Reimbursements of moving expenses for district superintendents shall be paid without the benefit of a gross up for taxes. Each district office shall provide its trustees with regular reports of all receipts and expenditures of the District Parsonage Fund.
- E. Below are the percentages of average net funds that each church is asked to pay to its respective District Parsonage/Office Fund (*Avg. Net Funds will be printed in the 2019 Journal*):

| District | Parsonage | Office | Total | Avg. Net Funds |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---|
| Anderson | 40,000 | 45,000 | 85,000 | |
| Charleston | 25,000 | 40,000 | 65,000 | |
| Columbia | 25,000 | 35,000 | 60,000 | |
| Florence | 30,000 | 40,000 | 70,000 | |
| Greenville | 30,000 | 35,000 | 65,000 | |
| Greenwood | 40,000 | 40,000 | 80,000 | |
| Hartsville | 40,000 | 40,000 | 80,000 | |
| Marion | 10,000 | 35,000 | 45,000 | |
| Orangeburg | 25,000 | 30,000 | 55,000 | |
| Rock Hill | 15,000 | 35,000 | 50,000 | |
| Spartanburg | 35,000 | 25,000 | 60,000 | |
| Walterboro | 25,000 | 40,000 | 65,000 | |
| Total | 340,000 | 440,000 | 780,000 | Avg. Net Funds will be reported in the 2019 Journal. |

Report No. 2

- A. We recommend that the following special observances be a part of the program of each local church and that appropriate free-will offerings be received.
- Human Relations Day – January 19, 2020
 - Golden Cross Sunday – February 2, 2020
 - UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing) – March 22, 2020
 - Native American Awareness Sunday – April 26, 2020
 - Peace with Justice Sunday – June 7, 2020
 - Epworth Children's Home
 - Mothers' Day – May 10, 2020
 - Work Day – September 13, 2020
 - Church school offering first Sunday each month
 - Aldersgate Special Needs Sunday – August 9, 2020
 - Youth Service Fund Sunday – September 20, 2020 (youth offering)
 - World Communion Sunday – October 4, 2020
 - Conference Advance Specials Sunday – November 1, 2020
 - United Methodist Student Day – November 29, 2020

B. We offer the following:

- 1) That all boards, commissions and committees receiving funds from the conference treasurer shall submit with each voucher adequate supporting data (receipts, bills, contemporaneous travel log, etc.). Payments in excess of \$1,000 should be approved by the Conference Treasurer in advance.
- 2) That boards, agencies and conference institutions which are allowed to withdraw lump sums from the conference treasurer shall submit an annual audit (with management letter) by a certified public accountant to the Council on Finance and Administration, along with evidence of fidelity insurance coverage and compliance with payroll tax laws.
- 3) That all boards, commissions and agencies of the conference reimburse persons at a rate of 24 cents per mile when traveling on conference business. In order to encourage car pooling, we recommend that if a car contains two persons traveling on church business, the mileage rate be increased to 32 cents; if a car contains three or more persons all traveling on church business, the rate be increased to 40 cents per mile. Pastors who are members of such agencies should submit reimbursement requests to their appointed church or charge for the difference between their conference reimbursement and the approved IRS mileage rate, since participation in the ministries of the district and conference is an expected responsibility of all appointed pastors. Conference employees will be reimbursed at the approved IRS mileage rate when traveling on church business. We recommend that other expenses for travel on church business be paid. We also recommend that the guideline amount paid to a person for meals shall be \$7.00 for breakfast, \$13.00 for lunch and \$20.00 for the evening meal.
- 4) That the balance held for each board, commission, committee or agency on the books of the conference treasurer shall be carried forward from one year to the next and that this shall be taken into consideration in the subsequent budget request.
- 5) That conference boards and agencies may not spend in excess of funds received on budget for the given conference year, except that funds carried forward may be spent in addition to funds received in the current year if such carryover funds were included in the budget presented to CFA. Any expenses beyond the combination of anticipated receipts (based on previous-year percentage of payment) plus budgeted carryover funds will not be paid by the treasurer.
- 6) That "average net funds" as used in the calculation of 2020 apportionments shall mean for each church the two-year average of net funds in the years 2018 and 2017. Newly organized churches will be phased in over four years, but for the years prior to the organization of the new church, the net funds figure will be zero. "Net funds" for churches that provide a housing allowance in lieu of a parsonage will exclude the lesser of the actual housing allowance or 25% of the minister's compensation prior to calculating the church's average net funds.
- 7) That "net funds" be defined as the total of figures reported on lines 41 through 47 (inclusive) of Table 2 for 2017 and 2018.
- 8) That once the apportionments are calculated from Table 2 statistics for any given year, those apportionments cannot be altered. Needed corrections can be made on Table 2 reports for use in future year calculations by providing written explanation of the correction to the Treasurer.
- 9) That the funds received on the apportionment for Methodist Homes Residents' Assistance (item 11, Report No. 9) be divided 50% to Methodist Oaks (Orangeburg), 35% to Wesley Commons (Greenwood), 15% to Methodist Manor of the Pee Dee (Florence); that the funds received on the apportionment for Senior College Scholarship Fund (item 9, Report No. 9) be divided in three equal parts, one-third each going to Wofford College, Columbia College and Claflin University; that the funds received on the apportionment for Camps and Retreat Ministries (item 12, Report No. 9) be distributed to the various Camps and Retreat Ministries as determined by the Board of Trustees of the South Carolina United Methodist Camps and Retreat Ministries.
- 10) That the Annual Conference Council on Finance and Administration be authorized to grant amounts from the Conference Contingency Fund or Permanent Reserve to meet any individual emergency or unanticipated need.
- 11) That the salaries and fixed essential expenses of Conference Connectional Ministries (section A-4 of the Conference Benevolences budget) be funded up to 100% of budget by using funds from the Contingency Fund; the remainder of that budget will be funded at the percentage paid on the line item.
- 12) That the salaries and benefits portion of the Campus Ministry budget be funded up to 100% of budget by using funds from the Contingency Fund; the remainder of that budget will be funded at the percentage paid on the line item.
- 13) That the budgets of the District Superintendent Salaries, Director of Administrative Services, the Conference Archivist Contract and the Coordinator of Clergy Services be funded up to 100% of a year end deficit, but not more than the amount budgeted, by using funds from the Contingency Fund.
- 14) The Council on Finance and Administration of the South Carolina Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church, hereby designates 15% of the salary for each conference clergy staff for the year 2020, exclusive of a designated housing allowance, as allocated for utilities and maintenance ("utilities exclusion"), not including maid service. Any subsequent changes to the utilities exclusion

- 1 that may be requested by an individual may be approved by the Treasurer on behalf of the Council on
2 Finance and Administration.
- 3 15) That local churches of the conference incorporate. An informational pamphlet prepared by the Confer-
4 ence Chancellor and the Cabinet is available at www.umcsc.org. After incorporation, churches should
5 take care to maintain with the Secretary of State, an accurate, up-to-date record of the name and
6 address of their registered agent.

Report No. 3

10 As noted in our report to the 2009 Annual Conference, economic uncertainties led to the reduction in apportioned
11 budgets for the Senior Scholarship Fund, Spartanburg Methodist College, and Methodist Homes Residents'
12 Assistance Fund. The trend of reducing the budgets for these significant ministries continues. In an effort to
13 increase the funds available for these ministries without adding to the apportionment budget, the voluntary asking
14 Extra Mile for Colleges and Homes was increased from \$600,284 for 2017 to \$625,000 for 2018. Council
15 recommends the 2020 Extra Mile for Colleges and Homes voluntary asking remain at \$625,000. We ask churches
16 with sufficient resources to continue to support the Extra Mile for Colleges and Homes. This combined request will
17 be calculated for churches based on the apportionment formula and included on the bottom of the apportionment
18 statement as a voluntary asking.

Report No. 4

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Report No. 5

26 In accordance with the Disciplinary requirement to publish the conference investment policy at least once a
27 quadrennium, CF&A's investment policy is to invest Conference Funds in accordance with the *2016 Discipline*
28 paragraph 613.5 and under the additional guidelines:

A) Forms of investment authorized:

- 1) short-term United States treasury bills or bonds and bonds of U.S. government agencies,
- 2) savings or money market accounts that are Federally Insured,
- 3) certificates of deposit in any Federally Insured savings and loan association, commercial bank, credit union
- 4) term notes or demand deposits of The United Methodist Development Fund.
- 5) funds managed by the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits (Wespath)
- 6) endowments with The South Carolina United Methodist Foundation, Inc., or The United Methodist Church Foundation

B) Limitations:

- 1) no stocks (common or preferred stocks) or real estate may be purchased unless the funds are under the management of the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits (Wespath), The South Carolina United Methodist Foundation, Inc., or The United Methodist Church Foundation
- 2) no corporate or municipal bonds may be purchased unless the funds are under the management of the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits (Wespath), The South Carolina United Methodist Foundation, Inc. or The United Methodist Church Foundation
- 3) no loans may be made except where authorized by action of the Annual Conference, or as part of an investment of the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits (Wespath)
- 4) no investments may be made with maturities longer than 36 months, with the exception of term notes with The United Methodist Development Fund
- 5) no investment may exceed the then-current limit on FDIC or FSLIC insurance without approval of CF&A, with the exceptions of: the primary checking account(s); collateralized certificates; or funds on deposit with The United Methodist Development Fund, The General Board of Pension and Health Benefits (Wespath), The South Carolina United Methodist Foundation, Inc., or The United Methodist Church Foundation

C) Income on invested funds will be credited to the Permanent Reserve Fund of the Conference unless the funds are for the Annual Conference Trustees, Equitable Compensation, pension or health benefits, or are invested under a trust or as an endowment.

Report No. 6

60 Following is a listing of the 2018 Average Net Funds for each district for the total Conference. These are the
61 figures used in the calculation of the 2020 apportionments. (*Final amounts will be reflected in the 2019 Journal*)

| District | 2018 | District | 2018 |
|------------|------|------------|------|
| Anderson | | Hartsville | |
| Charleston | | Marion | |

| | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|----|
| Columbia | Orangeburg | 1 |
| Florence | Rock Hill | 2 |
| Greenville | Spartanburg | 3 |
| Greenwood | Walterboro | 4 |
| TOTAL | | 5 |
| Respectfully Submitted, | | 6 |
| | Mitch Houston, President | 7 |
| | Smith Patterson, Vice-President | 8 |
| | James Bennett, Secretary | 9 |
| | Elizabeth G. Westbury, Treasurer | 10 |

Report No. 7

The Conference Administration Fund (Item 6, Report No. 9) shall be divided as follows:

| Fund | Approved for 2019 | Requested for 2020 | Recommended for 2020 | % Change |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| 1 Contingency Fund | \$ 170,000 | \$ 170,000 | \$ 165,750 | -2.5% |
| 2 Journal Publication | 17,500 | 17,500 | 17,063 | -2.5% |
| 3 Reserved for future use | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 4 Director of Administrative Services Office | 792,150 | 792,150 | 772,346 | -2.5% |
| 5 Reserved for future use | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 6 Conference Expense Fund | 250,000 | 250,000 | 243,750 | -2.5% |
| 7 Administrative Committees | 4,000 | 4,000 | 3,900 | -2.5% |
| 8 Conference Secretary | 45,000 | 45,000 | 43,875 | -2.5% |
| 9 Methodist Center Trustees | 36,000 | 36,000 | 35,100 | -2.5% |
| 10 Coordinator of Clergy Services | 260,000 | 260,000 | 253,500 | -2.5% |
| 11 General Conference Delegates | 5,000 | 5,000 | 4,875 | -2.5% |
| 12 Judicial/Administrative Proceedings | 12,000 | 12,000 | 11,700 | -2.5% |
| TOTALS | \$ 1,591,650 | \$ 1,591,650 | \$ 1,551,859 | -2.5% |

Report No. 8

The Conference Benevolences Fund (Item 1, Report No. 9) will be divided as follows:

| Fund | Approved for 2019 | Requested for 2020 | Recommended for 2019 | % Change |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| A. Connectional Ministries | | | | |
| 1 Conference Advance Specials | | | | |
| Ministry Programs | \$ 155,000 | \$ 155,000 | \$ 155,000 | 0.0% |
| Special Salary Supplements | 20,500 | 20,500 | 20,500 | 0.0% |
| Sub-totals (1) | \$ 175,500 | \$ 175,500 | \$ 175,500 | 0.0% |
| 2 Board/Agency Programs | | | | |
| District Councils | \$ 78,000 | \$ 63,000 | \$ 63,000 | -19.2% |
| Advocacy | 63,900 | 45,260 | 45,260 | -29.2% |
| Discipleship | 82,500 | 62,480 | 62,480 | -24.3% |
| Lay Leadership | 10,000 | 7,270 | 7,270 | -27.3% |
| Outreach | 46,400 | 20,000 | 20,000 | -56.9% |
| Total Board and Agency Programs (2) | \$ 280,800 | \$ 198,010 | \$ 198,010 | -29.5% |
| 3 Board/Agency Administration | \$ 34,000 | \$ 30,000 | \$ 30,000 | -11.8% |
| 4 Operations (100% guaranteed) | \$ 1,600,000 | \$ 1,612,804 | \$ 1,612,804 | 0.8% |
| 5 Communications | | | | |
| Electronics | \$ 55,000 | \$ 50,000 | \$ 50,000 | -9.1% |
| Resource Center | 22,000 | 17,000 | 17,000 | -22.7% |
| Public & Media Relations | 35,000 | 35,000 | 35,000 | 0.0% |
| Sub-totals (5) | \$ 112,000 | \$ 102,000 | \$ 102,000 | -8.9% |
| 6 Advocate | \$ 126,000 | \$ 119,700 | \$ 119,700 | -5.0% |
| Sub-totals (A) | \$ 2,328,300 | \$ 2,238,014 | \$ 2,238,014 | -3.9% |

B. Other Conference Agencies

| | | | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| 1 Cabinet Emergency Fund | \$ 32,000 | \$ 32,000 | \$ 32,000 | 0.0% |
| 2 Bishop's Contingency Fund | 12,500 | 12,500 | 12,500 | 0.0% |
| 3 Episcopal Office | 12,000 | 12,000 | 12,000 | 0.0% |
| 4 Committee on Episcopacy | 2,000 | 2,300 | 2,300 | 15.0% |
| 5 Episcopal Residence | 23,000 | 23,000 | 23,000 | 0.0% |
| 6 Archives & History: Conference Archivist Contract | 26,780 | 27,580 | 26,780 | 0.0% |
| 7 Ordained Ministry | | | | |
| a) Operations | 94,000 | 91,500 | 91,500 | -2.7% |
| b) Career Planning Programs | 20,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | -50.0% |
| Sub-totals (B) | \$ 222,280 | \$ 210,880 | \$ 210,080 | -5.5% |
| Total Conference Benevolences | \$ 2,550,580 | \$ 2,448,894 | \$ 2,448,094 | -4.0% |

Report No. 9

We recommend that the following funds be apportioned to churches on the basis of percentages of average net funds.

| FUND | Approved for 2019 | Requested for 2020 | Recommended for 2020 | % Change |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Conference Apportionments: | | | | |
| 1 Conference Benevolences-see Report 8 | 2,550,580 | 2,448,894 | 2,448,094 | -4.0% |
| 2 Retiree Health/Transition/Contingency | 1,900,000 | 1,800,000 | 1,800,000 | -5.3% |
| 3 District Superintendents Salary | 1,236,000 | 1,236,000 | 1,236,000 | 0.0% |
| 4 Equitable Compensation | 565,000 | 600,000 | 565,000 | 0.0% |
| 5 District Administration | 840,000 | 840,000 | 819,000 | -2.5% |
| 6 Conference Administration-see Report 7 | 1,591,650 | 1,591,650 | 1,551,859 | -2.5% |
| 7 Congregational Development | 960,000 | 960,000 | 930,000 | -3.1% |
| 8 Campus Ministry | 650,000 | 650,000 | 650,000 | 0.0% |
| 9 Senior College Scholarships | 1,100,000 | 1,100,000 | 1,000,000 | -9.1% |
| 10 Spartanburg Methodist College | 634,838 | 850,000 | 618,967 | -2.5% |
| 11 Methodist Homes Residents' Assistance | 540,228 | 540,228 | 526,722 | -2.5% |
| 12 Camps & Retreats Ministries | 328,000 | 328,000 | 319,800 | -2.5% |
| Sub-total | 12,896,296 | 12,944,772 | 12,465,442 | -3.3% |
| General Church and Jurisdiction Apportionments: | | | | |
| 13 World Service ** | 2,098,879 | 2,227,887 | 2,227,887 | 6.1% |
| 14 Episcopal Fund ** | 621,563 | 659,768 | 659,768 | 6.1% |
| 15 General Conference Administration ** | 249,225 | 264,543 | 264,543 | 6.1% |
| 16 Ministerial Education ** | 708,904 | 752,477 | 752,477 | 6.1% |
| 17 Interdenominational Cooperation ** | 55,441 | 58,849 | 58,849 | 6.1% |
| 18 Black College ** | 282,775 | 300,156 | 300,156 | 6.1% |
| 19 Africa University ** | 63,284 | 67,174 | 67,174 | 6.1% |
| 20 Jurisdiction Mission/Ministry # | 32,554 | 32,554 | 32,554 | 0.0% |
| Sub-total | \$ 4,112,625 | \$ 4,363,408 | \$ 4,363,408 | 6.1% |
| TOTALS | \$ 17,008,921 | \$ 17,308,180 | \$ 16,828,850 | -1.1% |
| Average Net Funds for Apportionments ## | \$109,872,076 | \$109,500,000 | \$109,500,000 | |
| Budget as percentage of Average Net Funds | 15.5% | 15.8% | 15.4% | |
| Askings: Extra Mile (reference Report No. 3) | 625,000 | 625,000 | 625,000 | |

** Line items marked with ** are General Conference apportioned funds. These amounts reflect the budget passed

Line item marked with # is a Southeastern Jurisdictional apportionment.

Estimated for 2020

CONFERENCE CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

“Be exalted, O God, above the heavens. Let your glory be over all the earth.” – Psalm 57:11

I'm thinking about an ocean. The sun is setting behind the ocean. The sky is a canvas of orange, purple and blue fading in and out of one another. The sun does not slow. It drifts with a steady pace past the horizon. The last light dims as the night fills the sky above the waters. And, for a moment – albeit brief – everything comes to a halt. Time breathes, and I am invited to rest with time in the transfer of breath between day and night. Yesterday and tomorrow are suspended by the breath of now. The blessing of the moment is revealed as the privilege of praising God for what has been and the gift of seeking God in what will be. In this moment, the words of the Psalmist arise: *“Be exalted, O God, above the heavens. Let your glory be over all the earth.”*

Conference Connectional Ministries has been blessed with a similar moment. CCM is comprised of laity and clergy who are nominated and elected to serve for a quadrennial cycle. As we passed from the second to the third year of our quadrennial term, CCM took a moment to pause so that we might reflect upon what has been and to discern what will be. One of CCM's first exercises was to establish goals for each of the four ministry areas – Advocacy, Discipleship, Lay Leadership and Outreach. We prepared ourselves for this ministry year by revisiting the goals established by the ministry areas at the beginning of the quadrennium. Each area evaluated the effectiveness of its ministry in goal achievement; but each also prayerfully considered the work to which they are called in the final two years of this term.

CCM has sought to equip and empower local congregations for vital and relevant ministry. Just as the ministry areas have observed a moment of evaluation, our executive committee also has sought to recommit itself to the mission of preparing and providing for the ministry of the local church. In the midst of this exchange of breath, CCM has collectively arrived at the blessing before us *to praise God for what has been and to seek God in what will be*. And, we thank this body of the Annual Conference for enabling us to encounter the love of God through the work of Connectional Ministries.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Ross Chellis, convener

ADVOCACY AREA

As directed by the *United Methodist Book of Discipline*, the Advocacy Ministry Area is charged with assessing the needs and interests that will help congregations look beyond themselves to societal needs. We seek to advocate for those who are oppressed by self-imposed factors or community and world factors. The work of Advocacy is divided into these ministries: Church and Society, Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, Religion and Race, Commission on the Status and Role of Women (COSROW), Native American, and Ethnic Local Church Concerns (ELCC).

Ethnic Local Church Concerns

SC ELCC has worked collaboratively with the Summit on the Black Church, the Carolinas Black Clergy Retreat, South Carolina Black Methodists for Church Renewal, the African-American Task Force's preparation for the Africa University Scholarship Gala, Congregational Specialist Chris Lynch and South Carolina Ministries with Young People, Discipleship Ministry events, and the Rev. Regina H. Moore, consultant on two grant-writing workshops.

Our 2018 budget was \$38,724. Fewer SC ELCC grants were funded due to the updating of The Implementation of Best Practices, which the SC Conference Connectional Ministries completed in November.

In 2018, SC ELCC received:

- 32 applications for scholarships for events, training, educational and mission trips. Of those, 29 were approved (14 clergy, 15 laity) and 3 were denied (2 clergy, 1 laity).
- 15 applications for grants from Underrepresented Racial-Ethnic Churches. Of those, 10 were approved and 5 were denied. The applications that were denied did not have the required supporting documentation. With so many of these churches and parsonages in need of repairs, SC ELCC voted to authorize grants for smaller repair projects, other than brick and mortar. (These grants do not fund salaries and transportation.)

SC ELCC continues to encourage smaller membership congregations to apply for scholarships and grants to help TEACH (Train, Educate, Affirm, Communicate and Heal) their leadership and prospective leadership. Start early and seek assistance from SC ELCC members, through Doris Seals, a Connectional Ministries administrative assistant, to ensure that your application is in order.

Native American Committee

As of the date of this report, the Native American Committee was planning a Native American Pilgrimage to the Catawba Reservation near Rock Hill. The May 17-18, 2019, pilgrimage was created to raise the awareness of the sins of oppression, relocation and marginalization of the Native American community by the United States. It was designed to include conversations with tribal leaders, the showing of the “Dakota 38” documentary, and worship celebration.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Bernie Mazyck and Tracy Pender, co-conveners

1 DISCIPLESHIP AREA

2 Commission On Archives and History

3 The Commission on Archives and History is responsible for the conference's ministry of memory. The
4 commission maintains archival repositories that hold the records of the past, collect the records of the present,
5 and ensure that these records are available for use in our future. The commission also helps the churches of the
6 Annual Conference learn about their rich histories and works to connect South Carolina United Methodists to each
7 other and to their past.

8 As we look forward to a number of milestones in the life of our church and conference, we hope to be involved
9 in planning appropriate celebrations. 2022 will mark the 50th anniversary of the merger of the 1866 and 1785
10 Conferences into a new South Carolina Annual Conference. The commission talked this spring about beginning to
11 plan for that observance in 2022. We urge the conference to begin preparations for a meaningful recognition or
12 series of recognitions in 2022.

13 This year, we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of Claflin University, which is a significant
14 milestone in the life of our Annual Conference. The Claflin University Archives – an active partner in support of
15 Methodist history – has been busy this year in helping provide information for that celebration. The staff there
16 continues to help researchers with questions about church history as well as the history of the university. With
17 assistance from work-study students, obituaries and news articles have been separated and placed in binders.
18 Their latest special collections of books have been properly shelved by call numbers, and all special collections
19 items, to include United Methodist special collections, are easier to locate.

20 The commission relies on the archives at Wofford College and at Claflin University to help preserve the
21 conference's records. These records include everything from the minutes of Annual Conferences; bound and
22 microfilm copies of the South Carolina United Methodist Advocate; records of some conference boards and
23 commissions; records from the Florence, Greenwood, Marion, and Spartanburg districts; biographical directories
24 of clergy; subject files on many churches; and records of some closed churches. We have some personal papers
25 of several former clergy and the records of the United Methodist Women. We continue to accept personal papers
26 of clergy who are interested in depositing their materials with us.

27 For 2018, at Wofford, we responded to 368 inquiries on the conference collection, which came in by phone
28 email and, occasionally, by mail. Over 300 of those were requests for obituaries from the Advocate Obituary
29 Index, and we produced over 415 obituaries for them. We hosted around 10 visitors who came to do research in
30 the Methodist collections and others who visited to bring items.

31 The Wofford archives continues to work to make more of its records available online, and those who are
32 interested may look at the archives website – [wofford.edu/academics/library/archives-special-collections/south-](http://wofford.edu/academics/library/archives-special-collections/south-carolina-united-methodist-collection)
33 [carolina-united-methodist-collection](http://wofford.edu/academics/library/archives-special-collections/south-carolina-united-methodist-collection) – to see what's available. Wofford also hosts an online digital repository
34 where we try to make available some of the conference's rich resources. This year, we added a photo collection of
35 James A. Neal's Historic United Methodist Churches and Places in South Carolina. The repository also includes
36 historical addresses, a few Methodist books, and conference pictorial directories from 1901-1975. We have the
37 photographs from those directories available on the archives website, which churches may download and print for
38 displays and publications. Over the next year, we plan to digitize some older Conference Journals.

39 As he has for the past 7 years, the Rev. Luther H. Rickenbaker has served as a volunteer in the archives at
40 Wofford. He helps with research questions and with arranging some of the collections. His work continues to help
41 relate the work of the conference to the ministry of memory. Wofford also provides the services of several other
42 library faculty and staff members who assist in some area of the conference archives as well as a student assistant
43 to assist in researching obituaries and other tasks.

44 The commission presents the Herbert Hucks Award for Preservation and Interpretation of church history
45 annually to churches and individuals who have made great strides in keeping and sharing our rich history. These
46 awards are presented during the awards breakfast at Annual Conference. Information on applying for the Hucks
47 Award or nominating an individual or a publication for the award is available on the archives website. Materials for
48 the 2020 awards will be due around February 1, 2020.

49 We urge the members of the Annual Conference to take history seriously. Each local church bears the
50 responsibility for maintaining its own records. When churches close, the commission takes on that responsibility,
51 though those records do not always make their way to the archives. Board and commission officers may always
52 call on the conference archivist, Dr. Phillip Stone, to talk about the proper disposition of their board or commission
53 or committee's records.

54 We thank the conference for its continuing support and look forward to helping share our ministry of memory.

55 Respectfully submitted,

56 Rev. Luther H. Rickenbaker III, chairperson

57 R. Phillip Stone II, PhD, conference archivist

59 South Carolina Ministries With Young People

60 The purpose of SCMYP is to make young disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by
61 equipping and resourcing local congregations and youth leaders for maximum kingdom impact, and by impacting
62 individual spiritual growth in the lives of young people through various events.

63 Key moments from previous year

- 64 • SCMYP continued to strengthen ministries with young people through events for youth and through
65 training opportunities for adults who lead in local congregations.

- Immerse partnered for the first time with Asbury Hills to offer the discipleship event here in South Carolina, and in doing so, found an effective partnership that will continue in 2019 and beyond.
- Revolution celebrated 10 years in ministry as it continued to fulfill its purpose, as many young people responded to a call to follow Jesus during the event.
- The Honduras Summer Mission Experience continued to offer young people an opportunity to serve a population in much need in Honduras as the hands and feet of Christ.
- The SCMYP Youth Basketball Tournament continues to create opportunities for churches across the conference to use the game as a tool for outreach, evangelism and fellowship. SCMYP also continues to equip leaders in new and creative ways:
- The annual “Not My Kingdom” event offers a local, one-day training opportunity for youth leaders across the conference.
- In 2018, we launched Leadership Labs, a series of training videos for youth workers that are viewable and downloadable for leaders to use for themselves, or to share with a ministry team.
- Some districts continue to have regular meetings of District Youth Worker Networks to gather as a way to encourage and support one another. In spring 2019, a gathering for local church youth workers was held in each district.

Objectives for the coming year:

- In the coming conference year, SCMYP is committed to supporting the local church in strengthening youth ministry in each local congregation. The best way to strengthen conference youth ministry is to strengthen local church youth ministry.
- To that end, we will continue to enhance the events and training opportunities that have come to define SCMYP.
- Specifically, we will be seeking new ways to connect youth workers within each district to strengthen each other. One new avenue being considered involves creating a coaching cohort program for youth workers, particularly for youth workers in small congregations.
- Strategically, a goal for the upcoming year is to reclaim a Conference Youth Council that would include youth leaders and youth from across the conference in a way that would enhance the ministry of SCMYP.

Young people are a valuable and needed part of our church – not just the church of the future, but even more so for the church of today. When given a chance to be heard, their voice collectively has the potential to shape and mold the church moving forward. SCMYP is committed to helping project the voice of young people to the Annual Conference and beyond as a vital part of our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Lynch, congregational specialist

On behalf of Youth Area of Discipleship Ministries

Laura Keck, convener / Rev. Katie Brock, member

LAY LEADERSHIP AREA

It has been another busy year in the Lay Leadership Area of Connectional Ministries. The “Bishop’s Day in the District” events have been a great way to witness first-hand the good work being done in our districts to reach a hurting world. District teams, along with Bishop Holston, planned these events so the meeting’s agenda was pertinent to the respective district and its needs. Several district lay leaders held workshops for church leaders.

Lay Servant Ministries continues to be a shining star in Lay Leadership. We are appreciative to the many lay servants in the conference. The good work done by our United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men continues to be a beacon of hope in the world we live in today. We are thankful for the many missions and ministries these two groups undertake and the difference they are making in this conference and in our world.

The Lay Leadership Executive Team welcomed new members Sylvia Green of Journey UMC in Columbia and Pam Goodwine-Glover, district lay leader in Walterboro District. Shelia Shanklin, Donald Love and Dennis Sullen rotated off, and we thank them for their many years of service. We also are delighted to have David Salter and Betty Void join our group as associate conference lay leaders. They are working with the district lay leaders to continue dialogue about being a leader in today’s culture.

We offer words of gratitude to the Rev. Thomas Pearson, our Cabinet representative, for his support of the laity.

Lay Leadership will continue to resource our districts as projects are brought forward. We are fortunate to have such able and willing laypersons in local churches who have offered themselves as people willing to serve the local church.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Ware, Conference Lay Leader

Lay Servant Ministries

The purpose of Lay Servant Ministries is to educate leaders to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We are the bridge connecting churches through the districts and all throughout the world. We strengthen churches by developing local leadership.

Key moments from the previous year:

1. Superior, in-depth “Train-the-Trainer” hands-on training
2. Infusion of new course offerings, unique alternate training methods in all districts

3. Wide and varied support of church and community missions in all districts
 4. AC2018 Luncheon attended by laity and clergy throughout all districts and conference offices. The Rev. Angela Ford Nelson delivered an excellent presentation.
 5. Tremendous increase in the number of certified lay speakers and certified lay ministers
- Objectives for the coming year:
1. Work more closely with our congregational specialists to promote “connecting with our community.”
 2. Stay active with the Bishop’s district listening visits. Continue advocating the Bishop’s Big Vision/Big Dreams, Forward Focus, Missions & Young Adult projects.
 3. Offering “HOPE” to our communities.
 4. Sharing the knowledge that there’s “POWER” in the name of Jesus!
 5. Continue making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie G. Jenkins, conference director

OUTREACH AREA

The Outreach Area of Connectional Ministries focuses on several issues. Golden Cross is an avenue that assists with medical bills and providing scholarships for nursing students. Health and Welfare deals with accessibility to worship grants and ministries that promote healthy lifestyles. Our Global Ministries division is home to the Belin Trust, Disaster Ministries, and Advanced Special Ministries.

Golden Cross – In 2018, we awarded \$25,998 in medical assistance and nursing scholarships. That included assisting college students by awarding a \$2,000 scholarship to each of the three students who applied. We raised the limit of the scholarship to \$2,000 this year. The maximum awarded for medical assistance remains at \$2,000.

Health and Welfare – In 2018, we had \$3,360 to distribute. Of that total, we disbursed \$2,560 between Health and Welfare and Worship Accessibility grants.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Zachary Dillard

Conference Board of Global Ministries

During 2018, the Conference Board of Global Ministries was successful in getting the word out to churches and organizations concerning the grants it distributes. As a result, we now have many more requests than we have funding – a blessing, in our estimation! That put the CBGM in the unenviable position of having to deny some applications or grant reduced amounts. We rejoiced in having to deal with this opportunity because it reflected the successful communication we pursued and continue to pursue. We rejoiced in the fact that the CBGM has made and is making a difference in the lives and ministries of the Annual Conference and its local churches. Recently, members of the CBGM have reviewed and made recommendations for the approval of the spring cycle for this year’s grants. We believe those who received grants met the criteria expressed by the intent of the Belin Board of Trust and the Annual Conference. We also continued to perfect the application process so that those using the forms could more easily understand and fill them out.

The CBGM has either direct or indirect oversight of several areas, and this report will briefly cover them. Several have their own reports given in other areas:

Spartanburg Methodist College – SMC is not only a highly regarded educational institution, it is also an outreach ministry of the South Carolina Annual Conference. SMC provides opportunities, growth and learning for many students who would not otherwise have them. The CBGM nominates the Board of Trustees (in conjunction with the president of the college) and recommends the line item in the Annual Conference budget for SMC. We encourage all members of the Annual Conference to support SMC by paying all conference apportionments. The CBGM approved SMC’s request to receive \$850,000 from the Annual Conference for 2018.

Communities of Shalom – We are in the process of defining how the Annual Conference connects with the Communities of Shalom. Although the Annual Conference, through the CBGM, has supported the Communities of Shalom since its inception, that relationship has never been defined. Although the original intent of the support from the Annual Conference was to be temporary, it continues. Congregational specialists continue to work with the Communities of Shalom and will report to the CBGM and the Annual Conference when this relationship is more fully defined. Communities of Shalom are community organizing ministries, helping each community look at issues and problems within the community and how to best address those issues using available resources. The CBGM provided the Communities of Shalom \$5,000 in support in 2018 to provide training in fundraising skills and techniques.

Hunger Ministries – The Hunger Ministries program is an extension of the CBGM designed to encourage churches and individuals to donate each year to help churches who work with hunger issues and to directly feed hungry people through such ministries as soup kitchens, food pantries, etc. The CBGM directed some of its own budget toward this ministry, and we were able to give \$12,290 in this mission effort.

Church Extension Partnership – Originally a program to help smaller membership churches (100 members or less) with physical repairs, this program has been expanded to include physical repairs or equipping churches wishing to extend their outreach into the local community. Three “calls” are given each year at Lent, Advent and Annual Conference, in which individuals and local churches can contribute to the designated recipient of the call to help with their ministry. This program is currently suspended due to lack of funds.

James M. Belin Trust Grants – This trust fund supports new missions and ministries within the South Carolina Annual Conference. The Board of Trustees is nominated by the CBGM and elected by the Annual Conference. The Belin Trust provides grants to be distributed by the CBGM each year. To be considered for a grant, the organization applying for the funds must be considered either a new ministry or a new ministry within an existing program of the organization applying for the grant. Grants for structures, buildings and salaries are not usually considered. These grants are considered “start-up” funds, so multiple grants for the same project are not usually approved. Funding can be obtained as a ministry connected with a local church or an agency sponsored by the United Methodist Church. The CBGM was able to distribute \$176,000 in support of 12 ministries in 2018.

Advance Special Ministries – These are missional organizations within the bounds of the South Carolina Annual Conference that have been recommended by the CBGM and approved by the Annual Conference. These are independently controlled and operated organizations with a connection to the Annual Conference, either through history or mission. These organizations must apply for certification every quadrennium for approval by the Annual Conference and apply for funding every year. Each has its own board of directors, which must have United Methodist representation to qualify as an ASM. The Annual Conference supports these organizations in several ways, primarily through the connectional system of the United Methodist Church. In addition, by being sponsored by the Annual Conference, these organizations have the authorization to solicit funding through the local churches in their surrounding area and statewide. The CBGM encourages local churches and districts to partner with an ASM in their vicinity and support them with not only financial help but in the many other ways in which help is needed. These organizations also are supported by a line item in the Connectional Ministries budget. The CBGM would encourage each church within the Annual Conference to pay 100 percent appointments to increase the amount these ministries receive. This amount was \$130,200 in 2018. And finally, ASMs are supported by an offering taken through Advance Special Ministries Sunday each year. The CBGM recommended 16 organizations to be recognized as Advance Special Ministries for the next quadrennium. These are listed in a separate report.

In addition to these ministries, the CBGM also provided support to resupply the Emergency Response Trailers with a grant of \$10,000.

The CBGM looks forward to all the great ministry that will be done in the future as a result of the efforts of the board. Special thanks to all those who served faithfully and diligently as a part of the Conference Board of Global Ministries in 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Stephen D. Gaither, convener

Disaster Recovery

UMCSC Disaster Recovery – and those who have supported our efforts both as volunteers and as donors – has made a difference in the lives of hundreds of South Carolinians affected by the historic floods of 2015 and Hurricane Matthew the following year.

As our work in the aftermath of these disasters – under the leadership of Ward Smith, conference disaster recovery director for the 2015 floods and Hurricane Matthew – winds down in 2019, we are humbled to give an accounting that, as of the date of this report, Disaster Recovery has:

- Coordinated the work of 3,664 volunteers on 251 teams, who put in countless hours on these homes.
- Completed construction work on 287 homes
- Served 468 clients through our case managers
- Made 2,069 outreach contacts
- Worked and closed 1,616 cases

In addition to the financial support of United Methodists across our state, we appreciate the generosity of the United Methodist Committee on Relief, which has provided more than \$2 million grant money to the South Carolina Conference since 2015. We also cherish generous donations from the One SC Fund, United Way of the Midlands, Palmetto Disaster Recovery and volunteer teams.

We also express our gratitude for the dedicated ministry work of those persons who have served on the Disaster Recovery staff during this time:

- E-Beth Blitch
- Nic Day
- Special Young Davison
- Chelsey Faircloth
- Dorita Forehand
- Marvin Horton
- Stephanie Hunt
- Ken Kreitz
- Sara McCutchen
- Kathleen McLean
- Shirell Pressley
- John Raimer
- Jalonna Robinson
- Haley Mathias Shoemaker
- Ward Smith
- Bonnie Speas

- Nikki Ulmer
- Rev. Greg Varner
- Sabrenia Varner
- Cynthia B. Williams

While our efforts in support of those affected by the 2015 floods and Hurricane Matthew will have been completed before the 2019 Annual Conference convenes, our work has just begun to help those families whose homes were devastated by flooding in the wake of Hurricane Florence in September 2018.

Our efforts moving forward are being led by Tim Whitten, who was hired in January 2019 as the conference disaster recovery director for Hurricane Florence. We are building a new team of case managers, construction coordinators and a volunteer coordinator to manage this undertaking.

The goal of UMCSC Disaster Recovery is to accompany communities in need over the long haul of their recovery until a "new normal" is established after a crisis. It works with homeowners who might be on fixed incomes, can't afford insurance, and don't qualify for federal disaster assistance.

Much of the hands-on disaster recovery work is done by volunteers from across the conference and around the nation. The presence of these volunteers keeps down the cost of repairing homes, which allows UMCSC Disaster Recovery to help more people in need.

We need volunteers to roof houses, repair siding, install sheetrock, repair floors and other tasks to return South Carolina families to safe situations.

Whether you can help for a couple of days or a week. Whether you have an experienced team or you want to come alone and work alongside new friends. Whether you are young or old, experienced or not, local or out-of-state. Your time and talents are needed.

Please communicate this ongoing need to others – and consider how God is calling you to assist with UMCSC Disaster Recovery.

To volunteer, please contact UMCSC Disaster Recovery at 843-630-2377 or screcovery@umcsc.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Ward Smith, director (2015 Floods/Hurricane Matthew)

Tim Whitten, director (Hurricane Florence)

Disaster Response

On Sept. 14, 2018, Hurricane Florence made landfall across the South Carolina and North Carolina coast as a Category 1 storm, killing more than 50 people, knocking down trees and causing widespread power outages and home damage. The storm brought record rains, causing historic river flooding, shutting down highways and streets, and flooding towns and communities – many of which had never flooded.

The magnitude of flooding greatly exceeded that of Hurricane Matthew in 2016.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency declared eight South Carolinas counties – which are located in the area of northeast South Carolina known as the Pee Dee Region – as disaster areas: Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Marion and Marlboro. FEMA has received more than 15,500 individual applications for assistance.

Many of the residences in the impacted areas already had been struggling to recover from historic flooding in 2015 and from Hurricane Matthew in 2016. As a result of the widespread damage and need, the South Carolina Conference decided to focus its primary recovery efforts in Dillon, Marion, Chesterfield and Marlboro counties, which are home to higher percentages of those living in poverty and which lack local resources. The conference also plans to do work in Horry County.

The South Carolina Conference activated United Methodist Volunteers in Mission Early Response Teams in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence. Volunteer teams began the process of assessing homes and beginning muck-out operations in the affected counties. The conference partnered with the United Methodist Committee on Relief to deliver more than 7,000 cleaning buckets throughout the Pee Dee. UMCOR has provided the conference with a \$10,000 emergency grant to help pay for materials, such as tarps, mold spray, tools, fuel and food for volunteers.

