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DISCONTINUED

Brownsville District

Emmanuel Church (Haywood County) of the Emmanuel Union Charge

Cedar Grove (Hardeman County) of the Hickory Valley Circuit

Jackson District

Liberty Church (Madison County) of the Browns Parish

NOTE: There are no Resolutions of Discontinuance printed; on the following page is the notation from the Daily Minutes.

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the quality of worship and read the preface of the Report of the Committee. The Reverend Paul Clayton read the recommendations of the Report. The report was approved.

The Bishop made a statement concerning the proposal made on yesterday for the Board of Social Concerns to survey personnel problems at Methodist Hospital, and a proposal made today for the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries to make a like study and to report on June 7, 1969. The Bishop suggested that the latter Board be asked to continue its study and to report at the proper time tomorrow. The Conference concurred.

CREDIT UNION: Reverend James Mulroy made a report on progress of the Credit Union.

CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT: Reverend Whitsell Harpole reported that the Committee on Entertainment recommended that the Annual Conference for 1970 be held at Lambuth College because of its warm invitation. And, that succeeding sessions be held at the same place. The invitation to Lambuth College was accepted.

DISCONTINUANCE OF CHURCHES: Three churches were discontinued by the Conference upon recommendation of the District Superintendents and approved by the Conference as follows:

- (1) Liberty United Church, Jackson District, Beech Bluff Charge;
- (2) Cedar's Chapel Church, Brownsville District, Whiteville Charge;
- (3) Emmanuel Church, Brownsville, Tennessee.

A resolution setting up a Committee on Compilation of Annual Conference Reports and pre-Conference Reports was introduced by Preston McDaniel. The major proposals of the Resolution were as follows:

- (1) Preparation and solicitation of pre-Conference reports.
- (2) Editing of such reports.
- (3) Preparation of such reports for the Journal.

The Resolution was defeated after lengthy discussion.

BOARD OF PENSIONS: The Bishop recognized the Reverend Bob O. Clark, Chairman of the Board of Pensions. He introduced Reverend Wilson Jones, Secretary, who presented Reports I and II, which were adopted. The Annuity rate was set at \$70.00 per service year. A further report was made concerning responsibilities coming to the Memphis Annual Conference from recent mergers with other Conferences. This report appears in the Journal.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS: The Bishop recognized the Reverend Clarence E. Hare, Chairman of the Board Missions, who spoke concerning the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on Mis-

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
OF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF
MEMPHIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
HELD AT
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
10:00 o'clock A.M., CDT, June 4, 1969

The Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church held its annual meeting at First United Methodist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, on June 4, 1969 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., pursuant to the call of the meeting by the Secretary of the Board as instructed by the President.

The Secretary then called the roll as to members present. The members of the Board present and attending were as follows:

The Reverend W. F. Cooley
The Reverend W. L. Watson
The Reverend W. M. Tidwell
The Honorable Tom B. Waller
The Honorable C. A. Davis
The Honorable Nat Ryan Hughes, Chairman
The Honorable Jimmy M. Evans, Secretary.

The President called the meeting to order and, upon ascertaining that a quorum was present and that the meeting had been duly called and convened, declared the meeting as properly assembled and opened the meeting to proceed with any business to be properly brought before it.

The Secretary read to the meeting the minutes of the last annual meeting of the Board of Trustees held at Lambuth College, Jackson, Tennessee, on June 11, 1968 at 10:00 o'clock A.M. After these minutes were read by the Secretary, and on motion made by the Honorable C. A. Davis and seconded by the Reverend W. F. Cooley, they were approved and read.

The President of the Board then requested Mr. C. A. Davis to give a verbal resume of the matters pertaining to the acquisition of a parsonage for the Chaplain of the University of Tennessee Medical Unit at Memphis. Mr. Davis was authorized at the last annual meeting to handle these matters on behalf of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Davis gave a verbal resume and his actions in that regard were unanimously ratified and approved by the entire Board assembled.

The Board then considered matters pertaining to abandonment of church properties within the Memphis Annual Conference, and for which properties the Board of Trustees is responsible. It was determined that this Board could not properly handle properties after abandonment of charges and the properties that they own. This was brought very emphatically before the Board in connection with the problem in the Jackson District, and more specifically at the Diamond Grove Methodist Church property. It was determined that this Board of Trustees was without power to act in cases where property had been previously abandoned and title to the said property was not vested in this Board. A full discussion was had and after discussion, and on motion made by Mr. C. A. Davis and seconded by Mr. Tom B. Waller, it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, through the President and Secretary of this Board, request the Bishop and the Cabinet to consider the advisability of the Bishop and the Cabinet presenting to the next session of the Annual Conference for consideration a Resolution instructing the Pastor in Charge to make a report to the District Superintendent of the status of title to all property proposed to be abandoned and in instances where the church property is not under the charge of a Pastor, to require the District Superintendent to make a report of the status of the title to said property, and before permitting the abandonment of the church, charge or other board or agency, to see that the Trustees of the local charge, church, board or agency convey that property to the Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference, unless other disposition is required by deed or other document.

After the consideration of this motion, the Board then directed its attention to a plan by which a current listing of all properties within this Annual Conference could be

kept. After discussion, and on motion made by Mr. Tom B. Waller and seconded by Mr. C. A. Davis, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, through that Board's President and Secretary, request the Bishop and the Cabinet to consider the advisability of the Bishop and the Cabinet presenting to the next Annual Conference for consideration a Resolution requiring that each District Superintendent annually prepare and give to the Conference Secretary a list of all properties within his respective district, including all local church properties and other church properties held by the Annual Conference; and it was

Further Resolved, that the Secretary of the Annual Conference be directed to maintain a current listing of these properties and furnish this Board of Trustees with an annual listing so made hereunder.

The President then gave a verbal resume of all transactions of the Board of Trustees for the past year. Upon motion made by the Reverend W. F. Cooley and seconded by the Reverend W. M. Tidwell, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that all acts, decisions, proceedings and activity by the officers of the Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference since the annual meeting of that Board held at the 1968 Annual Conference, and all matters referred to in the verbal reports given by the officers and members, be, and the same are hereby, approved and ratified and the same are to be construed as if the entire Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church effectively acted on each separately; and it was

Further Resolved, that the President and the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, are hereby authorized to sign and execute for and on behalf of the Board of Trustees, all deeds of transfers or any and all other documents requisite, so as to save delay and inconvenience in executing the same, and that the acts by the President and Secretary in this regard are to be construed to be the acts of the entire Board of Trustees, the same as if the entire Board of Trustees acted on each separately.

Mr. Jimmy M. Evans, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, advised the meeting that his term expired at this meeting of the Annual Conference and requested that a new secretary be elected for this Board of Trustees. After a discussion regarding this matter, and on motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Honorable Lyle Reid was elected Secretary of this Board for the balance of the quadrennium, or until his term shall expire.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was, on motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, adjourned.

