

THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE CHANCELLOR

It is my privilege to serve the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church as the Conference Chancellor. In that role I am the legal advisor to the Bishop and the Annual Conference. By Conference standing rule 98, requests for my services are made through the Episcopal office.

It is a privilege to continue work with the dedicated clergy, staff and laypersons of the Conference.

My work this year has included serving as a resource for lawyers who defending local Churches in litigation, working with the Conference Board of Trustees by preparing leases, deeds sales contracts and other legal documents, and assisting in drafting resolutions and resources for the Conference and local churches. I have assisted the Conference Board of Trustees in the process that has allowed local churches to separate from the United Methodist Church. I have continued to monitor the filings in the Boy Scout Bankruptcy. There are still some remaining issues pending before the US Supreme Court. This issue will determine the extent of the releases given to sponsors of Boy Scout troops as a result of the Bankruptcy. Once again, I urge all churches to carefully review your insurance coverages, to comply with the recommended coverages and to have written documents setting forth the parameters of all relationship with groups that the local church sponsors or allows to meet on church property.

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

Kay Gaffney Crowe
Conference Chancellor