Some 270 ERT volunteers worked on 81 homes, putting in 4,445 hours of Christian love in action to devastated and hurting people without regard to race, religion, politics, gender or sexual orientation.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Brodie, coordinator

REPORT 2 – PART I SPECIAL DAYS FOR 2020

A. MANDATED BY GENERAL CONFERENCE

Human Relations Day (GBGM, GBCS, CORR)

Ecumenical Sunday (CUIC)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (CUIC)

Black History Month

Boy Scouts Sunday / Scouting Ministries Sunday (UMM)

January 19

January 26

January 18-25

February 2020

February 9

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| Women's History Month | March 2020 | 1 |
| World Day of Prayer | March 6 | 2 |
| Girl Scouts Sunday / Alt. Scouting Min. Sunday (UMM) | March 8 | 3 |
| UMCOR Sunday | March 22 | 4 |
| Holy Week | April 5-12 | 5 |
| Native American Awareness Sunday (GBGM) | April 26 | 6 |
| Asian Pacific American Heritage Month | May 2020 | 7 |
| Christian Home Month (GBOD) | May 2020 | 8 |
| Older Adult Recognition Day | (any day in May) | 9 |
| National Day of Prayer | May 7 | 10 |
| Aldersgate Day/Heritage Sunday (Archives and History) | May 24 | 11 |
| Peace with Justice Sunday (GBCS) | June 7 | 12 |
| Hispanic Heritage Month (GBGM) | Sept. 15-Oct.15 | 13 |
| World Communion Sunday (GBGM, GBGH, CORR) | October 4 | 14 |
| Children's Sabbath: A National Observance | October 16-18 | 15 |
| Laity Sunday (GBOD) | October 18 | 16 |
| Reformation Day | October 31 | 17 |
| Native American Heritage Month | November 2020 | 18 |
| All Saints Sunday | November 1 | 19 |
| Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday (GBGM) | November 8 | 20 |
| National Bible Week | November 22-29 | 21 |
| United Methodist Student Day (GBHEM) | November 29 | 22 |
| World AIDS Day | December 1 | 23 |

B. S.C. ANNUAL CONFERENCE DESIGNATED SPECIAL DAYS AND MONTHS

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| United Methodist Camps and Retreats Sunday | March 10 | 26 |
| Mother's Day Offering for Epworth Children's Home | May 10 | 27 |
| Advocate Awareness Sunday | May 17 | 28 |
| United Methodist Men's Day | June | 29 |
| Aldersgate Special Needs Sunday with Offering | August 9 | 30 |
| Call to Ministry Sunday | August 16 | 31 |
| Work Day Offering for Epworth Children's Home | September 13 | 32 |
| Youth Service Fund Sunday with Offering | September 20 | 33 |
| Advance Special Ministries Sunday with Offering | November 1 | 34 |

RECOMMENDED ADVANCE SPECIAL MINISTRIES FOR 2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

ALSTON WILKES SOCIETY

Agency Description: The Alston Wilkes Society is a non-profit statewide organization founded in 1962. Our mission statement is: **Rebuilding Lives for a Safer Community.** We provide offenders, former offenders, the homeless, at risk youth, veterans and their families the tools they need to become productive citizen and have a positive impact on crime reduction and prevention. The Alston Wilkes Society provides several services within the state.

Community Services providing re-entry and self-sufficiency services for offenders, former offenders family members and homeless individuals to rebuild their lives.

Residential Reentry Centers providing re-entry and self-sufficiency services for offenders under contract with the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Veterans Homes providing housing for homeless veterans in the Midlands and in the Upstate.

Group Care Intensive Services is a youth housing program serving young males ages 11-21 who have emotional and behavioral problems.

BENNETTSVILLE-CHERAW AREA COOPERATIVE MINISTRY

The mission of the BCACM is to connect, equip, and empower member churches for witness and service.

The vision of the BCACM: The BCACM will be a unified body of believers making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

History and Mission of the Bennettsville-Cheraw Area Cooperative Ministry

The Bennettsville-Cheraw Area Cooperative Ministry (BCACM) is a specialized ministry of the South Carolina Conference that was established in 1966 to help facilitate the needs of persons living in Marlboro and Chesterfield counties of South Carolina in a shared ministry and vision. The churches that are affiliated with this ministry are Aaron Temple United Methodist Church, Bethel United Methodist Church, Ebenezer United Methodist Church, Level Green United Methodist Church, Mount Zion United Methodist Church, Shiloh United Methodist Church, Smyrna United Methodist Church, Saint Michael United Methodist Church, and Trinity 64

United Methodist Church. The churches that are affiliated with the BCACM have a combined membership less than 2500. In the initial development of the BCACM, the churches had a vision that ministry could be enhanced through shared efforts. Thus, under the direction of the Sixty-Six Conference Board of Mission, and the leadership of Dr. John H. Graham, J.W. Curry, Jasper Smith, a team of conference ministers and a committee from the aforementioned churches, formed the BCACM.

The overall mission of the BCACM is to respond to the increasing call in our communities to continue to light the flame of hope by striving to build and sustain communities of character with youth, young adults, adults, and older adults who have high morality, integrity, and commitment to be leaders for the sake of the present and future generation. The BCACM seeks to minister to the family by educating and nurturing the whole person—physically, spiritually, mentally, morally, and ethically.

BCACM aims to be a beacon of light in a dismal world. We seek to spread HOPE for families in search of healing. The opportunities in which we provide by the grace of God are to strengthen, educate, guide, and enhance the whole family—an individual, a couple, or a family.

As the BCACM, our agency embraces the tenets of the United Methodist Church of making disciples for the transformation of the world by coordinating and developing workshops and seminars to empower our laity and clergy. The ministry continues to fulfill its mission by strengthening these churches in the areas of discipleship, outreach, lay leadership, and advocacy.

In addition to the aforementioned, our programs and ministries focus on meeting the holistic needs of families. We strive to meet these needs via weekly member churches bible study, prayer, workshops and seminars, community enrichment by partnering with Drug Free Marlboro Coalition, The Family Coalition of Marlboro County, First Steps of Marlboro County Board, New Beginnings Transitional Shelter Advisory Council, Marlboro Interagency Council and the school district. In addition, we sponsor the Project M.E.N. (Mentoring, Educating & Nurturing) young males 8- 18 years if age, Children Ministry (focusing on children & youth ages 5 -11) and Ladies of the Future (focusing on abstinence with 8-18 years old girls), Older Adult Ministry, VBS picnic and Back-to-School Bash, leadership trainings, special worship services and flood buckets/kits

The BCACM also partners with the communities of Shalom to address inadequate home improvements, medical emergency, hunger and other social needs.

It is our belief that the BCACM is truly embodied in the principles and tenets of the connectional ministry of the South Carolina Conference and the United Methodist Church.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CENTER – COLUMBIA

Bethlehem Community Center – Columbia: The Columbia Bethlehem Community Center is an historic multi-service agency now serving residents of the Riverview Terrace and Broad River Terrace communities in Columbia, South Carolina.

VISION STATEMENT: We envision that the Columbia Bethlehem Community Center will be the premiere community center for children and families in the Midlands.

MISSION STATEMENT: To educate and enrich the lives of individuals and families in the Midlands to help them achieve their own success.

PROGRAMS: Afterschool partnership program with Riverside Apartment Community (Lucius Road) Fall/Spring 2012; Kids for a Better Community Summer Camp 2012; Introduction to mini-film production for children (summer 2012 and spring 2013).

Find us on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/ColumbiaBethlehemCommunityCenter>

Visit our website at <http://bethlehemcenter.umcsc.org/>

BETHLEHEM CENTER SPARTANBURG

The Bethlehem Center is a multi-service agency for residents of Spartanburg City and Spartanburg County in South Carolina.

VISION STATEMENT: We envision a future where all individuals will reach their full potential.

MISSION STATEMENT: To strengthen individuals physically, emotionally, spiritually, socially, educationally and intellectually.

PROGRAMS:

Afterschool: Serving youth ages 5 and up in a year round literacy and enrichment based after-school program.

Youth Sports participation: Baseball and basketball clinics and leagues (partnership with Upward Sports and the Youth Sports Bureau)

Outreach: Community Events & Programs, Food assistance (3 days per week)

Senior Wellness Programs: Active Living, Sewing to Sow & Feed Your Spirit

Support groups: Weekly NA meetings (Wednesday's, Friday's and Saturday's)

Highland Neighbor Associations meetings (monthly)

CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE BRIDGE

The Christian Assistance Bridge exists to provide hope and support to those in need in our community through a collaborative effort of local churches, individuals and support organizations.

Christian Assistance Bridge works towards inspiring our faith community to justice and generosity as we provide help, hope and understanding to people struggling with limited resources. As we join efforts, we will

strengthen our mission and our faith, as well as sharing our faith to those we serve. The Christian Assistance Bridge reaches out to the community by offering basic necessities and hands-up assistance during crisis situations. By representing Christian values, we will grow discipleship through service and obedience to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The most valuable service that Christian Assistance Bridge offers, is that we listen to each person's story, how they came to be in a position of need. We then work with them to create a goal to help them get out of their financial crisis and make easy steps for them to accomplish their personal goal. While listening to them, and helping them, we are able to share Christ and pray over each person. In addition to meeting with each person in need, we also give out food, and offer emergency financial assistance such as, utilities, rent, medication, gas and shelter.

THE COOPERATIVE MINISTRY - COLUMBIA

OUR MISSION: To increase the economic self-sufficiency of people experiencing poverty in the Midlands through crisis assistance and sustainability programs.

OUR HISTORY: In 1982 The Cooperative Ministry was founded by five churches (First Presbyterian Church, Main Street Methodist, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Washington Street United Methodist Church, and First Baptist Church) in downtown Columbia. Their goal was to establish a collaborative method of administering assistance to those in need, while also preventing duplication of services. Since then TCM has grown to encompass congregations of all faiths, over 120 partnering agencies, and countless civic and social organizations, foundations, businesses and individuals. We believe in the honor of all work, we show individuals the respect they deserve.

WE HELP BECAUSE ... As God's created people we are called to be like our Creator – to walk in God's way – the way of love, compassion and mercy. Compassion is at the heart of faith in God and we are called to care deeply and act concretely to alleviate suffering. This is a call to action, and not an easy one, but one which we engage in joyfully and thoughtfully. We are called to release people from bondage to a cycle of poverty. We desire to honor God by reflecting Divine compassion for the working poor.

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SERVICES

Interfaith Community Services works with faith and community partners to improve the lives of low-income children and families in South Carolina. We have enjoyed a 40-year partnership with the South Carolina United Methodist Conference in this work.

Interfaith's mission is to convene, educate and coordinate faith and other community partners to build strong families and strong communities. Our Vision is a united faith community improving the quality of life in South Carolina by working together to build strong families and healthy, thriving children. A primary way we accomplish this is by increasing the capacity of family day care home providers to deliver and promote safety, good nutrition, literacy development and physical activity to produce positive outcomes for the children in their care. We deliver training, technical assistance and resources to family day care providers, with 95% caring for children in school attendance zones where 50% or more of the students are low income.

KILLINGSWORTH

As a ministry of the United Methodist Church Killingsworth provides transitional housing to adult women who are going through significant life changes. In 1947 Corrie Killingsworth's vision of a safe, supportive Christian home for young women leaving home for the first time became a reality. In 1972 our focus shifted to women who had experienced significant life crises and were preparing to transition back into the community as more stable, responsible citizens.

Residents are referred from across South Carolina when they leave addiction treatment facilities, In-patient and outpatient mental health facilities, the prison system, shelters for victims of violence, and from individual helping professionals and local church pastors. Residents are expected to work or go to school and be able to pay a nominal fee for residency. Residents are provided not only a safe supportive community, but also life skills, Bible study and spiritual development, work support, educational assessment, parenting skills and personal counseling as they prepare to return to their homes or create new ones.

JUBILEE ACADEMY

Jubilee Academy is a faith-based organization, working to turn the hearts and lives of inner-city children, youth and families towards Christ and academic excellence.

Vision: At Jubilee Academy, we envision educated, productive citizens who have exchanged the bondage of welfare and poverty for freedom in Christ, in the hopes that these individuals will be the firm foundation for future generations, according to God's word.

There is nothing more critical to a community's long term sustainability than a well-educated and well-adjusted child, for they are our future! Ensuring that all of the children of the Midlands receive the support they need to become well-adjusted, educated, productive members of the community will guarantee a bright future for both these children and the community at large. Jubilee is committed to changing lives forever and breaking the cycle of generational poverty, which keeps these children from reaching their full potentials.

PATH – POSITIVE AFFIRMATION THROUGH HELPING

Our mission at PATH is to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, and give financial aid

to those in crisis. We serve York school district #1, which is York, Sharon, Hickory Grove, Smyrna, and McConnells. We have a food pantry to supply a week's groceries to qualifying households once a month. We give financial aid for basic needs up to every 4 months (maximum 3 times a year), and this would be for rent, electricity, natural gas, water, prescription medications, and other small qualifying needs. The York Lions Club takes their referrals through us for optometric care, and two dentists here provide emergency care to our clients when we call. We have our own thrift store to provide clothing and household needs every two months to each client who needs it.

RURAL MISSION, INC.

Rural Mission, Inc. is in a time of transition this year. Additional information will be available in the registration packet.

THE COASTAL SAMARITAN COUNSELING CENTER

Coastal Samaritan Counseling Center fosters hope and healing through professional counseling, consultation and education while respecting and integrating personal and spiritual values. The mission of CSCC is to assist people on their journey toward healing and wholeness. We strive to be the Center of choice for excellence. We value respect, compassion, hospitality, love, excellence, spirituality, and integrity.

While the Center's main office is in the heart of Myrtle Beach at First United Methodist Church, the Center offers eight convenient satellite locations around the Grand Strand. Beyond these local connections, the Center is affiliated with a national network of faith-based counseling centers called The Solithen Institute. The Solithen Institute accredits counseling centers which have a theological purpose, offer basic counseling services, utilize a holistic perspective, and require staff to have professional credentials. The Institute's mission is to help affiliated centers provide team-oriented, cost-efficient counseling, education, and consultation which emphasize the interrelatedness of mind, body, spirit, and community.

THE TRACY JACKSON PROGRAM OF GIFT

The Tracy Jackson Program of GIFT has a mission to feed the bodies, minds and spirits of children. We do this by providing a free summer day camp type experience, including free breakfast and free lunch and activities, when school is not in session.

In the summer of 2018 we served an average of 160 breakfasts a day and 190 lunches a day to the children in Abbeville County and in the City of Anderson. In Abbeville 62% of the public school children get free or reduced priced meals at school; in Anderson it's over 94%.

For some of the children, their first knowledge of God is the grace said at meals in our program and the care of our site workers.

Our motto is "We do it for the children." Our prayer is to serve Christ by serving God's children.

UNITED METHODIST VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION- SOUTH CAROLINA UMVIM-SC

Volunteers in Mission began as a vision that ordinary people could make an extraordinary difference in the world. South Carolina is proudly the home of these visionaries and the beginning of this amazing ministry that is now worldwide and supported by many Conferences across the United States. It has also served as the model for other denominations as they have followed the lead to create hands on ministries through the years.

Today VIM is men and women who are adventurous in their faith. They yearn to not only serve Christ, but to serve Him in new and exciting ways. They want to broaden their horizons of faith as well as the height and breadth of their lives. They want to go where the need is greatest and meet that need with faith, hope and love.

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission is a fellowship of believers, lay and clergy, men and women, adults and youth, who have stepped out in faith to serve the needs of communities around the world.

South Carolina UMVIM consists of people just like you, who have felt and followed the call of Christ in their lives to go out into the world to share this vision and spread the Gospel of Christ through actively working to ease the burdens of others through construction, medical clinics, evangelism, VBS, and many other means.

Acting as the hands and feet of Christ, UMVIM missionaries help others at home and throughout the world through construction, medical and various other activities. Whether it is building a chapel in the Philippines or building and staffing an eye clinic in Haiti, the men and women of UMVIM, SC strive to put shoe leather on their faith. There are multiple opportunities for short term or long term service, and opportunities year round in many places.

UMVIM-SC meets monthly except in June and July the first Tuesday of each month at Grace UMC on Harbison Blvd., Columbia at 7:30 pm. All are invited to attend even if you have not participated in UMVIM before.

UNITED MINISTRIES OF GREENVILLE

United Ministries was founded as Greenville Urban Ministries in June of 1970 by the South Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. It was chartered as an inter-denominational non-profit organization in 1974 and became known as United Ministries in 1982. Today, our integrated service model discourages dependency on charity and promotes the dignity of work by providing crisis assistance, education and employ-

ment assistance, and homeless services to Greenville citizens in need. We do this through five programs: Emergency Assistance, Adult Education, Employment Readiness, Interfaith Hospitality Network (shelter and interim housing for homeless families), and Place of Hope (day shelter). United Ministries' mission is to serve and empower those on the transformative journey to self-sufficiency. Our vision is a community working together to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to thrive in Greenville.

WALLACE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

The Wallace Family Life Center is a family oriented facility. Our mission is to provide educational, cultural, recreational, and religious programs to enrich the lives of the people that live in the Wallace/Bennettsville communities.

We currently offer the following programs: Adult Education for those desiring to complete their high school education; Arts & Crafts classes for adults to engage in various projects; Homemakers' Club to explore and discuss relevant issues such as Power of Attorney, is offered through a partnership with the local Clemson Ext. Office; After School Program Tutoring and Enrichment, operating Monday-Friday for twenty-five scholars; Summer Reading Program/Children Defense Fund Freedom Schools program for twenty-five to thirty scholars during the summer months, provides learning in a safe and fun environment; Youth Council for youths ages 12-18, to help them to become a more active citizen in the community; One week of Vacation Bible School at the end of the Summer Reading Program.

Other Ministries, Programs

- Scouting- (Girls and Boys) retired leaders and volunteers are welcome to join and help out
- Food Pantry- (all donations are welcomed) Community food drive is held every year at the Center and BI-LO in Bennettsville, SC
- Clothes Closet (accepting items year round) gentle used clothing/towels for those in need
- Operation Christmas Child (call today for details) you can share with a need child and their family during the Christmas Holiday

ALDERSGATE SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

Purpose:

Our mission is to provide the highest quality of life and greatest level of independence in Christian homes for adults with special needs. Our three homes are the Oaks in Orangeburg for six men, the Columbia Builders Care Home for six women, and Rick's House in Florence for four men.

Key moments from the previous year:

ASNM hired its first executive director, Elaine Mathis, in April. With a background in nonprofit management and communications, Mathis is responsible for overseeing the ministry's operations, finances, development, public relations, and planning.

ASNM is accountable to several state governmental agencies including the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN) and the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). The ministry received favorable annual regulatory reviews from both agencies.

Our residents are very active. Four are employed and eight serve as community volunteers. Some of their activities include attending church and Bible studies, participating in Special Olympics and organized sports, as well as attending life skills workshops.

ASNM implemented a pay rate increase for our direct care staff. The ministry also implemented a holiday time off policy for full-time employees.

Under the guidance of a dedicated committee, the ministry updated our bylaws for the first time since they were adopted in 2003.

August 12th was designated for churches to collect a special offering for ASNM. We are grateful to the many participating churches. ASNM is also appreciative of the ongoing prayers and support of churches and individuals throughout the year.

The ministry's greatest ongoing challenge relates to staffing. Two of our homes are licensed by DHEC as Community Residential Care Facilities (CRCFs) and require an onsite licensed administrator. With our smaller homes and budget, it is challenging to compete with larger agencies to secure quality administrators on a long-term basis.

Objectives for the coming year:

With consultation from Pinnacle Leadership Associates, ASNM began a formal strategic planning process to identify organizational initiatives. Our work so far has included reviewing the ministry's core values, revising our mission statement, and identifying industry factors that impact our mission. We are on track to complete the process in April and look forward to implementing the identified initiatives.

The ministry has seven committees including the executive committee. So that we are positioned to achieve as much as possible in 2019, the ministry restructured the committees' membership. We aim to achieve short and long-term goals through these active committees.

In the coming year, the ministry will place a greater emphasis on marketing and develop a structured volunteer program.

1 **Action(s) required from the 2019 Annual Conference:**

- 2 1. Vote on our Board of Trustees
3 2. Vote on our revised bylaws

4 **If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:**

5 Our residents are active in the community. The ministry is financially stable. Upon the completion of our
6 strategic planning process, we will be poised to implement the identified organizational initiatives and ready to
7 make a greater impact on the lives of adults with special needs and their families.

8 My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest." -*Isaiah 32:18*

9 **Narrative:**

10 We are grateful to be able to provide homes to adults with developmental disabilities. Our residents enjoy
11 living in a Christian environment and are encouraged to be as independent as possible. Our trained staff pro-
12 vides care and support.

13 When asked about his home our newest resident said, "I like it here the best because everyone takes care
14 of me. I've made a lot of new friends. It's so comfortable."

15 Respectfully submitted:

Elaine G. Mathis, Executive Director

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2019-2020 Executive Committee:

Chair—Sam Waldrep

Vice Chair—Susan Kovas

Treasurer—W.C. Hammett

Secretary—Yvette Hering

25 **EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME**

27 **Purpose:**

28 Epworth children's home exists to serve children, youth, and families, through a caring, accepting, and safe
29 community where hurts are healed; hope is nurtured; and faith in God, and trust in self and others is developed.

30 **Key moments from the previous year:**

- 31 I. Continued to create a culture of success which is reflected in the following statistics: For the sixth year in a
32 row Epworth's high school students graduated at a 100% rate; 86% of students achieved a C or better
33 average each quarter; and 96% of students earned academic honor roll each quarter.
34 II. Epworth was awarded significant grants from Google, and The Duke Endowment that enabled Epworth to
35 bring the Epworth Institute for Child and Family Wellbeing to life. The Institute will be comprised of specialized
36 centers that will engage children and family members through a collaborative strength based approach in
37 order to improve child wellbeing throughout South Carolina. This will occur by establishing missional
38 outposts in local churches in each of the 12 districts in the Conference
39 III. Launched the Institute for Child and Family Wellbeing, and opened the first regional center for Family
40 Enhancement in the Charleston District. Bethany UMC in Summerville is the first church site selected. The
41 initial work of this site will include recruiting, mentoring, training, and providing support to foster parents,
42 grandparents raising children, and others who provide homes for children in need.
43 IV. Received the highest rating from Charity Navigator for sound fiscal management, and commitment to
44 accountability and transparency for the seventh year in a row.
45 V. Congregational giving increased for the 12th year in a row. The average giving per church member was
46 above \$8 in 2018. There were 237 congregations in the conference that did not respond to any of the
47 special Sunday's or offering appeals for Epworth's children.

48 **Objectives for the coming year:**

- 49 I. Establishing the Center for Child and Family Counseling. The Center for Child and Family Counseling will
50 establish assessment, counseling, and educational services that are available to children and families in
51 crises, and will be open to the general public. The principal therapeutic model utilized in the Center will be
52 Trauma-focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT). This is an evidence based model of therapy.
53 II. Opening a second regional outpost in another district. The Center for Family Engagement will continue to
54 expand district by district as financial resources allow.
55 III. Expanding the Family Care Center. The Family Care Center houses mothers and their children on the main
56 campus. The mothers work on substance abuse issues coupled with parenting skills while the children are
57 provided with a safe home and are aided in their developmental process.
58 IV. Expanding the Center for Independent Living. The Independent Living program serves youth ages 16-23
59 who are preparing to age out of the foster care system, but are not ready to live independently. This
60 program provides safe housing, supervision, and a host of services that enable youth to successfully make
61 the transition to a productive adult life.
62 V. Reaching the Goal of receiving a minimum of \$5,000,000 of the \$10,000,000 Every Child is a Miracle Financial
63 Campaign. This campaign was authorized at the 2017 Annual Conference, and, will in part, enable Epworth
64 to sustain, strengthen, and expand its transformative work.

Action(s) required from the 2019 Annual Conference:

None

If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:

Please know this about Epworth:

Epworth has completed 123 years of providing homes, quality care, and other services for children and families from across South Carolina in a faith centered environment. The child welfare and child protection systems are rapidly changing in our nation and state. Epworth is on the cusp of expanding the quantity and quality of its services in order to reach children and families in every district of South Carolina.

With the support of the United Methodist of our conference we can change the face of child and family protective services in South Carolina. Every Child is a Miracle. As people in the lineage of John and Charles Wesley, let's seize this opportunity to make a lasting difference.

Narrative:

A short story: John (Cotton) James was placed at Epworth when he was just a boy. Epworth became his home, the staff members his parents, and the other children who lived there were his lifelong brothers and sisters. He graduated from high school, served with distinction in the Korean War where he attained the rank of Sergeant. After his service days he became a productive civilian and active member of Mauldin UMC. At every chance he had, he would talk about what Epworth gave him; a chance for a new life. He would always ask, "If it had not been for Epworth do you know where I would be?" The listener would answer "Where would you be?", and John would say, "In prison! That is where I would be." Mr. James died a few years ago, and he is likely now bending St. Peter's ear while describing the investment Epworth Children's Home made in him and his peers, and telling St. Peter about the generosity of the Methodist people of South Carolina who gave him a future.

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THE UNITED METHODIST MANOR

Purpose:

Methodist Manor mission is to provide an extraordinary Continuing Care Community offering exceptional selection of living option and personalized services. We recognize that aging is a normal process which people experience in different ways. We want to provide a lifestyle that enhances the quality of life for each person.

Key moments from the previous year:

Methodist Manor is located in Florence, South Carolina. The Manor offers Independent Living, Patio Homes and apartments, Assisted Living for those looking a supportive environment, Magnolia Terrace for dementia and Alzheimer Care, and the Healthcare Center, skilled nursing care. Home Health services are offered and designed to provide personal assistance to residents and enable them to retain their independence longer, in the comfort and privacy of their independent home or apartment.

Methodist Manor is a 501 (c) (3) Corporation, a not for profit Senior Living Community. The Manor currently serves about 230 residents. It is guided and directed by Methodist Manor Board of Trustees, elected some trustees through the SC Annual Conference, assist the President and CEO and staff to ensure support and continually strategic planning for the growth of current and future resident's needs.

December 2018 brought the completion of a beautiful solarium for Health Care Resident to enjoy the beauty of the outdoors, a Serenity Garden adding walking paths and water feature, an interior road from our Patio Homes over to the Main Building, "Faulkner Hall" and additional parking lots for residents, visitors and staff. These expansions to Community allows us to maintain the level of quality living experience and care expected by people seeking retirement housing in Florence, SC.

With continued leadership from Methodist Manor Board of Trustee and staff we are committed to providing a lifestyle that enhances the quality of life for each person.

John Orr, Chairman for the Board of Trustees
Teressa L. Tabor, President and CEO The Manor

Objectives for the coming year:

1. To build additional common area spaces that will continue to enhance the a holistic approach of spiritual, physical, mental, emotional, lifestyles of our entire resident population at each level whether it be Independent, Assisted Living, Alzheimer/Dementia or Skilled Nursing.
2. Continue to be able to offer financial Resident Assistance to our Residents who may have exhausted their funds moving through the continuum level of care.
3. Continue to grow and a variety of spiritual programming through our Chaplain and programming

Action(s) required from the 2019 Annual Conference:

We continue to ask for financial support for our Resident Assistance/Benevolence Program. We have many residents who have been with us for over 20 years, that exhaust their life savings as they journey through the various care and medical units. Residents are often coming to us at age limits, that are frailer than residents of the past, exhausting their financial resources quicker. We are also beginning to see our Senior population as a whole live longer than previous generations and tend to need the full continuum of Care; Independent, Assisted Living and Health Care that's offered at Methodist Manor.

1 The Resident Assistance/Benevolence Program is a restricted account and funds can only be used for the
2 above described purpose.

3 **If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:**

4 That we are grateful to be able to showcase our continue growth and mission of providing services to our Senior
5 population of South Carolina. To share with the Conference our success and to share our appreciation of your
6 continued support.

7 **Narrative**

8 We at United Methodist Manor Retirement Community and residents continue to appreciate and value the sup-
9 port and funding we receive from the South Carolina United Methodist Conference. The funding has enabled
10 many Residents to the ability to continue living at a place they consider home.

11 Sincerely,

12 Teresa L Tabor, President and CEO United Methodist Manor (The Manor)
13 ttabor@themanorseniorliving.com, 843-664-0700

14 Other ministry members:

15 Reverend Marty Nason

16 Reverend Derrick Cattenhead

17 Reverend Jack Washington

18 District Superintendent Reverend Terry Fleming
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22 **THE METHODIST OAKS**
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24 **Purpose:**

25 The mission of The Methodist Oaks is to provide superior continuing care retirement living and a working
26 environment that nourishes the human spirit and preserves personal dignity by addressing the whole person in
27 an atmosphere which witnesses Christian values and love.

28 **Key moments from the previous year:**

29 The Methodist Oaks is a continuing care retirement community (CCRC) serving approximately 500 residents
30 and patients on its main campus, at its PACE facility in Orangeburg and in the greater Orangeburg community.
31 On the main campus, the CCRC, Independent Living, Assisted Living, Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitative Ser-
32 vices are offered. To meet the needs of today's seniors who prefer to stay in their homes as long as possible,
33 The Methodist Oaks has expanded its services to include Senior Solutions, a non-medical home care service.
34 Senior Solutions is available on campus and to residents in Orangeburg, Bamberg and Calhoun counties.

35 **Objectives for the coming year:**

36 As the retirement environment and the needs of those individuals who are served continue to change The
37 Methodist Oaks will remain committed to its ministry and mission and provide new and necessary services,
38 including a secure memory care unit, to meet the needs of our residents and the community.

39 **Action(s) required from the 2019 Annual Conference:**

40 None

41 **If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:**

42 Celebrating its 65th anniversary this year, The Methodist Oaks is most appreciative of its connection with the
43 South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church. In addition to approving the slate of Board of
44 Trustee members each year, the Annual Conference also provides financial support for the Residents
45 Assistance Fund through apportionment giving. Because of this support, The Methodist Oaks is able to accept
46 Medicaid in the nursing facility and is able to assist other residents in staying at The Methodist Oaks when they
47 have, through no fault of their own, exhausted their own resources. In addition, the first Aldersgate Home is on
48 the campus, and for this relationship through the connection, we are most grateful.

49 **Narrative:**

50 If you are not already familiar with The Methodist Oaks, we invite you to contact us and to visit our campus
51 individually or with your church group. We also welcome the opportunity present a program on The Oaks
52 including its history to present day services. To learn more about The Methodist Oaks, please visit us at
53 theoakssc.com.

54 Andy Cox, Chief Executive Officer
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56 Other ministry members:

57 Robert Scarborough, Chairman, Board of Trustees

58 Lisa Livingston, VP for Marketing and Development

59 April Parler, VP for Independent Living

60 Cynthia Simpson, VP for Finance

61 Elaine Till, VP for Medical Services

WESLEY COMMONS

Purpose:

Wesley Commons is a master-planned, full-service Continuing Care Retirement Community located on more than 150 beautiful wooded acres in Greenwood, South Carolina. We are leading South Carolina in High-Value Retirement Lifestyles by offering exceptional Independent Living, Assisted Living, Skilled Nursing, Home Health Care and Rehabilitation options.

Key moments from the previous year:

Wesley Commons is very proud of our new 80-room, forward focused, Health and Rehabilitation Center located on our new medical campus. Wesley Commons was challenged by our goal to serve a diverse population of patients and guests of various medical needs and range of incomes within a modern hospitality centered space. The 51,000 square foot building supports rehabilitation, skilled nursing, and intermediate nursing care in a serene environment that draws as much from hospitality design, as it does from modern healthcare.

The resulting experience is a building full of sunlight and open spaces without feeling institutional. These spaces focus on, and respect, the full needs of the patient and welcome family and caregiver visits. The capstone of this achievement is made clear by the fact that 50% of those served within our walls are low income. Yet, every individual served in the Health and Rehabilitation Center is blessed with their very own private room, regardless of their income ability.

Objectives for the coming year:

With our growing waiting lists for all service levels, we are reviewing various plans to enhance and potentially expand our offerings to better serve the demand. We have continued to reinvest in our offerings, while being exceptional stewards of our resources to invest in our legacy of service. Benefiting from that rich 40+ year legacy, our residents enjoy an active lifestyle in neighborhoods of wonderful homes enhanced by exceptional services, sumptuous culinary creations and spectacular amenities – all coordinated by a trained, attentive staff that truly cares. Our mission is to enrich lives by providing innovative living opportunities in accord with Christian principles. Following that guide, we remain blessed and grateful to serve our wonderful community of residents.

If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:

Wesley Commons remains grateful for the support and heritage of our United Methodist family. Our ability to continue to serve those in need would be greatly stressed without the continued financial support of our many friends found across the Conference. All Conference support goes to our Resident Support Fund, which helps those that are in financial need to continue to thrive within our wonderful community. With this, and other support, Wesley Commons remains proud to report that we have never asked anyone to leave our campus, due to their inability to pay. For that, we celebrate our blessings to be able to serve.

David Buckshorn, Pres/CEO

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CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY

Purpose/Responsibilities:

Under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Henry N. Tisdale, Claflin University is continuing its upward trajectory towards being recognized as a leading 21st Century institution of higher education that develops a diverse and inclusive community of globally engaged visionary leader. Tisdale graduated with honors in 1965 and began his tenure in 1994 as the eighth president at his alma mater.

Founded in 1869 as the first HBCU in South Carolina, Claflin University has consistently achieved recognition as one of America's best liberal arts colleges by numerous prestigious national publications such as *U.S. News and World Report*, *Forbes.com* and *Washington Monthly*. Its beautiful historic campus is home to approximately 2,200 students from every region of the United States and more than 12 international countries.

Key moments from previous year:

On April 17, 2018, President Tisdale announced his retirement effective June 30, 2019, after serving Claflin University as its eighth president for more than two decades. His tenure at his alma mater is marked by visionary leadership and remarkable accomplishments for the oldest historically black college or university in South Carolina.

1. Claflin University launched its year-long Sesquicentennial Celebration on November 18, 2018.
2. For eight consecutive years, *U.S. News and World Report* has ranked Claflin University among the Top 10 HBCUs. In the 2019 report, Claflin is ranked #7. Claflin University is also one of only four South Carolina universities/colleges and one of only four HBCUs ranked by *U.S. News and World Report* as being the "Best National Liberal Arts Institutions."
3. Claflin University held its inaugural Fall Commencement Convocation on Friday, December 14, 2018. The graduating class consisted of 101 students who received graduate and undergraduate degrees with nursing, criminal justice and sociology heading the list of top majors.
4. Opening in January 2019, The Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Wellness Complex is a 33,000 square-foot facility that provides holistic health, nutrition, and lifelong wellness education to the Claflin University campus community and area residents. The ultra-modern facility includes an auxiliary gym, fitness center, demonstration kitchen, indoor walking track, office space, classrooms, and outdoor space to serve as a market place for local farmers. According to President Henry N. Tisdale, "the mission of the Health and Wellness Complex is

to provide a means for the Claflin community and the Orangeburg community to gain healthier lives.” The Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Wellness Complex became a reality through funding from a variety of sources, including Claflin’s historic capital campaign, Dr. Jonas T. Kennedy, Orangeburg County Council, The Black College Fund of The United Methodist Church, Sodexo, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Blue Cross/Blue Shield and AFLAC, as well as other donors.

Objectives for the coming year:

Continue to achieve key performance indicators for Claflin University’s strategic plan, Claflin LEADS.

1. Launch MEDEX Academy in partnership with Greenville Hospital System for high school students interested in medical careers.
2. Prepare for next accreditation visit by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges
3. Complete FOCUS100 \$1 million fundraising campaign for student scholarships.
4. Host HBCU Talent Showcase on September 16, 2019
5. Enhance campus-wide safety and security with state-of-the-art cameras and call boxes.

Action(s) required from the 2019 Annual Conference:

None

If you take away nothing else from this report, know this (About 150 words or less total):

Claflin University deserves continuous support from The United Methodist Church for sustaining its commitment to nurture and cultivate future leaders for the ministry of The United Methodist Church. Furthermore, the University remains committed to honor and support its affiliation with The United Methodist Church in publications, programs and campus-wide assemblies.

Narrative:

Kimani Dobson, Winter Grant and Arteria Lingard were selected to serve as Lina H. McCord interns.

Dobson is a sophomore elementary education major from Bamberg, S.C. Dobson is a member of A.Bevy and The National Society of Leadership and Success. A.Bevy is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) with a mission to create introspective experiences that assist young adults in discovering their passion, path, and purpose.

Grant is a senior sociology major from Lynchburg, S.C. She is a member of Sigma Nu Tau Entrepreneurship Society, president of the Transfer Student Association, an ambassador of the Claflin University Tour Guide Association, and former president of A.Bevy.

Lingard is a junior sport management major from Ruffin, S.C. Lingard is a member of the NAACP, Psychology Club, and The National Society of Leadership and Success.

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Other ministry members:

Rev. Dr. Robin Dease, superintendent of the Hartsville District and UMC representative on the Claflin University Board of Trustees; Rev. Dr. Ernest C. Etheredge, University chaplain; and Rev. Dr. Whittaker V. Middleton, vice president for institutional advancement

COLUMBIA COLLEGE

Purpose:

Columbia College prepares students personally and professionally for success through strong liberal arts and professional programs emphasizing service, social justice, and leadership development.

Key moments from the previous year:

Columbia College continues to diversify our programs, including through strengthening partnerships with community organizations. To enhance the educational offerings for our students, additional academic programs have been incorporated across the College. These include programs in Athletic Coaching, MBA, HealthCare Administration and Exercise Science to name a few.

With a focus on women and entrepreneurship, the College proudly welcomed the opportunity to house the Women’s Business Center of South Carolina. Funding from Google and the Department of Commerce allowed the initiative to be launched and reach out to more than 500 women business leaders and owners, as well as providing valuable resources to our students.

The College’s Education Department received funding to create a center for excellence. The program, Alternative Pathways to Education Certification, partners the College with Richland One and Fairfield County schools. Working with the districts, 16 employees of the district are currently enrolled in a program that will provide them the next step in their education-focused careers. Initial funding has been provided by the Commission on Higher Education.

The College, in conjunction with the City of Columbia, is well positioned to assist in the revitalization of the North Main Street and Eau Claire sections. Serving as a central hub, the College is partnering with Workshop Theatre, a community-based group, to offer their performances on campus. Recently, the College sold a piece of perimeter property for the development of a coffee shop and deli. And, the College’s community garden, run by students and a staff member, has been featured at a nearby Vegan restaurant.

Objectives for the coming year:

The faculty and staff are working on programs and with our students to improve the overall student experience. Through collaboratively led initiatives, the College seeks to increase the retention rate of first-year to sophomore year student enrollment and to improve the four-year graduation rate.

A new strategic plan is underway and will be rolled out to lead the institution forward. We will continue to be led by our 165 year history of being a pioneer in education.

Additional collaborative and partnership programs with other educational institutions and community organizations will drive the momentum on campus. Program enhancements will include new academic partnerships with a broad reach, while keeping true to mission. Community organizations will assist the College in meeting the needs of our students, while providing resources to our neighbors.

Action(s) required from the 2019 Annual Conference:

none

If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:

Columbia College is proud of our long-standing affiliation as a Methodist College. Our mission of service, leadership and social justice remain strong and at the heart of our academic programs. The College continues to enhance the offerings for our students and for our community. It is through the diversified programming that includes the women's college, evening, online, associate to bachelors,

and graduate programs that we meet the needs of those whose lives we touch.

Our faculty, staff and students are leaders in their fields and our alumnae/i have an impact throughout our state and globally. The 165 year history that we celebrate in 2019 demonstrates our pioneering spirit; a spirit that is reinforced on campus today.

Narrative:

Student stories abound, and for just this one, there are hundreds more. Preston is a senior at Columbia College who is majoring in Chemistry. From the area, she, like many of our women's college students, has found her voice while enrolled. As a sophomore, she was encouraged by her science advisor to apply for an internship. She was unsure and a little timid in making the application. She applied but was denied the opportunity. Not to be put down, she put forth her determination in her junior year. This time she received that opportunity. She was awarded a summer fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota; and the possibility to continue her studies in their graduate program upon completion of her undergraduate degree.

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LaNae' Budden, VP of Student Affairs

Harry Cooper, Executive Director of Communiversity

Ryan Longe, Dean of Admissions

Madeline Schep, Interim Dean of the Faculty and Academic Affairs

Francis Schodowski, Executive Vice President

SPARTANBURG METHODIST COLLEGE

Purpose:

Spartanburg Methodist College is a two-year private residential institution within the United Methodist Connection. At SMC, lives are transformed in a values-oriented, student-centered atmosphere in the Christian tradition that encourages academic excellence, intellectual exploration, social awareness, and character development within the liberal arts tradition.

Key moments from the previous year:

In the last year, SMC has completed the decennial certification process with SACS and passed with flying colors. This means our institution is well situated academically and financially for the next decade.

SMC has also moved quickly on the process of offering a baccalaureate option in addition to our traditional associate's degree, and will welcome our first Juniors in the Fall of 2019.

We welcomed our largest incoming class for the second year in a row in the fall of 2018, meaning that we are reaching more students who need the education we provide.

SMC financed and constructed the Moore Family Fitness Center, a top-notch location for our students, faculty, and staff to exercise. We believe this building will pay great dividends in increased health and wellness on our campus, as well as improving our student experience.

Objectives for the coming year:

With a new pool of students to recruit from come a host of new opportunities and challenges.

We are currently investigating strategies to ensure we have enough space to house a larger student body that includes Juniors and eventually seniors, as we move toward our goal of a student body of 1000. This may include modular housing, a new residence hall, or creative reworking of our current spaces.

We are revamping our course offerings and schedule with an eye towards accommodating our 3rd and 4th year students. This will mean more upper level courses, and new faculty/administrators in our four concentration areas.

SMC currently has a Science building that is in dire need of updating. We are investigating many options including renovation or purchasing an existing facility off campus.

Our leadership team, along with Student Services, are reviewing our processes and procedures. We know that the change in age and level of our students will bring about new changes, and we are trying to be proactive in addressing them.

Action(s) required from the 2019 Annual Conference:

SMC will need approval of our Board of Trustees nominees.

If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:

Since 1911, SMC has provided education and opportunity to young people who might otherwise be able to access it. Every person on this campus, from the staff, to our faculty, to President Cochran, is committed to shepherding these young people in the direction of love, peace, and prosperity.

It is our belief that the ongoing work to move into offering a four-year option at SMC will enable us to better reach these students. Time and again, we have heard from graduating students that they wish they could remain at SMC in our familial, supportive atmosphere. Now we can offer them that opportunity to continue to grow in knowledge, citizenship, and faith while continuing to be nurtured by our committed, caring faculty and staff.

Narrative:

Freshman Kimberly Wynn plans to one day become an art therapist, with a little help from her psychology degree and her experience working in photography. "Photography has been a really good way for me to have an outlet," says Wynn. "If I'm feeling sad or angry, I can go get my camera and take some self-portraits and there's art in that. I'll definitely recommend it to patients that like photography. I'll try to tell people that if they can't really understand their emotions to just go take some pictures and it really helps." Wynn's love of photography, which she says started when she was around 6 years old, has morphed into her own business. Her first clients were some friends from her homeschool community who offered to pay her for photo shoots. "A lot of my friends really liked to take pictures, so we would take pictures of each other, and then some of them said 'I'll pay you if you'd take pictures of my family,'" recalls Wynn, "and I thought 'that's actually a really good idea,' so I started doing it and really loved it."