TRUSTEES OF THE MEMPHIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
NAT RYAN HUGHES, *President*

ATTEST:
JIMMY M. EVANS, *Secretary*

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TRANSFERRED INTO THIS CONFERENCE FROM THE FORMER KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE CONFERENCE OF THE CENTRAL JURISDICTION WITH THE FORMATION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Brownsville District

Alexander Chapel-Pleasant Grove

Jackson District

Alamo-Hudson-Dyersburg (the Journal for 1969 lists Hudson Grove, Hughlett's, Midget's (sic), Price)

Jackson Parish (the Journal for 1969 lists Morning Sun, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Tabor, Wesley Chapel)

Lexington District

New Hope (Lexington)-Roach Chapel (Selmer)

Memphis District

Centenary

Prospect

Warren

Memphis-Shelby District

Burdett's (sic) Chapel

Friendship

Bethel

Golden

Paris District

Mansfield Circuit (New Hope, St. Paul, Wiley's Chapel; New Hope and Wiley's Chapel are in Dyer County, located Mansfield and Paris respectively; St. Paul was in Stewart County at Dover)

Martin Parish (Greer's Chapel, McCabe Temple, Wesley, all Weakley County)

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NEW CHURCH START

Memphis-Shelby District
Emmanuel

MERGED

Dyersburg District

Prospect and Bryant's Chapel (Dyer County) of the Dyersburg Circuit, to be called
Bryant's Chapel

Paris District

New Hope and Sulphur Springs (Calloway County), to be called Good Shepherd

DISCONTINUED

Brownsville District

Taylor's Chapel (Haywood County) of the Danceyville Circuit

Jackson District

Haltom's Chapel (Hardeman County) of the Silerton Circuit

NOTE: These Resolutions are not printed; on the following page is the notation from the Daily Minutes.

NOTE: The Charge Line Changes state, "Bogota is placed in the hands of the Conference Trustees." There is no Resolution. Bogota (Dyer County) was part of the Lake County Parish.

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ference President of The Women's Society of Christian Service, had to attend a funeral, and could not be present to give her report. Mrs. Robert Y. Horton read her report. It was received. (See report section).

BOARD OF PENSIONS: Reverend Wilson Jones was recognized. He gave a supplemental report to the Board of Pensions. He made a recommendation that an amount of \$65.00 per service year be paid for service years during 1968-69 to the retired ministers and 70% of that amount to the widows of the conference.

He then gave report No. II, concerning nominations; and report No. III. Each was adopted. (See report section).

DEACONESS BOARD: Reverend E. J. Diggs moved that the printed report be adopted as printed in the pre-conference reports. It was approved.

SPECIAL PENSION COMMITTEE: Reverend William S. Evans was recognized. He moved that Reverend Roy D. Williams, Sr., be named Chariman of a Special Study Committee, along with six others to be named by Bishop Finger, to bring in a suggested Pension Program, for the ministers of our conference, to the conference, to the conference session of 1969. It was adopted.

NOMINATIONS: Reverend W. S. Evans made nominations of Lambuth College Trustees. They were elected.

Announcements were made by the Secretary, Reverend Bivens.

RESOLUTION: Reverend E. J. Diggs read a resolution to discontinue Taylor's Chapel Church on the Danceyville Charge. It was adopted.

BOARD OF HEALTH AND WELFARE MINISTRIES: Nominations for Trustees, and Golden Cross Director, were made by the Secretary of the Board, Reverend Wesley McKinnie. They were elected.

RESOLUTION: Reverend H. J. Burkett read a resolution calling for the discontinuance of Haltom's Chapel Church on the Silerton Charge. It was approved.

METHODIST HOMES, INC.: Dr. Wayne A. Lamb read the report, and it was received.

Bishop Finger asked that minister's wives present stand. They did and were greeted by applause.

4:00 P.M.—Hymn No. 294 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" was sung.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS: Mr. Lloyd Adams was presented who spoke concerning the work of the Committee. Reverend Bill McClarin read the first six sections of the committee's report.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church held its annual meeting at Lambuth College, Jackson, Tennessee, on June 11, 1968 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., pursuant to the call of the meeting by the President of the Board, the Honorable Nat Ryan Hughes.

The meeting was called to order by the President and, upon ascertaining that a quorum was present and that the meeting was duly convened, declared the meeting competent to proceed with any business to be properly brought before it, which was so authorized.

The President asked the Secretary to read the minutes of the last annual meeting of the Board of Trustees held at the Broadway Methodist Church, Paducah, Kentucky, at 2:30 o'clock P.M., on June 6, 1967. These minutes were read by the Secretary and after their reading and on motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, were approved as read.

Dr. William S. Evans and Dr. Carl M. Robbins then presented to the meeting the matters pertaining to the acquisition of a parsonage for the Chaplain of the University of Tennessee Medical Units in Memphis. The Board was advised that a parsonage had been negotiated for in accord with instructions from the Conference. After discussion, and on motion made by Jimmy M. Evans and seconded by Mrs. Nancy Day Montgomery, Mr. C. A. Davis was authorized and directed to consummate all of the transactions and to handle all of the closing regarding the acquisition of this parsonage in accord with the resolution to be presented to the Memphis Annual Conference session later on this date.

A general discussion was held regarding the real estate of the Diamond Grove Methodist Church located in the Jackson District. Legal opinions were furnished by all members of the Board who were attorneys and it was decided that until such time as the matter had been referred to this Board and this Board became a party in interest, that the Board was without authority to act on the same.

The President of the Board then discussed the matters pertaining to the Wesley Foundation property in Murray, Kentucky. The President advised that all matters pertaining to that property had been amicably resolved between the President and the attorney for Mr. V. C. Stubblefield, Sr., Murray, Kentucky; that a quitclaim deed had been executed;

and all of which report and the actions taken by the President and Secretary of the Board were approved and ratified by the entire Board.

The Secretary of the Board then presented to the meeting his handling of the matters pertaining to the Union Grove Church property located in the Dyersburg District and in Dyer County, Tennessee. The Secretary advised the Board that bids were taken on the church building itself and the property was sold to the highest bidder and that the money, after deducting the necessary expenses, was delivered to the Trustees of the Dyersburg Circuit Parsonage according to the resolution adopted by the Memphis Annual Conference and recorded at Page 76 of the Journal of the Memphis Annual Conference for 1966. After all of these matters were revealed and discussed, the action by the President and the Secretary in this regard were duly ratified and confirmed by the entire Board.

The Secretary then advised that he had given opinions to the District Superintendent of the Dyersburg District regarding property formerly owned by the Prospect Church in the Dyersburg District and that no action, to his knowledge, had been taken regarding that property.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was:

Resolved, that all acts, decisions, proceedings and activity by the officers of the Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference since the annual meeting of that Board held at the 1967 Annual Conference, and all matters referred to in the verbal reports given by the officers and members, be, and the same are hereby, approved and ratified and the same are to be construed as if the entire Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church effectively acted on each separately; and it was

Further Resolved, that the President and the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, and its successor, the United Methodist Church, are hereby authorized to sign and execute for and on behalf of the Board of Trustees, all deeds of transfers or any and all other documents requisite, so as to save delay and inconvenience in executing the same, and that the acts by the President and Secretary in this regard are to be construed to be the acts of the entire Board of Trustees, the same as if the entire Board of Trustees acted on each separately.