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WOFFORD COLLEGE

On Oct. 18, 2018 Wofford College announced a new \$300 million comprehensive campaign to bolster our commitment to the mission of providing superior liberal arts education that prepares students for extraordinary and positive contributions to society. We remain good stewards of our resources – including support from the United Methodist Church – to create an environment in which students can develop excellence in character, performance, leadership, service to other and lifelong learning.

Other highlights during 2018 include the college's celebration of the 50th anniversary of Interim, a month of innovative learning opportunities that extend the walls of the traditional classroom; several students interned with faith-based organizations during the month. The James-Atkins Student-Managed Investment Fund also celebrated its 10th anniversary during the year. Through the fund, students gain real-life investment experience through portfolio management, including managing a series of microloans to small-business owners in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Wofford installed a VideoLink ReadyCam Studio to connect college experts with networks around the world. The studio is part of the Hipp Center for National Security and Foreign Policy. In addition, the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations funded several faculty development initiatives, including a Community-Engaged Faculty Fellows program to institutionalize support to faculty who have shown an interest in including civic engagement in their classes. Since the program started, 19 faculty members spanning 12 disciplines have developed and taught mutually beneficial academic civic engagement courses, collaborating with more than 25 partner organizations in the community and engaging more than 300 students.

Wofford College continues to be a national leader in the collegiate interfaith movement thanks to the expertise in this field of the Rev. Dr. Ron Robinson, a 1978 graduate of Wofford and the Perkins-Prothro Chaplain and Professor of Religion, and Dr. Trina Jones, associate professor of religion and associate provost for curriculum and co-curriculum, both of whom have been called upon nationally to speak and consult on the topic. Robinson, for example, was a speaker at The Parliament of World Religions in Toronto, Canada, in November 2018. His topic was "Academic Perspectives on Religious Pluralism." Also, in January, Robinson and Dr. Philip Swicegood, R. Michael James Professor of Finance, took 20 students to Oxford, England, to study the writings and Christian faith of C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien.

Over the summer Robinson and Jones supported an initiative to send Wofford's diverse, newly elected Campus Union executive officers to the Interfaith Leadership Institute Conference in Chicago. During the fall semester, they also taught Interfaith Engagement and Religious Pluralism course. As part of the course, Robinson and Jones took the class to Washington, D.C., for a long weekend. There they visited a variety of religious, governmental and nonprofit leaders, including the Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe, general secretary of the General Board of Church and Society.

Robinson continues to direct interfaith programs at the college and serves as a credentialed coach through the United Methodist Church. He also teaches classes such as "Religion, Literature and the Environment" and "Religion in the American South." Elizabeth Fields directs the Halligan Center for Religious and Spiritual Life on campus, and the Rev. Paige Matthews Wolfe, a 2007 Wofford graduate and minister of Christian education and programs at Central United Methodist Church in Spartanburg, works with the college's Wesley Fellowship.

Wofford College remains committed to access and affordability. Currently first-generation students make up 15 percent of Wofford's student body. These students now have access to a new Pipeline to Postsecondary Success program, funded through the Jolley Foundation. The program is designed to help these first-gen students acclimate to campus and build a toolbox of skills that will help them succeed in college. During the 2018-19 academic year Wofford distributed more than \$50 million in merit and need-based scholarships, federal and state aid, as well as outside scholarships and loans. A third of Wofford's budget goes toward scholarships and financial assistance, and 94 percent of Wofford students receive some form of financial assistance. Specifically, the college's 233 United Methodist students (14 percent of the student body) shared in more than \$8.1 million in financial aid this year (100 percent of the South Carolina Annual Conference's contribution goes toward financial assistance for these deserving students).

Our sincere thanks go to the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church and the many servant-leaders who support higher education. Please come see for yourself the good work you help make possible at Wofford College.

Nayef H. Samhat, President

CHARLESTON WESLEY FOUNDATION

Purpose:

The Charleston Wesley Foundation exists on the campuses we serve (The Citadel, College of Charleston, Medical University of South Carolina, Trident Technical College, Charleston Southern University) to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We seek to help followers of Christ grow in their faith and faithfulness to Jesus Christ. At CWF, we proclaim the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as articulated by the doctrines of the United Methodist Church. Not all of our students are Methodist (many aren't, and some do not profess the Christian faith). We welcome all who would join us on this journey of faith in Christ, regardless of where they are.

Key moments from previous year

1. CWF baptized 6 students this school year and several professions of faith, celebrating their step of faith in Jesus Christ and commitment to growth as His disciple.
2. CWF sent 4 mission teams this school year, engaging in mission work in Ecuador, Rwanda, and the Florida Keys. This work included over 75 students participating in hurricane recovery work, supporting impoverished children across the globe, engaging in the life of the church and the work of social justice on three different continents. In addition to local mission work, the desire of the students of CWF to engage missionally continues to grow.
3. CWF once again engaged with over 5,000 students through outreach events across the five campuses this year. Additionally, over 250 students came to the weekly worship gatherings and Bible studies with a weekly high attendance reaching over 300 students.
4. CWF is fostering 15 students exploring calls to vocational ministry. These students have heard God's call and are prayerfully discerning how God is calling them to fulfill this call. Two will be beginning the process to become ordained elders in the UMC.
5. While local fundraising is currently able to support much of what CWF is doing, keeping up with the financial needs of the ministry continues to be a daunting challenge. In order to effectively engage students at all five campuses, CWF needs for the SCAC to fund an associate campus minister.

Priorities/objectives for the coming year:

1. Continue to develop leadership infrastructure to assist the CWF campus pastors in engaging students and helping them grow as disciples.
2. Create a "Wesley House" for intentional Christian community. This space will be a ministry gold mine, allowing students a dedicated space for worship, study, and community in the name of Christ.
3. Continue to grow our vocational internship program in order to strengthen the ministry engagement that CWF has done with students and truly make it a program that helps students discern their call to ministry and equips and guides them on that journey.
4. Develop better individual discipleship engagement. With the limited pastoral resources CWF has, there is simply not enough time to meet the counseling and individual discipling needs. Small groups, student leadership, and adult volunteers are helpful. However, they are not substitutes for pastoral engagement.
5. Secure adequate funding for campus pastoral staff. Even with the significant gains in fundraising, CWF needs to secure more reliable sources of income (specifically the Annual Conference funding an Associate position) to allow CWF to focus on discipleship development with adequate pastoral staff for the hundreds of students connected to our ministry.

Action required from 2018 Annual Conference:

The CWF Board of Directors requests the SC Annual Conference to fund an associate campus pastor position

for CWF. This position will be paid at minimum salary for a full elder. The person for this position will preferably be ordained, but a non-ordained person can fulfill this role (as done at other Wesley Foundations). The candidate will be submitted by the CWF board of directors and approved by the Bishop and cabinet (per normal appointment guidelines for campus ministry). The overwhelming student need (200+ students involved weekly and 5,000+ students ministered to every year) requires greater pastoral care from the United Methodist church. Investing in our next generation of committed disciples in the UMC is necessary now more than ever.

If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:

God is continuing to grow CWF numerically and grant wonderful success in its ministry to the college students in the Charleston area. This is evident through the participation numbers, professions of faith, baptisms, growth in faith, missional involvement, and social justice engagement. The ministry needs more pastoral support and the fundraising required is causing a constant drain on the ministry. CWF needs the Annual Conference to add an additional Conference funded Associate position to keep the ministry at the success level to which it has arrived.

Narrative:

There is a popular narrative that when a young adult goes to college they will leave their faith behind to explore other things and maybe return to it later when they have kids. While this may be true for many, CWF is a community breaking that mold. Recently, at a gathering of about 25 CWF students, the question was asked, "What has CWF meant to you?" Over 70% responded that their faith had been nominal or non-existent through high school. However, after coming to CWF they had realized the claim Jesus had on their life. They now had purpose and knew that God loved them beyond their imagination and they wanted to be the disciple God had made them to be. One student, a junior at the College of Charleston, said he arrived at college thinking of God like he thought of the Tooth Fairy. However, after growing through CWF he is now exploring a call to ministry!

Their time at CWF takes students beyond times of corporate worship and Bible study into action in the world. On a recent mission trip to Rwanda, CWF students were able to engage in a community that has come through unimaginable tragedy. After touring the national genocide memorial, seeing the pictures of graphic acts of genocide, sitting in the room of hundreds of skulls of victims crying out in the silence for justice, our students were deeply moved. How could they learn from these past events, through our engagement in the slums and work in the local villages? How could they participate in God's light and kingdom breaking through this great darkness? While working through these questions and with children of the Bumbogo community, a Citadel cadet noted, "my team did not speak Kinyarwanda but we spoke the language of service, humanity, and love - and those are universal." God's great love was breaking out in our midst!

Lessons learned in worship, through Bible study, and in the mission field have been applied in many ways by the CWF community. One of the most powerful has been through CWF joining the fight against sexual misconduct on campus. Campus ministry is on the front lines of both helping victims of harassment and assault heal and seek justice, as well as helping institutions combat this evil. It was students of CWF and other religious groups who were tasked with leading a school wide event attended by the entire student body. Along with some brave students, the CWF Director was asked to speak and was able to firmly address the issue and also share with the entire student body, "I can't imagine what the trauma you have experienced feels like. However, I do know the central person in my own faith, Jesus Christ, knows how victims feel. He was abused physically, talked about viciously, and even murdered on a cross. He knows this great pain personally. It brings me comfort to know that He understands our pains, loves us, and promises to be with us." In addition to the school wide efforts, it was amazing having older CWF students share their stories and empower younger students to come forward. Our students are helping each other heal, grow, and stand up for a better way of life.

None of these stories, none of the ministry highlighted above can be done without the support of the Annual Conference and local churches. We need your support more than ever. Know that hundreds of students are being regularly strengthened in their faith and thousands of students are being affected by the ministry of CWF every year.

Other ministry members:

Aly Lain will be joining CWF as a part time assistant campus pastor. This will be a joint position shared with Bethel UMC. (This position is made possible through initial grant support and local fundraising, not financial support from the annual conference).

CWF is in the process of trying to hire a new associate campus minister as our former associate Tasha James has taken the planned step of going active duty with the Air Force. (This position is completely funded locally and not supported by annual conference funds).

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CLEMSON WESLEY FOUNDATION

This has been another great year for Clemson Wesley. We continue to reach out to the college students at Clemson University, Tri-County Technical College and Southern Wesleyan University. Clemson Wesley partners with churches around the Anderson District and the conference. Clemson UMC remains a strong covenant partner with Clemson Wesley and provides a strong partnership in ministry to our community.

This past academic year we saw a new influx of students and student leaders after graduating close to 60 students the past two years. During the 2018-2019 school year Clemson Wesley averaged 154 students in weekly

worship and discipleship groups. 96 students participated in our fall and winter retreats and 40 students served in weeklong mission trips to Nashville and Eleuthera, Bahamas.

Investing in vital campus ministries that are bearing tangible fruit is an investment in the future of the UMC and the communities we live in. It is my hope that the S.C. Conference will continue to fund and even increase funding for campus ministries. Last year alone, Clemson Wesley raised over \$135,000 at the local level to help us reach our ministry goals. Many of you already understand the importance of this great ministry. All that we do at CW would not be possible without all of the Sunday school classes, men's and women's groups, youth pastors, clergy, individuals and congregations across the conference who faithfully support Clemson Wesley through apportionments and special gifts. It is an honor to partner with you as we reach out to our young adults on campus.

Lastly, We report the number of students we reach weekly and it's important to know that we do a lot of fundraising to make our ministry happen. However, what I'd like to celebrate most is the community that we have created. In a time where polarization seems to be the popular choice, we strive to be different. In a time where General Conference mirrors our ugly U.S. political divide, we seek to be different. In a time of insiders and outsiders, we choose to be different. We are not a perfect community but we seek to live together in love. On a given Sunday night you'll find conservatives and progressives eating and worshipping together. On a Tuesday night you'll find a small group where vastly different opinions are shared and appreciated. At Clemson Wesley we welcome all students and treat them like family the moment they walk in the door. We also understand that we all interpret scripture differently and bring various gifts. We love differently and live out calling as God's children differently. Here at Clemson Wesley we celebrate that diversity. Our goal is to model what it means to be a community of welcome, affirmation, challenge, growth and service. I'm thankful for this group of students that see to live life together. It's not always easy living into diversity but that juice is definitely worth the squeeze.

Rev Steve Simoneaux
Director, Clemson Wesley Foundation
Campus Minister, Clemson UMC

FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY WESLEY FOUNDATION ALIVE IN CHRIST STUDENT MINISTRIES

Purpose:

FMU Wesley Foundation is a student lead campus ministry active at Francis Marion University. It is open to all students who are interested in the Christian Faith. Our purpose is to Stay Rooted in Christ, Grow Stronger in our faith and to Love Deeply, those around us. We are Alive in Christ.

Key moments from the previous year:

This past year we are celebrating the growth of the Wesley Foundation by the constant student participation in activities throughout the year. We celebrate too, the connection to our local churches and the support we received from them for our ministry at FMU. We implemented a completely new leadership team successfully and have seen them lead with great success. The students also, successfully raised money for a scholarship at FMU in memory of a FMU student who passed way in 2018.

Objectives for the coming year:

We are currently working on several things. The students and I are trying to increase awareness of our group on campus by putting up more fliers, as we are allowed and the implantation of a freshman small group. We had success with drawing students with the fliers but none with the small group. Another area we are making changes is in our social media presence. We are changing how we relate on Facebook and in the process of bringing back up our Instagram account. These are the platforms that the students relate to and use in the group. The board is working on increasing participation on our board, and selecting people with commitment to our ministry. In addition, our board is working on the Constitution and By-Laws for the group.

Action(s) required from the 2019 Annual Conference:

None

If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:

With FMU Wesley, being a part time ministry there is not adequate time for pastoral care and disciplining to be offered to the students as needed. However, FMU Wesley continually seeks to reach and do ministry though events that will offer the best opportunity for the students to engage in fellowship, missions and to strengthen their spiritual lives, no matter how involved and time consuming it maybe. This ministry is dedicated to transforming lives of students.

Narrative:

In closing I would like to share with you a word from one our recent student graduates...

"FMU Wesley, Alive in Christ, is a wonderful student organization that has been helpful to me a lot in the many years of my college career. It has helped me to become an active member in the community. It was great serving at OMships, Help for Kids, and Trunk or Treat at Highland Park UMC. This group has given me a sense of family on campus. It is filled with people I can trust and a lot of people that I have grown to love. This experience is going to live on with me the rest of my life. Our group has been there for me. My sophomore year I came to Alive in Christ expecting to meet new people and to learn more about Jesus and gain a new perspective.

Now, leaving the group I will miss the relationships I have built within the group and relationships that this group helped me to build on campus, in the community and with other churches.” – Gregory P.

With God’s help may we continue to transform the lives of students on our campuses across the state.

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FURMAN WESLEY FELLOWSHIP

Purpose:

The ministry of Furman Wesley Fellowship serves the Furman University community in the values of the United Methodist Church. We seek to be “A Place to Be, Belong, Connect, & Engage” for the student of Furman.

Key moments from the previous year:

This has been a great year at Furman Wesley. We have seen a great response from our freshmen class, as well as, great leadership and direction provided by those who returned to campus. We believe that some of the best aspects of our ministry are helping our freshmen transition into the college culture, allowing students to find their identity in Christ, and preparing our students to move away from college in order to be Christ-like leaders in world. We celebrate that through our Small Groups, divided by classes, we have been able to speak into the various challenges and concerns each student may face during the year. As we began the year, we were challenged by the message of James and how these Bible passages give direction for living as more faithful disciples in our current world. This past semester the focus centered on the gods [yes, that is supposed to be lower-case] we worship on our campus, and in our world: the gods of Achievement, Freedom, Status, Pleasure, Information, Voice, Responsibility, and New. Unfortunately, these gods don't just reside on the college campuses of our world – but rather, reside also in our government, world, and church. I am excited that each week our students were open to the thought-provoking message and ready to follow the One, True God who speaks words of love and acceptance into our beings. It has been amazing to see that even in our brokenness, we have remained committed to loving one another with grace.

Objectives for the coming year:

Obviously, our biggest priority is the sustainable ministry with young adults at Furman University. We have been blessed in our ministry with gracious supporters who see the value in our ministry. However, we recognize the importance of being proactive in the ever-changing environment of the UMC and the world in which we live. Our Wesley Board is continually looking at ways to remain a healthy and vibrant ministry. Another priority continues to be leadership development and vocational discernment. As each student finds their way into our ministry, it is our desire to help them identify their gifts and discover the ways God may desire to use them for the kingdom. One of the new things we have incorporated in to our leadership structure is one-on-one meetings for the sole purpose of assisting the students be better leaders through a mentoring relationship. Our hope is that we can help each student find their voice in the mission of Christ. Finally, it is our strong desire at Furman Wesley Fellowship to find ways to engage the larger Greenville and UMC communities. It is very easy to get ‘secluded’ on our campus and become too focused on the needs within those walls. However, we recognize the connective nature of our church, and honestly our world, and desire to reach beyond the walls in order to give back to the people who are so gracious in supporting our ministry. Each year we seek out at least two ways to engage the community; next year we hope to do more.

Action(s) required from the 2019 Annual Conference:

None, this report is for information only.

If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:

The ministry at Furman Wesley Fellowship, and all our collegiate ministries across the denomination, is some of the most important work we do as an Annual Conference. It is almost weekly that someone will ask me, “How do we get young people into our churches?” My question back is, “Why do you want young people in your church? Is it to bolster your attendance or make your church feel good about ‘having young people again’? Or, is it because you, like me, realize that young people need to be valued for who they are and are seeking the love, grace, and mercy that Christ has to offer?” Our Furman Wesley Fellowship desires to pour into the lives of young people, and we pray that our Annual Conference will join our collegiate ministries’ mission by making ministry with young adults a priority in our church.

Narrative:

One of the phrases I have heard in our denomination recently is “making room for all.” I think that phrase means different things to different people, but for us at Furman Wesley we have seen first-hand the importance of “making room.” Each year we host a Wesley Winter Day which includes ice skating, a shared meal, and a hockey game. This year however, our group faced a new challenge – how do you make everyone feel included when some may be excluded. You see, we have been blessed with a few folks for whom mobility is an issue, and clearly going ice skating posed the greatest challenge to our desire for inclusion. As I wrestled [internally and externally] with what to do, my students already had a plan. They contacted Roger C Peace Rehabilitation Center and inquired about how we might make accommodations for our members. Upon learning that we could borrow ice hockey sleds [at no cost], they set a time to meet the folks at Roger C Peace and pick up the sleds. Our Winter Day is always amazing; however, the group of 22 would have been incomplete without the 2 who

could have easily been left out, and for our amazing, ingenious, and determined students, inclusion was the only option! Is it always easy to make accommodations? No. But is it worth it to do the hard work? The smiles shared on the ice rink ring an emphatic YES!

Rev. Edward Lovell McCutcheon, Director and Campus Minister
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Other ministry members:

The names of our Furman Wesley Board are listed in the nominations portion of the Journal.

THE WINTHROP WESLEY FOUNDATION

Purpose:

The Winthrop Wesley Foundation creates a safe space for students from Winthrop University and York Technical College to experience the love of God, build community, explore and grow in faith, and to live out that faith through service on campus, in the community, and beyond.

Key moments from the previous year:

Over the past school year, Winthrop Wesley has connected students with each other and the love of God through fellowship meals, off-campus outings, retreats, and numerous other social activities on and off campus. We've fostered personal and spiritual growth through weekly worship services, small groups and Bible studies, peer mentoring and support groups, and special joint events with area churches and other campus ministries. And we've helped our students live out their faith through engaging in local missions, participating in numerous service projects in the community and beyond, and supporting global mission and relief efforts. We have also been particularly successful at connecting with students who have felt marginalized or have not "fit in" anywhere else on campus.

Objectives for the coming year:

In the coming year, Winthrop Wesley hopes to increase our ministry to marginalized students and better connect with those most in need of community. This especially includes students who've never been a part of a church or who've felt abused or abandoned by a church in the past.

We also hope to better engage our students in missions, particularly through trips and/or events off campus and beyond our community.

With regards to our Board of Directors, we continue to increase involvement and productivity; our hope is to continue that momentum.

Finally, our Board is currently assessing our properties for needed repairs and potential renovations/upgrades. We hope to begin at least some of those projects this summer.

Action(s) required from the 2019 Annual Conference:

Our nominations for our 2019-20 Board of Directors requires approval by the Conference.

If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:

God has continued to use Winthrop Wesley to impact and transform the lives of college students so that they might become better disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. However, none of that would have been possible without the churches, groups, individuals, and members of our conference who have generously poured out their prayers, encouragement, gifts, and resources to bless, support, and sustain our vital ministry. Thank you for everything you have done and will do to help our students experience the love of Jesus in the midst of an incredibly important time of growth and transition. You have helped us transform lives, and for that we are truly grateful.

Narrative:

"Growing up, I was involved in a very active and close-knit youth group. Coming to college, I had low expectations for a campus ministry, because I thought nothing would compare to that experience I had. However, Winthrop Wesley proved me wrong. My very first time at Wesley...I already knew that it was the right place for me to be. Students at Wesley very quickly became my closest friends on campus, the building became a safe place for me, and Pastor Ricky became a spiritual leader and mentor to me. I've been through some very rough times since my time at Winthrop, and I mean it when I say that every person at Wesley has had my back and supported me. There is no other place on campus that could have provided this for me, so I am forever grateful for Winthrop Wesley." (Sydney, Junior)

"I honestly do not know where I would be without Wesley...Wesley has given me a place to go when I feel like I have no one else to turn to. I am never afraid to come to Wesley just like I am, and I am always confident that I will be accepted...Wesley has changed my life, and there are not enough words that I can use to express my thanks for my campus ministry." (Ali, Class of 2018)

Richard Reber Howell, Jr. (Ricky), Director
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BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION & CAMPUS MINISTRY

Purpose:

To equip, coordinate, oversee and advocate for collegiate ministry in the Annual Conference. We relate directly to United Methodist colleges & universities, including Claflin, Columbia College, and Wofford; as well as campus ministries in Charleston, Clemson, Furman, Francis Marion, Orangeburg, USC, Winthrop and growing opportunities at Lander, Wofford, and Coker.

Key moments from the previous year:

The BHECM continues to revive its wide scope of work, after beginning to restructure in 2014. This year, we've totally redesigned their processes for reporting, ministry reflection, and fund requests, through the work of new Personnel and Finance subcommittees. We continue to recruit new board members for these roles.

In 2018 we also experienced a change in leadership as Rev. Connie Barnes departed Orangeburg Wesley to return to an appointment in the local church. The BHECM helped guide the Orangeburg Local Board of Directors through the hiring of Rev. Mary Haggard, an exceptional veteran of Campus Ministry in the Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference. To better guide through future transitions, we also adopted an "Advisory Response" process to encourage Campus Ministers to articulate their long-term goals in appointed ministry.

This past Spring, we offered our first annual training for Wesley Boards of Directors, with expert presenters touching on a variety of topics. The goal is to use these statewide gatherings to work toward common best practices in Campus Ministry.

The BHECM is also honored to say a special word of gratitude to President Henry N. Tisdale upon his retirement after 25 years of outstanding service to Claflin University. From the time that he arrived at Claflin to today, President Tisdale has been an untiring advocate for the university, its faculty/staff, students, and alumni. His diligent work has helped propel Claflin to award-winning status. As United Methodists, let's say, "THANK YOU!" and pray God's blessings on he and his wife, First Lady Alice Tisdale.

Objectives for the coming year:

This coming year, we hope to continue to add to the membership of the BHECM as we grow into other areas of collegiate ministry. This means strengthening our current network of resourcing and accountability, while also expanding on our responsibilities as outlined in the Book of Discipline, especially including a wide-ranging evaluation of the needs for collegiate ministry in the state of South Carolina. This task includes a survey to determine the most fertile mission fields for future new campus ministry startups.

An ongoing objective is to highlight and advocate for the funding needs in Campus Ministry. We hope to be as creative as possible in identifying local sources of support for the Wesley Foundations, as well as how we articulate the needs across the Annual Conference.

Action(s) required from the 2019 Annual Conference:

None

If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:

United Methodist ministry is taking place on the campuses of many of South Carolina's colleges and universities. Our United Methodist schools are exceptional, and are tirelessly working to grow stronger. Our Wesley Foundations are on the front lines with what may be THE most critical age and stage of discipleship: ministry to those students 18-25. It's the season in many people's lives when they make lifelong decisions of faith and vocation, whether to be Christians at all and in what form or fashion. It's also a primary source for young clergy. Campus Ministry needs your support, prayerfully, personally, and financially.

Narrative:

None

Rev. Josh McClendon, Chair
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Other ministry members:

Members from Connectional Ministries: Kit Adkins, Bob Barrett, Daniel Canada, Rev. Mallory Forte, Alison Hood, Meg Jiunnies, Lisa Livingston, Rev. Josh McClendon, Rev. Elizabeth Murray, Johannah Myers

Cabinet Representatives: Rev. Cathy Jamieson, Rev. Tim Rogers
Representatives from the Presidents of Claflin, Columbia College, and Wofford

Chaplains: Rev. Timohty Drum, Rev. Dr. Ernest Etheredge (Interim)
Rev. Ron Robinson

Those working in Campus Ministry: Sharon Britz, Rev. Mary Haggard, Rev. Ricky Howell, Lou Jordan, Rev. Paige Matthews, Rev. Aaron Meadows, Rev. Edward McCutcheon, Rev. Steve Simoneaux, Rev. Tom Wall

**THE BOARD OF PENSION AND HEALTH BENEFITS
PENSION SECTION**

Report Number One

A. Past Service Rate

The Board of Pension and Health Benefits requests that the South Carolina Annual Conference fix **\$813** per service year as the rate for annuity payments to retired ministers under the Supplement One of the Clergy Retirement Security Plan (otherwise known as Pre-82) for 2020. (This rate was **\$797** for the year 2019.) This shall include service annuity credits approved prior to January 1, 1982. An eligible surviving spouse shall receive 75% of the formula benefit upon the death of the participant.

B. Direct Billing

1. The Board of Pensions requests that direct billings to salary paying units be made to give the Board of Pension and Health Benefits (The Pension Fund), \$4,939,523.00 for the pension program of the South Carolina Annual Conference for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020, and that this sum be apportioned or billed to the churches of the South Carolina Annual Conference.
2. For 2020, each institution, organization or district to which a minister is appointed and enrolled shall pay to the South Carolina Annual Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits an amount equal to **\$497** per month for full-time clergy for the Defined Benefit portion of the Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP). This includes all full-time clergy (including deacons) who are under Episcopal appointment (receiving compensation) at a local church, charge, conference or conference responsible unit or entity related to the South Carolina Annual Conference. (This rate was \$497 per month in 2019.) An amount equal to three percent (3%) of the appointed participant's Plan Compensation shall be paid for the defined contribution portion of the CRSP. This amount must be matched by a contribution of 1% by the participating pastor in his/her United Methodist Personal Investment Account. Any surplus funds collected will be used for actuarial and collection smoothing. An amount equal to 3% of the appointed participant's Plan Compensation, limited by 200% of the Denomination Average Compensation, shall be paid for Comprehensive Protection Plan funding or other benefit plan. Such payments shall be made for each minister so appointed, and paid monthly crediting in twelve equal installments from deposits made in the Deposit Account of the South Carolina Annual Conference with Wespeth Benefits & Investments, by the treasurer of the South Carolina Annual Conference. Churches/charges participating in ACH automated payment system (bank draft) may receive up to a \$10.00 per month discount on their pension payment.
3. For 2020, the Board of Pension & Health Benefits recommends each institution, organization or district to which a part-time minister is appointed and enrolled pay to Wespeth Benefits & Investments, an amount equal to twelve percent for participation in a defined contribution 403(b) pension program called the United Methodist Personal Investment Plan (UMPIP). For all clergy who are under Episcopal appointment and considered part-time (receiving compensation) at a local church, charge, conference or conference-responsible unit or entity related to the South Carolina Annual Conference, the salary paying unit shall pay an amount equal to 9.0% of the appointed participant's Plan Compensation for the matching portion of the defined contribution portion of the UMPIP. This amount must be matched by a contribution of 3% by the participating pastor in their United Methodist Personal Investment Account. Each church with a less than full-time clergy will be required to complete an adoption agreement with the Wespeth Benefits & Investments. The pension cost, both the church's share and the participant's match, will be billed from Wespeth Benefits & Investments.

C. Fiscal Year

1. The fiscal year of the Board of Pensions shall be the same as that of the South Carolina Annual Conference.

D. Moving Expenses

1. The Board of Pension and Health Benefits authorizes one-time moving expense reimbursement grants, not to exceed **\$1,800**, and including up to \$350 in verified packing expenses, for newly incapacitated ministers receiving CPP Incapacity Benefits, surviving spouses of ministers, participants in the Voluntary Transition Program, or newly retired ministers in benefit, moving from the parsonage provided by the charge. Persons moving must file for the one-time reimbursement grant not later than 90 days after first reception of pensions or disability benefits and may use the funds for moving expenses and/or for connection/tap on or hookup fees in the new residence. This amount was **\$1,800** for 2018.

E. Resolution Relating to Rental/Housing Allowances for Active, Retired or Disabled Clergypersons of the South Carolina Annual Conference

The South Carolina Annual Conference (the "Conference") adopts the following resolutions relating to rental/housing allowances for active, retired, or disabled clergypersons of the Conference:

WHEREAS, the religious denomination known as The United Methodist Church (the "Church"), of which this Conference is a part, has in the past functioned and continues to function through ministers of the gospel (within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code section 107) who were or are duly ordained, commissioned, or licensed ministers of the Church ("Clergypersons");

1 WHEREAS, the practice of the Church and of this Conference was and is to provide active Clergypersons
2 with a parsonage or a rental/housing allowance as part of their gross compensation;

3 WHEREAS, pensions or other amounts paid to active, retired, terminated, and disabled Clergypersons are
4 considered to be deferred compensation and are paid to active, retired, terminated, and disabled Clergy-persons
5 in consideration of previous active service; and

6 WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service has recognized the Conference (or its predecessors) as the
7 appropriate organization to designate a rental/housing allowance for Clergypersons who are or were members
8 of this Conference and are eligible to receive such deferred compensation;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: THAT an amount equal to 100% of the pension or disability pay-
10 ments received from plans authorized under *The Book of Discipline* of The United Methodist Church (the
11 "*Discipline*"), which includes all such payments from the Wespath Benefits & Investments, during the years 2018,
12 2019, and 2020 by each active, retired, terminated, or disabled Clergyperson who is or was a member of the
13 Conference, or its predecessors, be and hereby is designated as a rental/housing allowance for each such
14 Clergyperson; and

15 THAT the pension, severance, or disability payments to which this rental/housing allowance applies will
16 be any pension or disability payments from plans, annuities, or funds authorized under the *Discipline*, including
17 such payments from the Wespath Benefits/Investments and from a commercial annuity company that provides
18 an annuity arising from benefits accrued under a Wespath plan, annuity, or fund authorized under the *Discipline*,
19 that result from any service a Clergyperson rendered to this Conference or that an active, a retired, or a disa-
20 bled Clergyperson of this Conference rendered to any local church, annual conference of the Church, general
21 agency of the Church, other institution of the Church, former denomination that is now a part of the Church, or
22 any other employer that employed the Clergyperson to perform services related to the ministry of the Church, or
23 its predecessors, and that elected to make contributions to, or accrue a benefit under, such a plan, annuity, or
24 fund for such active, retired, or disabled Clergyperson's pension or disability as part of his or her gross compen-
25 sation.

26 **NOTE:** The rental/housing allowance that may be excluded from a Clergyperson's gross income in any year for
27 federal income tax purposes is limited under Internal Revenue Code section 107(2) and regulations there
28 under to the least of: (1) the amount of the rental/housing allowance designated by the Clergyperson's em-
29 ployer or other appropriate body of the Church (such as this Conference in the foregoing resolutions) for
30 such year; (2) the amount actually expended by the Clergyperson to rent or provide a home in such year; or
31 (3) the fair rental value of the home, including furnishings and appurtenances (such as a garage), plus the
32 cost of utilities in such year.

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35 **Report Number Two**
36 **2019 Pension and Welfare Operating Budget**

| Requirement | 2019 Budgeted | 2020 Estimated |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Past Service Payment | | |
| Clergy Retirement Service Plan | | |
| (CRSP) Defined Benefit Amount | \$2,601,725 | \$2,534,522 |
| CRSP Defined Contribution (3%) | \$1,110,110 | \$1,136,753 |
| CRSP Welfare Plan (3%) or | | |
| Benefits Funding | \$1,086,180 | \$1,112,248 |
| Clergy Transition* | \$126,000 | \$126,000 |
| Grants/Contingency* | \$30,000 | \$30,000 |
| Total Estimated Requirement | \$4,954,015 | \$4,939,523 |

| Estimated Income | 2019 Budgeted | 2020 Estimated |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Institutional Payments | | |
| Apportionment* | \$156,000 | \$156,000 |
| Direct Bill Payments | \$4,798,015 | \$4,783,523 |
| Total Estimated Income | \$4,954,015 | \$4,939,523 |

| Amount to be apportioned | 2019 Budget | 2020 Estimated |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Clergy Transition* | \$126,000 | \$126,000 |
| Grants/Contingency* | \$30,000 | \$30,000 |
| Total Apportioned Pensions | \$156,000 | \$156,000 |

*To be apportioned

Valerie Brooks-Madden, Chairperson
Thelma Hudson, Secretary

THE BOARD OF PENSION AND HEALTH BENEFITS GROUP INSURANCE SECTION

Report Number One

The insurance program of the South Carolina Conference is designed to provide its eligible employees (as defined herein), and their eligible dependents, with a comprehensive plan for major medical benefits and a Medicare supplement.

A. Eligibility: The following are eligible for coverage under the program:

1. Those employed and funded by a local church either as Full or Three-Quarter (3/4) time Elders in Full Connection, Associate Members, Local Pastors, Provisional Elders, within the South Carolina Annual Conference and included in the Hospitalization and Medical Expense Program Adoption Agreement.
2. Ministers who are full time or three-quarter time employees of and funded by the Annual Conference boards, councils or agencies.
3. District Superintendents.
4. Lay persons who are full-time employees of and funded by the Annual Conference.
5. Ordained ministers from other United Methodist Annual Conferences and ordained ministers from other Methodist denominations, and other denominations, under Episcopal appointment fully employed and funded by a local church or charge of the South Carolina Annual Conference under the provisions of Paragraphs 346.1 and 346.2 of the 2008 *Book of Discipline*.
6. Provisional Deacons, Provisional Deacons/1992, and Diaconal ministers related to and serving a local church enrolled and funded by a local church of the South Carolina Annual Conference currently meeting the underwriting guidelines of the South Carolina Annual Conference group insurance plan. The salary-paying unit must establish the funding basis with the Annual Conference on the current advanced premium.

B. Eligibility: The following are eligible for coverage under the retiree program:

1. Retired clergy who have been under full time appointment to a local church with pension responsibility by the South Carolina Annual Conference, and who are immediately eligible to receive pension or incapacity benefits, and who have participation in the active group health plan of the South Carolina Annual Conference, the last ten (10) years of which were continuous and consecutive, shall be eligible for participation in the retiree health care program of the Annual Conference and their respective spouses if spouse is covered at least five continuous and consecutive years immediately prior to retirement. A Retired Participant at the time of his or her Early Retirement Date or Normal Retirement Date, will be allowed to be tolled if coverage under a previous employer's or spouse's group plan is available, during the period of time between the Termination of Employment and the Early Retirement Date or Normal Retirement Date and loss of such coverage.
2. Retired lay employees who have attained age 62 and have been full-time employees of the South Carolina Annual Conference or a local church of the South Carolina Annual Conference, and who are immediately eligible to receive United Methodist pension or incapacity benefits, and who have participation in the active group health plan of the South Carolina Annual Conference, the last ten (10) years of which were continuous and consecutive, shall be eligible for participation in the retiree health care program of the Annual Conference and their respective spouses if spouse is covered at least five continuous and consecutive years immediately prior to retirement. A Retired Participant at the time of his or her Early Retirement Date or Normal Retirement Date, will be allowed to be tolled if coverage under a previous employer's or spouse's group plan is available, during the period of time between the Termination of Employment and the Early Retirement Date or Normal Retirement Date and loss of such coverage.
3. Those retired clergy or incapacitated employees, referred to herein as lay persons, immediately eligible to receive pension or disability benefits from the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits at the beginning of the month following the month in which the retired relation or disability leave with disability benefits takes place, and who had a minimum of ten (10) continuous and consecutive years of active participation in the South Carolina Annual Conference group health plan at the time of retirement or the granting of Basic Protection Plan incapacity benefits by the General Board of Pensions,

- 1 and their respective spouses if spouse is covered at least five continuous and consecutive years
2 immediately prior to retirement.
- 3 4. Funding for the group insurance plans upon retirement in benefit from the South Carolina Annual
4 Conference shall be based on full time employment by the Annual Conference, full time appointment
5 to a local church or eligible extension ministry with pension responsibility by the South Carolina Annual
6 Conference. Funding shall be \$100.00 per month for single participant and \$200.00 per month for
7 Married participants and an additional \$100 per month for dependents who meet the requirements of
8 paragraph six. (This funding is \$200.00 per month for single participant and \$400.00 per month for
9 Married participants and an additional \$200 per month for dependents who meet the requirements of
10 paragraph six for those retirees who retired in 2015 or earlier). This funding will be paid through a
11 Health Reimbursement Account. This funding cannot be allowed to purchase an employer group policy
12 other than one sponsored or administered by the Annual Conference or its designee. Enrollment in the
13 HRA must be done through the AmWins Benefits Coordinator.

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16 **Report Number Two**
17 **Major Medical Insurance Benefits**
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19 During the year 2018-2019 the South Carolina Board of Pension and Health Benefits (the Board) has reviewed
20 options for providing health benefits for both eligible lay employees and clergy and current and future retirees
21 under the health plan. After review of these options, the Board recommends the following:

22 **A. HealthFlex Exchange**

23 The South Carolina Annual Conference has elected to participate in the HealthFlex Exchange, managed
24 health care plan of Wespath Benefits and Investments for active participants and eligible dependents. The
25 HealthFlex Exchange provides an array of plans to help the needs of our appointed clergy and eligible lay
26 employees. These plan are summarized in the following table.

| Plan | Individual Deductible | Participant +1 or Family Deductible | Included Reimbursement Account* | Included Reimbursement Account Amount |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| B1000 PPO | \$1,000 | \$2,000 | N/A | N/A |
| CDHP C2000 | \$2,000 | \$4,000 | HRA | \$1,000 Single \$2000 Family |
| CDHP C3000 | \$3,000 | \$6,000 | HRA | \$250 Single \$500 Family |
| HDHP H1500 | \$1,500 | \$3,000 | HSA | \$750 Single \$1500 Family |
| HDHP H2000 | \$2,000 | \$4,000 | HSA | \$500 Single \$1000 Family |
| HDHP H3000 | \$3,000 | \$6,000 | HSA | \$0 Single \$0 Family |

27 **B. Dental/Vision Coverage**

28 Eligible participants are also able to select from two optional benefits: an expanded vision benefit and a
29 dental plan. This will be in addition to a coverage selected from the HealthFlex Exchange.

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31 **C. HealthFlex Incentive Program**

32 The South Carolina Annual Conference will participate in the HealthFlex incentive program in 2020.
33 Details of this plan are available on Wespath Benefits and Investments website (www.wespath.org) under
34 the Center for Health tab which describes the current incentive program. These wellness and incentive
35 programs support and encourage participants and spouses to choose health behaviors that help positive
36 health results. An active participant and covered spouse can earn up to \$400 under this plan. The incen-
37 tive plan for 2020 is expected to continue to emphasize the completion of the HealthQuotient™ and the
38 Blueprint for Wellness® Screening as well as year round wellness activities.

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40 **D. Additional Information**

41 Additional information on the major medical expense plan is available from the Board of Pension and
42 Health Benefits, 4908 Colonial Drive, Columbia, SC 29203.

Report Number Three
Retiree Medical Primary Benefits

A. Post 65 Retirees

The South Carolina Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church will be offering their post 65 retirees one group Medicare supplement option and an option to choose a Supplemental plan through the Retiree Benefits Choice™ through AmWINS Group Benefits. One medical plan option will be similar to the current retiree plan and will be called the Standard plan. The additional option will be a hybrid Medicare Exchange by which a retiree can choose a plan from the Medicare Marketplace. There will be corresponding Rx options with the Standard Plan.

B. Administrator

AmWINS Group Benefits will be the administrator for the retiree benefit plans. AmWINS Group Benefits specializes in retiree benefit programs for companies, municipalities and religious organizations. AmWINS Group Benefits has over 700 retiree benefit clients nationally.

C. Services Provided

AmWINS Group Benefits will provide the following services for retirees of the South Carolina Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church.

- Retiree communications enrollment kit
- Group retiree meetings
- Retiree call center services
- Retiree website
- Billing and collecting of premiums
- Ongoing service and support for retirees

D. Handbook

A handbook explaining the provisions of Medicare is available from any district office of the Social Security Administration.

Report Number Four
Administrative Procedures

A. Enrollment

Enrollment in HealthFlex, the group insurance plan of the South Carolina Annual Conference, must be made within the first thirty days of eligibility or the first day actively at work. Late enrollment or enrollment for January 1st of any year must be completed with the Wespeth Benefits & Investments during open enrollment which is prior to November 30th of the preceding year. It should be noted that any continuation, changes, or initiation of Flexible Spending Accounts (Medical Reimbursement or dependent care accounts) must be done during this time through the open enrollment process and not on the ministerial support form.

B. Eligibility Requirements

Eligibility requirements are also set forth in the *HealthFlex Administrative Manual* published by the Center for Health of Wespeth Benefits & Investments, 1901 Chestnut Avenue, Glenview, IL 660025-1604.

C. Billing

At the first of each month, the Board of Pension and Health Benefits will send premium statements to the salary paying unit of the participants enrolled in the Conference Insurance Program and participants with Flexible Spending Accounts. Payments for group health premiums and Flexible Spending Accounts premiums shall be made on a monthly basis. At the first of each month, the Board of Pension and Health Benefits will send a statement to the salary paying units share of premiums relating to the participants enrolled in the Conference Insurance Program. These payments should be made on a monthly basis.

D. Cancellation of Coverage

It is imperative that each church/charge remit to the Annual Conference the participant's portion of the Health Benefits withheld from the participants compensation on a monthly basis. The Board of Pension and Health Benefits has instructed the benefits administrator to cancel the insurance coverage or the Flexible Spending Account of any participant whose payroll withholdings are not paid by the end of the month for which the church/charge has been billed. Clergy whose accounts are 60 days in arrears will be subject to immediate cancellation. Once cancelled the participant's coverage cannot be reinstated until the next open enrollment period, and then only if the unpaid balance has been paid. Churches or salary paying units are responsible for withholding premiums and other Flexible Spending Accounts from the compensation of participants and remitting payment to the Annual Conference when billed.

E. Ministers Serving in Eligible Extension Ministries

It is required that all Conference Boards and Agencies, served by ministers and others eligible for group insurance participation, pay for the "institutional share" of the insured's premium. This provision shall apply to the District Superintendents, Conference Staff and those serving United Methodist agencies for whom the South Carolina Annual Conference has pension responsibility. In every case the full cost of the group health premium

must be paid by the insured, the employer, or through the combined payments of the insured and the employer. Premium payments shall be made in accordance with the instructions printed on the monthly "Statement of Account". Premium payments are due at the first of the month for which the participant is billed.

F. Applications for Enrollment

Applications for enrollment in the Conference Insurance Program are available from the Board of Pension and Health Benefits, 4908 Colonial Drive, Columbia, SC 29203. The changed enrollment form must be completed and in the hands of the benefits administrator within 30 days from the date of eligibility. If not, the applicant will be ineligible until the next following enrollment period.

G. Board Oversight

The Board of Pension and Health Benefits is charged with oversight of the group insurance program of the South Carolina Annual Conference, the benefits of which program are outlined in the reports of the Board submitted to the Annual Conference. The Annual Conference approves the group insurance budget of the Board of Pension and Health Benefits. The Board is authorized to negotiate and contract with carriers or the Hospitalization and Medical Expense Program Administrator to maintain the level of benefits for the eligible participants, as defined by the Annual Conference.

H. Plan of First Refusal

The group health plan of the South Carolina Annual Conference (Conference Plan) shall be the plan of first refusal for covering dependents of clergy appointed to local churches in the Conference. Where covered clergy wish to cover their dependents, the local church will seek to cover such dependents through the Conference Plan, rather than purchasing outside health insurance. Local churches may be excused from this requirement in cases where such dependents may be covered through the employer of a covered clergyperson's spouse, or through a governmental plan, such as an SCHIP, and in cases of demonstrable financial hardship.

**Report Number Five
Group Health Insurance Operating Budget**

| Requirements | 2019 Budgeted | 2020 Estimated |
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| Active and Non-Medicare Retiree Group | | |
| Participant Only | \$2,940,240 | \$2,709,396 |
| Participant + 1 | \$2,399,220 | \$2,210,304 |
| Participant + Family | \$3,260,784 | \$2,685,912 |
| Total Estimated Active Group | \$8,600,244 | \$7,605,612 |
| Retired Group Medicare Eligible Sub Group | | |
| Defined Contribution* | \$953,234* | \$1,084,708* |
| Total Estimated Medicare Eligible | \$953,234 | \$1,084,708 |
| Total Retired and Active Groups | \$9,553,478 | \$8,690,320 |
| Other | | |
| Incapacitation/Transition* | \$167,000* | \$167,000* |
| Contribution to Post-Retirement Medical Reserve* | \$623,766* | \$392,292* |
| Total Estimated Other | \$790,766 | \$559,292 |
| Total Estimated Requirement | \$10,344,244 | \$9,249,612 |
| Estimated Income | | |
| Billing to Salary Paying Units | \$5,996,406 | \$5,332,320 |
| Apportioned to Churches | \$1,744,000 | \$1,644,000 |
| From Insured | \$2,986,211 | \$1,910,232 |
| From Other | \$100,000 | |
| From Institutional Payments | \$452,450 | \$430,380 |
| Total Estimated Income | \$11,279,067 | \$9,316,932 |

*Paid from apportioned funds

**Report Number Six
2020 Group Health Costs**

The Board of Pension & Health Benefits makes the following recommendation for action by the 2019 South Carolina Annual Conference.

1. Billing

The sum of \$7,672,932 be billed to the local church/charge and salary paying units for the Conference Insurance Program in 2020.

2. Apportionment Request

The Board of Pension & Health Benefits requests an apportionment of \$1,800,000:

- a. \$156,000 for Transitional Pension Funding
- b. \$167,000 for incapacitated and/or suspended participants.
- c. \$1,477,000 for Post-Retirement Health Funding

3. Premium Payments effective January 1, 2020

Active personal group insurance health premiums for eligible active clergy/survivor/conference lay employee categories (Categories delineated in A.1, A.2, A.3, A.4, and A.5 of Report Number One) shall be funded as shown below:

a. Health Benefit Fee

Churches/Charges who have an eligible appointed clergy will be billed a health benefit fee of \$1,063.00 per month or \$12,756.00 annually.

b. Premium Credit

The Health Benefit Fee will be the basis of a Premium Credit toward the HealthFlex Exchange according to coverage tier as shown below.

- i. Premium Credit for Participant Only coverage is expected to be \$725 per month (\$8,700 annually).
- ii. Premium Credit for Participant + one dependent coverage is expected to be \$1,340 per month (\$16,080 annually).
- iii. Premium Credit for Participant plus family coverage is expected to be \$1,790 per month (\$21,480 annually).

4. Total Premiums

Total Premiums for the 2020 HealthFlex Exchange Plans are outline in the following table.

| Plan | Tier | Monthly Premium | Annual Premium |
|--------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| PPO B1000 P1 | Participant | \$1,045 | \$12,540 |
| PPO B1000 P1 | Participant +1 | \$1,985 | \$23,820 |
| PPO B1000 P1 | Participant + Family | \$2,716 | \$32,592 |
| CDH C2000 P2 | Participant | \$992 | \$11,904 |
| CDH C2000 P2 | Participant +1 | \$1,886 | \$22,632 |
| CDH C2000 P2 | Participant + Family | \$2,580 | \$30,960 |
| CDH C3000 P2 | Participant | \$842 | \$10,104 |
| CDH C3000 P2 | Participant +1 | \$1,600 | \$19,200 |
| CDH C3000 P2 | Participant + Family | \$2,189 | \$26,268 |
| HDH H1500 P3 | Participant | \$966 | \$11,592 |
| HDH H1500 P3 | Participant +1 | \$1,836 | \$22,032 |
| HDH H1500 P3 | Participant + Family | \$2,513 | \$30,156 |
| HDH H2000 P4 | Participant | \$885 | \$10,620 |
| HDH H2000 P4 | Participant +1 | \$1,681 | \$20,172 |
| HDH H2000 P4 | Participant + Family | \$2,301 | \$27,612 |
| HDH H3000 P5 | Participant | \$771 | \$9,252 |
| HDH H3000 P5 | Participant +1 | \$1,465 | \$17,580 |
| HDH H3000 P5 | Participant + Family | \$2,005 | \$24,060 |

5. Default Plan

If a participant fails to make an election during the annual election (open enrollment) period, that participant and any covered dependents will be automatically enrolled in the CDH C3000 P2 plan. **Note: This does not constitute a recommendation by the Annual Conference, in fact, it probably is not the best plan for most participants, but is merely a plan default.**

1 **6. Optional Coverages**

2 Participants have the option to select expanded Vision (Vision Core is included) and Dental Coverages.

3 **a. Dental Care Premiums**

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| Plan | Tier | Monthly Premium | Annual Premium |
|------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Passive PPO 2000 | Participant | \$52 | \$624 |
| Passive PPO 2000 | Participant +1 | \$105 | \$1,260 |
| Passive PPO 2000 | Participant + Family | \$146 | \$1,752 |
| Dental PPO | Participant | \$43 | \$516 |
| Dental PPO | Participant +1 | \$84 | \$1,008 |
| Dental PPO | Participant + Family | \$119 | \$1,428 |
| Dental HMO | Participant | \$14 | \$168 |
| Dental HMO | Participant +1 | \$26 | \$312 |
| Dental HMO | Participant + Family | \$45 | \$540 |

5 **b. Vision Care Premiums**

| Plan | Tier | Monthly Premium | Annual Premium |
|--------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Vision Core | Participant | \$0 | \$0 |
| Vision Core | Participant +1 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Vision Core | Participant + Family | \$0 | \$0 |
| Full Service | Participant | \$5.96 | \$71.52 |
| Full Service | Participant +1 | \$9.60 | \$115.20 |
| Full Service | Participant + Family | \$15.16 | \$181.92 |
| Premier | Participant | \$14.38 | \$172.56 |
| Premier | Participant +1 | \$23.32 | \$279.84 |
| Premier | Participant + Family | \$37.02 | \$444.24 |

6 **7. Retiree (Retiree Spouse) Premiums Non Medicare**

- 7 a. Premiums for under 65 retirees non Medicare would be the same as active participants reduced by
- 8 the Defined Contributions for retirees. For those retired before July 1, 2015, the Defined Contribution
- 9 would be \$200 for single Participants and for a couple with a participating spouse it would be \$400 per
- 10 month under the provisions of Report Number One Paragraph A.5. For those retiring after July 1, 2015,
- 11 the Defined Contribution would be \$100 for single Participants and for a couple with a participating
- 12 spouse it would be \$200 per month under the provisions of Report Number One Paragraph A.5.

13 **8. Covered Participants with Negotiated Service, Compensation, & Benefits**

14 The estimated 2020 monthly group health insurance premiums for persons with negotiated service, com-

15 pensation and benefits, Deacons in Full Connection employed full time, full-time Diaconal Ministers and

16 full-time Lay Employees of local churches, the church or plan sponsor will be billed the entire premium for

17 dental and vision benefits (6a-6b) and the entire rate for health coverage (section 10). The cost sharing be-

18 tween the participant and the church or plan sponsor will be determined by the church or plan sponsor.

19 Enrollment must be made within 30 days of new hire status, or 60 days prior to January 1, 2020.

20 **9. Board of Pension & Health Benefit Authority**

21 It is recommended that the South Carolina Annual Conference delegate to the South Carolina Annual

22 Conference Board of Pension & Health Benefits the authority to adjust rates and plan designs to meet the

23 requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

| Proposed Monthly HealthFlex Rate Summary for Itinerant Clergy, Deacons Employed by the Annual Conference, Conference Lay Employees | | | |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Plan Elected | Participant Only | Participant +1 | Participant + Family |
| PPO B1000 P1 | \$320 | \$635 | \$916 |
| CDH C2000 P2 | \$267 | \$536 | \$780 |
| CDH C3000 P2 | \$117 | \$250 | \$389 |
| HDH H1500 P3 | \$241 | \$486 | \$713 |
| HDH H2000 P4 | \$160 | \$331 | \$501 |
| HDH H3000 P5 | \$46 | \$115 | \$205 |

| Proposed Monthly HealthFlex Rate Summary* for Deacons with Negotiated Service, Compensation, & Benefits; Lay Employees of Local Church | | | |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| *Full Amount Billed to the Local Church/Plan Sponsor. <u>Cost reflects a 5% Subsidy Discount.</u> Actual Cost to participant is negotiated between participant and church/plan sponsor. | | | |
| Plan Elected | Participant | Participant +1 | Participant + Family |
| PPO B1000 P1 | \$993 | \$1,886 | \$2,580 |
| CDH C2000 P2 | \$942 | \$1,792 | \$2,451 |
| CDH C3000 P2 | \$800 | \$1,520 | \$2,080 |
| HDH H1500 P3 | \$918 | \$1,744 | \$2,387 |
| HDH H2000 P4 | \$841 | \$1,597 | \$2,186 |
| HDH H3000 P5 | \$732 | \$1,392 | \$1,905 |

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THE BOARD OF PENSION AND HEALTH BENEFITS WELFARE PLAN SECTION

Report Number One

Welfare Plan Structure

The welfare plan made available to South Carolina Conference clergy is the Comprehensive Protection Plan ("CPP") sponsored by Wespath.

The CPP disability benefits are as follows:

- Clergy disabled on or after January 1, 2002, the CPP disability benefit equals 70 percent of Plan Compensation, with compensation capped at 200 percent of the DAC (Denominational Average Compensation.)
- Clergy disabled prior to January 1, 2002, will continue to receive the same CPP disability benefit per the plan document in-force at the time of their disability claim originated.

The following general describes the death benefit amounts payable under the CPP to eligible participants and their beneficiaries.

Active Participant Death Benefits: payable upon the death of an eligible active CPP participant, as follows:

- Participant: \$50,000, payable in 12 monthly installments or one lump sum

- Spouse of active participant: 20% of DAC (Denominational Average Compensation) in the year of death
- Surviving spouse of active participant: 15% of DAC in the year of death
- Child of active participant: 10% of DAC in the year of death
- Annual surviving spouse annuity benefit of 20% of DAC, less the annuity benefit payable from CRSP.
- Annual surviving child benefit of 10% of DAC, payable in 12 monthly installments (for those age 17 and younger; benefits are paid through the month in which the child attains age 18)
- Annual surviving child educational benefit up to 20% of DAC, payable in equal installments (for those age 18 through 24 and attending school full-time)

Retired Participant Death Benefits: to be eligible for death benefits in retirement, a clergyperson must have been covered in CPP for a specified number of years. The 2012 General Conference approved a change to the CPP program which increases the length of service requirement for retirees. Retirees with 25 or more years of enrollment in CPP are eligible for the death benefits in retirement, and the eligibility for those with fewer than 25 years in CPP is phased in with one-year increments, as detailed on the following table. **Those who retire under the 20-year rule are ineligible for CPP Death Benefit.

| Retirement Year | CPP Enrollment Requirement for Death Benefit Eligibility |
|-----------------|--|
| 2013 | 6 of last 10 years |
| 2014 | 7 of last 10 years |
| 2015 | 8 of last 11 years |
| 2016 | 9 of last 12 years |
| 2017 | 10 of last 13 years |
| 2018 | 11 of last 14 years |
| 2019+ | 12 of last 15 years |

The Death Benefit amounts associated with retired participants are detailed in the following table:

| Plan Provision | Clergy Who Retire Before January 1, 2013 | Clergy Who Retire January 1, 2013 or later |
|---|--|--|
| Death or retired participant | 30% of DAC in year of death | \$20,400 |
| Death of retiree's spouse | 20% of DAC in year of death | \$15,300 |
| Death of retiree's surviving spouse | 15% of DAC in the year of death | \$10,200 |
| Death of retiree's child | 10% of DAC in the year of death | \$8,160 |
| Annual surviving child benefit, payable in 12 mo. Installments | 10% of DAC | 10% of DAC |
| Annual surviving child educational benefit, payable in installments | 20% DAC | 20% DAC |

Denominational Average Compensation

Several of the pension and welfare plans incorporate the Denomination Average Compensation ("DAC") into the formula for determining the plan benefit. As reported by Wespeth, the DAC is projected to increase from 2019 to 2020 as follows:

| | |
|------|----------|
| 2019 | \$71,361 |
| 2020 | \$72,648 |

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SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE UMC

Purpose:

The South Carolina Conference Historical Society is an organization of persons interested in and dedicated to the preservation and study of the history of the South Carolina Conference of the UMC and its predecessor conferences and Methodism in South Carolina.

Key moments from the previous year:

The Conference Historical Society provided a brief History of the Evangelical United Brethren Church for distribution at its exhibit table at the 2018 Session of the Annual Conference in recognition of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the 1968 merger of the Methodist Church with the EUB Church along with a display of items related to that important anniversary. Near the close of the 2018 Session the Historical Society's President, the Reverend J. Robert Huggins, presented a medallion commemorating the 1968 merger to Bishop Holston for addition to the Conference Archives. Mr. Huggins moved the inclusion of the brief History of the EUB Church provided by the Society in the Journal of Proceedings for the 2018 Session which was accepted by consensus. However, the history failed to be included in the published proceedings.

The Executive Committee of the Conference Historical Society met on October 5, 2018, at Wofford College. Attention was given to a number of pending items including the development of a South Carolina United Methodist Heritage Trail. Work on the Heritage Trail is proceeding under the capable leadership of the Reverend Dr. A. V. Huff, Jr., the Conference Historian. The design of the project is to compile a list of locations and sites which are broadly representative and inclusive of the history of United Methodism in South Carolina. A South Carolina Conference was one of the six original annual conferences organized by the Methodist Episcopal Church in America.

Objectives for the coming year:

The restoration and reconstruction of the historic Burdine Lodge is moving forward but at a slower pace than had been anticipated. Following a site dedication service and a groundbreaking ceremony on October 31, 2017, at the location for the reconstruction of the Lodge at the Hagood Mill Historic Site near Pickens, South Carolina, it was learned that the Pickens County Community Development Office had imposed a number of additional site requirements. By May, 2018, the additional foundation plans had been reviewed and approved, according to Mr. Chuck Blowers, a United Methodist layman, who is serving as the volunteer Construction Superintendent. By July all permits and engineering drawings were approved by the appropriate Pickens County authorities.

Preparation of the site began in late September. The site was cleared of trees, stumps and undergrowth. A photograph of the cleared site appeared in a recent edition of The Advocate. In mid-October the site was graded for footings and foundation. Currently the Conference Historical Society holds gifts amounting to \$27,359.94 in trust restricted for costs associated with the project.

The Reverend J. Robert Huggins, President of the Conference Historical Society since 2016, resigned effective January 21, 2019, due to family responsibilities. Ms. Joyce E. Plyler, who has served as Vice President for the last three years has assumed the responsibilities of the office as Acting President and will serve until the 2019 Fall Annual Meeting when officers are normally elected. Ms. Plyler had served previously as President 2013-2015.

Action(s) required from the 2019 Annual Conference:

None

If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:

The South Carolina Conference Historical Society is working on projects of historical importance of interest to all United Methodists in South Carolina. The Society receives no direct financial support from the Annual Conference or the Conference Budget. It is totally dependent upon the dues paid by its members and gifts from interested persons for its financial support. A Membership application is available from the Society at P.O. Box 21305, Columbia, SC 29221-1305.

Narrative:

None

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THE COMMISSION ON EQUITABLE COMPENSATION

Report Number 1

A. The Mission and Changing Focus of the Conference Commission on Equitable Compensation

Historically, the Commission on Equitable Compensation has served for the support of full-time clergy in the charges of the South Carolina Annual Conference. Through the years, the Commission has been guided by the *United Methodist Book of Discipline*; the latest version states the following: "It is the purpose of the commission on equitable compensation to support full-time clergy serving as pastors in the charges of the annual conference by: (a) recommending conference standards for pastoral support; (b) administering funds to be used in base compensation supplementation; and (c) providing counsel and advisory material on pastoral support to district superintendents and committees on pastor-parish relations; and (d) submitting an arrearage policy to be

adopted by the annual conference.” (*The Book of Discipline*, 2016, Paragraph 625.2 at pg. 442) The Commission on Equitable Compensation supports the overall ministry of the local church, especially in transitional situations.

B. Total Compensation for Clergy

1. The commission on equitable compensation reminds churches and charges that salary is only one portion of total compensation. Churches and charges are urged to consider dispersing compensation in ways that will assist clergy and their families to retain as great a portion of their income as is legally possible. Churches and charges are reminded to consider total compensation and not just think of salary when thinking of clergy family needs. Likewise, clergy are reminded that they are supported in a variety of ways, and total compensation most often exceeds salary.
2. Churches and pastors are urged to keep informed of their income tax responsibilities and rights. Pastors are advised to seek qualified assistance in making decisions that will affect their income tax liabilities.

Report Number 2

A. Budget Request for 2020

1. The Commission on Equitable Compensation requests that a line item apportionment of **\$600,000** be made to fund the Commission on Equitable Compensation operational budget for 2020. After consulting with CF&A, the Commission agreed to maintain the amount of money that was requested for 2019, which was \$565,000. These funds will be used for base compensation supplements, salary support for clergy in new church starts, special situations, and Hispanic Ministries, as well as support required and/or provided under these recommendations.

B. Schedule of Total Minimum Compensation for Clergy Serving in the South Carolina Annual Conference

In accordance with the mandate of *The Book of Discipline*, the Commission recommends that the South Carolina Annual Conference fix the following as its minimum base compensation scale, effective January 1, 2020, and continuing until changed by the Annual Conference.

FOR FULL-TIME APPOINTMENTS AS CLERGY IN THE LOCAL CHURCH:

| Category | Amount |
|---|-----------|
| a. Full Time Clergy in full connection | \$ 45,643 |
| b. Full Time Provisional, Commissioned, and Associate Members | \$ 41,492 |
| c. Full Time Local Pastors | \$ 38,494 |

The recommendation represents a 2% increase over what was approved for 2019. This parallels with the 2% COI suggested by the Social Security Office.

[Please note that the Commission on Equitable Compensation strongly encourages churches to pay the pastor's business expense through an accountable reimbursement plan which is a part of the administrative budget of the church, not part of salary. Please see sections "O," "P," and "Q" below, entitled "O. Reimbursement for Travel and Professional Expenses," "P. Continuing Education," and "Q. Reimbursement as Administrative Cost."]

Please be aware that plan compensation for full-time clergy must equal 25% of the denominational average compensation (DAC) so that full-time clergy may participate in CPP. **For 2018, the DAC is \$70,202 and 25% of that is \$17,551. For 2019, the DAC is \$71,361 and 25% of that is \$17,841.** Plan compensation is calculated as (a) 125% of base compensation when a parsonage is provided or (b) base compensation plus housing allowance in lieu of parsonage when a parsonage is not provided.

C. For Deacons in Full Connection

Those persons who have responded to God's call to lead in service and to equip others for ministry through teaching, proclamation, and worship and who assist elders in the administration of the sacraments and are full-time ordained deacons in accordance with Paragraph 330 of *The Book of Discipline 2016, beginning at pg. 254*, shall be compensated by the local church not less than the minimum amount for an ordained elder of the annual conference. (See Paragraph 331.10(b) of *The Book of Discipline 2016, pg. 263*.) Deacons who are employed by the congregation, charge, or cooperative parish less than full time shall be compensated proportional to the percentage of time being served. (Half time would receive not less than half the minimum salary.) Deacons not employed by a congregation, charge, cooperative ministry, or who are appointed under Paragraph 331.6(d) are not affected.

D. Longevity Increases

A clergy person, who has completed 5 or more year's full time service in the South Carolina Annual Conference, shall receive in addition to the minimum base, a supplement of \$175.00 per year of service for up to 10 years of service. (In practical terms, this increase would not be applied until the fiscal year following the completed annual conference year. In other words, the first increase would not be applied until the January after the Annual Conference at which the clergy person complete their fifth year.)

Example:

| | | |
|--------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Year 6 | Minimum base compensation plus | \$ 875.00 |
| Year 7 | Minimum base compensation plus | \$1050.00 |

| | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------|----|
| Year 8 | Minimum base compensation plus | \$1225.00 | 1 |
| Year 9 | Minimum base compensation plus | \$1400.00 | 2 |
| Year 10 | Minimum base compensation plus | \$1575.00 | 3 |
| Year 11+ | Minimum base compensation plus | \$1750.00 | 4 |
| E. Housing Allowances | | | 5 |
| The Commission recommends that all money given to the pastor for housing by the charge he/she serves be considered income if the pastor is not a resident in the charge which he/she serves. | | | 6 |
| F. Application for Equitable Compensation Support for Base Compensation Assistance | | | 7 |
| The District Superintendent shall request the base compensation assistance required by each charge twice each year (by May 15 for the July through December compensation assistance period and by December 15 for the January through June compensation assistance period); these requests must be approved by the Commission before payment can be made. This request from the District Superintendent shall be accompanied by an application form provided by the Commission and completed by the pastor, the pastor-parish relations committee, and the District Superintendent indicating income from all sources. Grants shall be made based on fiscal years (January to December), and unless otherwise designated, shall decrease 25% annually. For grants beginning in July, 100% of the approved amount will be provided for the first eighteen (18) months and will decrease 25% annually thereafter. | | | 8 |
| G. Cross Racial Appointments | | | 9 |
| If the Bishop and Cabinet, in making a cross-racial appointment, find it necessary to request an equitable compensation supplement, special consideration will be given on an individual basis. | | | 10 |
| H. Cooperative Parish Ministries | | | 11 |
| The initial directors or coordinators of a cooperative parish ministry which has been approved by the Board of Global Ministries, and application made by the District Superintendent to the commission by January 1 preceding the appointment in June of the same year may be eligible for funds not to exceed \$7,000.00. No pastor shall be eligible to receive funds unless the charge he/she serves agrees in writing to release him/her for these added duties. Assistance will be provided over a 4-1/2 year period and will decrease by 25% each year after the first year and a half. | | | 12 |
| I. Disbursement of Supplements | | | 13 |
| All compensation supplements from the Commission shall be paid to the local church involved for disbursement to the pastor or clergyperson, and shall be disbursed monthly. In the case of new mission situations or churches, monies will be dispersed directly to the pastor until there is a church treasurer. Equitable compensation funds will not be used for moving expenses, businesses expenses, or church administration. | | | 14 |
| For charges receiving CEC supplements, changes to the total compensation may be made for longevity (see D. Longevity Increases above), changes in clergy status, and to reflect changes in minimum base compensation as approved by the Annual Conference. Charges are encouraged to increase their portion of total compensation as they are able and thereby reduce the amount of supplement paid by CEC. Such increases in the portion paid by the local charge above the scheduled amounts will result in a reduction of the CEC supplement by the amount of increase. | | | 15 |
| J. Utilities Allowance | | | 16 |
| The Commission requests that the South Carolina Annual Conference designate 15% (or estimate of actual expenses as requested by recipient) of base compensation support funded by this Commission as parsonage utilities allowance. This request is made to satisfy the requirements of the Internal Revenue Service. Under IRS Guidelines, this money may be used for household expenses including mortgage or rent payments. | | | 17 |
| K. Investment of Reserve Fund | | | 18 |
| The Commission on Equitable Compensation recommends that all funds held in "reserve" be invested and the interest used in the Commission's operating account. In accordance with guidelines established with CF&A in 2013 and presented to the 2013 Annual Conference, the "floor" of the reserve is to be set at \$300,000 in order to meet general projection shortfalls, to allow for the unanticipated start of a new church or missional situation, or to deal with an unexpected disaster. | | | 19 |
| L. Interpretation | | | 20 |
| The commission recommends that an interpretation of its task and policy procedures be given as a part of the District Pastor/Staff Parish Relations Committee Workshops. It is further recommended that this interpretation be done by a member of the Commission upon invitation by the District Superintendent. | | | 21 |
| M. Compensation Guidance | | | 22 |
| The Commission recommends that District Superintendents assist churches and charges in setting appropriate compensation and work load packages in accordance with Paragraph 419.4 419.6 of <i>The Book of Discipline 2016</i> (pg. 343-344) | | | 23 |
| N. Ineligibility | | | 24 |
| The Commission on Equitable Compensation recommends that the following not be eligible for Equitable Compensation support: | | | 25 |
| Retired supply pastors | | | 26 |
| Part-time local pastors | | | 27 |
| Pastors on leave of absence except as provided in Standing Rule 99 | | | 28 |
| Special appointment categories within the itinerancy of the United Methodist Church as defined in Paragraph 344.1 a, b, c of <i>The Book of Discipline 2016</i> (pg. 281-282). | | | 29 |

Deacons as defined in Paragraphs 329 and 330 of *The Book of Discipline 2016* (pg. 254-255)(except as appointed with regard to Report 3, 4, and 5 of this report and Paragraph 625.4 of *The Book of Discipline 2016*, pg. 443).

O. Reimbursement for Travel and Professional Expenses

The Commission recommends that each church set up a reimbursement account for travel and professional expenses incurred by the pastor in performing pastoral duties. Reimbursement for non-commuting church-related travel shall be at the IRS rate (currently 53.5 cents per mile.) The pastor(s) shall submit a voucher and a log each month for reimbursement. For reimbursement for actual professional expenses (books, subscriptions, periodicals, etc.) the pastor(s) shall submit a voucher with supporting documentation for reimbursement. The amount set by the charge as reimbursement for travel and professional expenses should be determined after consultation with pastor(s) (and the District Superintendent, if desired or needed) by the Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations Committee. Each charge should annually evaluate the local needs and expectations of its pastors and set an amount for reimbursement accordingly. Also, the procedures for reimbursement should be clearly stated.

P. Continuing Education

Each charge shall place in its budget an amount of \$750 or more per year to be used by the pastor as a continuing education fund. If the full amount is not used in a given year, the unused portion may be carried forward from year to year during the tenure of a pastor, not to exceed a total amounting to three year's continuing education allowance inclusive of the current year's amount.

Q. Reimbursement as Administrative Cost

The Commission recommends that the reimbursement for travel and professional expenses be a part of the administrative cost of each local church and not considered or reported as part of the pastor's compensation.

R. Vacation Policy

The Commission reminds churches and ministers that vacation time plus time for renewal and reflection are an expected part of compensation. Time away is necessary for personal, spiritual, and family health. It is recommended that all full-time clergy and diaconal ministers be granted, as a minimum, annual vacation and days of renewal according to the following schedule:

| Total Years of Service | Number of Weeks |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Less than 5 years | a minimum of 2 (including Sundays) |
| 5 years - 10 years | a minimum of 3 (including Sundays) |
| More than 10 years | a minimum of 4 (including Sundays) |

In addition to the above, it is recommended that the minister, regardless of years of service, be granted one day of retreat a month for prayer and reflection. Also, it is expected that the minister will have at least one day off a week. "Years of Service" reflect number of years under appointment in the ministry of the United Methodist Church, and not the number of years of service on a given charge. "Vacation" is meant as freedom from any responsibility in the local church or charge, district, conference area, jurisdiction, or general conference. Vacation should be a time of rest, recreation, and renewal. It should not be interpreted to mean time the pastor works at a church camp, is on a mission trip, a meeting of a general board, an agency of the conference, or a district retreat. Time away from the charge for annual conference and continuing education events shall not be considered vacation time. The charge shall make available as necessary the funds for pulpit supply while the pastor is on vacation.

It is asked that the Lay Member of the Annual Conference communicate this information to the Pastor/Staff Parish Relations Committee and to the local church.

S. Application Procedure

CEC requests the following for initial grant consideration:

1. A Ministerial Support Form duly adopted by a charge conference that includes information about the nature of the grant, the reason for the grant request, percentages to be paid to the various churches involved, the email of the pastor, contact information of the church/charge treasurer (name, address, phone number, email) and other information as designated by the CEC Chairperson.
2. The above Ministerial Support Form is to be presented and approved in accordance with Cabinet policy and then forwarded to the CEC Chairperson by the appropriate District Superintendent.
3. At the discretion of the CEC Chairperson or request by a member of the CEC Executive Committee, further financial information may be required including, but not limited to: church budgets, ban statements, audit forms, treasurer's reports, etc. Failure to produce the required documents would be cause for non-approval of the grant.

T. Arrearages

An arrearage occurs when full payment of a regularly scheduled payroll, accountable reimbursement, or housing allowance installment is not made to the appropriate pastor. The current procedure for handling an arrearage is outlined in detail at the conclusion of the Commission on Equitable Compensation's report in the *2013 Journal*. The Arrearage Policy is also available on the conference website, www.umcsc.org.

Report Number 3 – New Church Starts

Schedule for New Church Starts

Equitable Compensation for new church starts shall be as follows:

Year 1 and 2: The Commission on Equitable Compensation will pay the minimum compensation base according to the minister's category and half of the payment of the direct billing for pensions and health benefits. (New church starts that begin in July will receive 100% funding for the first two and a half years.)

Year 3: Support from Equitable Compensation will not exceed 67% of the minimum base compensation amount. The Commission will pay half of the payment of the direct billing for pensions and health benefits.

Year 4: Support from Equitable Compensation will not exceed 33% of the minimum base compensation amount. The Commission will pay half of the payment of the direct billing for pensions and health benefits.

Year 5: Support from Equitable Compensation will cease for both the base compensation supplement and for payment of the direct billing for pensions and health benefits.

New Church Travel: Upon request and appropriate documentation, the Commission on Equitable Compensation will provide travel allowance for new church pastors at the following rates:

| | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| First year and a half: | up to \$4,000.00 annually |
| Second full year: | up to \$3,000.00 annually |
| Third full year: | up to \$2,000.00 annually |
| Fourth full year: | up to \$1,000.00 annually |

Report Number 4 – Renewed Vitality Situations (RVS)

Renewed Vitality Situations are those places that the Conference Committee on Congregational Development has evaluated and determined that short term assistance would possibly greatly enhance the effective ministry taking place. RV grants would be for a maximum of 2 years and subject to the criteria proposed and adopted by the Conference Committee on Congregational Development. Failure to meet said criteria will result in termination of the grant.

Grants will consist of:

- a) Up to minimum compensation as described in Report 2. B. above.
- b) Up to one-half the appropriate Direct Billing.

Report Number 5 – Mission Situations

A. Definition

Mission situations are new churches and existing churches in transitional circumstances that are in areas that demand an effective ministry but are incapable of providing such ministry without equitable compensation assistance. Mission situations may also include intentional ministry to persons of low income.

B. Eligibility

To be eligible for equitable compensation assistance in mission situations the following procedures must be followed:

1. The District Board for Congregational Development shall be the authorizing body to project a transitional situation and the Conference Committee on Congregational Development will project all new church starts.
2. The District Board for Congregational Development will refer this to the Conference Committee on Congregational Development for verification as a transitional situation, and its priority rank among conference needs.
3. The potential new mission situation will then be referred to the Cabinet for approval. The Cabinet will strive to inform the Commission of potential new mission situations two years ahead of the time the appointment is to start. The Commission will budget for new mission situations after Cabinet approval.
4. At the time of appointment, the Cabinet will then designate a pastor or clergy person and request an appropriate base compensation for that particular mission situation.
5. In all cases where a new mission situation is to be launched, the District Superintendent shall notify the Commission on Equitable Compensation by December 15th preceding the Annual Conference at which an appointment is to be made providing, at that time, the projected base compensation cost to be incurred in July.

Note 1. The local church's share of this base compensation schedule is interpreted to mean all sources of income from the local church or from any other source.

Note 2. In all cases where a mission situation is attached to an existing charge, these become charge figures.

Note 3. The District Superintendent may apply to the Commission for a compensation that is more in keeping with the amount received by this pastor in his or her previous appointment.

C. Continuation of Supplements and Annual Evaluation

If the ministry being served is unable to meet the schedule below for two years in a row, support from Equitable Compensation will cease after the next year following.

1 An evaluation shall be done annually on each mission situation. The Conference Director of Congregational
2 Development shall provide a report of this evaluation to the Commission on Equitable Compensation by January 1st.

3 **D. Payment of Direct Billing Costs for Pensions and Health Benefits in Mission Situations Only**

4 The Commission on Equitable Compensation will pay only the direct billing costs of persons in mission situations
5 according to the compensation schedules listed below. The Commission will send its proportional share
6 directly to the conference office of Pensions and Health Benefits.

7 **E. Compensation Schedules for Mission Situations**

8 **Schedule for Ministry with Persons of Low Income**

9 Equitable Compensation assistance in ministries with persons of low income will be provided for a pastor or
10 clergy person, when requested by the Cabinet, over a ten and a half year period decreasing as follows:

11 First Year and a Half: The amount of Equitable Compensation support will be according to the pastor's
12 category. As the sole salary paying unit in this mission situation, the Commission of Equitable
13 Compensation will pay 100% of the clergyperson's direct bill for pensions and health benefits.

14 After One and a Half Years: Support from Equitable Compensation will decrease by 5% for both the base
15 compensation supplement and for payment of the direct billing for pensions and health benefits.

16 After Two and Half Years: Support from Equitable Compensation will decrease by another 5% for both the
17 base compensation supplement and for payment of the direct billing for pensions and health benefits.

18 After Three and a Half Years: Support from Equitable Compensation will decrease by another 5% for
19 both the base compensation supplement and for payment of the direct billing for pensions and
20 health benefits.

21 After Four and a Half Years: Support from Equitable Compensation will decrease by another 10% for
22 both the base compensation supplement and for payment of the direct billing for pensions and
23 health benefits.

24 After Five and a Half Years: Support from Equitable Compensation will decrease by another 10% for
25 both the base compensation supplement and for payment of the direct billing for pensions and
26 health benefits.

27 After Six and a Half Years: Support from Equitable Compensation will decrease by another 10% for
28 both the base compensation supplement and for payment of the direct billing for pensions and
29 health benefits.

30 After Seven and a Half Years: Support from Equitable Compensation will decrease by another 10% for
31 both the base compensation supplement and for payment of the direct billing for pensions and
32 health benefits.

33 After Eight and a Half Years: Support from Equitable Compensation will decrease by another 15% for
34 both the base compensation supplement and for payment of the direct billing for pensions and
35 health benefits.

36 After Nine and a Half Years: Support from Equitable Compensation will decrease by another 15% for both the
37 base compensation supplement and for payment of the direct billing for pensions and health benefits.

38 After Ten and a Half Years: Support from Equitable Compensation will cease for both the base compensation
39 supplement and for payment of the direct billing for pensions and health benefits.

40 Travel for persons in ministry with persons of low income will be provided by the Districts or Districts in
41 which the ministry is located.

42 **F. Ministry with Hispanic/Latino People**

43 The Commission on Equitable Compensation will operate in light of the Annual Conference's decision to
44 make ministry with the Hispanic/Latino population a priority. Support for clergy working in ministry with
45 Hispanic/Latino people shall be made in accordance with the Schedule for Ministry with Persons of Low
46 Income (Report Number 3e, Part 2). The Commission recognizes that adjustments may be necessary on a
47 case by case basis. The District Superintendent, after consultation with the Cabinet and the Conference
48 Hispanic Committee may request adjustments in the following areas:

49 1. An extension of the initial time period from 1-1/2 years up to 2-1/2 years in which Equitable Compensation
50 shall pay 100% of the clergyperson's salary and direct bill for pensions and health benefits. In no case
51 shall this period extend beyond 2-1/2 years. After the extension expires, support will decrease as follows:

52 After Two and a Half Years: Support from Equitable Compensation will decrease by 5% for both the
53 base compensation supplement and for payment of the direct billing for pensions and health
54 benefits.

55 After Three and Half Years: Support from Equitable compensation will decrease by another 5% for
56 both the base compensation supplement and for payment of the direct billing for pensions and
57 health benefits.

58 After Four and a Half Years: Support from Equitable Compensation will decrease by another 5%
59 for both the base compensation supplement and for payment of the direct billing for pensions
60 and health benefits.

61 After Five and a Half Years: Support from Equitable Compensation will decrease by another 10%
62 for both the base compensation supplement and for payment of the direct billing for pensions
63 and health benefits.

64 After Six and a Half Years: Support from Equitable Compensation will decrease by another 10%

- for both the base compensation supplement and for payment of the direct billing for pensions and health benefits.
- After Seven and a Half Years: Support from Equitable Compensation will decrease by another 10% for both the base compensation supplement and for payment of the direct billing for pensions and health benefits.
- After Eight and a Half Years: Support from Equitable Compensation will decrease by another 10% for both the base compensation supplement and for payment of the direct billing for pensions and health benefits.
- After Nine and a Half Years: Support from Equitable Compensation will decrease by another 15% for both the base compensation supplement and for payment of the direct billing for pensions and health benefits.
- After Ten and a Half Years: Support from Equitable Compensation will decrease by another 15% for both the base compensation supplement and for payment of the direct billing for pensions and health benefits.
- After Eleven and a Half Years: Support from Equitable Compensation will cease for both the base compensation supplement and for payment of the direct billing for pensions and health benefits.
2. A salary supplement for clergy living in areas where the cost of living is high. The maximum yearly supplement shall be \$2,400.
 3. Assistance with travel expenses. In limited circumstances, Equitable Compensation shall provide up to a yearly maximum of \$4,000 to supplement the support provided by the district. When assistance with travel expenses is requested, the District Superintendent shall certify that the district will spend at least \$15,000 in the current year to provide housing and travel for the clergyperson.
 4. A salary supplement for experience in ministry with Hispanic/Latino people. This supplement will be in addition to any experience merit that a clergyperson receives on the basis of the policy set forth in Report 2, Section D. A clergyperson who has served 5 or more years fulltime service in United Methodist ministry with Hispanic/Latino people shall receive a supplement of \$175.00 per year of service for up to fourteen years of service.
- Example:
- | | |
|-----------|--|
| Year 6: | \$875 in addition to Equitable Compensation base and experience merit |
| Year 7: | \$1,050 in addition to Equitable Compensation base and experience merit |
| Year 8: | \$1,225 in addition to Equitable Compensation base and experience merit |
| Year 9: | \$1,400 in addition to Equitable Compensation base and experience merit |
| Year 10: | \$1,575 in addition to Equitable Compensation base and experience merit |
| Year 11: | \$1,750 in addition to Equitable Compensation base and experience merit |
| Year 12: | \$1,925 in addition to Equitable Compensation base and experience merit |
| Year 13: | \$2,100 in addition to Equitable Compensation base and experience merit |
| Year 14: | \$2,275 in addition to Equitable Compensation base and experience merit |
| Year 15+: | \$2,450 in addition to Equitable Compensation base and +experience merit |
- All requests for adjustments shall be made in writing. Requests must be approved by the Commission before payment can be made.