The meeting then considered the officers of the Board of Trustees to serve for the next quadrennium, or until their terms in office shall expire. On motion made, seconded and unanimously approved the Honorable Nat Ryan Hughes was elected President; the Honorable C. A. Davis was elected Vice-President; and the Honorable Jimmy M. Evans was elected Secretary.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was, on motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, adjourned.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE MEMPHIS ANNUAL
CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
NAT RYAN HUGHES, *President*

ATTEST:
JIMMY M. EVANS, *Secretary*

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MERGERS

Memphis District

Calvary and Longview Heights, the church to be known as Calvary Longview

Memphis Shelby District

Parkway and Bethany, the church to be known as Bethany Parkview

Paris District

Dexter and Hardin, the Church to be known as Hardin-Dexter

DISCONTINUED

Paris District

Hickory Grove (Henry County) of the Cottage Grove Circuit

Memphis District

University Church

RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING CHURCHES

Resolution Concerning Hickory Grove Church

WHEREAS, Hickory Grove Methodist Church on the Cottage Grove Circuit has been weak and ineffective for many years, and

WHEREAS, in a church conference of the said church held on March 6, 1966, a motion was made by Will Peery, seconded by Jack Parker, and was carried to discontinue preaching services, and

WHEREAS, the Hickory Grove Church Conference requested that the church building be left as is for funerals, weddings, and community meetings,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hickory Grove Church on the Cottage Grove Circuit be discontinued, and that the property be held by the Conference Trustees until such time as they may deem it wise to dispose of it, with proceeds to go to the Paris District Church Extension Society.

EDWIN J. DIGGS, *District Superintendent*

**RESOLUTION TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE
PERTAINING TO THE CLOSING OF THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH**

In 1964 the University Methodist Church was organized to better serve the students at the University of Tennessee Medical Center. That was an unusual experiment and served a good purpose until several denominations decided to pool their efforts in an

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ecumenical movement which brought into being The University Community Church. The University Methodist Church has now become a part of the larger ecumenical movement, called The University Community Church. Therefore, we no longer need to maintain the organization of the University Methodist Church. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in keeping with Paragraph 188 of The 1964 Discipline, That the Annual Conference declare the University Methodist Church closed and discontinued.

RE: DIAMOND GROVE CHURCH

WHEREAS, the 1965 Memphis Annual Conference adopted a resolution authorizing the Diamond Grove Church of the Liberty and Diamond Grove Charge, in the Jackson District, to be discontinued and the property sold in accordance with Section I, Paragraph 188 of the 1964 Discipline.

Inasmuch as the resolution that was adopted failed to give direction as to what should be done with the proceeds from the sale of the Diamond Grove Church,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the trustees of the Diamond Grove Church be authorized to sell the abandoned Diamond Grove Church, church lot and all other property, and that the proceeds from the sale be given to the Board of Church Extension of the Jackson District to be used for church extension.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the trustees of Diamond Grove Church for any reason fail to carry out the direction of the Memphis Annual Conference, that the Conference Trustees sell the Diamond Grove Church, church lot and all other property and give the proceeds of the sale to the Board of Church Extension of the Jackson District.

Respectfully submitted,
H. J. BURKETT

To the Memphis Annual Conference
Broadway Methodist Church
Paducah, Kentucky

Re: The Fairview Parsonage

WHEREAS, the Fairview Circuit of the Jackson District was composed of Fairview, Baker's Chapel, New Shiloh and Pleasant Hill, with its parsonage located at Fairview, in Fairview Community in Madison County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Pleasant Hill Church was merged with Northside, Baker's Chapel for the past two years has been on the Milan Circuit, the New Shiloh Church is now with Grace Church Humboldt and the Fairview Church has been discontinued; and

WHEREAS, the Fairview parsonage is not now used and the Quarterly Conferences of New Shiloh and of Northside Church, with which Pleasant Hill was merged, and to which the Quarterly Conference was given authority to act for the discontinued Fairview Church by the Memphis Conference of 1962, have unanimously approved the sale of such parsonage; and

WHEREAS, Baker's Chapel is no longer on the same Circuit but is now on the Milan Circuit and the question of the sale is therefore complicated and the action of the Conference deemed necessary.

WHEREAS, this resolution has heretofore been approved by the District Board of Church Location and Building of the Jackson District, by the presiding bishop and the district superintendents of the Memphis Conference.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that according to paragraph 188, Section 1, of the 1964 Methodist Discipline, the Memphis Annual Conference authorize the sale of the Fairview parsonage.

BE I FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proceeds from the sale of the parsonage, parsonage lot and other property be used, first, to pay any financial obligations against the property and that the remainder be divided as follows: New Shiloh, Baker's Chapel and Northside receive one-fourth each and that the one-fourth Fairview interest be used as the Fairview Trustees may determine, and if they should not agree, that this one-fourth interest be given to the Jackson District Board of Church Extension.

Respectfully submitted,
H. J. BURKETT, *Superintendent, Jackson District*

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MEMPHIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church held its annual meeting at Broadway Methodist Church, Paducah, Kentucky, on June 6, 1967, pursuant to the call of the meeting by the President of the Board, the Honorable Nat Ryan Hughes, and upon written notice pursuant to this call by Jimmy M. Evans, Secretary of the Board.

The meeting was called to order by the President who ascertained that a quorum was present and that the meeting, having been duly convened, was competent and authorized to proceed with the business to be properly brought before it.

The President asked the Secretary to read the minutes of the last annual meeting of the Board of Trustees held at Lambuth College, Jackson, Tennessee, on June 8, 1966 at 10:00 o'clock A.M. These minutes, which were made a part of the 1966 Journal of the Memphis Annual Conference and on pages 138 and 139 thereof, were read by the Secretary. After the reading of these minutes, and on motion by the President and seconded by the Reverend W. L. Watson, they were unanimously approved as read.

The Secretary then advised the meeting regarding the disposition of the property belonging to the Miston Methodist Church, Miston, Dyer County, Tennessee, which charge was a part of the Lake County Parish. That property had been placed in the hands of the Conference Trustees for disposition according to the Resolution adopted at the 1966 Annual Conference. The Secretary advised that in obedience to that Resolution, that the property was sold for \$1,050.00, with the proceeds being paid to the Trustees of the Bogota Methodist Church.

The President then advised regarding the pending merger of the Dexter, Kentucky and Hardin, Kentucky churches into a single church, with a new church to be built on Kentucky Highway 641. No action was taken regarding this, pending proper Resolutions received from the Annual Conference.

Upon motion made by the Honorable Mrs. Nancy Day Montgomery and seconded by the Honorable C. A. Davis, it was, unanimously

RESOLVED, that all acts, decisions, proceedings and activities by the officers of the Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference since the annual meeting of that Board held at the 1966 Annual Conference, and all matters referred to in the verbal reports given by the officers, be, and the same are hereby, approved and ratified and the same are to be construed as if the entire Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church effectively acted on each separately; and it was

Further Resolved, that the President and the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church are hereby authorized to sign and execute for and on behalf of the Board of Trustees, all deeds and transfers or any

and all other documents requisite so as to save delay and inconvenience in execution the same, and that the accounts by the President and Secretary in this regard are to be construed to be the accounts of the entire Board of Trustees, the same as if the entire Board of Trustees acted on each separately.