Report Number 6

Categories of Churches receiving support as of:

| | Dec. 2015 | | Dec. 2016 | | Dec. 2017 | | Dec. 2018 | |
|----------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | No. | Amount | No. | Amount | No. | Amount | No. | Amount |
| New church | 3 | \$ 106,574 | 2 | \$57,324 | 3 | \$132,121 | 4 | \$147,769 |
| Minimum | 11 | \$77,608 | 10 | \$65,064 | 12 | \$99,342 | 14 | \$196,393 |
| Special | 8 | \$88,568 | 9 | \$97,619 | 16 | \$244,899 | 6 | \$93,457 |
| Low Income | 1 | \$10,260 | 1 | \$9,720 | 0 | \$0 | 1 | \$8,100 |
| Hispanic/Latino | 1 | \$13,000 | 1 | \$13,000 | 0 | \$0 | 0 | \$0 |
| Cooperative Parish | 0 | \$0 | 0 | \$0 | 0 | \$0 | 0 | \$0 |
| Mission | 1 | \$15,000 | 2 | \$49,178 | 2 | \$44,314 | 1 | \$32,449 |
| RVS | 3 | \$42,401 | 5 | \$68,973 | 3 | \$44,405 | | |
| Direct billing costs | | \$76,567 | | \$87,669 | | \$81,497 | | \$90,809 |
| TOTALS | 28 | \$429,978 | 30 | \$448,547 | 36 | \$646,578 | 26 | \$568,977 |

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|---|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1 | Categories of Pastors receiving support: | | | | |
| 2 | | Dec 2015 | Dec 2016 | Dec 2017 | Dec 2018 |
| 3 | Full Members | 13 | 13 | 22 | 11 |
| 4 | Provisional Members | 8 | 8 | 4 | 6 |
| 5 | Associate Members | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6 | Local Pastors (Full Time) | 6 | 6 | 7 | 6 |
| 7 | Other | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| 8 | TOTALS | 28 | 30 | 36 | 26 |

Sincerely,

The Commission on Equitable Compensation
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Lollie Haselden, Statistician
Veronica Clinkscales, Secretary

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Committee on the Annual Conference is a team of persons tasked with envisioning, planning, implementing, and evaluating the annual conference. The team began meeting soon after annual conference to review and evaluate the 2018 annual conference and to start planning the 2019 gathering.

2019 is year when we will elect clergy and lay delegates to the 2020 General and Jurisdictional Conferences. While the business of the annual conference is part and parcel to what we do, our goal is to provide each member of the annual conference with such an experience of excellence that he or she will want to reproduce that same standard of excellence in every ministry setting across this annual conference. Our annual conference will include inspiring worship, an opportunity for service, and robust Christian conferencing. In all that we do, our mission is to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

The pre-conference informational sessions will be held in April and May in each of our Districts. A DVD of information will be shared in each district with the pre-conference materials being published on line. This will enable greater access to this information.

The theme chosen for the 2019 Annual Conference is **"Seeking A More Excellent Way: A Future With Hope."** On Sunday evening at 7:30, we will gather for our opening worship service with Bishop Holston serving as the preacher. Our Bible Study leader will be The Reverends Greg and Susan Jones. On Monday afternoon, we will remember and give thanks for the lives of those who have shared in the work of Christ's holy church, and who have joined the church triumphant since we last gathered. The Rev. Sara White, Director of Congregational Development will serve as the preacher.

On Monday night, we will celebrate with those who will be commissioned or ordained for the work of ordained ministry. Bishop James Swanson, the Resident Bishop of the Mississippi Conference of the United Methodist Church, will serve as the preacher for this service. On Tuesday morning, we will recognize and celebrate the ministry of those who have served the church faithfully across the years and who now enter retirement. On Tuesday afternoon, we will share in a service recognizing the ministry of Native Americans.

¶1603 of *Book of Discipline* provides that the Annual Conference sets the place of the meeting for the sessions of the annual conference, and the presiding bishop sets the date. The standing rules of the conference provide that the Committee on the Annual Conference recommend the site of the next annual conference. The Committee on the Annual Conference recommends that we return to Florence Center in 2020 and that we remain there for three years.

Finally, the committee expresses its profound gratitude to the 2019 host team under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. George Howle, the Greenville District Superintendent for their spirit of radical hospitality. This team has done tremendous work to ensure a wonderful experience in Greenville. They have cared for every detail along the way. We owe them tremendous level of thanks. A word of gratitude is offered to our host church, Mauldin United Methodist Church and its team under the leadership of the Rev. Webb Belangia. We are grateful to the many volunteers from the Greenville District and across the state who have supported this conference with their best gifts under the guidance of leadership the Rev. Michael Hammett and Mrs. Valerie Brooks-Madden. We simply could not have done this without this team.

L. Jonathan Holston, Resident Bishop
Kenneth L. Nelson, Conference Secretary

THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONFERENCE JOURNAL

Purpose/Responsibilities:

The Conference Journal Committee is responsible for helping the Conference Secretary compile, publish, and print the pre-conference materials as well as the official Conference Journal.

Key moments from previous year

1. The committee has been working to streamline the process for compiling and publishing the conference journal. We are looking into new software to reduce the number of steps needed to publish the journal.
2. The committee is working towards a new format for annual conference committees to format their reports for annual conference. Our goal is to have this process in place for the 2019 Annual Conference.

Priorities/objectives for the coming year

Our first priority for the coming year is to finalize the template for annual conference reports from committees. The goal is to make the reports more concise and readable.

1. Our committee plans on making the new annual conference report format available for committees to fill out online, which will hopefully speed up the publication process.
2. Our committee will continue to look at ways that we can reduce the time and effort it takes to publish pre-conference materials and the journal. This may include purchase of new software or shifting of duties within the publishing process.

Action required from 2019 Annual Conference:

As this the first year in using this new format, we would love feedback from those who completed their reports using this format.

If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:

The committee is committed to streamlining the process for publishing pre-conference materials and the journal. We are working to create a format for conference committee reports to make them more uniform and easy to read as well as making them concise.

Narrative:

Our committee is mindful that all our work relies on others who are generous in the giving of their time. We want to thank all the individuals who have assisted with producing the pre-conference materials and the Conference Journal. We are especially grateful for J.C. Lane, Jeri Katherine Warden-Sipes, Mary Johnson, Angela Ford Nelson, and Mel Arant, the assistant secretaries for the South Carolina Annual Conference. We ask for continued prayers for Rev. Lane as he recovers. We would like to thank all the boards and agencies of the SC Annual Conference for their work in submitting reports with integrity and in a timely manner. We are thankful for Dan O'Mara, Conference Communications Coordinator, for his help with developing the report template. We are grateful for the work of the administrative assistants Mrs. Sylvia Hulbert and Mrs. Pat Mack. We would like to thank Rev. Kenneth L. Nelson, the Conference Secretary, for his tireless efforts to produce the Journal with sincerity and diligence. And, many thanks to our friends at Service Printing for publishing the Journal and materials.

Respectfully submitted:

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THE BOARD OF CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Purpose:

- Congregational Development exists to find ways to create new spaces for new people.
- We work with existing congregations to revitalize ministries or buildings.
- We work with District Boards and the Cabinet to identify, resource, and deploy new church plants to reach a changing area.
- We strive to be a resource for local pastors and congregations.

Key moments from the previous year:

Over the last year we have continued to support our growing church plants. From mission and mercy centers to a brand new worshipping community, the last 12 months have seen sustainable growth and leadership models in the different projects around the Conference. As you will see in our video, not every place looks the same but neither do we.

So we celebrate the diversity of ministry being built across our connection. Two Rivers is an excellent example. They began weekly worship in the Spring of 2018 and have already had to move into a new, bigger space to accommodate their growing community! The Trinity Campus of Buncombe Street and The Connection Campus of St. Mark Greenwood have continued to show us the opportunities that multi-site can afford for new ministry possibilities. We were also able to support new staff positions for new ministries and building expansions that are paving the way for new places to experience the grace and love of God. Those accomplishments are only possible because of you and your church's generosity.

As a Board we have also been working to learn best practices from each other and our District Boards of Congregational Development. There is a large pool of resources, grant money included, in each of our Districts and a large portion of our meeting times have been devoted to learning what is and is not working in our respective districts so that we can be the best stewards of what we have been given.

1 **Objectives for the coming year:**

2 As we turn to look at the year ahead, our goal is to continue and improve upon our ideals of being a
3 resource for local churches interested in new ministry and the spark for planting new places. We will continue
4 supporting our churches through existing grants, which this year range from building renovations in the heart of
5 Columbia to the countryside of Greenwood, all so that spaces will enhance and afford the chance for vital ministry to
6 take place. We will continue supporting the current plants and partnerships across the connection, while
7 discerning what next steps or projects could be coming down the line.

8 We had a unique opportunity this year to set aside some existing church grant money for future leadership
9 development. We've spent the last 18 months working on a guideline for awarding existing grants - 25% on brick
10 and mortar, 25% on leadership development, and 50% on new ministries. This year we set a little over \$28,000
11 for future leadership development. Between the time this report had to be submitted and Conference, we will
12 have more details regarding how exactly it will be distributed and used. For example, we've thought about offering
13 multiple smaller conference-like workshops on things like staff/team development, how to lead a visioning
14 process, multi-site challenges, multi-ethnic transitions, etc. We were so excited about what could be that for the
15 first time in my tenure, people wanted to meet more often to dream big about what could be in the year ahead!

16 **Action(s) required from the 2019 Annual Conference:**

17 There are no specific actions or votes needed for our report, only submitting it to the record.

18 **If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:**

19 If there was one take away for you as a delegate it would be this, how we can we help you? We want to be
20 a resource for you, your pastor, your staff, your leadership and your church. That support could look like a variety
21 of things: funding, training, coaching, or something we haven't thought of yet. Whatever it is you are wrestling
22 with, if you think we might be able to help, then call us! We are here for you!

23 **Narrative:**

24 A special thank you to our director, Rev. Sara White, Administrative Assistant Laura Hill, and the entire
25 Board for their continued dedication and service to the work of Congregational Development.

26 Richard Reams, Chairperson

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28 Board Members:

29 Gene Aiken, Dick Broomall, Lex McDonald, Sheila Hodge,
30 Charlie Thomas, Brian Rainwater, Joseph James, Jonathan
31 Harris, Sara Relaford, Tommy Wilkes, Brian Gilmer, Curtis
32 Young, Mae Taylor, James Smith, Sandy Sindell, Mary
33 Johnson, Twila Jones, Dan Bozard, Emily Sutton, Becky
34 Green, Thomas Pearson, Stephen Love, Millie Smith, Lollie
35 Haselden, Brian Gilmer

38 **THE COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY**

40 **Purpose:**

41 Offer support to bishop in oversight of spiritual and temporal affairs of the church:

- 42 • Interpret nature, function of episcopacy office
- 43 • Determine, communicate episcopal needs
- 44 • Advise about concerns that affect relationships and people of the conference
- 45 • Consultation and appraisal of bishop's relationships and responsibilities
- 46 • Report episcopal leadership needs to SEJ COE

47 **Key moments from the previous year:**

48 The Committee on Episcopacy fully agrees that during the past year Bishop Holston has continued to lead
49 this conference by example and provided insight, encouragement, and motivation for our congregations to grow
50 both spiritually and physically.

51 Bishop Holston has remained faithful to the leadership of the clergy and laity. During the past year he
52 continued "The Bishop's Road Show" completing the 2017 – 2018 "By Faith, On Mission, Together" Forward
53 Focus Tours (providing tools for congregations to maximize their present and future ministries) and starting the
54 2018 -2019 "District Days" (tailored to the needs of each district). Bishop Holston's concentration and focus
55 included clarity, alignment, and order, with a focus on "Grow the Church, Get Resources to Where They Are
56 Needed, and Communicate". The relationship between the laity, the conference staff, and the clergy continues
57 to grow. The conference support to apportionments and missions continue to be strong. The Lay Servant Minis-
58 tries program continues to grow.

59 The Bishop's involvement also includes:

- 60 • General Board of Global Ministries, Director
- 61 • Southeastern Jurisdiction UMVIM, Board Member
- 62 • Pan-Methodist Commission, Vice-chairman
- 63 • Columbia College Board of Trustees
- 64 • Executive Committee, Council of Bishops
- 65 • Fellowship of South Carolina Bishops

- Lake Junaluska Board of Trustees
- Led pilgrimages to the Central Africa Republic, India, Holy Land
- Made Mission trip to Honduras, Guatemala
- Summit on the Black Church
- Spoke at Western North Carolina UMC, North Carolina UMC, AME Zion North Carolina Conferences

Objectives for the coming year:

1. Continue to support Bishop Holston in the oversight of the spiritual and temporal affairs of the South Carolina UMC Conference by interpreting to our church members the nature and function of the episcopacy office. We are to advise the Bishop concerning conditions within the conference as they affect the relationships and the people of the conference.
2. Review the Episcopal Review and Evaluation document completed at the last COE meeting that is to be presented to the SEJ Conference by December 1, 2019 to help SEJ Episcopacy Committee members present Bishop Holston's success over the last eight years in the South Carolina UMC Conference.
3. The South Carolina COE will work with our two SEJ COE members to give our missional reasons used for making episcopal assignments.

Action(s) required from the 2019 Annual Conference:

None

If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:

This 16 member committee, which includes the two South Carolina conference SEJ Committee on Episcopacy members, meets three to four times a year to provide support for the resident bishop's work in our conference and interpret the work of the bishop and the conference staff to our conference church members. It is also the function of this committee to review and evaluate the bishop in eight categories, led by the two SEJ COE members. This information is forwarded to the SEJ COE committee to provide guidance and insight into effective episcopal leadership. The committee offers its unanimous support of Bishop Holston's ministry in SC.

Narrative:

None

Francis Holbrook Platts, Chairperson
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THE OFFICE CLERGY SERVICES

The primary purpose of the Office of Clergy Services is to serve as a support for and liaison between the Bishop and Cabinet and the Board of Ordained Ministry in areas related to all matters of clergy credentialing. This office maintains the personnel files for all the clergy of the conference. The Coordinator of Clergy Services serves as a member of the conference Ministry Advisory Team.

In August of 2017, Mr. Sharome Henry joined the team as the Executive Assistant to the Office of Clergy Services. Mr. Henry continues a tradition of excellent support to the district offices and candidates. He maintains our database and oversees the process of requesting and receiving the annual reports for which this office is responsible. The work of this office would not happen without him and the twelve District administrative assistants. We owe them a profound measure of gratitude.

It is a pleasure to work with our Bishop, District Superintendents and their administrative assistants on many matters related to our clergy, and to support them as they continue the vital and demanding work necessary to identify, nurture, instruct and supervise the clergy of our Conference.

Our process of uploading all of personnel records into e-Bridge continues. Our progress is steady. Annually, we review and update all of the applications and forms on the Clergy Services website. This is always a work in progress as we seek to streamline our process.

This year, we have begun a process of migrating the information in our existing database system into Shelby. Shelby systems is a church management software company that serves churches and non-profits with membership and financial tools. Our goal is to better align our database and records with both the Conference Benefits and Administrative Service offices. While there are challenges in working in two systems as we make this transition, our hope is for a minimal level of disruptions to quality of the services that we provide or to the data and records which this office safeguards.

As we continue in the 2016-2019 quadrennium, the Board of Ordained Ministry continues to move forward under the excellent leadership of the Rev. Fran Elrod. The depth of her experience, her commitment to excellence, her concern for both credentialing and leadership development ensures that together we will continue to move forward.

Without trying to list every event or undertaking of the past year, we continue to respond to requests by phone, email, and correspondence related to licensing, ordination, and all matters related to clergy and their status within the conference. I have met with individuals seeking personal guidance in these areas and have worked to update the training of our District Committees on Ministry. It is a pleasure to serve in this area of ministry and I look forward to the year ahead.

Kenneth L. Nelson, Coordinator of Clergy Service

**SOUTH CAROLINA UNITED METHODIST
CAMPS AND RETREAT MINISTRIES**

In 2018 Camps and Retreat Ministries was once again able to fulfill the mission of the United Methodist Church by being able to nurture persons in Christian living. Just as our churches are charged to do, we were able to provide HOPE: Hospitality – Reach out to all persons, Opportunity – Offer them Christ, Purpose – Nurture persons in Christian Living, and Engagement – Send persons out to live their faith. All of this happens at a place set apart from one's own creative work, a place of solitude, where creation formation leads to faith formation, building relationships with trust and confidence at Asbury Hills and Camp Providence.

Asbury Hills welcomed more than 5,000 guests through their gates in 2018 of which more than 1,200 of them were summer campers, producing the highest summer camp attendance on record. At Camp Providence, year two of day camp was launched in partnership with the Anderson County Housing Authority where kids learned to swim, golf, as well as shoot a bow and arrow. Day Campers enjoyed boating on Lake Hartwell and programs such as daily arts and craft projects. Campers at both camps were challenged to "Defy Fear!" which was the overall theme for the summer, coming from Mark 5:36. We continue to practice play and relationship building in a way that generates building blocks to leadership development, while being intentional about creating and practicing Christian Community.

As the ministry continues to grow strong from the inside out, this past year was once again filled with many experiences for which we are thankful. Another great evening at the Camps and Retreat dinner gathering during the 2018 Annual Conference was truly a delight, along with keynote speaker and former camp director, Russell Davis. The new proposed swimming pool at Asbury Hills is well into the engineering and planning stage, with hopes for fundraising and construction completion by summer of 2020. Funds for a new and safe boat/swim dock have been raised for the kids at Camp Providence.

Melanie Henderson was hired as the new accounting clerk for Camps and Retreat, while Travis Johnson joined us as the new food service director at Asbury Hills, and reservationist Bonnie Harding is now the new voice you hear when you call for answers to all of your camp questions. Wanna climb AND get wet? The new Aqua Climb Wall was installed at the pool at Asbury Hills and is sure to do the trick! A new radio repeater tower was placed on the property for better communication among staff. And yes, even high speed fiber optic now runs into Asbury Hills.

The board is very excited about the vision and future direction of Camps and Retreat Ministries and the impact the ministry has made not just here in South Carolina, but throughout United Methodist Camping across the country. "It is a blessing" says Board Chair Kim Welborn, "to have our own South Carolina camping Executive Director serve a second term on the National UMCRCM board. Not only is he bringing back best practices for the ministry, but also helping to steer and strengthen camping for a healthier tomorrow."

South Carolina United Methodist Camps and Retreat Ministries is committed and will continue the quest for "A More Excellent Way" to serve the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arthur W. Spriggs, Executive Director
Kim Welborn, Board Chair

THE CONFERENCE STAFF RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Purpose:

To provide for consistent Annual Conference staff personnel decisions, management and policy.

Key moments from the previous year:

The Committee approved a 2% raise in 2019 for the staff.

Objectives for the coming year:

The committee will determine conference staff annual salary adjustments for 2020, oversee the evaluation of staff and consider policy issues and employee compliance needs.

Action(s) required from the 2019 Annual Conference:

None

If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:

The committee supports conference personnel in their efforts to provide the highest quality services, support and resources for churches and clergy across the annual conference.

Narrative:

None

Bishop L. Jonathan Holston, Chairperson
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THE TRUSTEES OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The primary work of the Board of Trustees ("Board") is to oversee the maintenance and ultimate disposition of the property of closed churches. The Board also holds in trust property received by bequest or gift.

Substantial changes to the procedure for the closure of churches were made by the *2016 Book of Discipline*. Churches can now be closed by action of the Annual Conference or they can be closed under exigent circumstances on an ad interim basis. You will notice that the resolutions before you this year ask for your votes to close churches and do not use the prior language of discontinuation. There are also before you resolutions to confirm the ad interim closures.

The changes also change the process for the management of closed church properties and have increased the involvement of the District Superintendents. The hope of these changes is to give closed church property a new opportunity to be used to make disciplines of Jesus Christ.

The Board receives no apportionment money. Under the *2016 Book of Discipline* the Trustees have voted to fund the continuing operations of the Board by retaining a percentage which will be under typical circumstances 10% of the funds received from the sales of the property of closed churches.

Attached to this report and incorporated by reference herein is an accounting of the funds of the Board of Trustees for this past year, along with a listing of all real property being overseen by the Board, as required by paragraph 2512.6 of the *Book of Discipline*:

Trustees of the Annual Conference Accounting by Property December 31, 2018

| Property | District | Restated Beginning Balance | Sale Proceeds | Other Receipts | Expenses | Transfer to beneficiary | Retained by Trustees | Ending Balance | Designation |
|---|------------|----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Asbury Clark | Anderson | 134,971.74 | | | | | (134,971.74) | - | Undesignated |
| Bethel (Bleckley) | Anderson | 5,403.88 | 20,000.00 | 1,350.00 | (1,693.70) | (23,076.12) | (1,984.06) | - | Resolved |
| Bethlehem | Anderson | (472.80) | | | (115.12) | | 587.92 | - | Resolved |
| Orville (South Main Chapel & Mercy Center) | Anderson | (2,414.84) | | | (5,396.00) | | | (7,810.84) | Urban Center/ Mission church |
| Sharon/Liberty | Anderson | 1,709.36 | | | | | (1,709.36) | - | Resolved |
| Smiths Chapel | Anderson | (543.80) | | | (115.12) | | | (658.92) | Undesignated |
| Union | Anderson | (2,320.00) | | | | | | (2,320.00) | Pending resolution |
| Berea (Cordesville) | Charleston | (5,060.00) | | 35,797.54 | (631.00) | | | 30,106.54 | Pending resolution |
| Cedar Creek | Columbia | (90.80) | | | (254.12) | | | (344.92) | Urban Center |
| Cedar Creek Cemetery | Columbia | 105,176.59 | | 4,865.32 | | | | 110,041.91 | Urban Center |
| St James | Columbia | - | | 65,187.91 | (1,683.00) | | | 63,504.91 | Urban Center |
| Bethesda (Cades) | Florence | (28.80) | | | (115.12) | | 143.92 | - | Resolved |
| Beulah (Kingstree) | Florence | (34.50) | | | (314.00) | | | (348.50) | Pending resolution |
| Timmons ville | Florence | (46.05) | 25,000.00 | | (381.94) | (22,072.01) | (2,500.00) | 0.00 | Resolved |
| Trinity | Florence | 1,207.87 | | | (167.92) | | | 1,039.95 | Pending resolution |
| Trinity cemetery | Florence | - | | | | | | - | Pending resolution |
| Zoar | Florence | - | | | (327.72) | | | (327.72) | Pending resolution |

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|--|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| Bethel (West Greenville) | Greenville | 109,898.00 | - | 12,460.36 | - | (101,468.56) | (20,889.80) | - | Urban Center |
| Brandon | Greenville | - | 250,000.00 | | (8,706.81) | (217,133.47) | (24,159.72) | - | Urban Center |
| Concord (Greenville Korean Mission) | Greenville | 36,935.01 | | | (3,508.00) | | | 33,427.01 | Urban Center/ Mission church |
| Dunean | Greenville | 308.57 | | | (3,282.00) | | | (2,973.43) | Urban Center |
| McKinney Chappel | Greenville | (1,273.82) | | | (732.00) | | | (2,005.82) | Urban Center |
| Woodside | Greenville | 107,310.28 | | | | | (107,310.28) | - | Urban Center |
| Zion-Andrews (New Beginnings) | Greenville | 59,626.78 | | | | | | 59,626.78 | Urban Center/ Mission church |
| Bath | Greenwood | (1,305.77) | | | (1,624.61) | | | (2,930.38) | Pending resolution |
| Bath (parsonage) | Greenwood | - | | 4,800.00 | (1,103.32) | | | 3,696.68 | Pending resolution |
| Calvary (transferred to Bridging the Gap) | Greenwood | (11,621.50) | | | | | 11,621.50 | - | Resolved |
| Gassaway | Greenwood | 6,883.26 | | 296.64 | (3,864.55) | | | 3,315.35 | Urban Center |
| Mt Tabor (Chesterfield) | Hartsville | 614.07 | | | (396.00) | | | 218.07 | Pending resolution |
| Snowhill | Hartsville | - | | | (160.00) | | | (160.00) | Pending resolution |
| Twitty | Hartsville | (3,597.36) | | | | | 3,597.36 | - | Resolved |
| Floyds | Marion | 4,315.60 | | | | (4,315.60) | | - | Resolved |
| Iona | Marion | (1,593.79) | | | (115.12) | | | (1,708.91) | Pending resolution |
| Old Galilee | Marion | (99.61) | | | (140.80) | | | (240.41) | Pending resolution |
| Cameron | Orangeburg | (1,070.59) | | | | | 1,070.59 | - | Resolved |
| Central Rowesville | Orangeburg | - | | 314.50 | (950.82) | | | (636.32) | Pending resolution |
| Charles Wesley | Orangeburg | (8,377.48) | 112,000.00 | 123.00 | (790.40) | | | 102,955.12 | Pending resolution |
| Rocky Swamp Mission Church | Orangeburg | (1,084.47) | | | (3,799.64) | | | (4,884.11) | Mission church |
| Kershaw First | Rock Hill | (12,677.52) | | | (7,041.70) | | 19,719.22 | - | Resolved |
| Pleasant View | Spartanburg | - | 2,000.00 | 96.00 | (115.12) | | | 1,980.88 | Pending resolution |
| Broomfield | Walterboro | (37.36) | | | | | | (37.36) | Pending resolution |
| Jerusalem | Walterboro | (128.80) | | | (150.12) | | | (278.92) | Pending resolution |
| Retained by Trustees | Conference | 73,156.69 | | 3,762.80 | (5,618.07) | | 256,784.45 | 328,085.87 | Undesignated |
| | | 593,638.04 | 409,000.00 | 129,054.07 | (53,293.84) | (368,065.76) | - | 710,332.51 | |

The beginning balance is restated because Bethel W. Greenville was sold in 2017, but was not listed in the properties reported to AC 2018.
The difference was in the trustees balance.

SOUTH CAROLINA UNITED METHODIST ADVOCATE

Purpose:

The mission of the Advocate is to inform and connect South Carolina United Methodists by independently reporting relevant news, engaging readers, providing a forum for dialogue and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Key moments from the previous year:

Founded in 1837, the Advocate marks 182 years in 2019 as a newspaper ministry. We are a thriving, high-quality, well-respected print and digital publication that has won 112 writing and journalism awards since 2010.

Our new book-publishing endeavor, the Advocate Press, produces books that uplift the Gospel and foster discipleship. All funds benefit the Advocate. 2018 books were *Stories of Racial Awakening*, an anthology of testimonies about enlightened views on race, and *More Like Jesus: A Devotional Journey*. Both sold out of their first printing and are nearly sold out again. Learn more: www.advocatesc.org/books.

In an effort to use fewer funds from the conference (which we thankfully receive each year through apportionments), we worked hard to raise additional income for our nonprofit 501(c)3 ministry through tax-deductible donations from private individuals and business. About half of our funds come from our operations (advertising and circulation income), but the other half comes from UMC apportionments. We are striving to increase the amount we receive from donations so we can ask for less from the Annual Conference. We had our best year ever for donations in 2018.

We offered balanced news coverage from a South Carolina perspective of the highly polarized special called session of General Conference 2019, making sure to invite and include all viewpoints, letters to the editor and other information we received.

At Annual Conference 2018, we were honored to produce the Daily Advocate, a four-page publication for all attendees each day of AC2018 to help raise awareness about issues, business and legislation.

Objectives for the coming year:

The Advocate is very much looking forward to a bright 2019 and beyond. Our print and digital newspaper is striving to make the Advocate the very best newspaper it can possibly be, from our articles to our design and photos, and we continue our commitment to fair, balanced news and journalistic excellence. We are also in the process of planning and writing new books to be published by the Advocate Press, as well as increasing our commitment to raising funds from private individuals so we can begin to ask for fewer funds from Annual Conference apportionments (learn more: www.advocatesc.org/donation). We are also in the midst of a readership and subscription growth campaign.

Action(s) required from the 2019 Annual Conference:

Approve nominations to our Advocate Board of Trustees, as well as prayerfully subscribe to the Advocate (www.advocatesc.org/subscribe).

If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:

Many people don't know the Advocate is an independent publication led by a staff of two and published by a board of trustees—though we are most definitely part of the South Carolina Annual Conference “family” and receive conference funding. We are independent for purposes of journalistic integrity. The Advocate staff and board are incredibly grateful for the many people who read the Advocate and tell others about it so they, too, can benefit from the great news happening for Jesus across South Carolina through the People Called Methodists. Thank you!

Narrative:

The South Carolina United Methodist Advocate is one of a very few religious newspapers that are not only surviving today but thriving. We believe it is because we are a prayer-driven ministry seeking to do the will of the Lord foremost, and also because we strive to include all news that is relevant to South Carolina United Methodists. We welcome your church's news, feature articles, calendar items, classified ads, photos and other submissions. Our goal is to include every submission we receive; if we do not have room one month, we try our best to get it in the next. Our deadline is the 10th of every month for the following month's paper (with the exception of the July/Annual Conference edition, which has an early deadline of June 1). Email submissions to advocate@umcsc.org or mail to Advocate, 4908 Colonial Drive, Columbia, SC 29203.

Jessica Brodie (editor) and Bill Click (chair),
jbrodie@umcsc.org, 803-786-9486

Other ministry members:

Staff includes Editor Jessica Brodie and Assistant Editor Allison Trussell, as well as sales representative Toni Strawther. Board of Trustees members for 2018-2019 include Dr. William Click, chairperson; Dyron Anderson, vice chairperson; the Rev. Christopher Greene, secretary; the Rev. Steven King, treasurer; the Rev. Carleathea Benson; Linda DuRant; the Rev. Telley Lynnette Gadson; Dr. Sheila Elliott Hodge; Mary Lynn Polk; the Rev. Karen Radcliffe; Connie Rouse; Selena Ruth Smith; Dr. Phillip Stone; the Rev. William Wrighten; Dan O'Mara, ex officio; and Jeanette Lunn, ex officio.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE UNITED METHODIST CENTER

Purpose:

The Trustees provide, operate, supervise, and maintain office and meeting space for the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Key moments from the previous year:

The Trustees' most recent activities include installing a programmable thermostat as a test to see if electricity usage can be reduced, replacing a flat roof that was leaking, and installing GCFI outlets in the upstairs kitchen. The Trustees continue to inspect the building for safety and maintenance issues each year. During the past year, the Trustees prepared a prioritized list of maintenance needs.

Objectives for the coming year:

The Trustees are planning to evaluate contracts for routine maintenance and services for the building.

Action(s) required from the 2019 Annual Conference:

None

If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:

The Trustees thank Ms. Christine Dominick for her awesome work and daily guidance ensuring our facility is maintained.

Ronald D. Friday, Chairperson
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THE MINISTRY ADVISORY TEAM

Purpose:

The MAT exists to create excellence in ministry by advising the Bishop, District Superintendents, programmatic, administrative and personnel teams of the Annual Conference. This team also provides oversight for the Bobo Trust Fund which is designated for leadership development.

Key moments from the previous year:

While meeting in November 2018, the team echoed the belief of remaining faithful to the mission of making disciples for the transformation of the world.

In 2018, funds from the Bobo Trust were dispersed as scholarship support for leadership development training. The end of year balance was \$54,922.27.

Objectives for the coming year:

The Ministry Advisory Team will continue to build on partnerships across ministry areas of the annual conference.

Action(s) required from the 2019 Annual Conference:

None

If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:

This team works together to keep the annual conference bodies focused on how to best support the efforts of local churches working to strengthen connections with their communities to witness to the grace, mercy and love of Jesus Christ.

Narrative:

None

L. Jonathan Holston, Resident Bishop
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THE REPORT OF THE CABINET

It is an awesome journey for God's people to go from deliverance to God's hopeful future. Joshua sensed the heavy weight of leadership responsibility. The challenge was great. Strength and courage were needed.

After crossing the Jordan and facing the conquest of the city Jericho, Joshua encountered a man with a sword. "Are you for us or for our enemies?", he asked. It is natural for us to pick sides—to be for or against. "Neither" was the reply, "but as the commander of the army of the Lord I have now come."

Joshua falls down in reverence and asks, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?"

"Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." God's answer was for Joshua to humbly acknowledge God's presence.

Friends, by the grace of Jesus Christ we are God's delivered people and we are moving toward a future with hope. There are challenges and opportunities before us. The best of our character and discipleship are needed. Like Joshua, we are to humbly acknowledge God's presence—more than picking sides, before arming for battle, rather than assessing another as friend or foe. With bare feet, let us stand a while on holy ground.

The Cabinet acknowledges that in this journey as a conference, there are holy places where we are humbly standing on holy ground.

District Superintendents exist to assist Bishop Holston in creating a healthy culture that engages faith, the community, and the connection so that churches are agents of transformation and grace. In designing this mission

statement, the Cabinet aims to encourage vital ministry in churches throughout the conference. With the addition of Connectional Ministries Director, Conference Lay Leader, Conference Treasurer, Director of Congregational Development and Clergy Services Director, almost monthly we meet for a day as an Extended Cabinet addressing conference-wide ministry concerns, and for another day monthly the Appointive Cabinet meets. These meetings include devotion, prayers for pastors and their families, and discussion of the various challenges and opportunities in our conference.

District Superintendents serve as missional strategists in each district. We work with boards, committees and local churches in developing systems of ministry. Supervisory responsibilities include consultations, record maintenance, regular clergy meetings and connectional activities. Assisting the bishop in the developments of pastors requires much attention and cooperation. In these and other duties, it is the Cabinet's desire for local ministries to be vital in making disciples of Jesus Christ. Holy ground is local and immediately present. When we help congregations and ministries grow as communities of grace and transformation, are we not on holy ground?

Through Forward Focus, we are learning how to be the church on a changing mission field. Many congregations are taking a good look at themselves and the communities in which they serve so as to discover their next steps forward. On the district level, we are seeking to find our strategic missional focus. To help this district effort, Bishop Holston visited each district twice this past year. He worked with district leadership teams to pattern his episcopal visit in each district so as to be most helpful. His presence and encouraging messages inspired us. These visits model our connectional nature. Locally and conference wide, we are moving forward in mission. On holy ground, we share common space with God and one another. We build community. We listen and share. God is with us. When we stand together focusing on the mission God calls us to complete, are we not standing on holy ground?

This year, the Cabinet established a task force to study full-time clergy salary inequities. The Discipline is clear. "Appointments are to be made with consideration to the gifts and evidence of God's grace of those appointed, to the needs, characteristics, and opportunities of congregations and institutions, and with faithfulness to the commitment to an open itineracy." While the Cabinet strives to make appointments on the gifts of the pastors and the needs of the churches, there are many factors that can impact the process, such as family issues, health concerns, spouse's employment, and housing options. Factors that should not impact the appointment process are race, gender and age. God's work deserves the best we can provide in pastoral leadership without regard to race, gender, or age. Our conference has made progress toward open itineracy, but we still have a long way to go. In the South Carolina Conference, the average salary of male full-time pastors is 13% higher than the average salary of female full-time pastors. The average salary of white full-time pastors is 4% higher than our African American full-time pastors. Even though there are multiple factors at work in determining salaries, the statistical evidence indicates inequities related to gender, race and age.

The Cabinet is paying attention to these realities. The task force continues to study and consider options, and the Cabinet is making progress on this journey to fully open itineracy. We invite the local churches, especially the Pastor/Staff Parish Relations Committees to join in this conversation. Are you having conversations about salary inequities? Do you treat a pastor differently because of race, gender or age? How open is your church in welcoming an appointed pastor who may be of a different race, gender or age than you expected or wanted? When considering salary recommendations, does the Pastor/Staff Parish Relations Committee reward equal work with equal pay, regardless of race, gender or age? How do our biases, consciously or unconsciously, impact the pastor's annual performance evaluation? It is helpful to ask these questions, for we are on a journey toward the New Testament church's understanding of "there is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28

Will you join us in this pilgrimage? Our task force invites you to share your stories of struggles and successes. The Cabinet is open to hearing your ideas, recommendations and reports. Our task force continues its study and invites us all to work toward actual open itineracy. We believe God has called us to this place. On holy ground, you experience shame, regret, a coming undone. You also experience hope, renewal, a building up. When we respect one another for our gifts, graces and fruitfulness rather than our race, gender or age, are we not standing on holy ground?

The Special Session of General Conference and the Commission on a Way Forward influenced much of the work of United Methodism this year. Much prayer and discussion concerning issues of human sexuality were encouraged by the cabinet. In clergy meetings and district events, we engaged in dialogue. Following Bishop Holston's lead, the Cabinet has directed us as a church to pray and attend to our primary mission of making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. As Bishop Holston said, "No matter what happens February 23 through 26, on February 27 there will still be people outside the front doors of your church who need to know Jesus." He also reminds us, "We can do much more together, than we can ever could do apart." The work our Lord Jesus Christ has called us to do is before us. People need the grace of God and ministry of the church. This is where our Lord is calling us. In a holy place we find purpose, focus, God's call forward. Each step with God moves us to where God already is, for God is alive, moving and leading us to new experiences of holy presence. When we live out who we are as God's people in our present reality, are we not standing on holy ground?

God is leading South Carolina United Methodists to a future with hope. We as the Cabinet are committed to traveling together. Will you travel with us?

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe N. Long, Jr., Dean of the Cabinet

THE REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR

It is my privilege to serve this conference as Conference Chancellor, legal advisor to the Bishop and the Annual Conference. By Conference standing rule 98, requests for my services are made through the Episcopal office.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the Conference. I appreciate and look forward to the opportunity to continue work with the dedicated clergy, staff and laypersons of the Conference.

I would like to take a moment and emphasize one particular duty of the members of the Board of Trustees of the local churches and of our affiliated groups. This duty is to conduct an annual review of the insurance policies and coverages. It is vital that the value of the buildings is covered and these values change over time. This is good time to also make sure you have copies in that hot pink file I have often spoken of all deeds, mortgages and titles to vehicles. It is critical that the coverage extends to sexual misconduct, employment practices and cyber security. At the time am writing this the legislature is debating a bill which will substantially impact on the liability of the Church in civil actions. At this time what liability caps will apply beginning in 2020 is not known and it is likely that the policy limits for all liability insurance will need to increase moving forward.

Once again thank you for the opportunity to serve this Conference and the United Methodist Church.

Kay Crowe, Conference Chancellor

SOUTH CAROLINA UNITED METHODIST MEN Snapshot of SC UMMen's Progress

Charters:

- ♦ SC continues to be in the top three conferences.
- ♦ 2017 was frustrating. Our goal was to retain all 2016 charters and increase 2 per district (24). We picked up 17 new charters but lost 21. One step forward, two back. 2018 Continued this trend.
- ♦ Bishop Holston sent a letter to encourage churches that had not renewed to do so and encouraged new churches to charter.

EMS:

- ♦ As with many conferences, we have loss EMS members because of men ageing out. We are encouraging our leaders to become EMS. All district leaders are EMS except two.
- ♦ Bishop Holston became an EMS in 2016 and challenged other leaders.
- ♦ In four years, we have increased from 5 to 37.

Upper Room Prayer Ministries:

- ♦ SC Men answer the upper room prayer line throughout the year in numerous local churches and at district gatherings.
- ♦ SC Conference Men sponsor a pray line at our Annual Conference.
- ♦ At our Spiritual Weekend we have a pray line and we designate one night of offerings to the Upper Room. Churches are also encouraged to bring offering from their churches.

National Gathering:

- ♦ The National Gathering used the South Carolina Model using a large United Methodist Church for the event.
- ♦ Bishop Holston of the South Carolina Conference was the keynote speaker. He has been an active advocate and partner in the success of ministry to men in SC.

Web site and communication:

- ♦ We are continuing to improve our web site.
- ♦ We are utilizing social media to expand our exposure to the younger generation.
- ♦ United Methodist Advocate Newspaper covers and reports on men's ministry in SC. The editor is a huge supporter. She forwards copies of any articles on men to Rich Peck and to our web site.
- ♦ We continue to utilize our on-line registration system for teaching churches and Spiritual Weekend Retreat.

Spiritual Weekend:

- ♦ This is the fifth year since we asked God for guidance to reach men.
- ♦ We have grown from 160 to over 1000.
- ♦ The purpose of the is to expose men and clergy to the praise and worship of God; to disciple men that God can use; and send them back as men of God, equipped to make a difference in their families, churches, and communities.
- ♦ We firmly believe that Godly men, through Jesus, will change the Church.
- ♦ Each year our theme and purpose are to get men to make a deeper commitment to God and grow in their faith.

Spiritual Retreat Day: New for 2019

- ♦ Christ Church where we have held our event for the past five years has asked the Bishop to let them leave the denomination.
- ♦ As a result of this, in consultation with the Bishop, we felt we needed to move the event.

- ♦ We had been getting nudges from God that we needed to try to reach younger people, but we did not know exactly how.
 - ♦ So we contacted Rev. Jeff Kersey, the pastor at Mt Horeb UMC in Lexington, SC, about hosting the event. This is a huge church that has just completed a Conference and education center. It will seat 1800+ and it is state of the art in communication and electronics and a staff to support it.
 - ♦ He said yes and committed his staff to the event. We had a one-day, men's only event geared to attacking younger men and new men. It was a great success. We had 650 men registered. Over 50% were new participants and there were many younger men. We got good remarks from men and pastors and plan to do it again February 22, 2020. Put it on your calendar.
- Teaching Churches:
- ♦ Teaching churches have grown from just men in local churches to communities and cross denominational lines.
 - ♦ We partnered with Robert Noland, The Knight Code, for these events. Men from 80s to teenagers attended. Teaching churches are men only events.
- Disaster Relief:
- ♦ SC and NC did not welcome another damaging hurricane. Florence came in and overstayed her welcome. SC and NC Border rivers experienced severe flood damage. Pray and send aid to these folks.
 - ♦ Men have stepped-up all-over SC to respond to natural disaster in our state and beyond.
 - ♦ SC Conference Men continue to support Strength For Service for first responders and military. In October SFS books were sent to the Florence, SC Sheriff's Department in response to the shooting death of an officer.
- Leadership Training:
- ♦ We continue to train leaders through workshops
 - ♦ We set Conference goals and asked the districts to support and to set district goals for 2017-18.
- SEJ YoungER Men's Think Tank:
- ♦ SEJ commissioned a youngER men's think tank to get ideas from the next generation men.
 - ♦ We have extended invitations to all members of the Think Tank, and other men from their conferences, to attend the SC Spiritual Weekend in 2018. There was a separate breakout for the YoungER men. About 100 men attended this breakout.
- Scouts
- ♦ We have a new Conference Scouting Coordinator.
 - ♦ Pat Long has done this for several years. Pat is now the full-time caregiver for his mother. We thank Pat for his love and service to Scouting. Keep Pat and his family in prayer.
 - ♦ But God provides. Rev Robert Cox retired in June 17 as a pastor. As I was packing up my truck to come home from Annual Conference, Robert approached me about the Scouting Coordinator role. He is a long-time scouter and supporter of scouting. Ain't God Great!