The President re-affirmed that the present officers of the Board of Trustees were serving until the end of the present quadrennium. Those officers were the Honorable Nat Ryan Hughes, President, the Honorable Mrs. Nancy Day Montgomery, Vice-President, and the Honorable Jimmy M. Evans, Secretary.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
THE TRUSTEES OF THE MEMPHIS ANNUAL
CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
NAT RYAN HUGHES, *President*

ATTEST:
JIMMY M. EVANS, *Secretary*

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NEW CHURCH START

Paris District
South Fulton

MERGER?

Union Grove of the Dyersburg Circuit? See the note below

DISCONTINUED

Dyersburg District
Miston of the Lake County Parish

Paris District
Riceville (Weakley County) of the Walnut Grove-Dukedom-Riceville Charge

NOTE: The resolutions are in the Daily Minutes and not the Resolutions section. Note the action regarding Union Grove of the Dyersburg Circuit with the membership placed at Bryant's Chapel. This would seem to be a merger, but the Condensed Minutes do not note it as such.

1966

DISCONTINUANCE OF CHURCHES: Reverend E. V. Underhill, District Superintendent of the Dyersburg District presented the following resolutions:

Union Grove Church: Since there is no longer a congregation at Union Grove Church on the Dyersburg Circuit, Be it resolved that Union Grove be discontinued, the property to be placed in the hands of the Conference Trustees for sale, and the membership be placed with Bryant's Chapel on the Dyersburg Circuit. The proceeds of said sale is to go to the trustees of the Dyersburg Circuit parsonage.

Miston Church: Since there is no longer a congregation, be it resolved that the Miston Church be discontinued, the property placed in the hands of the Conference trustees for sale, and that the membership be placed with the Bagota Church on the Lake County Parish. The proceeds of said sale is to go to the trustees of the Bagota Church.

Bondurant Church Lot: Since the trustees of the Annual Conference have received \$500 from the sale of said lot, and since Bondurant was a part of the West Hickman Circuit, be it resolved that the Conference treasurer be instructed to pay the said \$500 to the trustees of the West Hickman parsonage.

(Signed) E. V. UNDERHILL,
District Supt.

Reverend Underhill's resolutions were adopted.

Reverend E. J. Diggs, Superintendent of the Paris District presented the following resolution:

Riceville Methodist Church: Whereas the Riceville Methodist Church has been struggling for survival for many years, with the experience of becoming a little weaker each year; and, Whereas it is no longer possible to secure sufficient funds for building maintenance, much less an effective church program; and, Whereas the Community is going commercial and is no longer desirable as a residential community; and, Whereas the few remaining members live near another Methodist Church; and, Whereas the Church voted in a called session of the Church Conference on March 10, 1966 to discontinue; and, Whereas the Quarterly Conference of the said Charge concurred in the action of the Church Conference, Therefore, be it resolved that the Riceville Methodist Church be discontinued at this Session of the Memphis Annual Conference. Be it further resolved that the trustees of the Riceville Church be authorized to convey to the newly organized South Fulton Methodist Church any church furnishings which the said church may desire; and that all remaining church property shall be sold at the best price obtainable and the proceeds placed in the custody of the Paris District Church Extension Society to be used in its program of Church Extension.

(Signed) EDWIN J. DIGGS
District Supt.

1966

Resolution

WHEREAS The Memphis Conference Board of Education must provide a furnished home for the Wesley Foundation Director at Memphis State University, Memphis, Tennessee and

Whereas it seems wise for the Board of Education to purchase a home rather than pay rent and

Whereas the funds necessary to purchase and furnish a residence can be provided within the present budget for Wesley Foundation work

Be It Therefore Resolved: That the Memphis Annual Conference in session at Lambuth College, Jackson, Tennessee June 8-11, 1966, hereby authorize the purchase of a residence in Memphis, Tennessee to be used as a parsonage for the Director of the Memphis State Wesley Foundation.

Be It Further Resolved: That the Memphis Annual Conference hereby authorize and instruct the Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference to sign and execute a mortgage and whatever other legal instrument or instruments necessary to consummate the purchase of a residence in Memphis, Tennessee to be owned by the Memphis Annual Conference and held for the Memphis Conference Board of Education as a parsonage for the Wesley Foundation Director at Memphis State University.

WILLIAM M. VAUGHAN, JR., *President*
KENTON C. BURNETTE, *Secretary*

The above Resolution was approved by the Memphis Annual Conference in session at Lambuth College, Jackson, Tennessee, June 8, 1966.

H. ELLIS FINGER, JR., *President*
R. A. BIVENS, *Secretary*

JACKSON, TENNESSEE

June, 1966

WHEREAS: There has been certain expenditures necessary for the District Parsonage at Brownsville, Tennessee which had to be paid out of the Conference Reserve Fund, it seems to be wise for the Board of Trustees to give the authority to borrow such monies as would be necessary to repay the Conference Treasurer if the need arises.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That the Memphis Annual Conference in session at Lambuth College, Jackson, Tennessee June 9, 1966 hereby authorizes the Memphis Conference Board of Trustees to sign and execute a note and mortgage and whatever other instruments are necessary to borrow such funds as needed and be further authorized to negotiate rates, terms and select lending institution.

The above Resolution was adopted by the Memphis Annual Conference in session at Lambuth College June 9, 1966.

R. A. BIVENS, *Secretary*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MEMPHIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church held its annual meeting at Lambuth College, Jackson, Tennessee, on June 8, 1966, pursuant to the call of the meeting by the Vice-President of the Board, the Honorable Nat Ryan Hughes, and upon written notice pursuant to this call by Jimmy M. Evans, Secretary of the Board.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-President in the absence of the President, the Honorable L. W. Morgan, who died during the preceding year. The Vice-President ascertained that a quorum was present and that the meeting, having been duly convened, was competent and ready to proceed with the business to be properly brought before it.

The Vice-President asked the Secretary to read the minutes of the last annual meeting of the Board of Trustees held at Christ Methodist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, on June 9, 1965 at 2:00 o'clock P.M. These minutes, which were made a part of the 1965 Journal of the Memphis Annual Conference, and on page 132 thereof, were read by the Secretary. After the reading of these minutes, they were unanimously approved as read.

The Vice-President requested the Secretary to advise the Board regarding the disposition of the cemetery property formerly owned by the Hopewell Church at Yorkville, Tennessee. In accord with the Resolution approved at the 1965 annual meeting; the one acre tract of land was gratuitously conveyed to the Yorkville Cemetery Association and a quitclaim deed was forwarded to that entity on June 23, 1965, thereby completing the action regarding this property as previously agreed upon.

The Honorable Mrs. Nancy Day Montgomery and the Vice-President then gave a verbal resume of the matters discussed at the 1965 annual meeting regarding the one acre tract of land formerly owned by the Bondurant Methodist Church that has since been condemned by the United States of America, Department of Interior, Fish and Wild Life Service. These attorney members of this Board advised that that cause had been tried in the Federal District Court for the Western District of Kentucky; that judgment in the amount of \$500.00 had been entered in their favor; that they had applied for authority to obtain the money represented by the judgment; that a check had been obtained which was negotiated and forwarded to the Conference Treasurer for distribution in accord with past action approved by a former session of this annual conference. This thereby concluded this matter.

After discussion regarding this same matter and on motion made by the Reverend Guy Halford and seconded by the Reverend W. M. Tidwell, it was unanimously

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, and on behalf of the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, expresses to the Honorable Mrs. Nancy Day Montgomery and the Honorable Nat Ryan Hughes its sincere thanks and appreciation for gratuitously representing the legal and equitable interests of The Methodist Church and appearing as counsel for The Methodist Church in this matter.

Mrs. Nancy Day Montgomery then advised the Board of Trustees of the present

status of the cemetery property owned by the Spring Hill Methodist Church in Hickman County, Kentucky. Mrs. Montgomery advised that the last session of the Memphis Annual Conference authorized the conveyance of this property to the Spring Hill Cemetery Association. Based upon this authorization, she had prepared a quitclaim deed to be executed by the officers of the Board of Trustees which will convey this property according to the authority heretofore given.

Upon motion made by the Reverend W. M. Tidwell and seconded by the Reverend Guy Halford, it was, unanimously

Resolved, that all acts, decisions, proceedings and activities by the officers of the Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference since the annual meeting of that Board held at the 1965 Annual Conference, and all matters referred to in the verbal reports given by the officers, be, and the same are hereby, approved and ratified and the same are to be construed as if the entire Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church effectively acted on each separately; and it was

Further Resolved, that the President and the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church are hereby authorized to sign and execute for and on behalf of the Board of Trustees, all deeds or transfers or any and all other documents requisite so as to save delay and inconvenience in executing the same, and that the accounts by the President and Secretary in this regard are to be construed to be the accounts of the entire Board of Trustees, the same as if the entire Board of Trustees acted on each separately.

The Honorable Mrs. Nancy Day Montgomery then reminded the Board that the present officers of the Board of Trustees had been elected to serve until the end of the present quadrennium but that during the past year, the President of this Board of Trustees, the Honorable L. W. Morgan, had died and that a vacancy in this office had occurred. Upon motion of the Reverend Guy Halford and seconded by the Reverend W. M. Tidwell and unanimously passed, the Honorable Nat Ryan Hughes was elected to serve as President of the Board of Trustees for the balance of this quadrennium and the Honorable Mrs. Nancy Day Montgomery was elected to serve as Vice-President of the Board of Trustees for the balance of this quadrennium, with the Honorable Jimmy M. Evans continuing to serve as Secretary during the current quadrennium.

The following Resolution was then presented by the Secretary and it was unanimously approved as presented:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference has been privileged to have the capable guidance and assistance of the late Honorable L. W. Morgan; and

Whereas, for many years Mr. Morgan has served as President of this Board and through his inspired leadership, the functions and activities of the Board of Trustees have been carried on with great efficiency and understanding; and

Whereas, since the last annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, Mr. Morgan has been called to his reward, which necessarily grieves his fellow members of the Board of Trustees and they now desire to express to all persons their great admiration and appreciation of Mr. Morgan;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, in its annual meeting held at Lambuth College, Jackson, Tennessee, on June 8, 1966 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., does hereby and herewith express its high regard and admiration for the late Honorable L. W. Morgan; thereby noting the passing of a Christian gentleman and one who devoted of his time and talents to the furtherance of the business of The Methodist Church; and that the passing of this fine man is a great loss to The Methodist Church and all of its agencies and boards; and

It Was Further Resolved that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this annual meeting of The Methodist Church and a copy furnished to the family of this deceased officer, fellow comrade and friend.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

THE TRUSTEES OF THE MEMPHIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

NAT RYAN HUGHES, *Vice-President*

ATTEST:
JIMMY M. EVANS, *Secretary*

1966

JOURNAL 1965

DISCONTINUED

Jackson District

Diamond Grove (Madison County) of the Liberty-Diamond Grove Charge

Paris District

Bethany (Weakley County) of the Ralston Circuit

NOTE: The resolutions are in the Daily Minutes and not the Resolutions section

1965

BETHANY CHURCH—RALSTON CIRCUIT: Dr. Paul T. Lyle presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE
BETHANY CHURCH, RALSTON CIRCUIT,
PARIS DISTRICT, MEMPHIS CONFERENCE

“WHEREAS, The Bethany Church on the Ralston Circuit has

for some years been weak and ineffective, and

Whereas, all the members of the Bethany Church are within a short distance of other Methodist Churches, and

Whereas, the church voted in a called session to discontinue at the 1965 annual conference, and

Whereas, the trustees were directed to dispose of all church property,

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Bethany Church on the Ralston Circuit be discontinued at this session of Memphis Annual Conference.”

Respectfully submitted,
PAUL T. LYLES

METHODIST HOMES, INC.: Dr. Wayne A. Lamb read the report and moved its adoption. It was so ordered. (See report section).

RESOLUTION: Dr. F. A. Flatt read a resolution concerning the parsonage of the Memphis North District. The resolution was approved. (See report section.)

DIAMOND GROVE CHURCH: Dr. H. J. Burkett read the following resolution and it was adopted:

“WHEREAS, the Diamond Grove Church of the Liberty and Diamond Grove Charge has not been functioning as a church for a number of years, having no worship services or in any way functioning as a church, and

Whereas, the present building is in such a bad state of repair that it cannot be used as a church,

Be It Resolved, that according to paragraph 188, section 1, of the 1964 Methodist *Discipline*, Diamond Grove Church be declared discontinued and that the property be sold in accordance with paragraph 188.”

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) H. J. BURKETT

THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE BUILDINGS: Reverend Nowell Bingham read the report which was adopted. (See report section).

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON A CONFERENCE BUILDING

A committee to study the need for a Conference building was ordered by the 1964 session of the Annual Conference. Those comprising the committee were as follows: H. J. Burkett, P. T. Lyles, and E. V. Underhill, representing the Cabinet; J. C. Gilbert, C. L. Yancey, and Joe Pevahouse, representing the Conference Council; and Walter Barnes, Nowell Bingham, and Spence Dupree representing the Commission on World Service and Finance. The conference action made the Executive Secretary of the Conference Council, Dr. Carl M. Robbins, a member of the committee as well as its convener.

The committee met at Lambuth College Monday, February 1st, at 3:30 P.M. Various plans for acquiring adequate space for the Conference offices were discussed—such as the purchase and conversion of a house adjacent to the College campus, the construction of a Conference building and the possibility of renting additional space from the College.

It was reported that approximately 5,000 sq. ft. of space might be available in the new Student Union Building to be erected by the College. The College has indicated a willingness to make these facilities available to the Conference for its offices.

The committee voted unanimously to recommend to the 1965 session of the Annual Conference that every effort be made to secure this space if it is available and that the annual rent be negotiated by the College trustees and the executive committee of the Conference Council, subject to the approval of the Committee on World Service and Finance.

Respectfully,

PAUL T. LYLES, *Chairman*
A. NOWELL BINGHAM, *Secretary*

Conference voted concurrence.