GOALS FOR SC UMMEN 2018 Status as of September 30, 2018

1. Grow the Connection: We were 7 charters from being #1 in the Nation. We picked up 17 new churches last year but had 21 not renew. Again, this is not about the number of connected (chartered) churches, but if they are not connected, we have no communication with them. Look at your list early and let's not lose any charters this year and get those 21 that did not renew, plus let's add 2 new connections per district. This is not hard, but it will take personal contact with churches in your district.
2. Upper Room Prayer Ministry. We lost our 1st place and that is good and bad. Good because we challenged other Conferences to up their support; Bad because we are not #2. We need to encourage Churches to send donations during the year and bring donations to the Spiritual Weekend. 200 churches (we have 1000+) times \$50 is \$10,000...we gave \$4000.
3. Feed 200,000 people (12,000). We gave out devotional and coin boxes to support Society of St Andrews (SOSA) 250 men @ \$50 = \$12,500. We should be able to do better than that. We had 800 men at the beach, and each got a devotional and a box. \$1,200 so far.
4. Personal Energy Transportation Carts (PETS) Goal 30 carts. Cost \$385 delivered. These carts enable a person with no legs to earn a living. 12 carts.
5. Distribution of 2,500 Strength for Service Devotions. These are distributed to Military and First Responders. Look at the news, these are needed more each day. \$17,992 raised, approximately 3,000 books.
**Please encourage the churches in your district to participate in at least two or more of these goals. The success of this depends on the leadership in each district.
6. Small Group Studies: To grow men that Christ can use in their family, church, community and beyond, we need to offer training and encouragement to join small groups. For the past two years men have received a study guide to take home and study with other men. Hopefully this will lead them into a deeper commitment to form study groups and accountability groups to grow in Christ.
7. Host 6 Teaching Churches: These are the Next Steps need to encourage men to go deeper in their relations with God. **THESE ARE MEN'S ONLY EVENTS! One held.**

8. Host the 1st YoungER men's event in SC. This one-day event "Hooked" will be hosted at Mt Horeb UMC in Lexington in September 29, 2018. Please help promote and encourage men to come to this event. Postponed. Districts we need your help to accomplish these goals. These are very attainable goals...

Our prayer is that this ministry will move across the Church. Please join us in disciplining men that God can use in their families, churches, communities ... the world.

MEN CANNOT CHANGE THE WORLD.....BUT CHANGED MEN, THROUGH CHRIST, CAN !!!!!

LAITY, PASTORS, DSs, BISHOP, CHURCH WE NEED YOUR HELP...FOR TOGETHER WE WILL NO LONGER HAVE TO HOLD OUR HEAD LOW AND LAMENT ABOUT THE DECLINE OF THE CHURCH

The Harvest is plentiful, the labors few. Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send labors into the field. Luke 10:2

This is serious business.... this ministry is about where men and their families will spend eternity! Men step up for Christ!!!!

I promise you, if we disciple men that God can use in the family, local church, local community, and beyondThe Church Will Grow!

Join Us, Pray for this Ministry!

Respectfully Submitted

Marvin Horton, President
SC Conference United Methodist Men

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Purpose:

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God, and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Key moments from the previous year:

United Methodist Women National Assembly in Columbus, Ohio May 18-20, 2018 saw 130 women in attendance from the South Carolina Conference, a number which placed us in the top 15 conferences with attendance increase from the previous Assembly, four years prior.

We hosted a Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska, NC, attended by 461 ladies who experienced "It's All About Grace" and reflected upon one's relationship with Jesus Christ. The Spiritual Growth Retreat is to create deliberate and intentional participation in a set period of time to experience a new awareness of the Lord. An atmosphere to encourage growth spiritually, to experience unity and fellowship and to be more responsive to the Holy Spirit are event goals.

We awarded six Presidential Scholarships to outstanding young women, members of Methodist churches in our conference who are pursuing higher education degrees. This \$1000 scholarship is in its second year. Two scholarships were provided in 2017, the year of origination. We are honored to assist these young women with pursuit of a higher education and witness their growth as leaders.

All twelve districts participated in a Fun Legacy Fundraiser on September 8th, Grace United Methodist Church in Columbia. Ladies joyfully raised \$3,586.58 for the Legacy Fund, a permanent endowment fund to cover core expenses of our organization.

Many opportunities for study and learning took place. Workshops and speakers at Legislative Day (320 present), Come Together Be Together (210 registered), and Mission u (161 enrolled) increased our knowledge and understanding of the world we share as children of God.

Objectives for the coming year:

We plan continuing our solid attendance at national organization events. The Southeastern Jurisdiction "Born to Celebrate" Mobile, Alabama, April 17-19, 2020 is a must for our conference. We pray to elect several leaders from our conference to serve on this important national level.

We anticipate awarding more Presidential Scholarships to young women, members of our Methodist churches who are pursuing degrees of higher education. We wish to support their growth as our future leaders.

We commit to advancing our presence by use of 21st century technology and trends in communication. Our website, facebook page, on line enrollment and quarterly newsletter The Mission Echo are ways this initiative will be experienced.

We will continue to provide events where spiritual growth, issues of legislature, fellowship and friendship, networks of community, study of our history, reflection upon the Bible, and times of sharing and caring will be enjoyed by many. Attending our events will help members fulfill the purpose of United Methodist Women.

Most importantly our Limitless Young Women, ages 14-30 and our five Mission Projects will experience a refreshed spotlight of support and emphasis. We recognize our prayers, presence, and gifts are required to help Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg, Columbia Bethlehem Community Center, Killingsworth, Rural Mission and Wallace Family Life serve those in need. We shall continue to reach out to our young Limitless Women who are "living in the present, preparing for the future, creating a peaceful world, building kingdom citizens, while striving to help young women expand the mission." We pledge active, visible involvement.

Action(s) required from the 2019 Annual Conference:

None

If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:

South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women wish to expand their membership. We welcome new members. We have a desire to grow in mission and fellowship with all women, youth, seniors, and children.

Our vision is turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

We provide opportunities and resources to grow spiritually, become more deeply rooted in Christ and put faith into action.

We equip women and girls around the world to be leaders in communities, agencies, workplaces, governments and churches.

We work for justice through compassionate service and advocacy to change unfair policies and systems.

We provide educational experiences that lead to personal change in order to transform the world.

We do not do this alone. We have not just begun. We are over 10,000 members in South Carolina and over 800,000 members worldwide. We celebrate 150 years in mission March 23, 2019. Come! Join! Belong!

Narrative:

Our organization provides countless benefits to all.

Our community of women is beyond description. Our network of fellowship and friendship is strong. Our bonds and care for each other grow deep. Borders do not exist. Love and compassion rule.

Opportunities for educational enrichment and leadership experience is without boundaries. Every position of service is open to every member. Training and guidance is abundant. Experienced officers of United Methodist Women serve in communities, schools, churches, governments, businesses, neighborhoods and homes. A foundation for caring leaders is our specialty.

We invite all women to be part of our organization. We welcome new members. Come be part of our life journey "to know God" and to know Him well.

Cathy S. Ford, Conference President 2019-2020

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Other ministry members:

President -Cathy Ford

Vice President - Janice Eaddy

Secretary - Jacqueline Williams

Treasurer -Ruby Hannah

Communications -Kim Love Quick

Sec'y, Program Resources -Velva Ellerbe

Education & Interpretation - Eunice Y White

Membership Nurture & Outreach -Lavonne James

Social Action - Linda Eichenbaum

Spiritual Growth-Caron Cooper

Chair CONominations (2020) - Mary Cabaniss

Dean, Mission u -Jean Doscher

Asst Dean, Mission u - Betty Swinton

REPORT OF SC METHODIST CONFERENCE CREDIT UNION

The year 2019 marks sixty-four years of service by the South Carolina Methodist Conference Credit Union (SCMCCU) to the Ministers and their families, the churches and their members, and the institutions of the South Carolina United Methodist Conference. The Credit Union was chartered on September 19, 1955, by ten elders of the South Carolina Conference (1785). The Reverend Hawley B. Lynn was elected to serve as the first President. Initially the Credit Union was chartered to serve ministerial members of the annual conference and others under appointment of the bishop, employees of the Boards and Agencies of the annual conference, and their family members. Today, membership encompasses not only the clergy of the South Carolina Conference and their families, but also members of the churches, and employees of the local churches, the Annual Conference, and the United Methodist Colleges, and Retirement Homes of the South Carolina Conference.

The Credit Union remains safe, strong and sound in its mission to serve its members. As a member of the Credit Union, individuals and their family members can benefit from a member-owned, not-for-profit, service-driven, relationship-oriented, stewardship model that is at the core of our financial ministry. Although our primary business continues to be new and used automobile loans and personal loans for our members, the Credit Union also offers loans to the local churches and institutions of the South Carolina Conference.

On January 28, 2019, at the Credit Union's Annual Meeting there were over 70 persons in attendance. The 1:00 P.M. luncheon was provided complimentary to all members by the Board of Directors. During the meeting the pastors of churches which had taken advantage of our new lending initiative to serve the local church, their leadership, and their respective District Superintendents were recognized for the loans that were made in 2018. Also noted was the credit union's recovery from the difficulties stemming from the financial crisis which began in 2008. Please note below the outstanding financial condition of the credit union at the end of 2018.

The Credit Union's website (www.scmccu) provides protected access to personal accounts and an interactive feature that allows a member to transfer funds from one of his or her Credit Union accounts to another.

1 The staff of the SCMCCU remains focused in its mission to serve its members. The Reverend Rex Wilson
2 serves as CEO and President of the Credit Union, a role he has held since 2007. Mr. Harry Metz is the Manager
3 of Accounting & Operations, with Mr. Bob Silva (Loans/Member Services) and Mr. Rod Spangler (Member
4 Services) completing the team.

5 It is the Credit Union's hope that as you get to know it better you will want to share with other United Methodist
6 friends the news of the Credit Union's expanding services. You are invited to become ambassadors for the Credit
7 Union as it continues to serve United Methodism and United Methodists in South Carolina.

8 The Board of Directors, Committees and staff of the SCMCCU are grateful for the trust placed in us as our
9 members' financial stewards.

10 Directors:

11 Mr. James Bradley Jr., Rev. Eugene L. Curry, Rev. Roger M. Gramling, Mr. Joel S. Hughes, Rev. Dennis
12 R. Lee, Ms. Lisa K. Livingston, Rev. Ronald A. Pettit, Rev. Robert M. Vincent, Rev. Lillian H. Washington

13 Credit Committee:

14 Rev. John E. Holler, Chairperson, Rev. John W. Culp, Mr. H. Parker Evatt

15 Supervisory Committee:

16 Ms. Christine C. Dominick, Chairperson, Rev. Sara A. White, Rev. Meredith M. Dark.

17 James Bradley, Jr., Chairperson, Board of Directors

18 Reginald D. Wilson, Jr., President

| South Carolina Methodist | 12/31/16 | 12/31/17 | Change | 12/31/18 | Change |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|
| Assets | \$ | \$ | % | \$ | % |
| Cash & Equivalents | 335,344 | 274,152 | -18.2 | 292,131 | 6.5 |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS | 2,249,655 | 1,687,347 | -25.0 | 1,204,347 | -28.6 |
| Loans Held for Sale | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Real Estate Loans | 357,498 | 305,519 | -14.5 | 399,698 | 30.8 |
| Unsecured Loans | 392,526 | 357,594 | -8.9 | 374,401 | 4.7 |
| Other Loans | 2,213,787 | 2,749,029 | 24.2 | 2,899,928 | 5.4 |
| TOTAL LOANS | 2,963,811 | 3,412,142 | 15.1 | 3,674,027 | 16.9 |
| (Allowance for Loan & Lease Losses) | (30,367) | (45,523) | 49.9 | (41,087) | -9.7 |
| Land And Building | 75,157 | 72,995 | -2.9 | 70,350 | -3.6 |
| Other Fixed Assets | 452 | 186 | -58.8 | 89 | -52.1 |
| NCUSIF Deposit | 46,901 | 48,455 | 3.3 | 46,330 | -4.3 |
| All Other Assets | 23,560 | 22,219 | -5.7 | 15,936 | -28.2 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 5,664,513 | 5,471,973 | -3.4 | 5,262,123 | -3.8 |

| SCMCCU - Liabilities, Shares and Equity | | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
| Dividends Payable | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Notes & Interest Payable | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Accounts Payable & Other Liabilities \3 | 10,443 | 20,999 | 101.1 | 18,020 | -14.1 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 10,443 | 20,999 | 101.1 | 18,020 | -14.1 |
| Share Drafts | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Regular shares | 2,847,378 | 3,067,264 | 7.7 | 3,010,264 | -1.8 |
| All Other Shares & Deposits | 2,263,543 | 1,832,185 | -19.1 | 1,668,030 | -7.8 |
| TOTAL SHARES & DEPOSITS | 5,110,921 | 4,899,449 | -4.1 | 4,678,294 | -4.5 |
| Regular Reserve | 304,175 | 304,175 | 0.0 | 304,175 | 0 |
| Other Reserves | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Undivided Earnings | 238,974 | 247,350 | 3.5 | 261,634 | 5.8 |
| TOTAL EQUITY | 543,149 | 551,525 | 1.5 | 565,809 | 2.6 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES, SHARES, & EQUITY | 5,664,513 | 5,471,973 | -3.4 | 5,262,123 | -3.8 |

| Income & Expense | 12/31/16 | 12/31/17 | Change | 12/31/18 | Change |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| | \$ | \$ | % | \$ | % |
| Loan Income* | 226,932 | 238,984 | 5.3 | 259,531 | 8.6 |
| Investment Income* | 24,880 | 27,796 | 11.7 | 29,391 | 5.7 |
| Other Income* | 14,717 | 17,039 | 15.8 | 15,315 | -10.1 |
| Total Employee Compensation & Benefits* | 177,003 | 179,470 | 1.4 | 187,488 | 4.4 |
| Corp. CU Stabilization Exp. & NCUSIF Premiums | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Other Operating Expenses* | 73,452 | 71,094 | -3.2 | 74,690 | 5.1 |
| Non-operating Income & (Expense)* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NCUSIF Stabilization Income* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Provision for Loan/Lease Losses* | 6,120 | 17,120 | 179.7 | 18,620 | 8.8 |
| Cost of Funds* | 8,166 | 7,759 | -5.0 | 9,156 | 18.0 |
| Net Income (Loss)* | 1,788 | 8,376 | 368.5 | 14,283 | 70.5 |

AFRICA UNIVERSITY

Africa University thrives in ministry because of the steadfast support of the local congregations of The United Methodist Church. The student, faculty, administrators, trustees and graduates are immensely grateful to the members of the South Carolina Conference for prioritizing Africa University and its ministry with an investment of 100 percent of your 2018 asking to the Africa University Fund (AUF) apportionment.

In sowing so consistently into the Africa University Fund, the South Carolina Conference honors its foundational role in the establishment and growth of AU's ministry. The ongoing support of South Carolina United Methodists affirms the university's core mission of nurturing leaders who help communities to know Christ and to experience peace, sustainable livelihoods, food security and abundant health.

Institutional Update:

- In 2018, Africa University enrolled more than 700 new students and maintained an overall enrollment of around 2,000 students. There were 25 African countries represented in the student body. Women made up 53 percent of the student population, which is almost twice the average for African higher education institutions.
- Throughout 2018, Africa University weathered the challenges of Zimbabwe's depressed and uncertain socio-economic environment with creativity and prudence. The university delivered teaching, learning and community service activities of high-quality without interruption, while also renewing and expanding its infrastructure. Key enhancements in 2018 included the refurbishment of three residence halls for women students and the full implementation of an ERP software system to integrate and manage all facets of the university's operations.
- With conflict, poverty, and the impact of climate change persisting as the key drivers of food insecurity and the rise in internal displacement, migration, and refugeehood in Africa, the university consolidated its position as a trailblazer by offering new graduate training and research opportunities. Africa University has also continued to provide scholarships for refugee women so that their experiences, talents and ideas are integrated into the search for solutions.
- Africa University delivered critical data for reducing malaria deaths in southern Africa and controlling the spread of insect-borne diseases world-wide. AU's insectary—a laboratory for rearing and studying live insects, such as mosquitos—shares its findings through the Southern Africa Centers of Excellence for Malaria Research. This data informs regional policies, practices and malaria control efforts.

Africa University is deeply indebted to the members of the South Carolina Conference for their prayers and support, which sustain its ministry. Thank you, South Carolina Conference, for all that you have invested in mission and ministry through Africa University over the past 27 years. Our shared story is one of transformation, hope and realized dreams. As Africa University and the South Carolina Conference move forward together in missional engagement, we trust in God's unending grace for the increase.

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BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Dear Colleagues in Ministry:

Greetings from Boston University School of Theology (BUSTH) as we live together as disciples in uncertain times!

BREAKING NEWS:

- **Students:** We continue to increase and celebrate diversity in our student body, creating remarkable opportunities for in-depth exchanges and fruitful collaboration.
- **Faculty:** We welcomed two amazing faculty this year: **Shively Smith** as Assistant Professor of New Testament, and **Nicolette Manglos-Weber** as Assistant Professor of Religion and Society.
- **Online Lifelong Learning:** We are launching a new Online Lifelong Learning Program at the School, offering webinars, workshops, and reading groups for professional enrichment.
- **Scholarships:** We continue our offer of free tuition to UMC registered candidates for ordained ministry, and we continue to build student scholarships and housing as a central campaign priority. New scholarships include the Korean Student and African Student Scholarships, and leadership fellowships for promising leaders: Raíces Latinas for Latinx leaders, Sacred Worth for leaders in the LGBTQIA+ community, Howard Thurman for African-American leadership, and Indigenous Studies Fellowships.
- **Faith and Ecological Justice Program:** This new student program undertakes initiatives to increase ecological awareness, education, and activism in ecological justice.
- **Theology and the Arts Initiatives:** Recent exhibits and events include “Moments in Time” and “Transcending Conflict.”
- **Grants:** Henry Luce Foundation has awarded a 3-year grant to support the Educating Effective Chaplains Project. The grant supports work with other seminaries to develop models that can better prepare chaplains for effective ministry.
- **Website:** After several years of planning, a new School website will launch in Fall semester 2019.

PARTNERING FOR MINISTRY AND TRANSFORMATION: Preparing students for ministry means meaningful partnerships with the local spiritual community.

- **Creative Callings:** Our vocational project is an exciting partnership with local churches, seeking to create “a culture of call.” It is sponsored through a grant from the Lilly Endowment.
- **Engagement with the UMC:** Many of our students are delegates, project leaders and assistants, and class participants in General Conference 2019.
- **Congregational courses:** The Continuing Scholar program offers current BUSTH courses to alums and local clergy as continuing education credit for a small fee per course.
- **Doctor of Ministry:** The DMin in Transformational Leadership is soaring with lively student cohorts that are broadly ecumenical, culturally diverse, and global. The model includes intensives, online courses, and faculty mentoring.
- **Religion and Conflict Transformation Clinic:** The Clinic provides internships and workshops that foster justice and peace-building.
- **Travel seminars:** These courses engage students with immersion journeys to the Arizona-Mexican border, Israel and Palestine, Argentina, and other sites of learning and ministry. Attendees from the recent Serbia and Croatia Seminar presented to the 2018 Parliament of the World’s Religions in Toronto, Canada.
- **Ecumenical partnerships:** We continue to build robust Communities of Learning with the Episcopal Church and United Church of Christ, and to develop new communities with the Unitarian Universalist and Baptist Churches.
- **Partnership with Hebrew College:** Together we are able to enrich interreligious learning through joint courses and public events, and also co-sponsor *The Journal of Interreligious Studies* and *State of Formation* cohort of emerging leaders.

TAKING ACTION GLOBALLY AND LOCALLY:

- **Campus action:** Work to improve accessibility and sustainability. BUSTH is the first certified Green School in BU, and participates actively in the Green Seminary Initiative. It has also been named as one of the “Seminaries that Change the World” for the second consecutive year.
- **Internships in global service and peacemaking:** We provide internships that support students who engage in ministry with churches and service organizations across the world.

COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE: Celebrating differences while joining in action.

- Faculty and students have led and participated in UMCOR; support efforts with victims of hurricanes and fires; protests on behalf of Puerto Rico, Texas, and Florida; protests of white supremacist movements; services with immigrants and DACA young people; and ecumenical and interreligious witnesses for justice in the city of Boston.
- Through student-led Town Hall meetings, the community has had deep conversations on issues that divide (including theological differences). We seek to foster respectful listening that builds community life and communal action.

OTHER NOTABLE NEWS:

- 2019 marks the 180th year of the School of Theology, originally founded as the Newbury Bible Institute in 1839.
- Our major development campaign for BUSTH will end in September 2019, and we continue working toward grand success for the future of our School and the vitality of your ministries.

As BUSTH looks to the future, we celebrate transformational leaders of the United Methodist Church, who keep the word of Jesus Christ alive. Your living legacy and faithful witness give us hope and courage for the future.

Blessings and gratitude,
Mary Elizabeth Moore, Dean

CANDLER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

For more than 100 years, **Candler School of Theology at Emory University** has prepared *real* people to make a *real* difference in the *real* world. Since our founding in 1914, more than 10,000 students have graduated from Candler, where they have been shaped as thoughtful, principled, and courageous leaders dedicated to transforming the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

This is especially important to note amid the current uncertainty in our denomination. It is an honor and a privilege for Candler to be one of 13 official seminaries of The United Methodist Church. Yet true to the Methodist tradition of ecumenical openness, Candler has enthusiastically welcomed the entire Wesleyan family to our community for generations. Faculty, staff, and students from the AME Church, the AMEZ Church, the CME Church, Free Methodists, Nazarenes, and others have worked, worshiped, learned, and prayed alongside United Methodists, and have been a vital part of shaping Candler and our mission. This diversity has been a wonderful gift and a rich blessing. As we move forward from the Special Session of General Conference, we will continue to invite and welcome wholeheartedly those from all expressions of the Wesleyan tradition. Indeed, we will continue to welcome all those who follow Jesus Christ.

Candler is also privileged to be one of seven graduate professional schools of Emory University in Atlanta. With the resources of a top-tier research institution and the reach of a global city, our students benefit from a rich academic and hands-on learning environment: The General Board of Global Ministries is in Atlanta, as are numerous public health, international development, and social service organizations. Candler's intentional involvement with our surrounding community has contributed to our inclusion on a list of "Seminaries that Change the World" for six years running. In short, there is no better place to prepare for ministry that engages our major denominational priorities: developing leaders, starting and growing churches, ministry with the poor, and improving global health.

In order to keep pace with the needs of the church and the world, Candler offers 16 degrees: six single degrees and ten dual degrees pairing theology with bioethics, business, international development, law, public health, and social work. Our Doctor of Ministry degree is 90 percent online, so students can remain in their places of ministry and immediately apply to their context what they learn in class. Our Teaching Parish program allows eligible United Methodist students to serve as pastors in local churches while they're enrolled—they earn a salary as they earn course credit and pastoral experience, plus they are mentored by an experienced United Methodist elder.

Candler's student body continues to reflect the diversity and breadth of the Christian faithful, with an enrollment of 453, reflecting 51 percent women, 39 percent people of color (U.S.), and a median age of 27 among MDivs. Students represent 44 denominations, with half coming from the Methodist family.

Candler has a deep commitment to alleviating student debt and promoting financial literacy. In 2018-2019, we awarded \$5.8 million in Candler scholarships, with 100 percent of MDiv students receiving aid. Plus, our comprehensive "Faith & Finance" program teaches money management skills that serve our students now and will continue to serve them—and the churches they lead—well into the future.

Candler draws considerable strength and inspiration from its relationship with The United Methodist Church. Our ability to fulfill our mission of educating faithful and creative leaders for the church's ministries throughout the world depends upon your prayers, partnership, and support. Thank you for the countless ways you advance this vital ministry in the life of our denomination. Visit us in person or online at candler.emory.edu to see firsthand how Candler prepares *real* people to make a *real* difference in the *real* world.

Jan Love
Mary Lee Hardin Willard Dean and
Professor of Christianity and World Politics
Candler School of Theology

DREW UNIVERSITY THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL

Drew University Theological School continued its multi-year self-transformation by launching its new curriculum for the Master of Divinity in the fall of 2018. This entirely reconceived degree seeks to form graduates that are rooted in the Christian story and traditions, capable of effective and creative leadership, and spiritually and socially resourceful for cultivating the transformative gospel of Jesus Christ in, with and for the church and the world. A new two-year degree, the Master of Arts in Theology and Ministry also launched, and offers students the

1 opportunity to prepare for public leadership or a specialized vocation through deep theological and ethical reflection
2 informed by biblical, historical, theological and practical sources. New pathways in the Master of Arts, the Master
3 of Sacred Theology, and the Doctor of Ministry were also created as part of the curriculum transformation process
4 which seeks to more intentionally focus the school's service to the church, as well as to the academy and civil
5 society. Drew welcomed 145 entering students this academic year, its largest entering class in over a decade,
6 with an overall enrollment of 350 for the current academic year. In the coming year a new 5-year strategic plan will
7 be developed, new degree delivery options that increase accessibility and affordability for prospective students, as
8 well as new partnerships with annual conferences, other church bodies, and values-based organizations that
9 share and strengthen Drew's mission to advance peace, justice, love of God, neighbor, and the earth.

10 11 12 DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL 13

14 In August of 2018, **L. Gregory Jones**, the Ruth W. and A. Morris Williams Jr. Distinguished Professor of
15 Theology and Christian Ministry, began serving as dean following Elaine Heath's departure. Jones, who earned
16 M.Div. and Ph.D. degrees from Duke, was previously dean of Duke Divinity from 1997-2010. Jones was asked to
17 lead the school in enhancing its ties with church constituencies, strengthening its academic credibility, attending to
18 cultural challenges, and addressing financial challenges. As he assumed the role of dean, Jones noted, "We need
19 to build bridges across various divides in the church, the academy, and across society. Christian faith can play a
20 significant role in this bridge building." This academic year Duke Divinity School has been working steadily on
21 these tasks.

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23 **Admissions:** Duke Divinity School welcomed an entering class of approximately 200 new students from
24 30 different states and several countries, including China, South Korea, the UK, and Zimbabwe. Our
25 Master of Divinity program remains central to our identity, enrolling 112 students. Our Master of Theological
26 Studies and Master of Arts in Christian Practice programs received enrollments of 24 students and 14
27 students, respectively. The Master of Theology (nine students), Doctor of Ministry (22 students), and
28 Doctor of Theology (four students) all had strong enrollment. Our new Certificate in Theology and Health
29 Care saw enrollment double this year to eight students. The ages of students enrolled in the M.Div.
30 program range from 21 to 69, with a median age of 23, and students from minority groups comprised
31 more than 22 percent of incoming M.Div. students, with black students making up 15 percent. Across all
32 degree programs at the Divinity School, 32 percent of the incoming class identified as a race/ethnicity
33 other than white (an increase from 26 percent last year). Black students made up 18 percent of all
34 students; Hispanic students, two percent; Asian students, seven percent; and American Indian students,
35 one percent. For the first time, the majority of students entering the Doctor of Ministry program identify as
36 an ethnic group other than white. Female students made up 51 percent of incoming M.Div. students, while
37 males were 49 percent. It was only the second time in school history that the incoming cohort of M.Div.
38 students had a female majority (2005 being the other year). Across the degree programs, 42 percent of
39 students in the incoming class were female, and 58 percent were male. There were 23 denominations
40 represented in the M.Div. entering class, with 55 percent affiliated with the United Methodist Church (up
41 from 41 percent last year). Nondenominational students made up 17 percent of the new M.Div. students;
42 Baptists, eight percent; and Anglican-Episcopal, three percent.

43 **New Faculty:** Several new faculty members joined the Divinity School community in July 2018, demon-
44 strating Duke Divinity School's ongoing commitment to the church, the academy, and the church's witness
45 in the world.

- 46 • **Christopher Beeley, the Jack and Barbara Bovender Professor of Theology, Anglican Studies,**
47 **and Ministry and director of the Anglican Episcopal House of Studies**, is an Anglican priest
48 and a founding member of the Episcopal Gathering of Leaders. He has ministered in parishes in
49 Texas, Indiana, Virginia, and Connecticut. Prior to joining the Duke faculty, Beeley taught for 16 years
50 at Yale Divinity School.
- 51 • **David Emmanuel Goatley, research professor of theology and black church studies and**
52 **director of the Office of Black Church Studies**, is ordained in the National Baptist Convention,
53 USA, and serves in leadership capacities with the NAACP, Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission
54 Society, and the Baptist World Alliance and the World Council of Churches. He was for 23 years the
55 executive director of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Society.
- 56 • **Jan Holton, associate professor of the practice of pastoral theology and care, is an ordained**
57 **elder in the Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.** Holton most recently
58 served in an extension ministry with Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS) in New Haven,
59 Conn., and was a member of the faculty at Yale Divinity School from 2006 to 2015.
- 60 • **Patrick T. Smith, associate research professor of theological ethics and bioethics and a senior**
61 **fellow at the Kenan Institute for Ethics at Duke University, is also associate faculty with Trent**
62 **Center for Bioethics, Humanities, and the History of Medicine.** Smith is licensed and ordained
63 with the National Baptist Convention, USA and comes to Duke from Gordon-Conwell Theological
64 Seminary and Harvard Medical School.

United Methodists: Professor **Kate Bowler's** memoir, *Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved*, made *The New York Times'* hardcover nonfiction bestseller list and received significant national recognition in mainstream and Christian media. The related podcast, "Everything Happens with Kate Bowler," returns for a second season with new episodes on how people have faced dark times in their lives. Bowler, **Sujin Pak**, and **Edgardo Colon-Emeric**, all United Methodist faculty members, received tenure and promotion to the rank of associate professor in recent months. On July 1, 2018, Pak began serving as vice dean of academic affairs and Colon-Emeric started as director of the Center for Reconciliation. **Jeff Conklin-Miller** began serving as director of the Methodist House of Studies at the same time. Beginning February 1, 2019, **Laceye Warner** fills the new role of associate dean for Wesleyan engagement.

Looking to the Future: The Divinity School continues to discern fresh strategies to respond faithfully and wisely to the changing dynamics of the church, the academy, and the world. An example of our strategic work is a new focus throughout the school on Thriving Communities. Through this focus we are concentrating on the centrality of healthy congregations and gifted pastors in cultivating thriving communities. This approach offers opportunities to build on Duke Divinity School's traditional strengths, but in a new key. We look forward to cultivating even stronger synergies among our work with the Clergy Health Initiative, Thriving Rural Communities, Hispanic House of Studies, and a revised Field Education program (all generously supported by The Duke Endowment), alongside longstanding commitments to the Office of Black Church Studies, the Anglican/Episcopal and Baptist Houses of Study, and initiatives in Leadership Education; Theology and the Arts; and Theology, Medicine, and Culture.

Duke Divinity School is grateful for the strong ties that bind "the people called Methodist," and we look forward to serving together as we bear witness to God's future with hope.

Respectfully submitted,
L. Gregory Jones, Dean, Duke Divinity School

GAMMON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Gammon Theological Seminary, located in Atlanta, GA, is the United Methodist constituent member of the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC), a consortium of historically African-American theological schools. Gammon/ITC is a co-educational, professional graduate school of theology. Its faculty personifies vigorous scholarship, rigorous academic discipline, and significant research in the service of the church and other communities in the world. Gammon/ITC is the world's premier resource for black church scholarship and faith-based solutions to the spiritual and socio-economic challenges confronting the African American community and beyond.

Founded in 1883 by the Methodist Episcopal Church and with assistance from the Freedman's Aid Society, today Gammon Theological Seminary is one of the 13 theological schools of the United Methodist Church. The faculty and administration of Gammon/ITC create an environment in which critical thinking, investigative reflection, decision making, and responsible action are fostered. Gammon/ITC is a member of the Atlanta University Center Complex, the world's largest enterprise of African American higher education. It is also a member of The University Center of Georgia and the Atlanta Theological Association. The school is fully accredited by the Association of Theological Schools and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

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The support of this Annual Conference helps Gammon/ITC students carry on a proud tradition. They are taught to think independently and communicate effectively. They are also challenged to become involved in finding solutions to problems that affect the human condition, and to become active in the community beyond this campus. Additionally, graduates of this institution are encouraged to maintain a lifelong desire for intellectual growth, spiritual development, and the acquisition of skills for the practice of ministry.

Gammon/ITC has had a very exciting and busy year living out its mission, which is to recruit, support and educate pastors and leaders for the United Methodist Church. Gammon Theological Seminary is extremely grateful to this Annual Conference for your support of theological education, and for your commitment to ensuring that God's church will be served by persons who are called and trained to lead us forward.

Grace and Peace,
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Full-tuition pledge extended to those pursuing United Methodist candidacy

MTSO has announced a groundbreaking full-tuition pledge to every prospective student who is pursuing United Methodist candidacy as an elder or deacon. The school's financial-aid experts will assist the prospective student in locating and applying for scholarships from numerous sources. If scholarships from those sources don't

1 cover the full tuition, MTSO and its donors will make up the difference, leaving the student with no out-of-pocket
2 tuition expense. This pledge is extended to qualified prospective students who apply by July 1 for the 2019-20
3 academic year. The MTSO admissions staff is happy to answer questions at 800-333-6876 or admissions@mtso.edu.

5 **Master of Arts in Social Justice program launched**

6 In August of 2019, MTSO will welcome the first students pursuing the school's new Master of Arts in Social
7 Justice degree. This 39-hour, two-year professional master's degree takes full advantage of MTSO's unique
8 ethos. The MASJ offers an interdisciplinary core curriculum combining ethics, theology, public leadership, sacred
9 texts and spirituality. Students also will choose from among social justice-oriented elective courses to sharpen
10 their focus in areas of interest such as race, immigration, human sexuality, climate, disability and labor exploitation.
11 MASJ core classes include on-campus and online learning. All on-campus core classes will meet on Monday and
12 Wednesday evenings. Coursework includes a cross-cultural immersion trip and a customizable 280-hour internship.

14 **Ohio Northern and MTSO announce 3+3 M.Div. program**

15 Ohio Northern University and MTSO have teamed up to offer incoming college students a unique 3+3 program
16 leading to a Master of Divinity degree. The program is the only one of its kind in Ohio and one of only a few in the
17 country. The typical path to an M.Div. requires seven years of undergrad and graduate study. Through the 3+3
18 program, students will save time and money by completing the degree in six years. Starting the program at ONU
19 in Ada, they may choose one of three majors: religion, youth ministry, or religion and ecology. The next step is
20 three years of study at MTSO. After their first year at MTSO, 3+3 students will complete a Bachelor of Arts degree
21 from ONU. After completion of seminary coursework, they will earn an MTSO M.Div.

22 Respectfully submitted,

23 Danny Russell, director of communications

26 **WESLEY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

28 ***Fostering wisdom and courage***

29 Wesley Theological Seminary, celebrating our 60th year in Washington, DC, has equipped Christian leader-
30 ship for nearly 150 years. We prepare students to lead innovative ministries while remaining grounded in our
31 biblical and theological traditions. President David McAllister-Wilson writes in his new book, *A New Church*
32 *and a New Seminary*, "Leadership requires a seminary to foster both wisdom and courage."

33 Our faculty is chosen to prepare these kinds of leaders. In the past year, we welcomed Academic Dean
34 Phil Wingeier-Rayo, Ph.D. plus two new faculty, the Rev. Lorena Parrish, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Urban
35 Ministries and Director of the Community Engagement Institute, and the Rev. Anna Petrin, Ph.D., Associate
36 Professor of Worship and Chapel Elder. Learn more about all the remarkable scholars on Wesley's faculty at
37 <https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/faculty-2/>

38 Whether you are clergy or laity, an alumnus or a prospective student, looking for master's or doctoral
39 work, or continuing education or simply deeper knowledge, Wesley stands ready to support you in your
40 current and future call to ministry. Here are a few ways Wesley can help you grow in the wisdom of the faith
41 and the courage to lead.

42 ***Discover exciting pathways to seminary studies***

43 Wesley offers a 81-hour Master of Divinity, a 36-hour Master of Arts and a 60-hour Master of Theological
44 Studies. **Wesley equips all those called to serve for ordained Elder and Deacon ministries or to other ministries**
45 **beyond the pulpit.**

46 Some are able to take advantage of our modern and affordable on-campus housing and food service to be
47 full-time residential students, living in an exciting international capital. But we understand the struggle to
48 balance life, family, ministry, and finances. So, **Wesley's Master of Divinity degree can now be completed**
49 **via online, weekend, short-term intensive, and weeknight courses in 5 years**, designed for those with
50 busy ministry, work, and family lives. Check out upcoming flexible course offerings for Summer and Fall 2019
51 at <http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/admissions/try-a-class-3/>

52 In our **3+3 Fast Track B.A./M. Div. program**, in partnership with Shenandoah University, students enter minis-
53 try with less debt after earning their degrees in six years. **Learn more at www.wesleyseminary.edu/3+3degrees.**

54 Wesley provides **more than \$2 million dollars annually in scholarships** thanks to the consistent support of
55 graduates, congregations and friends. Our new **Generación Latinx Scholarship** joins our **many merit-based**
56 **scholarships** that enable **students to afford seminary education. The Community Engagement Institute**
57 **at Wesley** embraces a vibrant vision to be the premier center for churches and faith-based organization
58 engage their communities. **Our Community Engagement Fellows program** prepares students to **engage in**
59 **entrepreneurial ministry. Generous stipends are available for each Fellow** while they complete their
60 M.Div. degree. Students can focus their fellowship on Public Theology, Urban Ministry or Missional Church.
61 Meet our current Fellows at <https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/admissions/community-engagement-fellows/>

62 ***Take your ministry to the next level***

63 Wesley is a leader in **Doctor of Ministry programs in specialized tracks that can include international study.**
64 **Our 2020 tracks** will include **Church Leadership Excellence, offered in conjunction with Wesley's**
65 **internationally respected Lewis Center for Church Leadership and Life Together: Spirituality for**

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Enrich your congregational outreach and explore new dimensions of ministry

The Lewis Center continues to be on the leading edge of research for the local church. The Lewis Center's *Leading Ideas* e-newsletter is now the go-to source for over 20,000 people in ministry each week. From this we've launched a new podcast – *Leading Ideas Talk*. Sign up or listen at www.churchleadership.com/. And look for new practical online courses at lewisonlinelearning.org.

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Through the Wesley Innovation Hub, a research project funded by the Lilly Endowment, we are working with **20 local congregations** to design innovative ministries as models for ministry by and for young adults. Follow the work and connect with resources at www.wesleyseminary.edu/wesley-innovation-hub/.

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HINTON RURAL LIFE CENTER

Purpose:

Hinton Center is a retreat and missions outreach agency of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, with the mission statement: Inspired by Jesus Christ, Hinton Rural Life Center's purpose is to engage individuals, congregations, and communities in transformation through retreat ministry and missional outreach.

Key moments from the previous year:

Guided by its 2016 Quality of Life Study, Hinton Center has been making homes safer and healthier, encouraged understanding of mental health and substance use, and promoted community-wide volunteer opportunities. Hinton has been awarded numerous grants and has continued to strengthen its ministries both on and off campus. Hinton's 2018 ministry highlights include:

- Received over \$575,000 in grants, including funding for: Youth and adult leadership programs, funded by a grant from the The Duke Endowment; Mental Health First Aid training, through the Evergreen Foundation, with Hinton staff training educators in Clay and Cherokee counties, as well as community members in the three-county area served; Young Clergy Initiative funding, from the UM General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, to support a leadership training event for high school youth interested in serving as college summer mission outreach staff.
- Missional outreach celebrations: served 334 families through its Firewood, Christmas Cares, and Safe and Healthy Home Repair ministries; completed 237 home repair projects for 29 homes; hosted 51 church mission teams, with 46 from the SEJ
- Completed its Lakeside Worship Center, with significant help from a NOMADS team, and began hosting an annual Easter Sunrise Service there

- Launched a regional Volunteer Center promoting ministry through service in the community, with over 25,000 volunteer hours in 2018
- Produced 785 pounds of food from the Hinton garden, used in its dining services and distributed to food programs in the community

Objectives for the coming year:

- Two new leadership development opportunities for youth will be offered this fall: Hinton YouthLead Academy for high school youth, September 13-15, and Youth Leadership Chatuge for middle school youth, an 8-week course led by Hinton staff in collaboration with Hayesville Middle School and local United Methodist churches.
- Leadership Chatuge, a 12-week course designed and led by Hinton's president and CEO, launched in January 2019 and is offered again this fall. This new initiative supports leadership development for current and emerging leaders from Clay or surrounding counties, for the purpose of impacting long-term quality of life. Local and regional leaders share experiences and knowledge, including leadership styles, effective communication, regional history, complexities of poverty in Appalachia, economic development, government and other public services, and asset-based community development.
- A new Hinton Ambassadors Ministry equips ten clergy from different conferences in the SEJ to serve as resources in their conferences for information on Hinton's ministries and missional opportunities. They include: David Fuquay (FL); Laura Plaster (Holston); Ed Trimmer (TN); Adlene Kufarimai (N AL); Shannon Boaz (KY); Joshua Goocey (NC); Rebekah Ralph (WNC); Ed Archer (N GA); Bill Culpepper (S GA); Jonathan Tompkins (SC).
- Hinton Center is a new partner with FCF Confirm confirmation retreats at Lake Junaluska. Hinton's presence at these retreats is introducing a new generation of United Methodists to Hinton Rural Life Center as a place where they can go to retreat and serve . . . and BE the Church!

Action(s) required from the 2019 Annual Conference:

None

If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:

Through its ministries and missions outreach opportunities, Hinton engages individuals, groups, churches, and organizations – both local and from across the jurisdiction – in ways that impact its rural Appalachian community, improve quality of life, and give hope.

Narrative:

“Don’t just go to church. Be the Church.” Like a church, Hinton Center’s campus is a physical place where people come to worship, learn, and serve, as well as retreat, reflect, and renew. But, Hinton is more than just a place. Hinton focuses on loving God and loving neighbor, in the hope that everyone who connects with Hinton – guest, volunteer, workshop participant, local homeowner, or business owner – experiences God’s transforming love.

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PETITIONS TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

PETITION TO CHANGE LANGUAGE IN *THE BOOK OF DISCIPLINE* SUBMITTED TO THE 2019 SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Whereas, ¶161G of the United Methodist *Book of Discipline* which states that the practice of homosexuality is “incompatible with Christian teaching” never refers to any specific Christian teaching that concludes such incompatibility; and

Whereas, while there is Christian teaching that concludes incompatibility, there is also Christian teaching that makes the opposite conclusion that the practice of homosexuality is not incompatible; and

Whereas, since its adoption, the incompatibility statement found in ¶161G of the United Methodist *Book of Discipline* has been argued by biblical scholars and theologians as inaccurate and in conflict with what many Christian educators teach; and

Whereas, the wording in ¶161G of the United Methodist *Book of Discipline* directly contradicts ¶162 of *The Book of Discipline* which states: “We affirm all persons as equally valuable in the sight of God. We therefore work toward societies in which each person’s value is recognized, maintained, and strengthened.”; and

Whereas, the incompatibility statement found in ¶161G of the United Methodist *Book of Discipline* has never fully represented all United Methodists and has been rejected by more and more United Methodists every year since its adoption; and

Whereas, the incompatibility statement found in ¶161G of the United Methodist *Book of Discipline* has been the source of tremendous harm to countless people within the United Methodist Church and beyond;

Therefore, be it resolved that the South Carolina Annual Conference petitions the 2020 General Conference of The United Methodist Church to remove the sentence found in ¶161G of the 2016 *Book of Discipline* that states, “The United Methodist Church does not condone the practice of homosexuality and considers this practice incompatible with Christian teaching.”

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**PETITION TO CREATE SEPARATE BOOKS OF DISCIPLINE
 FOR THE UNITED STATES ANNUAL CONFERENCES AND
 FOR THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CENTRAL CONFERENCES
 SUBMITTED TO THE 2019 SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Whereas, the 2019 General Conference of The United Methodist Church rejected the One Church Plan and narrowly passed the Traditional Plan, and

Whereas, informal polling indicated that the majority of delegates from the United States Annual Conferences favored the One Church Plan, but the majority of delegates from African and Asian Conferences favored the Traditional Plan, thus assuring its passage, and

Whereas, civil governments in many of the African nations, and perhaps other nations, in which the Central Conferences of The United Methodist Church exist, have civil laws which criminalize homosexuality and which, therefore, exercised considerable influence on the Traditional Plan vote, and

Whereas, homosexuality is not a crime in the United States;

Therefore, be it resolved that the South Carolina Annual Conference petition the 2020 General Conference of The United Methodist Church to enact appropriate legislation to create a separate *Book of Discipline* for Central Conferences where homosexuality is criminalized so that the United States Annual Conferences can move forward with language changes in *The Book of Discipline* to include, ordain, and marry persons regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, in order that the issue of homosexual full inclusion in the United States Annual Conferences can be resolved on some other basis than simply complying with the existing civil laws of other nations.

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**PETITION TO REPEAL AND REPLACE THE TRADITIONAL PLAN
SUBMITTED TO THE 2019 SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

1 **Whereas**, the majority of United States delegates to General Conference 2019, according to informal
2 polling, rejected the Traditional Plan passed at General Conference 2019; and
3
4 **Whereas**, our 13 United Methodist Theological schools, in a joint statement, urged the delegates of
5 General Conference 2019 to vote against the Traditional Plan; and
6
7 **Whereas**, the National Association of Schools and Colleges of The United Methodist Church called for
8 the full inclusion of all persons in the life and ministry of The United Methodist Church; and
9
10 **Whereas**, a statement signed by 15,529 young people in under 13 hours was submitted supporting the
11 One Church Plan over and against the Traditional Plan; and
12
13 **Whereas**, schism and exclusion from the Church are neither the will of God nor compatible with the
14 teachings of Jesus Christ (Matthew 18:10-14; 25:31-46; 26:26-30; Luke 15:1-32; John 15:1-17; 1 Corinthians 10:1-
15 31; 12:12-27; *Book of Discipline* Paragraphs 121-125 and 2501); and
16
17 **Whereas**, United Methodists hold that the core of Christian faith is revealed in Scripture, illuminated
18 by tradition, vivified in personal experience, and confirmed by reason. Scripture is primary, revealing the Word of
19 God 'so far as it is necessary for our salvation.' (*Book of Discipline* Paragraph 105), and that, "The authority of
20 Scripture derives from the movement of God's Spirit in times past and in our reading of it today." (<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/our-christian-roots-the-bible>); and
21
22 **Whereas**, Methodists have historically understood that differing standards of accountability must be
23 applied contextually on our way to full Christian maturity (Wesley, John. "A More Excellent Way"); and
24
25 **Whereas**, our General Rules enjoin us to do no harm, to do good, and attend upon all the ordinances
26 of God (*Book of Discipline* Paragraph 104); and
27
28 **Whereas**, the debate on about homosexuality is a modern one, and has no place within our historic
29 doctrine; either in our Articles of Religion or in the Confession of Faith of the Evangelical United Brethren (*Book of*
30 *Discipline* Paragraph 104); and
31
32 **Whereas**, we are in a period of historic decline in the membership of The United Methodist Church in
33 the United States; and
34
35 **Whereas**, our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world (*Book of*
36 *Discipline* Paragraph 120); and
37
38 **Whereas**, the Traditional Plan, in parts ruled constitutional and unconstitutional by the Judicial Council,
39 promotes harm, promotes schism, is not compatible with the historic witness of The United Methodist Church, will
40 likely contribute to greater decline of the population of The United Methodist Church in the United States, and will
41 hinder our ability to make disciples of Jesus Christ;
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43 **Therefore, be it resolved** that the South Carolina Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church
44 rejects the Traditional Plan as passed at the 2019 General Conference, and we, the South Carolina Annual
45 Conference, petition for the full repeal of the Traditional Plan as passed at the 2019 General Conference; and
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47 **Therefore, be it resolved** that we, the South Carolina Annual Conference, petition the 2020 General
48 Conference to recommit itself to the work of reconciliation and peacemaking so that The United Methodist Church,
49 as one body, can move forward; and
50
51 **Therefore, be it resolved** that we, the South Carolina Annual Conference, petition the 2020 General
52 Conference to return us to the language of the 2016 Book of Discipline or create a way forward where The United
53 Methodist Church may be under the leadership of the Spirit and the example of Jesus Christ.

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End of Preconference Reports Section

THE CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar provided for in Standing Rule No. 22 allows for the adoption by “consent” of reports and other items which do not necessarily require deliberation by the Annual Conference in open session and which can be adopted or “moved to the record without reading” by a simple majority vote.

Prior to the consideration of the Consent Calendar scheduled for Monday morning, any fifteen members of the Annual Conference may request the removal of a specific item from the Consent Calendar, and it shall be removed and considered at an appropriate time determined by the President and the Secretary. The Consent Calendar shall be adopted by a majority vote.

To remove an item from the Consent Calendar, complete and secure the required signatures on the form at the end of this section and deliver the completed form to the Secretary of the Annual Conference prior to consideration of the Consent Calendar. A separate petition is required for each item to be removed.

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**PETITION TO REMOVE
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Guidelines for Participation in Parliamentary Process

Handling A Motion:

1. Member **makes** a motion.
2. Another member **seconds** the motion.
3. Chair **states** the question on the motion.*
4. Motion is **pending** and open for **debate**.
5. Assembly decides on the motion: adopts/rejects.
6. Chair announces results of vote.

(Page 48-51 – *Robert's Rules*, 2010 edition)

*Until the chair states the question, the maker of the motion has the right to modify the motion or withdraw it entirely. i.e. with the agreement of the Second.

P. 59-RR: Fundamental Principle of Parliamentary Law:

Only one question can be considered at a time; once a motion is before the assembly:

1. Adopts or rejects.
2. Or disposed in some other way.

SECONDARY MOTION:

1. Made and considered while the main motion is pending.
2. Must be acted upon or disposed of before direct consideration of the main question can be continued.

P. 62-65-RR: Subsidiary Motions can be amended except:

Motion to "Postpone indefinitely", "Previous Question", or "Lay on the Table".

P. 54- RR: In cases where there seems to be no opposition in routine business, time is saved by procedure of GENERAL CONSENT:

example: "If there is no objection ...". If there is objection, chair states the question and allows debate and vote.

P.135-RR: AN AMENDMENT of the THIRD degree is not permitted.

P.153-RR: It is possible to introduce a "Substitute for the substitute" which CANNOT be amended, since it is a Secondary Amendment.

PP.153-162-RR: TO SUBSTITUTE:

A substitute offered for a main motion or resolution (or paragraph), is a PRIMARY AMENDMENT and usually is in order ONLY when no other amendment is pending.

HOWEVER, superseding this is GENERAL CONFERENCE RULE OF ORDER NO. 28 – "PROCEDURE FOR CONSIDERATION OF SUBSTITUTES" AND "AMENDING BY SUBSTITUTION":

(Rule of Order No. 28 used when substitutes are offered for ORIGINAL Conference Reports of Boards, Committees, or Resolutions "even if amendments thereto are pending, a substitute therefore may be offered by any member moving that the same be substituted for the report, resolution, or amendment under consideration. The substitute shall be an alternative to what is before the house.")

Steps For G.C. RULE 28:

1. Debate limited to merits of substitution only, no amendments allowed.
2. Vote on substitute, if prevails by majority vote, becomes main motion.
3. Debate, amendment moves forward on main motion.
4. MAIN MOTION is voted upon with minimum of two speeches on each side of question.

PP. 138-139-RR: IMPROPER AMENDMENTS ARE THOSE ...

1. not germane to the question.
2. merely making adoption of amended question equivalent to rejection of original motion.
3. making question identical, or contrary to, one previously decided during the same session.
4. proposing to change one of the forms of amendment (i.e. "to insert or add; to strike out and insert; to substitute") into another form.
5. having the effect of converting one parliamentary motion into another.
6. that strike out the word "Resolved" or other enacting words.
7. frivolous or absurd.
8. having incoherent wording or no rational purpose.
9. converting a primary amendment into an improper form.



GENERAL CONFERENCE 2020 DELEGATES AND ELECTORS

January 7, 2015

This document is provided in order to serve as a guide for annual conferences as they decide the eligibility of delegates and electors for the 2020 General Conference.

These guidelines are based on the amended ¶35 and Judicial Council Decision No. 1181.

Amended ¶35, *United Methodist Book of Discipline*

¶35 – *Article IV – The clergy delegates to the General Conference and to the jurisdictional or central conference shall be elected from the clergy members in full connection and shall be elected by the clergy members of the annual conference or provisional annual conference who are deacons and elders in full connection, associate members, and those provisional members who have completed all of their educational requirements and local pastors who have completed Course of Study or an M. Div. degree and have served a minimum of two consecutive years under appointment immediately preceding the election.*

Judicial Council Decision No. 1181 (Feb. 12, 2011)

Digest of Case

The persons who are eligible to be elected as clergy delegates to the General Conference, the jurisdictional conference, or the central conference by the annual conference or the provisional annual conference are the full clergy members of the annual or provisional conference. Eligibility to be elected is conferred by full conference membership without regard to ordination or to years of service.

The persons who are eligible to cast ballots as electors in choosing the clergy delegates to the General Conference, the jurisdictional conference, or the central conference, are (a) the persons who are eligible for election, (b) the associate members, (c) the provisional members who have been judged by the annual conference to have completed the educational requirements and have been elected to provisional membership, and (d) the local pastors who have met two criteria: they have, by either of two options as determined by the annual conference, completed the constitutionally specified level of education; and they have been appointed by the bishop and served for two consecutive years, immediately preceding the election, during which time no withdrawal of the appointed status has occurred.

Any enabling legislation in *2008 Discipline* that does not conform to ¶ 35 is unconstitutional.



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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION AS CLERGY DELEGATES:

- Deacons and elders:
 - In full connection, active or retired: those elected to full connection during or before the 2019 Clergy Session are eligible to vote and serve as delegates, even if they have not yet been ordained
 - Leave categories eligible for election:
 - Sabbatical Leave (§351), Voluntary Leave of Absence (Personal, Family, Transitional) (§353), Maternity or Paternity Leave (§355), Medical Leave (§356)

NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION AS CLERGY DELEGATES:

- Leave categories not eligible for election:
 - Involuntary Leave of Absence (§354.7), Honorable Location (§358.2), Administrative Location (§359.3)
- Provisional members
- Associate members
- Local Pastors

ELIGIBLE TO VOTE FOR CLERGY DELEGATES:

- Deacons or elders in full connection (active or retired)
- Leave Categories eligible to vote: Voluntary Leaves of Absence (personal, family, transitional) (§353), Sabbatical Leave (§351), Maternity or Paternity Leave (§355), Medical Leave (§356)
- Provisional members who have completed all their educational requirements and have been elected to provisional membership
 - Deacons and elders who have been elected to provisional membership, but not yet commissioned, are eligible to vote.¹
- Associate members (active or retired)
- Local Pastors who have completed Course of Study or a M.Div. degree and have served a minimum of two consecutive years under appointment immediately preceding election.²

Judicial Council Decision No. 1181 states that “the person has ‘served’ an appointment fixed by the bishop for two consecutive conference years as that term is commonly applied.”

NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE FOR CLERGY DELEGATES:

- Leave categories not eligible to vote: Clergy on Honorable Location (§358), Clergy on Administrative Location (§359), Clergy on Involuntary Leave of Absence (§354.7)
- Local Pastors who do not meet the criteria listed above

¹ “As a practical matter, an annual conference may delay its first ballot for selecting clergy delegates until after answering the question “Who have ‘completed all of their educational requirements’ for provisional membership?” (Judicial Council Decision No. 1181).

² In annual conferences, it is the bishop’s responsibility to make rulings of law as they apply to the *Book of Discipline*.

BADGE COLOR GUIDE

CLERGY

FULL MEMBERS (Elders and Deacons) (Active and Retired) **WHITE**

(White badges may vote on all matters before the Annual Conference)

PROVISIONAL MEMBERS (Elders and Deacons) **RED**

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS (Active and Retired) **RED**

LOCAL PASTORS (Those Full-Time and Part-Time who may vote for GC and JC) **RED**

(Red badges may vote on all business matters before the Annual Conference including clergy delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conference, **but not matters** before the Clergy Session **and not** constitutional amendments. ¶35 of The Discipline, 2012 defines which local pastors may vote for General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference delegates.)

LOCAL PASTORS (Those Full-Time and Part-Time who may NOT vote for GC and JC) **GOLD**

(Gold badges may vote on all business matters before the Annual Conference **except** matters before the clergy session, election of General and Jurisdictional Conference delegates and constitutional amendments.)

AFFILIATE MEMBERS **PURPLE**

RECOGNIZED RETIRED LOCAL PASTORS (technically lay-persons) **PURPLE**

(Purple badges have the privilege of voice **but not** vote in the Annual Conference.)

SUPPLY PASTORS **GREEN**

OD, OE, OF, OP **GREEN**

HONORABLY LOCATED CLERGY, CANDIDATES, VISITORS, OTHERS **GREEN**

(Green Badges have **no vote or voice on** any matter before the Annual Conference.)

LAY

LAY MEMBERS **BLUE**

DIACONAL MINISTERS (Active and Retired) **BLUE**

ACTIVE DEACONESSSES (under Episcopal appointment) **BLUE**

(Blue badges may vote on all business matters before the Annual Conference including election of lay delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conference and constitutional amendments.)

ALTERNATE LAY MEMBERS **GREEN**

OTHERS (Visitors) **GREEN**

CLERGY SPOUSES **LIGHT GREEN**

(Green and Light Green badges have no voice or vote in the Annual Conference. If an Alternate is to be seated in the place of a Lay Member and thus become the Lay Member with the right to speak and vote, that Alternate **must obtain** a new badge from the Registrar Table after approval by the district superintendent.)

Who Votes at Annual Conference?

| Clergy Status | Vote On Annual Conference Business? | Vote For General/Jurisdictional Delegates? |
|---|---|--|
| Clergy – Active (full or part time) Full Elder (FE), Full Deacon (FD), Provisional Elder (PE), Provisional Deacon (PD), Associate Member (AM) | YES | YES |
| South Carolina Clergy Serving Other Conference Full Elder (FE), Full Deacon (FD), Provisional Elder (PE), Provisional Deacon (PD), Associate Member (AM) | YES | YES |
| Clergy – Retired Retired Elder (RE), Retired Deacon (RD), Retired Associate Member (RA) | YES | YES |
| Full/Part Time Local Pastor (FL, PL) who have served a minimum of two consecutive years under appointment immediately before election AND have completed EITHER Basic Course of Study OR an M.Div. degree | YES | YES |
| Full/Part Time Local Pastor (FL, PL) who do NOT fulfill qualifications above | YES | NO |
| Retired Local Pastor currently appointed to a local church | YES | NO |
| Full/Part Time Local Pastor Not Appointed (BQ 20) | NO | NO |
| Clergy from Other U.M. Conference Serving South Carolina Para. 346.1 Associate Member (OA), Deacon (OD), Elder (OE), Provisional Member (OP), Retired Member (OR) | NO | NO |
| Clergy from Other Denomination Other Denomination (OF/FL)(OF/PL) | NO | NO |
| Supply Pastors | NO | NO |

Clergy Nominees for the 2020 General and Jurisdictional Conferences



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|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1) Gene Aiken | 29) Christopher Greene | 57) Ken Nelson |
| 2) Jim Arant | 30) Rett Haselden | 58) Tom Norrell |
| 3) Mel Arant | 31) Scarlett Hester | 59) Weston Pendergrass |
| 4) Connie Barnes | 32) Jon Hoin | 60) Richard Reams |
| 5) Ben Barnett | 33) Kitty Holtzclaw | 61) Sara Relaford |
| 6) Ralph Bowling III | 34) Michael Hood | 62) Tim Rogers |
| 7) Doris Bright | 35) Darren Hook | 63) Tony Rowell |
| 8) Steven Brown | 36) Amiri Hooker | 64) Mike Smith |
| 9) Laura Canine | 37) Kathryn Hunter | 65) Randy Smith |
| 10) Derrick Cattenhead | 38) Keith Hunter | 66) Thomas Smith |
| 11) Ross Chellis | 39) Narcie Jeter | 67) Tyler Strange |
| 12) Clayton Childers | 40) Karen Jones | 68) Kim Strong |
| 13) Wally Culp | 41) Jeff Kersey | 69) Emily Sutton |
| 14) Kevin Dalton | 42) Steven King | 70) Kelli Taylor |
| 15) Robin Dease | 43) Ann Kovan | 71) Mary Teasley |
| 16) Jerry Dicks | 44) Marvin Lare | 72) Redonia Thomas |
| 17) Roger Dodds | 45) Brandon Lazarus | 73) Chris Thompson |
| 18) Fran Elrod | 46) Susan Leonard | 74) Phil Thrailkill |
| 19) Ernest Etheredge | 47) Chris Lollis | 75) Ken Timmerman |
| 20) Angie Etheredge-Erwin | 48) Stephen Love | 76) Michael Turner |
| 21) Terry Fleming | 49) Susan Maddox | 77) Tom Wall |
| 22) Jody Flowers | 50) Will Malambri | 78) Morris Waymer |
| 23) Russell Freeman | 51) Tim McClendon | 79) Sara White |
| 24) James Friday | 52) Mack McDowell | 80) Eddie Williams |
| 25) Brandon Fulmer | 53) Barry McFadden | 81) LaShelia Wyatt |
| 26) Jerry Gadsden | 54) David McManus | 82) Matt Yon |
| 27) Telley Gadson | 55) Elizabeth Murray | 83) Neil Yongue |
| 28) Meegian Gossard | 56) Angela Nelson | 84) Mandy Young |

Lay Nominees for 2020 General & Jurisdictional Conferences

Theodore Andrus (Number 001)



Local Church Activities:

1. Lay Member to Annual Conference - 3 years
2. Trustee - 5 years
3. Small Group Facilitator - 3 years

District Activities:

1. Lay Servant - 2 years

Conference Activities:

1. Attendance at Annual Conference - 3 years

Qualification Summary:

I believe in the Holy Word of God. It is the standard by which the Christian orders his life. It is not to be modified for the convenience of society.

Home Church:

Landrum UMC

District: Spartanburg

Robert Bethea (Number 002)



Local Church Activities:

1. Lay Servant - 5 years
2. S/PRC Chair - 3 years
3. Stewardship Chair - 3 years

District Activities:

1. Lay Delegate to Annual Conference - 3 years
2. Lay Servant Training (student) - 5 years

Conference Activities:

1. Attended Annual Conference - 3 years

Qualification Summary:

I am a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church. I serve in the church and community to help promote its mission.

Home Church:

Wesley UMC

District: Florence

Lay Nominees for 2020 General & Jurisdictional Conferences

David Braddon (Number 003)



Local Church Activities:

1. Lay Leader - 12 years
2. Chair Long Range Planning Committee - 7 years
3. Church Council (Chair 3 years) - 20+ years

District Activities:

1. Lay Leader - 10 years
2. Registrar, District Committee on Ordained Ministry - 9 years
3. Connectional Ministries (Leadership Chair) - 7 years

Conference Activities:

1. Board of Ordained Ministry - 11 years
(Exec Committee 3 years)
2. Connectional Ministries (Leadership Sub-committee) - 7 years
3. Pensions / Health Benefits (Chair 6 years) - 16 years

Home Church:

Bethany UMC, Summerville
District: Charleston

Activities Beyond Conference:

1. UM Publishing House Board (Chair Finance 3 years) - 7 years
2. General Conference Delegate 2012, 2016 & 2019
3. Jurisdictional Conference Delegate 2008, 2012 & 2016

Qualification Summary:

Christian - God and family are important. Retired, Fortune 500 company (mergers & acquisitions). Veteran, served in the Pentagon. Ph.D. in chemistry (a few publications and patents), M.B.A. (finance). Lifelong learner.

Valerie Brooks-Madden (Number 004)



Local Church Activities:

1. Lay Leader - 3 years
2. Financial Secretary - 2 years
3. Administrative Council Chairperson - 6 years

District Activities:

1. District Hospitality Chair for Annual Conference - 3 years
2. Lay Servant Ministries Instructor - 5 years

Conference Activities:

1. Pensions & Benefits - 4 years
2. Conference Finance & Administration - 8 years
3. Bishop's MAT Team - 2 years

Activities Beyond Conference:

1. Stephen Minister - 4 years
2. Widows Ministry - 3 years
3. Rotarian - 2 years

Home Church:

Bethlehem UMC
District: Greenville

Qualification Summary:

My qualifications align with my love of God and my spiritual growth: Servant. Proven leadership and communication skills. Decisive. The ability to work with others in the church and community.

Lay Nominees for 2020 General & Jurisdictional Conferences

Michael Cheatham (Number 005)



Local Church Activities:

1. Past Lay Leader - 5 years
2. Trustee - 5 years
3. Certified Lay Speaker - 37 years

District Activities:

1. District Lay Leader - 7 years
2. Trustee, Superintendency Committee - 7 years
3. Past director, Lay (Servant) Speaking Ministries - 12 years

Conference Activities:

1. Connectional Ministries - 7 years
2. Past director, Lay (Servant) Speaking Ministries - 8 years
3. Annual Conference lay member - 15+ years

Home Church:

Faith UMC, Greer

District: Greenville

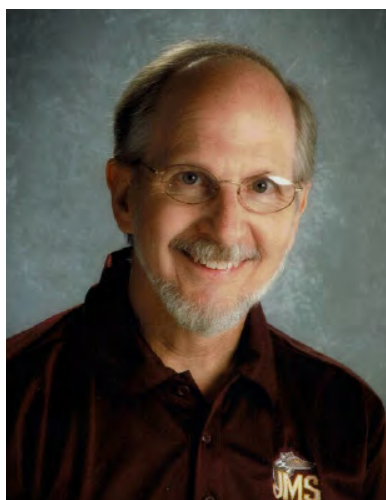
Activities Beyond Conference:

1. General, Jurisdictional Conference - 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016
2. Past President, SEJ Lay (Servant) Speaking Ministries - 6 years
3. Past director, Lay (Servant) Speaking Ministries Association - 4 years

Qualification Summary:

Served the church at all levels. Wrote and passed legislation now included in the Book of Discipline. Served on key committee at General Conference 2016. Delegate to four General Conferences.

Doug Coffeen (Number 006)



Local Church Activities:

1. Bible Study/Sunday School/VBS teacher - 47 years
2. UMMen: President, House Repair/Wheelchair Ramp Job Leader - 34 years
3. Upper Room Living Prayer Volunteer, 2 hours monthly - 32 years

District Activities:

1. Camp Providence Counselor, Anderson District - 6 years
2. Habitat for Humanity worker/site leader - 29 years
3. Boy Scout Leader and Scoutmaster - 6 years

Conference Activities:

1. Salkehatchie Summer Service youth, then site leader - 6 years
2. UMVIM: Missionary Construction in Haiti, 1976 - 2 weeks
3. ERT trained and served after 3 hurricanes - 3 years

Home Church:

Macedonia UMC

District: Marion

Activities Beyond Conference:

1. Independent study of evidence re: creation vs. evolution - 4 years
2. Independent study re: the Bible's authority/reliability - 4 years
3. Independent study re: God's will for sexual behavior - 2 years

Qualification Summary:

Began knowing/following Jesus, 1970. Served as school teacher/administrator, 30 years. Celebrating 31st year of marriage: 3 adopted children, 7 grandchildren. Currently Church Council chair, focus on making disciples of Jesus.

Lay Nominees for 2020 General & Jurisdictional Conferences

Baron DeKalb (Number 007)



Local Church Activities:

1. Chair Church Council - 3 years
2. Lay Delegate to Annual Conference - 6 years
3. SPRC - 3 years

District Activities:

1. Board of Lay Speakers/Servants - 3 years
2. Certified Lay Servant - 5 years

Qualification Summary:

Serving and representing the church is an humble honor and gives me an opportunity to show God's love to those that I serve with and those I serve.

Home Church:
Covenant UMC
District: Greenville

Edward Enlow (Number 008)



Local Church Activities:

1. Board of Trustees - 11 years
2. Chair PPRC - 3 years
3. Chair Administrative Council - 3 years

District Activities:

1. Certified lay servant - 15 years

Conference Activities:

1. Lay delegate to Annual Conference - 4 years

Qualification Summary:

Passion and commitment with a since of honor, that's how I served as a Marine and now as a servant of Christ within the UMC.

Home Church:
Montgomery Memorial UMC
District: Spartanburg

Lay Nominees for 2020 General & Jurisdictional Conferences

Emily Evans (Number 009)



Local Church Activities:

1. VBS Leader - 3 years
2. Choir - 10 years
3. Bible Study Leader - 3 years

District Activities:

1. Salkehatchie Summer Service - 3 years
2. Winthrop Wesley Foundation - 2 years

Conference Activities:

1. Council on Finance and Administration - 4 years
2. Conference Youth Choir - 1 year
3. Annual Conference delegate - 14 years

Activities Beyond Conference:

1. General Council on Finance and Administration - 4 years
2. General Board of Global Ministries - 2 years
3. General and Jurisdictional Conference delegate - 2008, 2012, 2016

Home Church:

First UMC

District: Marion

Qualification Summary:

I served the South Carolina Conference as a delegate to three Jurisdictional Conferences and as an alternate to General Conference. I would be blessed to serve again in 2020.

Jan Fleming (Number 010)



Local Church Activities:

1. UMW President - 4 years
2. UMW Vice President - 4 years
3. Bethel Trip Committee - 1 year

District Activities:

1. UMW Representative for SCC - 4 years

Conference Activities:

1. SCC Committee on Nominations - 4 years

Qualification Summary:

Lifelong Methodist, 4th generation UMW. Served in 3 states on various committees. Attribute leadership, team building and communication skills from various positions held, to the Methodist Church and UMW.

Home Church:

Bethel UMC

District: Spartanburg

Lay Nominees for 2020 General & Jurisdictional Conferences

Scott Fleming (Number 011)



Home Church:
Bethel UMC
District: Spartanburg

Local Church Activities:

1. Staff-Parish Relations Committee chair - 2015-2017, 2004-2004, 1 other 3-year term
2. Church Treasurer - 2018-present
3. Sanctuary Choir - 1981-present

District Activities:

1. District Committee on Superintendency - 2007-present

Conference Activities:

1. Lay delegate to Annual Conference - 2017-present

Qualification Summary:

I am committed to the local church and desire to represent in a General Conference that understands and reflects the present and future realities of those congregations around the world.

David Graham (Number 012)



Home Church:
Loris 1st UMC
District: Marion

Local Church Activities:

1. Sunday School Superintendent - 15 years
2. Lay Leader - 4 years
3. Usher - 20 years

District Activities:

1. Lay Speaker - 3 years
2. Lay Teacher - 1 year
3. Emergency Disaster Relief Coordinator - 1 year

Conference Activities:

1. Delegate to Annual Conference - 3 years
2. Native American Sunday Coordinator - 3 years

Activities Beyond Conference:

1. Gideons - 8 years
2. Chaplain for veterans - 5 years
3. Devotions for various groups - 4 years

Qualification Summary:

I have learned a lot about the Methodist denomination while attending Annual Conference. I feel privileged to be representing my church. Looking forward to seeing you in June.

Lay Nominees for 2020 General & Jurisdictional Conferences

Marvin J. Horton (Number 013)



Local Church Activities:

1. Lay Leader - 4 years
2. Vision Team - 4 years

District Activities:

1. President, United Methodist Men - 4 years
2. Connectional Ministries - 6 years
3. Lay Speaker - 8 years

Conference Activities:

1. President, United Methodist Men - 1 year
2. Core Member, UMM - 6 years
3. Disaster Relief & Rebuild - 3 years

Home Church:

Good Samaritan UMC

District: Rock Hill

Activities Beyond Conference:

1. Member, NACP, United Methodist Men - 3 years
2. Work in UMM - 40 years
3. Member, SEJ United Methodist Men

Qualification Summary:

Joined UMC in 1973, member of four different UMCs. Served in leadership position in the local church. Served in leadership positions in two different districts in S.C. Serving in conference leadership through UMM and UMM.

Lay Nominees for 2020 General & Jurisdictional Conferences

Jeanette Jackson (Number 014)



Local Church Activities:

1. Chancel Choir - 6 years
2. UMW circle - 7 years
3. Evangelism and Witness Team - 3 years

Conference Activities:

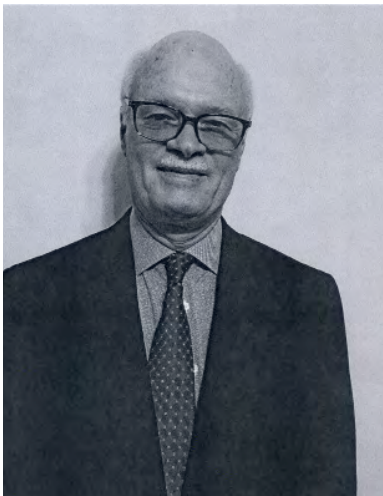
1. Lay delegate to Annual Conference - 1 year

Qualification Summary:

As a lifelong United Methodist, I've participated on committees in many churches in many states. In 2018, I attended my first Annual Conference as a lay delegate.

Home Church:
Central UMC
District: Florence

L. Wayne Jackson (Number 015)



Local Church Activities:

1. Adult Ministries Team - 2 years
2. Outreach/Evangelism Team - 2 years
3. President - Methodist Men - 2 years

District Activities:

1. Usher Coordinator - 1 year

Conference Activities:

1. Chair, Future Sites Subcommittee of the Committee on the Annual Conference - 3 years

Qualification Summary:

I have been very active in my local church as well as with the Committee on the Annual Conference for many years. I have the experience to be an effective delegate.

Home Church:
Central UMC
District: Florence

Lay Nominees for 2020 General & Jurisdictional Conferences

Jacquelyn Jenkins (Number 016)



Local Church Activities:

1. Lay Member to Annual Conference - 10+ years
2. Local Church Lay Leader - 10+ years
3. Worship Leader/Caring Group Leader - 10+ years

District Activities:

1. District & Conference Board of Ordained Ministry - 11 years
2. Past Chair Walterboro Superintendency - 10+ years
3. Past District Director of Lay (Speaking) Ministries - 8 years

Conference Activities:

1. Director of Lay Servant Ministries - 7 years
2. Human Relation Committee of the BOOM - 11 years
3. Connectional Ministries - 7 years

Home Church:

St. Mark UMC

District: Walterboro

Activities Beyond Conference:

1. Delegate to General & SEJ Conference, 2016 & 2019
2. Ex. Ofc. Nat'l Assoc. of Conf. & Dist. Directors LSM Convoc. - 4 years
3. Past Worship Team, Lake Junaluska, UMC Convocation - 10+ years

Qualification Summary:

Committed to the Wesleyan way. Avid participant in local church. Vigorous advocate for partnership between laity and clergy. Committed to making disciples.

Lou Jordan (Number 017)



Local Church Activities:

1. Director of Youth Ministries - 2000-2012 - 12 years
2. Lay Servant - 2009-present - 9 years
3. Sunday School Teacher - 1998-2012 - 14 years

District Activities:

1. District Youth Coordinator - 2004-2011, 2014-2018 - 12 years
2. District Connectional Ministries, Discipleship - 2012-present, 6 years
3. Lay Servant Instructor - 2015-present - 3 years

Conference Activities:

1. Conference Connectional Ministries - 2012-present - 6 years
2. Convener, Conference Connectional Ministries, Discipleship - 2016-present - 2 years
3. Campus Director of the Wesley Foundation at Francis Marion University - 2014-present - 4 years

Home Church:

Central UMC

District: Florence

Activities Beyond Conference:

1. Delegate to SEJ Conference - 2016 - 1 year

Qualification Summary:

I am a lifelong member of the UMC. Serving as a delegate was an honor and I would be honored to serve again.

Lay Nominees for 2020 General & Jurisdictional Conferences

Herman Lightsey (Number 018)



Local Church Activities:

1. Annual Conference Delegate - 16 years
2. Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee - 2 years
3. Facilitator Sunday School and small group studies - 35 years

District Activities:

1. Certified Lay Servant and Course Facilitator - 25 years
2. Emmaus of Midlands, Table of Mark - 15 years
3. Forward Focus Facilitator - 5 years

Conference Activities:

1. Board of Ordained Ministry member - 4 years
2. SC Conference of UMMen, immediate past president - 6 years
3. SC Conference Pension and Health Board, past chair - 8 years

Home Church:

Ashland UMC

District: Columbia

Activities Beyond Conference:

1. Wespeth Benefits & Investments Board Member - 4 years
2. Delegate to General & SEJ Conference - 2012, 2016, 2019
3. VP National Assoc. of Conference Presidents - UMMen - 2 years

Qualification Summary:

Christ Centered. Emmaus 2009. Lifetime ministry to men, SC Pres UMMen, VP Nat Assoc. Conf. Presidents 2018. Extensive experience in insurance and finance. Retired Army colonel. Great people skills.

Joe Locke (Number 019)



Local Church Activities:

1. Choir - 45 years
2. Small Group Lead - 15 years
3. Youth Volunteer - 12+ years

District Activities:

1. Limited to attending district sponsored events

Conference Activities:

1. Attended 1 year ago

Activities Beyond Conference:

1. Lake Junaluska Laity Conference - 1 year

Qualification Summary:

Love of God, family, church, community and country. Service includes many different activities, leading, committees and teaching responsibilities; however, mission outreach is the most rewarding. Love to sing.

Home Church:

Bethel UMC

District: Spartanburg

Lay Nominees for 2020 General & Jurisdictional Conferences

Chris Lynch (Number 020)



Home Church:
Trinity UMC
District: Anderson

Local Church Activities:

1. Youth Director - 16 years
2. Contemporary Worship Leader - 6 years

District Activities:

1. District Youth Coordinator - 8 years

Conference Activities:

1. Congregational Specialist - 7 years
2. Director - SC Ministries With Young People - 7 years
3. Conference Connectional Ministries - 7 years

Activities Beyond Conference:

1. SEJ Delegate - 1 year
2. SEJ Youth Leaders Group - 6 years

Qualification Summary:

As a congregational specialist and a former local church staff member, I bring a unique perspective and passion as a voice for local congregations and young people in this culture.

Vicki McCarthy (Number 021)



Home Church:
Inman UMC
District: Spartanburg

Local Church Activities:

1. Lay Leader - 2011-present
2. Monthly Church Newsletter Editor - 2011-present
3. Adult Sunday School Class Teacher - 2003-2017

District Activities:

1. Lay Servant Classes, Basic and Worship - 2014, 2017

Conference Activities:

1. Lay Delegate to Annual Conference - 2010-2017
2. Board of Directors, Alston Wilkes Society - 2016-present

Qualification Summary:

I am a lifelong Methodist who appreciates sacred traditions, but I will never use scripture or dogma to bar anyone from full inclusion in the church.

Lay Nominees for 2020 General & Jurisdictional Conferences

Kenneth Moore (Number 022)



Home Church:
Advent UMC
District: Greenville

Local Church Activities:

1. Adult Discipleship Chairperson - 1 year
2. Worship Service Coordinator - 5 years
3. Elementary SS Shepherd - 10 years

District Activities:

1. Lay Servant Ministry Director - 2 years
2. Lay Servant Ministry Instructor - 8 years
3. Connectional Ministries Committee - 2 years

Conference Activities:

1. Connectional Ministries Committee - 3 years

Qualification Summary:

As forty-year member of the UMC, I've served local churches, small and large, in almost every leadership role. Connected across local churches through Lay Servant Ministry. Engineer by trade.

Shirley Jean Pressley (Number 023)



Home Church:
Friendship UMC
District: Florence

Local Church Activities:

1. Lay Member to Annual Conference - 1 year
2. Pastor Parish Relations - 3 years
3. Financial Secretary - 3 years

District Activities:

1. Florence District Board of Trustees - 10+ years
2. Florence District UMW - Program Resources - 5 years

Lay Nominees for 2020 General & Jurisdictional Conferences

Jennifer Price (Number 024)



Local Church Activities:

1. Staff Parish Relations Committee - 2 years
2. Church Council - 5 years
3. Africa Mission Team Member - 3 years

District Activities:

1. Co-President of Wesley Foundation at FMU - 1 year
2. Member of Wesley Foundation at FMU - 4 years
3. Wesley Winter Retreat Participant - 2 years

Conference Activities:

1. Lay Delegate for Highland Park UMC - 4 years
2. Member of Committee on Resolutions and Appeals - 2 years

Activities Beyond Conference:

1. Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference delegate - 4 years

Home Church:
Highland Park UMC
District: Florence

Qualification Summary:

Search me, God, know my heart; test me, know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, lead me in the way everlasting. Ps139:23-24

Lorine E. Price (Number 025)



Local Church Activities:

1. Church School Teacher - 35 years
2. Superintendent of Church School - 3 years
3. Lay Servant - 8 years

Home Church:
Friendship UMC
District: Florence

Qualification Summary:

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound. I thank him for his grace to allow me to share in his unmerited love. He wants me to make the discipleship on the journey.

Lay Nominees for 2020 General & Jurisdictional Conferences

Wilbur Reames (Number 026)



Local Church Activities:

1. Chair - Worship Committee - 3 years
2. Teacher - Adult Sunday School Class - 5 years
3. Lay Leader - 1 year

District Activities:

1. UMCSC orientation session participant - 2 years

Conference Activities:

1. UMCSC lay delegate - 5 years

Qualification Summary:

I am Methodist, born in Greenwood to Methodists, baptized in Savannah, dedicated MYFer in Newberry, educated at Wofford, challenged by Due West Calvinists, and committed since 1962 to St. Luke in Spartanburg.

Home Church:

St. Luke UMC

District: Spartanburg

Rebecca Rochester (Number 027)



Local Church Activities:

1. UMW - 20 + years
2. Food Pantry Coordinator at Duncan Acres - 3 years
3. PPRC committee at Duncan Acres - 1 year

District Activities:

1. Lay Servant - 4 years
2. UMW District Officer (Rock Hill District) - 4 years
3. District Church Location & Building Committee - 3 years

Conference Activities:

1. SCCUMW Social Action Coordinator - 4 years
2. SCCUMW Mission u Dean - 2 years
3. SCCUMW Mission u Study Leader - 6 years

Activities Beyond Conference:

1. Florida UMW Study Leader - 1 year
2. Workshop Leader UMW
Southeastern Jurisdictional Meeting - 1 year
3. Attended UMW regional school of missions
(Pre Mission u) - 4 years

Home Church:

Duncan Acres UMC

District: Spartanburg

Qualification Summary:

As a professional educator, I will listen attentively at all GC sessions, study policy and proposals, and work cooperatively with other delegates aiming to follow God's will in all things.

Lay Nominees for 2020 General & Jurisdictional Conferences

William Rochester (Number 028)



Home Church:
Duncan Acres UMC
District: Spartanburg

Local Church Activities:

1. Food Pantry - 1 year
2. Finance Committee - <1 year
3. United Methodist Men - 2 years

District Activities:

1. District Connectional Ministry - 2 years
2. Lay Servant - 4 years

Conference Activities:

1. Conference Connectional Ministry - 2 years
2. Bishop's Initiative for SC Education

Qualification Summary:

Jesus said "come." Our food pantry is open to all. District and conference connections should be used to partner with others and share our resources and experiences.