RESOLUTION

SINCE the parsonage of the Memphis District North is a large two-story building with all the bed rooms upstairs which make it inadequate in times of illness, and

SINCE it is in need of major repairs if it is to be retained as a parsonage, and

SINCE it is the recommendation of a competent architect after careful examination that it would be better to sell it rather than to remodel it;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Annual Conference empower and authorize the Conference Trustees to sell the present parsonage and to purchase another one, or to build a new one, as a committee consisting of the District Superintendent, Mr. Harold Curry and Dr. C. W. Grant may deem advisable. This committee is to be responsible for the selling of the present parsonage and the purchase of another one, and the Conference Trustees are to transact all legal papers.

This Committee is also to secure a loan with which to finance the difference between the amount received for the present parsonage and the purchase price of another one.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Annual Conference assume the debt incurred by this transaction; with the understanding that no payment is to be made by the Conference until 1968. Beginning with the Conference Year 1968-1969 the Conference will pay \$5,000.00 per year toward the principle and interest, and will continue such payments until the debt has been paid in full.

Conference voted concurrence.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MEMPHIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church held its annual meeting at Christ Methodist Church, Memphis, Tennessee at 2:00 o'clock P.M., on June 9, 1965, pursuant to the call of the meeting by the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Jimmy M. Evans, upon request of the President, the Honorable L. W. Morgan, and the Vice-President, the Honorable Nat Ryan Hughes, of the Board of Trustees.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-President in the absence of the President. The Vice-President ascertained that a quorum was present and that the meeting, having been duly convened, was competent and ready to proceed with the business to be brought before it.

The Vice-President asked the Secretary to read the minutes of the last annual meeting held at First Methodist Church, Jackson, Tennessee, on June 11, 1964 at 2:30 o'clock P.M. These minutes, which were made a part of the 1964 Journal of the Memphis Annual Conference, and on page 125 thereof, were read by the Secretary. After reading these minutes, the Trustees unanimously approved them as read.

The Vice-President requested the Secretary to advise the Board regarding the disposition of the property belonging to the Hopewell Methodist Church, which charge was formerly on the Dyer Circuit. The Secretary advised that the Reverend E. V. Underhill, District Superintendent of the Dyersburg District, had held from time to time meetings in this church so as to prevent the reverter of this property. He advised that legal notice was made in newspapers of the area in which the church was located and that bids on the church building and furnishings would be taken on February 1, 1965; that the bids were so taken and the highest and best bids were acknowledged by the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees; that pursuant to the authority granted by the Board of Trustees, the real estate was conveyed by quitclaim deed and the personal property was conveyed by a bill of sale. This action by the President and the Secretary was consented to by the entire Board of Trustees at that time. The Secretary further advised that the entire mortgage due on this property to the Board of Missions of the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church was paid in full and that the balance of the funds obtained from the sale of this property were turned over to the Dyersburg District Church Extension Fund in accord with the proper procedure in this regard. After this report, and on motion made by Mrs. Nancy Day Montgomery and seconded by the Reverend Guy Halford, all of the action regarding this matter by the President and Secretary was unanimously ratified and approved by the Board of Trustees.

The Secretary then presented to the meeting a matter consisting of approximately one acre of land formerly owned by the Hopewell Methodist Church. This tract of land was located at the old situs of the Hopewell Church at Yorkville, Tennessee. This area was used by the church for cemetery purposes. Many years ago, the Hopewell Church was moved to its last location and the property surrounding the old Hopewell Cemetery was purchased by the Yorkville Cemetery Association. This tract of land owned by the Hopewell Church has been continuously maintained by the Yorkville Cemetery Association but no burial could be effected on this property, due to the fact that they could not convey a cemetery lot in it. The Secretary advised that since the Hopewell Methodist Church was no longer in existence, that it was his recommendation that this property be conveyed to the Yorkville Cemetery Association so that this property could be utilized in that community. After fully discussing this matter, and on motion made by Mrs. Nancy Day Montgomery and seconded by the honorable Albert T. McRae, it was, unanimously.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church convey the subject tract of land to the Yorkville Cemetery Association by quitclaim deed without consideration, so that this property could be properly utilized for the original purpose intended; and it was

Further Resolved, that the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees are hereby authorized for and on behalf of the entire Board of Trustees to execute any and all instruments necessary to effect this transfer; and it was

Further Resolved, that the Secretary of the Board of Trustees be directed to advise all persons concerned of this gratuitous action on behalf of this Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Nancy Day Montgomery then advised the meeting of a similar situation regarding the cemetery property owned by the Spring Hill Methodist Church in Hickman County, Kentucky. After discussion, it was unanimously decided by the Board of Trustees that any action concerning the disposition of this property would be withheld until such time as the matter was formally presented to the Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Nancy Day Montgomery and the Vice-President then advised the Board of Trustees of the pending action regarding the disposition of the Bondurant Methodist Church property. By means of summary, it was stated that this church was no longer in existence and that the United States of America, through the Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Services, had condemned this property and that third persons were claiming the property by adverse possession. The Vice-President advised that he had discussed this matter with the United States District Attorney and that The Methodist Church had filed a petition as an intervening party, and that all necessary pleadings had been filed. The Vice-President advised the Board of Trustees that it was his considered opinion that this money could be obtained and upon the successful completion of this matter, the money would be turned over to the West Hickman Church. The Vice-President advised that he would pursue this matter to completion.

Upon motion made by the Reverend W. M. Tidwell and seconded by the Reverend W. F. Cooley, it was, unanimously

RESOLVED, that all acts, decisions, proceedings and activities by the Officers of the Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference since the annual meeting of that Board held at the 1964 Annual Conference, and all matters referred to in the verbal reports given by the Officers, be, and the same hereby are, approved and ratified and the same are to be construed as if the entire Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church acted on each separately; and it was

Further Resolved, that the President and the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church are hereby authorized to sign and execute for and on behalf of the Board of Directors all deeds or transfers or other documents so as to save delay and inconvenience in executing the same; and that the accounts by the President and Secretary in this regard are to be construed to be the acts of the entire Board of Trustees.

Upon motion made by the Reverend W. M. Tidwell and seconded by Mrs. Nancy Day Montgomery, it was unanimously resolved that the Officers of the Board of Trustees elected at the 1964 Annual Meeting, consisting of the Honorable L. W. Morgan, President, the Honorable Nat Ryan Hughes, Vice-President, and the Honorable Jimmy M. Evans, Secretary, be considered to be the Officers of this Board of Trustees during the current quadrennium.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, and upon motion made by the Reverend W. M. Tidwell and seconded by the Honorable Albert T. McRae and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

THE TRUSTEES OF THE MEMPHIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

NAT RYAN HUGHES, Vice-President

ATTEST:
JIMMY M. EVANS, Secretary
APPROVED:
L. W. MORGAN, President

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NEW CHURCH STARTS

Memphis South District

Asbury Memorial

Memphis North District

University Community Church

DISCONTINUED

Dyersburg District

Hopewell (Gibson County) of the Dyer Circuit

Lexington District

Greggs Chapel (Carrol County) of the South Huntingdon Circuit

Paris District

Lebanon (Henry County) of the Mt. Pleasant-Lebanon-Conyersville charge

Boydsville (Henry County) of the Cottage Grove Circuit

1964

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING BOYDSVILLE CHURCH
PARIS DISTRICT, MEMPHIS CONFERENCE**

WHEREAS, the Boydsville Church, on the Cottage Grove Circuit, Paris District has been small and struggling for some years, and

Whereas, the building was lost in a fire during October 1963, and,

Whereas, the congregation after some two months of consideration felt that rebuilding was an impossibility, and

Whereas, a church conference was called on November 24, 1963 which voted 17-1 to discontinue the Boydsville Church, and

Whereas, the trustees were ordered and directed to dispose of property by deeding it to the adjoining cemetery association, and

Whereas, all the members of the Boydsville congregation indicated that they were within three miles of another Methodist Church,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Boydsville Methodist Church be discontinued as a Methodist Church.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) PAUL T. LYLES

Resolution adopted.