James Salley (Number 029)



Home Church:
Edisto Fork UMC
District: Orangeburg

Local Church Activities:

1. Lay Member to Annual Conference - 30 years
2. Staff Parish Committee - 30 years
3. United Methodist Men - 40 years

District Activities:

1. District Council - 7 years
2. District Lay Servant Ministries - 1 year
3. District and Certified Lay Ministries - 20 years

Conference Activities:

1. Member of the General Conference Delegation - 30 years
2. Lay Member to Annual Conference - 30 years
3. SC Conference BMCR - 30 years

Activities Beyond Conference:

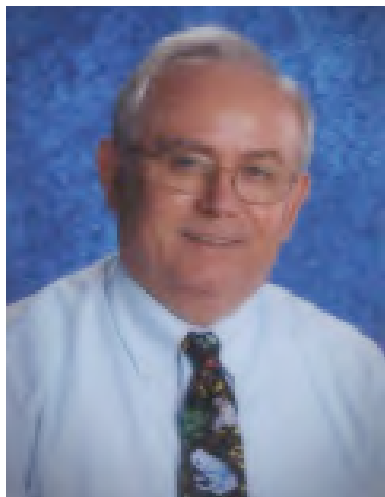
1. Strengthening The Black Church for the 21st Century - 16 years
2. Jurisdictional and General Conference - 34 years
3. GBHEM Investment Committee - 30 years

Qualification Summary:

Lay person serving in the ministries of Africa University, Lay Servant Ministries, and other leadership areas as a mandate of my calling to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Lay Nominees for 2020 General & Jurisdictional Conferences

David Salter (Number 030)



Home Church:
Warrenville UMC
District: Greenwood

Local Church Activities:

1. Member of Church Council - Vice Chair - 46 years
2. Delegate to Annual Conference - 15 years
3. Organist, Warrenville and St. John United Methodist Charge - 55 years

District Activities:

1. District Connectional Table - Lay Leadership - 11 years
2. District Committee on Ordained Ministry - 7 years
3. Former District Lay Leader (Greenwood District) - 8 years

Conference Activities:

1. Co-Associate Conference Lay Leader - 1 year
2. Connectional Ministries - Lay Leadership - 11 years
3. Committee on The Annual Conference - 3 years

Activities Beyond Conference:

1. Association of Conference Lay Leaders - 1 year

Qualification Summary:

I am dedicated to United Methodist theological beliefs and polity. I have served at all levels in the connection. I pray for God's will in all decision making.

Larry Sanders (Number 031)



Home Church:
Church of the Palms
District: Walterboro

Local Church Activities:

1. Lay Leader - 8 years
2. Lay Member Delegate Annual Conference - 3 years
3. Certified Lay Servant - 7 years

District Activities:

1. Lay Servant Ministries - 7 years
2. Candidate for Lay Speaker and Pulpit Supply - 1 year

Conference Activities:

1. Delegate to the Annual Conference - 3 years

Activities Beyond Conference:

1. Various Civic Leadership and Organizational Development Positions - 15 years

Qualification Summary:

As an active United Methodist member for over 20 years, and Church Council Leader, Lay Leader and SC Delegate has given me the knowledge and experience to be considered.

Lay Nominees for 2020 General & Jurisdictional Conferences

Marlene Spencer (Number 032)



Local Church Activities:

1. Church Treasurer - 6 years
2. Lay Servant - 10 years
3. UMW President, Vice President, Secretary - 16 years

District Activities:

1. Connectional Ministries - 4 years
2. UMW District Secretary - 4 years
3. UMW District Secretary, Program Resources - 4 years

Conference Activities:

1. Connectional Ministries - 4 years
2. UMW Conference President - 4 years
3. UMW Vice President and Secretary Program Resources - 8 years

Home Church:

St. James UMC

District: Rock Hill

Activities Beyond Conference:

1. South Atlantic Region School of Christian Mission Committee on Nominations (UMW) - 3 years

Qualification Summary:

Lifelong United Methodist/UMW. Local Church Treasurer, Lay Servant, Head Communion Steward, local UMW president; RH District Connectional Ministries; SCCUMW Conference President; Committee on Nominations-UMW Regional School of Missions.

Martha Thompson (Number 033)



Local Church Activities:

1. Chair, Administrative Board - 3 years
2. Lay Member to Annual Conference - 36 years
3. Finance Committee - 3 years

District Activities:

1. District Connectional Ministries - 16 plus years
2. Former Chair District Superintendency Committee - 12 years
3. Director of Summer Enrichment for Refugee Children - 4 years

Conference Activities:

1. Chair of Children and Poverty Task Force - 6 years
2. Board of Ordained Ministry - 12 years
3. Conference Connectional Ministries - 16 years

Home Church:

Mt. Horeb UMC

District: Columbia

Activities Beyond Conference:

1. Lay Delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conference - 1988 to 2016
2. Secretary for Legislative Committee of Global Ministries - 2016 GC
3. Called General Conference - 2019

Qualification Summary:

Lifelong Methodist who believes in our Wesleyan heritage. I have had broad experiences in the local church, district and the conference. I am honored to represent the SC Conference.

Lay Nominees for 2020 General & Jurisdictional Conferences

Betty Void (Number 034)



Home Church:
Wesley UMC
District: Columbia

Local Church Activities:

1. Certified Lay Servant - 8 years
2. Safe Sanctuary Coordinator - 5 years
3. Sunday School Teacher - 4 years

District Activities:

1. Columbia District Lay Leader - 7 years
2. Columbia District UMW President - 4 years
3. Killingsworth Home Ex-Officio - 10 years

Conference Activities:

1. SC Conference Co-Associate Lay Leader - 1 year
2. SC Conference Lay Servant Instructor - 6 years
3. SC Youth Revolution Assistant - 10 years

Qualification Summary:

I'm a lifelong United Methodist member, and I am committed to serving the local and General Church because of John Wesley's beliefs. "Open Hearts, Open Doors, Open Minds. The United Methodist Church."

Tony Watson (Number 035)



Home Church:
Edgefield UMC
District: Greenwood

Local Church Activities:

1. Local Church Lay Leader and LMAC - 7+ years
2. Lay Servant Leader and Certified Lay Speaker - 25+ years
3. Teacher in several capacities - 30+ years

District Activities:

1. District Lay Leader - 3 years
2. Connectional Ministries Committee - 7 years
3. Lay Servant Leaders' Teacher - 3 years

Conference Activities:

1. Committee on Nominations - 3 years
2. Connectional Ministries - 3 years

Qualification Summary:

Having felt God's call to Lay ministry, being a lifelong United Methodist, trusted by my local congregation and district, my privilege and pleasure has been to serve diligently placing God's word supreme in all decisions in keeping with the UMBOD.

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The United Methodist Church in South Carolina

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Recognition Sheet

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Seeking A More Excellent Way



PART III

HOSPITALITY ARRANGEMENTS

- ♦ Kidz Konference Information
- ♦ Menu for Meals for the 2019 Annual Conference
(pre registration required at mealplan.umcsc.org)
- ♦ Greenville Area Restaurants
- ♦ Greenville Area Hotels/Motels
- ♦ Driving Directions to Greenville Convention Center
- ♦ Greenville Area Map
- ♦ Parking at the Greenville Convention Center
- ♦ Map of Level 2 Registration Area
- ♦ Maps of Greenville Convention Center
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**Set up to host our most precious guests –
the children of the conference!**

**8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
in the Greenville Convention Center
Level 1, Rooms 100, 103 and 104
for children from 6 weeks to those
who have finished fifth grade.**

Children will be cared for on site at no charge.

**You must register in advance at umcsc.org.
Click on the 2019 Annual Conference page
and then click on
the Kidz Konference link.**





Menus for the 2019- South Carolina Annual Conference

Sunday Dinner June 2nd

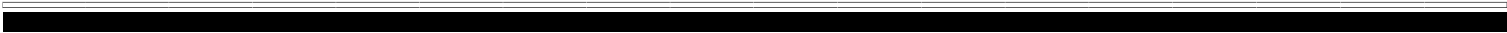
Baked Ham and Roast Turkey
Potatoes Au Gratin
Our House Salad Bar with Cucumbers, Grape Tomatoes and Croutons
Ranch Dressing & Balsamic Vinaigrette
Fresh Vegetable Medley
Potato Rolls
Lemon Cream Cake

Monday Lunch June 3rd

Build Your Own Garden Salad & Soup Buffet
Mixed Field Greens and Romaine Lettuce, Sliced Grilled Chicken Breast, Bacon Bits,
Green Peas, Grape Tomatoes,
Cucumbers, Rustic Croutons & Cheddar Cheese
Served with Ranch Dressing and Balsamic Vinaigrette
Tomato Bisque Soup
Our House-Made Shoepeg Corn Salad
Potato Rolls & Butter
Brownies

Monday Dinner June 3rd

Herb Basted Roast Pork Loin
Served with Bordelaise Sauce & Caramelized Onions
Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes
Glazed Carrots with Dill
Our House Salad Bar with Cucumbers, Grape Tomatoes and Croutons
Ranch Dressing & Balsamic Vinaigrette
Chocolate Truffle Torte





Tuesday Lunch June 4th

Open-face Turkey Melt on Foccacia Bread
Our Signature Bacon/Cheddar/Macaroni Salad
House-made Potato Chips
Our House Salad Bar with Cucumbers, Grape Tomatoes and Croutons
Ranch Dressing & Balsamic Vinaigrette
Assorted Dessert Bars

Tuesday Dinner June 4th

Grilled Boneless Chicken Breast
Topped with Roasted Sweet Corn, Shaved Ham and Provolone Cheese
Served with Lemon/Garlic Cream Sauce
Our House Salad Bar with Cucumbers, Grape Tomatoes and Croutons
Ranch Dressing & Balsamic Vinaigrette
Sautéed Fresh Mixed Vegetables
Confetti Rice Pilaf
Strawberry Cream Torte

Wednesday Lunch June 5th


Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce and Orecchiette Pasta with Smoked Chicken, Mushrooms
and Marsala Cream Sauce
Sauteed Seasonal Fresh Vegetables
Caesar Salad
Garlic Bread
Cheese Cake with Assorted Toppings

Wednesday Dinner June 5th

House-Smoked Pulled Pork BBQ Buffet
Served with Buns, Yellow Mustard BBQ Sauce and Traditional Red Sauce
Our House Salad Bar with Cucumbers, Grape Tomatoes and Croutons
Ranch Dressing & Balsamic Vinaigrette
Baked Beans, Southern Green Beans & Cole Slaw
Banana Pudding

Thursday Lunch June 6th

Wrap Sandwich Boxed Lunch
Smoked Turkey with Pimento Cheese, Lettuce and Tomato in a Sun-dried Tomato Wrap
Mediterranean Orzo Pasta Salad
Fresh Mandarin Orange
Bag of Potato Chips
Cookies



2019 South Carolina Annual Conference Off-Site Dining Options

Restaurants by Location

This is not a comprehensive list. Go to visitgreenvillesc.com for more options.

Greenville Convention Center Area

(Sleep Inn-Greenville Convention Center)

| Restaurant | Address (all in Greenville, unless noted otherwise) | Phone | Distance from Greenville Convention Center |
|-----------------------|---|--------------|--|
| Red Bowl Asian Bistro | 27 S. Pleasantburg Drive | 864-271-7977 | 1.2 miles |
| Dunkin' Donuts | 1551 Laurens Road | 864-241-2101 | 1.1 miles |
| Chick-fil-A | 1564 Laurens Road | 864-467-0593 | 1.2 miles |
| Runway Café | 21 Airport Road Extension | 864-991-8488 | 1.2 miles |
| Kitchen Sync | 1609 Laurens Road | 864-568-8115 | 1.3 miles |
| Zaxby's | 1903 Laurens Road | 864-370-1995 | 1.4 miles |
| Willy Taco | 217 Laurens Road | 864-412-8700 | 1.9 miles |

Haywood Road Area

(Quality Inn & Suites, Courtyard by Marriott, Hampton Inn-Haywood, Hilton Greenville, Hyatt Place, TownePlace Suites, Wingate by Wyndham)

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| Outback Steakhouse | 21 Orchard Park Drive | 864-676-0360 | 2.2 miles |
| Portofino's Steakhouse | 30 Orchard Park Drive | 864-627-7706 | 2.3 miles |
| Stax Omega Diner | 72 Orchard Park Drive | 864-297-6639 | 2.4 miles |
| Copper River Grill | 775 Haywood Road | 864-627-0041 | 1.7 miles |
| The Cheesecake Factory | 700 Haywood Road | 864-288-4444 | 2.0 miles |
| Grill Marks | 700 Haywood Road | 864-288-5202 | 2.0 miles |
| Chipotle Mexican Grill | 640 Haywood Road | 864-234-5882 | 1.8 miles |
| Jason's Deli | 824 Woods Crossing Road | 864-284-9870 | 1.8 miles |
| Starbucks | 649 Haywood Road | 864-213-9711 | 1.7 miles |
| City Range Steakhouse | 615 Haywood Road | 864-286-90187 | 1.9 miles |
| Southern Fried Green Tomatoes | 1175 Woods Crossing Road | 864-627-9288 | 2.3 miles |
| Five Guys | 586 Haywood Road | 864-297-0019 | 1.8 miles |
| Chili's Grill | 490 Haywood Road | 864-281-0547 | 2.1 miles |
| Panera Bread | 708 Haywood Road | 864-987-9931 | 1.7 miles |

Woodruff Road Area

Crowne Plaza, Embassy Suites-Greenville Golf Resort & Conference Center, Hampton Inn-Woodruff Road, Hilton Garden Inn, Holiday Inn Express-Woodruff Road, Microtel Inn

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| Carrabba's Italian Grill | 1022-A Woodruff Road | 864-213-9494 | 4.0 miles |
| TGI Friday's | 1114 Woodruff Road | 864-675-1154 | 4.2 miles |

| Woodruff Road Area | | | |
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| Chuy's | 1034 Woodruff Road | 864-288-4453 | 4.1 miles |
| Starbucks | 1130 Woodruff Road | 864-297-7496 | 4.6 miles |
| Zoes Kitchen | 1130 Woodruff Road | 864-509-6690 | 4.6 miles |
| Longhorn Steakhouse | 1125 Woodruff Road | 864-676-1590 | 5.8 miles |
| Sticky Fingers | 3 Market Point Drive | 864-458-7427 | 5.3 miles |
| Red Robin | 1125 Woodruff Road | 864-286-1077 | 5.8 miles |
| McAlister's Deli | 1401 Woodruff Road | 864-286-8680 | 5.7 miles |
| Chick-fil-A | 1225 Woodruff Road | 864-234-7747 | 5.6 miles |
| Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen | 1025 Woodruff Road | 864-297-1046 | 4.4 miles |
| Bad Daddy's Burger Bar | 1025 Woodruff Road | 864-288-8161 | 4.4 miles |
| Cracker Barrel | 1134 Woodruff Road | 864-286-6051 | 5.0 miles |
| Tucanos | 1025 Woodruff Road | 864-288-2486 | 4.4 miles |
| Pelham Road Area | | | |
| Courtyard Marriott-GSP, Fairfield Inn-GSP, Greenville Marriott, Home2Suites-Airport | | | |
| Taziki's Mediterranean Café | 3604 Pelham Road | 864-501-0450 | 6.3 miles |
| Shuckin' Shack Oyster Bar | 3620 Pelham Road | 864-335-8975 | 6.4 miles |
| Bacon Bros. Public House | 3620 Pelham Road | 864-297-6000 | 6.4 miles |
| Moe's Southwest Grill | 3700 Pelham Road | 864-297-5210 | 6.5 miles |
| Schlotzsky's | 103 Old Boiling Springs Road, Greer | 864-234-1449 | 6.6 miles |
| Chick-fil-A | 3890 Pelham Road | 864-297-9912 | 6.5 miles |
| Logan's Roadhouse | 53 Beacon Drive | 864-213-9444 | 6.8 miles |
| California Dreaming | 40 Beacon Drive | 864-234-9000 | 6.8 miles |
| Starbucks | 3901 Pelham Road | 864-627-1138 | 7.1 miles |
| Five Guys | 3935 Pelham Road | 864-288-3950 | 7.0 miles |
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Accommodations - 2019 SC United Methodist Church Conference

| Hotels | Reservation # | Room Rate | Distance to GCC | Included in Rate | Booking Code |
|---|----------------|-------------|-----------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Sleep Inn @ Greenville Convention Center 231 N Pleasantburg Dr Greenville, SC 29607 | 1-864-240-2006 | \$94-\$104 | .4 mile | Wi-Fi, Continental Breakfast, Parking | SC Conference United Methodist |
| Comfort Inn-Haywood Mall 246 Congaree Rd Greenville, SC 29607 | 1-864-558-9016 | \$110.00 | 1.5 miles | Wi-Fi, Continental Breakfast, Parking | SC Conference United Methodist |
| Hampton Inn I-385/Haywood Rd 255 Congaree Rd Greenville, SC 29607 | 1-864-516-2400 | \$130.00 | 1.6 miles | Wi-Fi, Breakfast, Fitness Center, Parking | SC Conference United Methodist |
| Hilton Greenville 45 West Orchard Park Dr Greenville, SC 29615 | 1-800-445-8667 | \$139.00 | 2 miles | Wi-Fi, Parking | SC Conference United Methodist |
| Hyatt Place Greenville 40 Orchard Park Dr Greenville, SC 29615 | 1-864-232-3000 | \$144.00 | 2.1 miles | Breakfast, Parking | SC Conference United Methodist |
| TownePlace Suites-Haywood 75 Mall Connector Rd Greenville, SC 29607 | 1-864-675-1670 | \$119-\$139 | 2.3 miles | Wi-Fi, Continental Breakfast, Parking | SC Conference United Methodist |
| Courtyard by Marriott-Haywood 70 Orchard Park Dr Greenville, SC 29615 | 1-800-321-2211 | \$119.00 | 2.3 miles | Wi-Fi, Fitness Center, Parking | SC Conference United Methodist |
| La Quinta Inn & Suites 65 W Orchard Park Dr. Greenville, SC 29615 | 864-233-8018 | \$129.00 | 2.4 miles | Wi-Fi, Breakfast, Fitness Center, Parking, Pool | SC Conference United Methodist |
| Quality Inn & Suites-Haywood Mall 50 Orchard Park Dr Greenville, SC 29615 | 1-864-25-6383 | \$90-\$110 | 2.5 miles | Wi-Fi, Fitness Center, Breakfast Buffet, Parking, Pool | SC Conference United Methodist |
| Courtyard by Marriott-Greenville Downtown 50 W Broad St Greenville, SC 29601 | 864-451-5700 | \$174.00 | 3.4 miles | Parking \$12/day | SCCUMC 2019 |
| The Westin Poinsett 120 S Main St Greenville, SC 29601 | 1-800WESTIN1 | \$189-\$249 | 3.5 miles | Parking \$7.50/day | SC Conference United Methodist |

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Please verify ALL rates and fees when booking your reservation with the hotel.
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| Hampton Inn & Suites Greenville Airport | 864-263-5555 | \$144.00 | 3.6 miles | Wi-Fi, Breakfast, Parking | SC Conference United Methodist |
| 128 The Parkway | | | | | |
| Greenville, SC 29615 | | | | | |
| Embassy Suites by Hilton Downtown Riverplace | 1-864-236-4800 | \$184.00 | 3.8 miles | Breakfast, Fitness Center, Parking \$7.50/day | SCCUMC 2019 |
| 250 Riverplace | | | | | |
| Greenville, SC 29601 | | | | | |
| Crowne Plaza | 1-877-834-3613 | \$135.00 | 4.1 miles | Wi-Fi, Fitness Center, Parking, Pool | UMC |
| 851 Congaree Rd | | | | | |
| Greenville, SC 29607 | | | | | |
| Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham | 1-864-297-3811 | \$94-\$124 | 4.4 miles | Wi-Fi, Continental Breakfast, Parking | SC Conference United Methodist |
| 1024 Woodruff Rd | | | | | |
| Greenville, SC 29607 | | | | | |
| Holiday Inn Express Woodruff Rd | 1-864-678-5555 | \$144-\$149 | 4.6 miles | Wi-Fi, Continental Breakfast, Parking | SC Conference United Methodist |
| 1036 Woodruff Rd | | | | | |
| Greenville, SC 29615 | | | | | |
| Embassy Suites Greenville Golf Resort & Conf.Ctr. | 1-864-678-7127 | \$149.00 | 5 miles | Wi-Fi, Breakfast, Parking, Fitness Center, Pool | SC Conference United Methodist |
| 670 Verdae Blvd | | | | | |
| Greenville, SC 29607 | | | | | |
| Hampton Inn I-385/Woodruff Rd | 1-864-213-8200 | \$134.00 | 6 miles | Internet, Breakfast, Fitness Center, Parking | SC Conference United Methodist |
| 15 Park Woodruff Rd | | | | | |
| Greenville, SC 29607 | | | | | |
| Drury Inn & Suites Greenville | 1-800-325-0720 | \$119.00 | 6 miles | Wi-Fi, Breakfast, Parking, Fitness Center, Pool | Grp # 2319082 |
| 10 Carolina Point Parkway | | | | | |
| Greenville, SC 29607 | | | | | |
| Residence Inn Greenville | 864-297-5000 | \$134.00 | 6 miles | Fitness Center, Parking, Pool | SCCUMC 2019 |
| 80 Carolina Pointe Parkway | | | | | |
| Greenville, SC 29607 | | | | | |
| Home2Suites Greenville Airport | 1-864-288-0000 | \$139.00 | 6.5 miles | Wi-Fi, Breakfast, Parking | SC Conference United Methodist |
| 20 Beacon Dr | | | | | |
| Greenville, SC 29615 | | | | | |
| Hilton Garden Inn | 1-864-284-0111 | \$139 - \$159 | 7.1 miles | Wi-Fi, Fitness Center, Parking, Pool | SC Conference United Methodist |
| 108 Carolina Point Parkway | | | | | |
| Greenville, SC 29615 | | | | | |
| Greenville Marriott | 1-800-228-9290 | \$146.00 | 7.2 miles | Fitness Center, Parking, Pool | SC Conference United Methodist |
| One Parkway East | | | | | |
| Greenville, SC 29615 | | | | | |

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DRIVING DIRECTIONS

1 EXPOSITION DRIVE GREENVILLE, SC 29607

864.233.2562

GENERAL DIRECTIONS:

Greenville is located between Atlanta and Charlotte along Interstate 85, one of the nation's hottest growth corridors. The Greenville Convention Center facility is easily accessible by air or highway.

From the Greenville Spartanburg Airport (15 minutes) Travel I-85 South Exit 51, I-385 North, toward downtown Greenville Exit 40-B, North Pleasantburg Drive (SC-291 South) Left on Tower Drive

From Atlanta, GA (Approx. 2.5 hours) Travel I-85 North Exit 46, Augusta Road/ Pleasantburg Drive (SC-291 North) Merge onto South Pleasantburg Drive (SC-291 North) Right on Tower Drive

From Charlotte, NC (Approx. 2 hours) Travel I-85 South Exit 51, I-385 North, toward downtown Greenville Exit 40-B, North Pleasantburg Drive (SC-291 South) Left on Tower Drive

From Columbia, SC (Approx. 1.5 hours) Travel I-26 West, toward Greenville/Spartanburg Exit 51, I-385 North, toward Greenville Exit 40-B, North Pleasantburg Drive (SC-291 South) Left on Tower Drive

Directions from Asheville, NC (Approx. 1.5 hours) Travel I-26 East toward Hendersonville Exit #54, US 25 toward Greenville Follow US 276 East (Poinsett Hwy.) Turn left onto Hwy. 291 (this becomes Pleasantburg Drive) Left on Tower Drive

GETTING AROUND THE CAMPUS

The Greenville Convention Center is a large facility with multiple entrances. Here are some tips to make your visit more convenient.

The Woodside Conference Center, which houses all of our meeting space, is most easily accessed from our entrance on Eisenhower Drive. Parking is available both adjacent to the building and across the street. This also is the best arrival for events in Conference Hall.

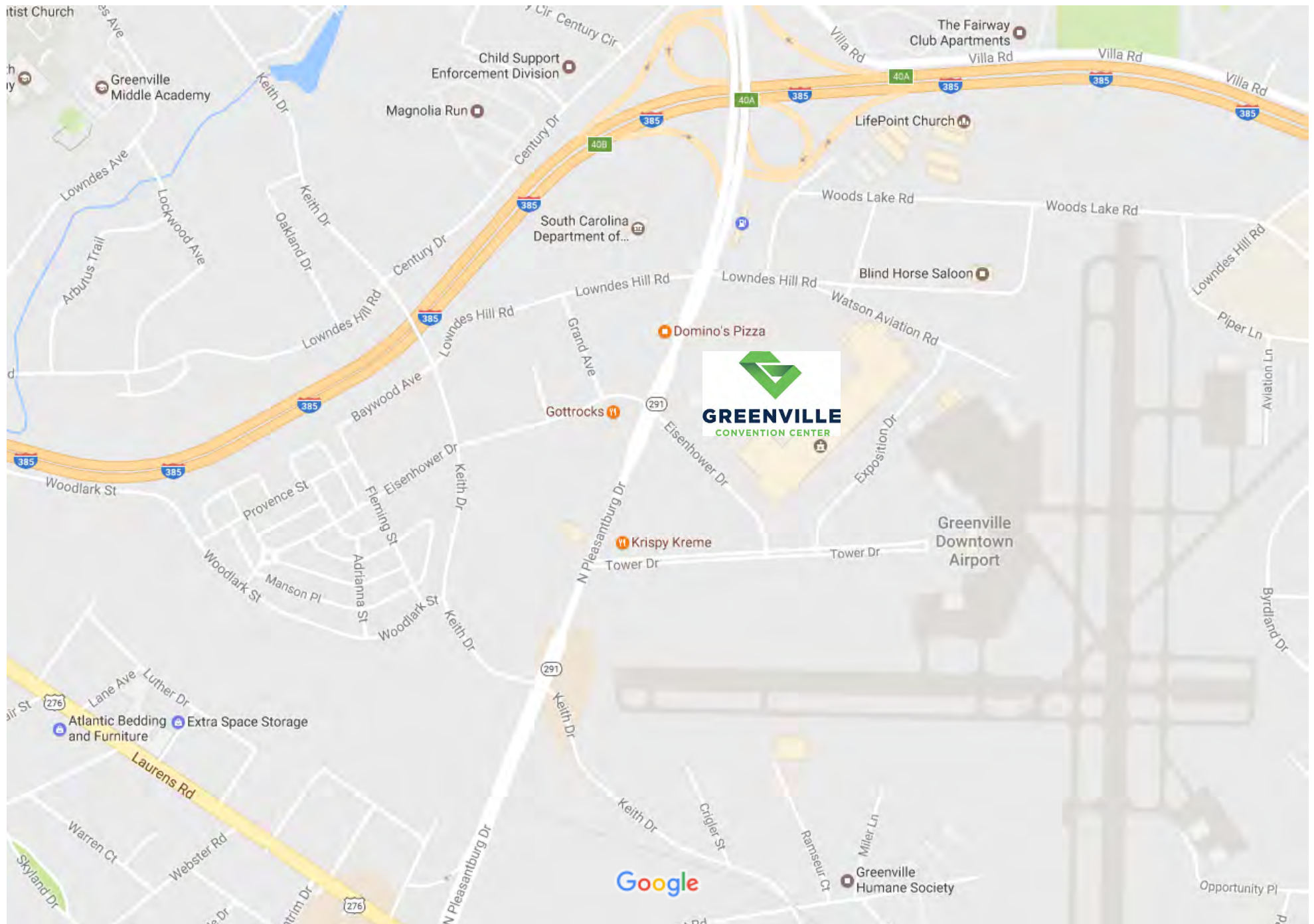
If you're attending an event in the Ballroom, your best parking option is the main lot on Exposition Drive. When looking at the building from the main parking lot your most convenient entrance will be to your left, or on the west side of the building. The Woodside Conference Center entrance also provides a convenient option for Ballroom events.

Hall 1 is a popular location for consumer shows and major expositions. Your closest parking again is the main lot on Exposition Drive. Look for the steps leading to the hall entrance. The flagpoles are another landmark to this entrance.

Hall 2 is located on the east end of the facility, with the closest parking being near the intersection of Exposition Drive and Watson Aviation Road.

Handicap parking spaces are available in the lot adjacent to the Woodside Conference Center entrance, and near the west entrance to the main Exposition lot. Signage at these entrances references handicap accessibility.

Our administrative offices are located at the Hall 1 entrance lobby.



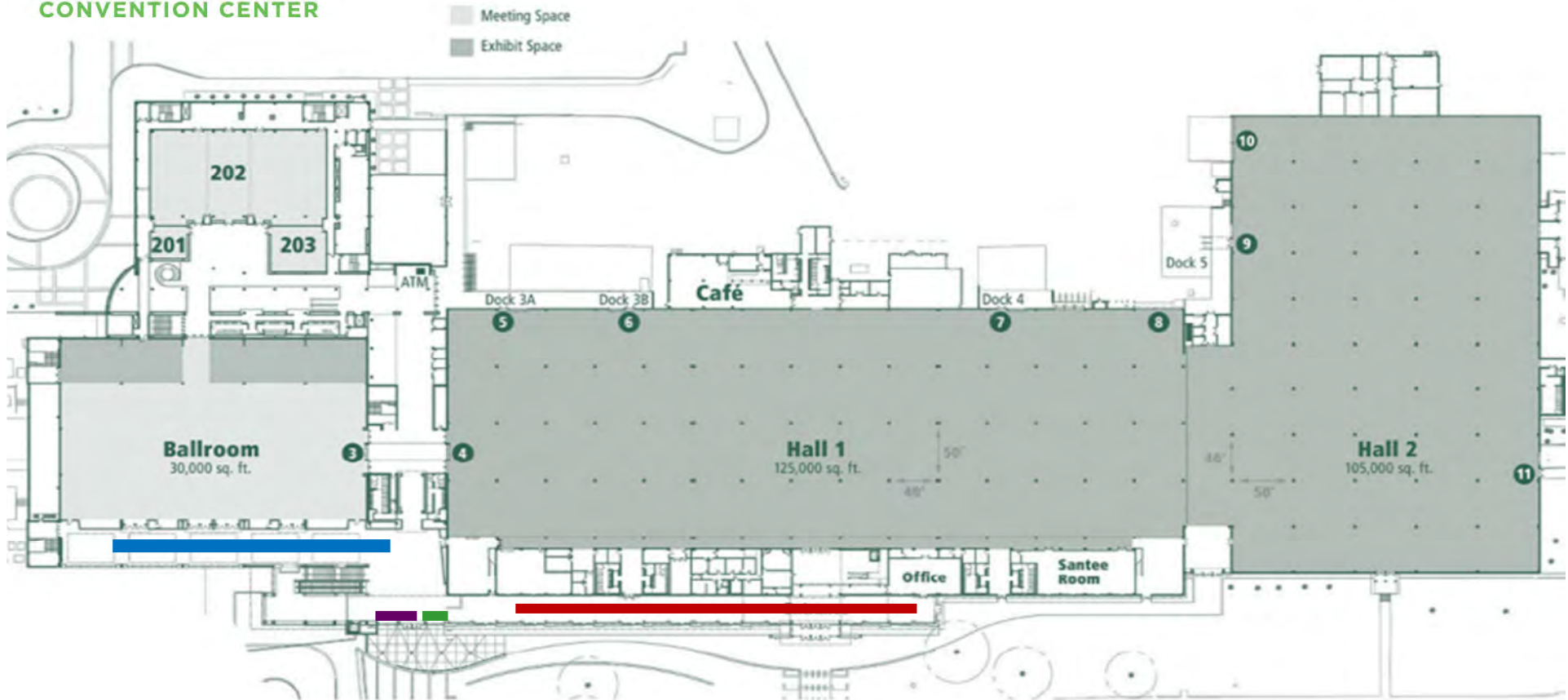
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GREENVILLE CONVENTION CENTER

LEVEL 2 REGISTRATION GUIDE



ALL REGISTRATION Sunday afternoon 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. and Monday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

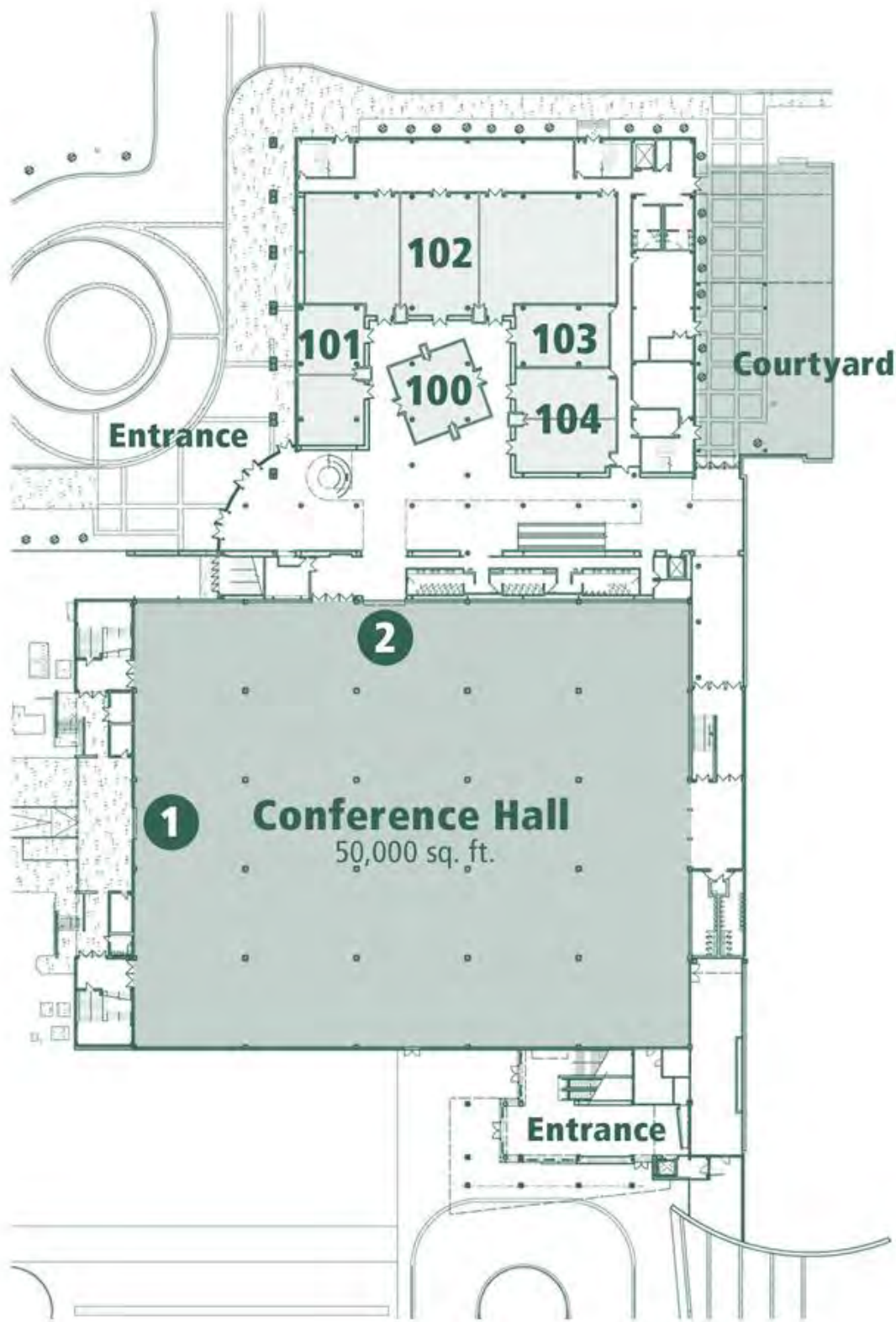
- ♦ **LAY DELEGATES** outside **BALLROOM** in pre-function area
- ♦ **ACTIVE CLERGY** in the Concourse area.
- ♦ **RETIRED CLERGY** located near Registrar's table.

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Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Wednesday 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

ALL REGISTRATION will be  
in the pre-function area at **Registrar's table.**

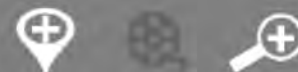
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# Greenville Convention Center - Level 1



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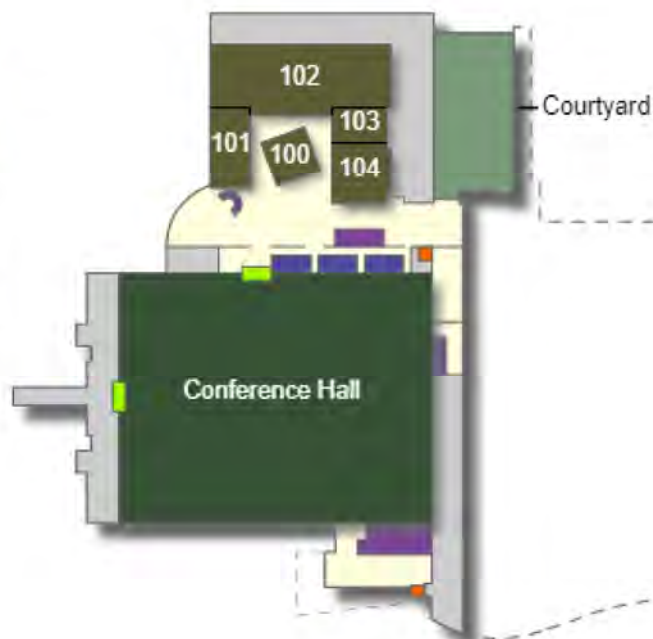
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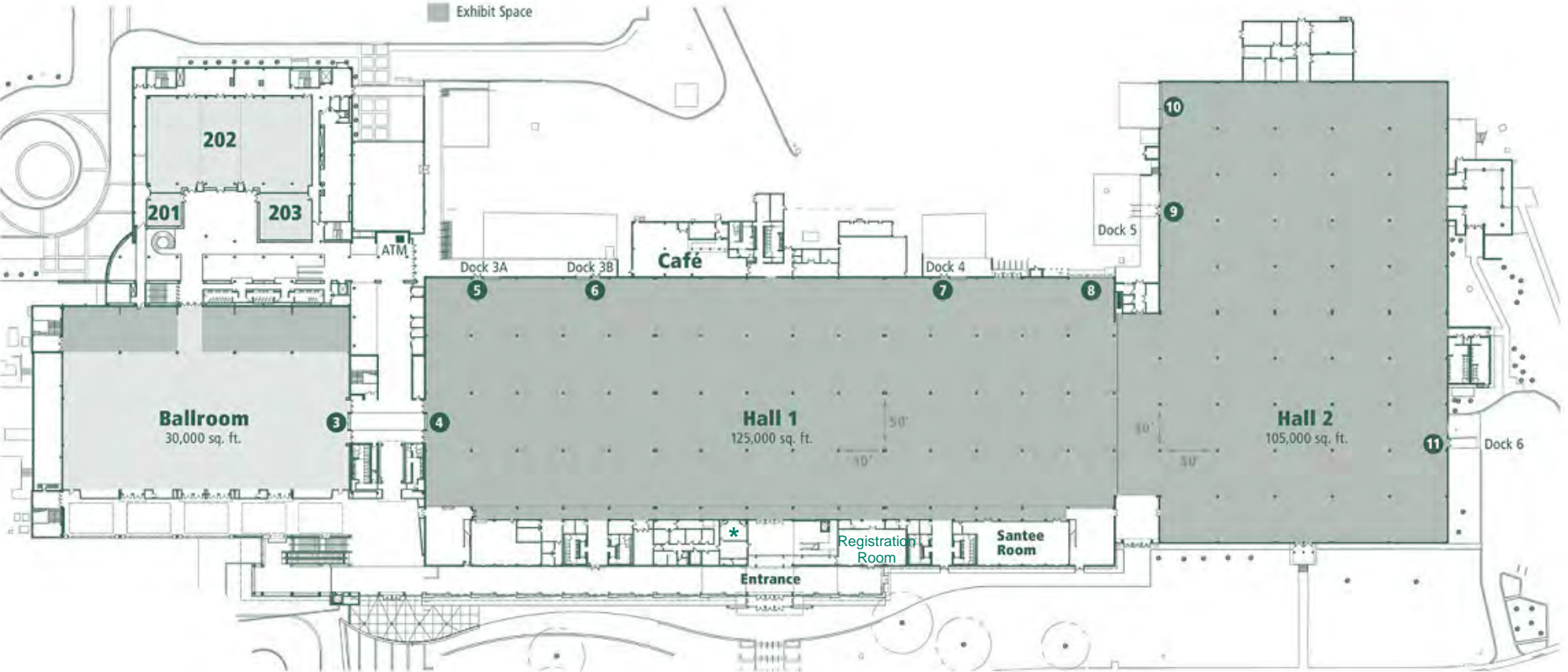
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# GREENVILLE CONVENTION CENTER

## LEVEL 2

- Meeting Space
- Exhibit Space





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## Greenville Convention Center - Level 2



Level 2



Level 1



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**2019 South Carolina Conference Journal**

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The Conference Journal **may be ordered for \$35.00** per copy in print (\$30.00 if **not** mailed), or for \$10.00 per copy as a thumb drive (mailed or not mailed). Payment must accompany your order. Send orders to the Secretary of the Annual Conference. (Make checks payable to: The South Carolina Annual Conference.)

**Deadline for ordering a Printed Copy is September 27, 2019**

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Secretary  
S. C. Annual Conference of the UMC  
4908 Colonial Drive, Suite 104  
Columbia, South Carolina 29203

\_\_\_\_\_ # copies print @ \$35.00 each if mailed  
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during the  
2019 Annual Conference Session  
at the  
GREENVILLE CONVENTION CENTER  
(Greenville, SC)  
is  
864-630-6664.**

**This will be the number for the Conference Information Booth.  
You may call this number during Annual Conference  
to relay Emergency messages or to ask for information.  
It will be open during the hours Annual Conference is in session.**