LEBANON CHURCH: Rev. Paul Lyle read the following resolution concerning Lebanon Church, Mt. Pleasant-Lebanon-Conyersville Charge, Paris District:

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE LEBANON CHURCH
MT. PLEASANT-LEBANON-CONYERSVILLE CHURCH
PARIS DISTRICT, MEMPHIS CONFERENCE**

WHEREAS, the Lebanon Church, Mt. Pleasant-Lebanon-Conyersville Charge, Paris District, Memphis Conference has been weak and ineffective for many years, and

Whereas, only one or two families have been holding the church together, and

Whereas, there seems to be no hope for any future growth, and

Whereas, the present building is no longer suited to the needs of the congregation being in a state of ill repair, and

Whereas, all the people are within two or three miles of another Methodist Church or churches, and

Whereas, the church voted unanimously to discontinue in a meeting on March 8, 1964, and

Whereas, the trustees were directed to dispose of the property in the March 8 meeting,

Therefore be it resolved that the Lebanon Church be discontinued at this Annual Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) PAUL T. LYLES

Resolution adopted.

1964

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING HOPEWELL CHURCH
DYER CIRCUIT, DYERSBURG DISTRICT, MEMPHIS
CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH**

After due consideration by the Quarterly Conference and the District Committee on Building and Location, the Bishop and the Cabinet, be it resolved that the said Hopewell Church be detached from the Dyer Circuit, placed in the hands of the Conference trustees, and that divine worship be continued from time to time under the direction of the District Superintendent.

(Signed) E. V. UNDERHILL
District Superintendent

Resolution adopted.

GREGG'S CHAPEL CHURCH: Rev. J. C. Gilbert read the following resolution concerning Gregg's Chapel Church, South Huntingdon Church, Lexington District:

WHEREAS, the membership of Gregg's Chapel on the South Huntingdon Circuit has decreased to such an extent

that it is no longer possible to maintain a Sunday School or carry on any effective Church program, and

Whereas, the few remaining active members have been attending and actively participating in the work of another Church on the charge, and

Whereas, it is the desire of these said members to become members of the other Church, and

Whereas, Bishop Marvin Franklin and the District Superintendents of the Memphis Conference voted consent to such action.

Therefore, be it resolved that Gregg's Chapel Methodist Church on South Huntingdon Circuit of the Lexington District of the Memphis Annual Conference be discontinued as a Methodist Church, and,

Be it further resolved that the Trustees of the Gregg's Chapel Methodist Church be authorized to sell the Church property, including land, building and furnishings and apply the proceeds received therefrom to the improvements of the Church property of Carter's Chapel and Liberty All.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) J. C. GILBERT

Resolution adopted.

UNIVERSITY CENTER: Dr. F. A. Flatt announced that a Church has been organized near Memphis Medical Center.

1964

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MEMPHIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church held its annual meeting at the First Methodist Church, Jackson, Tennessee at 2:30 P.M. on June 11, 1964, pursuant to the call of the meeting by the President of the Board of Trustees, the Honorable L. W. Morgan.

The meeting was called to order by the President and it was ascertained that a quorum was present and that the meeting was competent to proceed with any business brought before it.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The Chairman then opened the meeting for nomination of officers of the Board of Trustees. After discussion and on motion duly made, seconded and carried, Mr. L. W. Morgan and Mr. Jimmy M. Evans were elected President and Secretary respectively of the Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church for the conference year 1964-1965.

The Chairman then presented to the meeting his annual report. After discussion and on motion duly made, seconded and carried, the report of Mr. L. W. Morgan for the conference year of 1963-1964 was in all respects ratified and approved.

On motion by Jimmy M. Evans and seconded by Mrs. Nancy Day Montgomery, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that all acts, decisions, proceedings and activities by the officers of the Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church since the annual meeting of the trustees held at the 1963 annual conference, and all matters referred to in the written report by the President, be and the same hereby are approved and ratified, and the same are to be construed as if the entire Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church acted on each separately.

A discussion was then had with reference to the authorization and empowering of the President and the Secretary of the Board of Trustees to sign and execute for the Board of Trustees all deeds or transfers or other documents on behalf of the Board of Trustees so as to save delay and inconveniences in having these documents executed. After discussion on this matter, it was unanimously resolved that the President and the Secretary of the Board of Trustees are authorized and empowered during the conference year of 1964-1965 to sign and execute deeds or instruments of property and any and all other necessary documents of the Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church and that the acts of doing this by the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees would be construed to be the acts of the entire Board of Trustees.

Mr. Jimmy M. Evans then brought before the meeting an items of discussion with reference to the disposition of certain Church property on the Dyer Circuit on which a mortgage is held by the Board of Missions of the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church. This matter was fully discussed but proper disposition was to await the time when the matter had been properly presented before the Board of Trustees.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

THE TRUSTEES OF THE MEMPHIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

L. W. MORGAN, *President*
JIMMY M. EVANS, *Secretary*

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DISCONTINUED

Memphis South District

Prospect (actually, as the Resolution will show, the property was deeded to the Central
(African American) Jurisdiction)

There is no printed Trustees Report for the year.

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PROSPECT METHODIST CHURCH: Dr. W. C. Aden read the following resolution concerning Prospect Methodist Church in the Memphis South District:

WHEREAS, on April 5, 1963, the Quarterly Conference of Prospect Methodist Church, 1297 Guasco Road of Memphis, Tennessee, as well as duly convened Church Conference of said Church, adopted a Resolution, copy of which is attached hereto, authorizing and directing the Trustees of said Church with reference to their transferring title to the Church's property to the Trustees of the Tennessee Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, Central Jurisdiction, said property being described in said Resolution as Lot 18, Tumberella Heights Subdivision, as shown by Plat of record in the Register's Office of Shelby County, Tennessee, in Plat Book 11, page 51, reference being made to said Resolution as to the terms and conditions under which transfer of said property should be made, and

Whereas, the Trustees of said Church, pursuant to their authorization, have obtained the written consents for the transfer of said property by the Presiding Bishop, by a majority of the District Superintendents, and of the District Board of Church Location and Building, a copy of each consent is attached hereto and made a part hereof, and

Whereas, the Trustees of said Church, have, pursuant to their authorization, entered into a written agreement, with reference to their transfer of said property, with the Trustees of the Tennessee Annual Conference, Central Jurisdiction, and copy of this Agreement is attached hereto.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by this Annual Conference that the Trustees of Prospect Methodist Church of the Memphis South District be, and they are hereby instructed and directed as follows:

- (1) To convey by proper Deed of conveyance the afore-described property to the Trustees of the Tennessee Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, Central Jurisdiction, upon condition that the Trustees of said Conference assume and agree to pay the present outstanding mortgage indebtedness on said property as described in and secured by Deed of Trust of record in the Register's Office of Shelby County, Tennessee, in Book 4447, page 187, and upon the further condition that the National Board of Missions of the Methodist

Church either release its present indebtedness on said property as described in Deeds of Trust of record in the aforesaid Register's Office in Book 3762, page 657 and in Book 3961, page 188, or in the alternative by appropriate instrument authorize and approve the transfer of said property and not declare its indebtedness thereon due and payable;

- (2) That the Trustees of said Church be, and they are hereby instructed and directed to do such other things, acts and deeds as may be needed and necessary in the foregoing premises.

The resolution was adopted.

PROSPECT METHODIST CHURCH: The Rev. W. M. Tidwell read the following report concerning Prospect Methodist Church in the Lexington District:

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Valley Authority, a Corporation created by an Act of Congress, will require in connection with the Beech River Dam and Reservoir the acquisition of title to a tract of land upon which was formerly located the Prospect Methodist Church near Lexington, Tennessee, said church having burned in about the year 1927, and never rebuilt, and,

Whereas, the membership of said church abandoned said property for church purposes in about the year 1927, and there being no local trustees of said church, and under Section 188 of the Discipline of The Methodist Church, title to said property is vested in the Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, with authority to convey title to same pursuant to authorization by the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, and,

Whereas, the Tennessee Valley Authority, as agent for the United States of America, has offered to purchase for the sum of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00), said tract of land, which tract is designated in the Authority's survey as tract BRBR-204, which is more specifically described in the Tennessee Valley Authority's contract for purchase and sale of land, to which reference is made for the complete terms of said offer and description of said property, a copy of which is attached, and,

Whereas, it is the desire of the members of the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church to accept the sum of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) as the fair and reasonable value of the property described;

Now, Therefore, be it resolved by the members of the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, now assembled in regular meeting, notice of said meeting and the purpose thereof having been given the members of

said Conference in accordance with the Discipline of The Methodist Church, that the contract price of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) offered by the Tennessee Valley Authority, be accepted, and be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church be hereby authorized, empowered, and directed as said Trustees to execute the contract for purchase and sale of the above described tract of land to the United States of America, or its nominee, to execute a general warranty deed conveying the same in accordance with said contract; that L. W. Morgan, President of the Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, and Rev. Wm. M. Tidwell, Secretary of said Board of Trustees, are hereby authorized to execute said contract for purchase and sale, general warranty deed on behalf of said Board of Trustees, and to receive as said Trustees for and on behalf of said Board of Trustees, the proceeds of the sale, less the costs incident to the transfer of title, and to do any and all other acts necessary in connection with the conveyance of the land referred to.

1963

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly offered, moved for adoption, and was then passed by the members of the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, all of whom were present at a special meeting called

in accordance with the Discipline of The Methodist Church and held at Memphis, Tennessee, on the _____ day of _____, 1963.

*Secretary of the Memphis Annual Conference
of The Methodist Church*

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was approved by a majority of the District Superintendents of The Methodist Church at a meeting of the Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, Memphis District, on the _____ day of _____, 1963.

REV. J. C. GILBERT
Superintendent
The Methodist Church
Lexington District

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was approved by the District Board of Church Location and Building of the Lexington District.

This _____ day of _____, 1963.

*Chairman of the Board of Church
Location and Building
of the Lexington District*

The resolution was adopted.

The Rev. J. C. Gilbert moved that the proceeds from this church be given to the other churches on that charge. Motion was carried.

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The Condensed Minutes list only the reopening of the Vildo Church and placing it on the Hickory Valley Circuit (Brownsville District).

The Daily Minutes (next page) note:

Discontinuance of Fairview Church (Jackson District, Northside-Fairview Charge)

Discontinuance of the Coldwater church (Carroll County) of the McKenzie Circuit,
Lexington District

NOTE: There is another Coldwater church in the Paris District

Change of name of New Trinity (Jackson District) to Henderson: Trinity

NOTE: The Condensed Minutes, in answer to a series of numbered questions, are the official record of actions of the Annual Conference. Although Journals are also a record, when a discontinuance is not noted in the Condensed Minutes it is not reflected in denominational total numbers for the said year.

1967

RESOLUTION: A resolution concerning Coldwater Church, Lexington District, Memphis Conference, was read as follows:

The membership of the Coldwater Church, on the McKenzie Circuit, Lexington District, Memphis Conference, having become too small to have an adequate and effective church program, and the officials and members of the church having

requested, in writing, that the church be discontinued as an active church.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Memphis Conference, in session at Grimes Memorial Church, Memphis, May 29-June 1, 1962, approve the request for the discontinuance of Coldwater Church and that the church property be retained for funerals and other needs of the community; that the present trustees be authorized to open the church for funerals, Memorial Day services and other special occasions and that their successors shall be elected by the Quarterly Conference of the McKenzie Circuit.

(signed) CARL M. ROBBINS, *District Superintendent*
Lexington District

RESOLUTION: The following resolution concerning Fairview Church, Jackson District, was adopted.

To the Bishop and Members of the Memphis Annual Conference in Session at Grimes Memorial Methodist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, June 1, 1962, Be it resolved

That Fairview and Northside Charge be dissolved, new Charge to be known as Northside. Discontinue Fairview Church, the property to be held by the Trustees under the direction of the Northside Methodist Church Quarterly Conference.

Be it resolved further

That New Trinity Church in the Jackson District be given the name: Henderson: Trinity.

Respectfully submitted

(signed) RAYMOND W. COUNCIL, *District Superintendent*

RESOLUTIONS: The following resolution concerning Vildo Church, Brownsville District, was read.

Reopen Vildo as a preaching appointment and place on the Hickory Valley Circuit.

J. NOBLE WILFORD

1962

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MEMPHIS CONFERENCE

The Trustees of the Memphis Conference, reporting through its President, L. W. Morgan, would submit the following as the report of its actions during the past conference year.

That in accordance with Resolutions duly and regularly passed at regular sessions of the Memphis Annual Conference authorizing the Trustees to execute proper and necessary legal papers conveying title to certain lots or parcels of land the trustees did in compliance with same and executed proper conveyances to the hereinafter lots or parcels of land and on the dates disclosed thereon:

In June, 1961, there was conveyed to the Fowlkes Methodist Church of Fowlkes, Tennessee, a certain lot or parcel of land which was more particularly described in detail in said deed.

In August, 1961, there was conveyed to the State of Tennessee, Dept. of Highways & Public Works a small lot or parcel of land which was in the process of being condemned by the Hwy. Dept. and which said property is located in the 1st Civil District of Henderson County, Tennessee.

In November, 1961, there was conveyed to Mrs. Icie Coffmen a lot or parcel of land situated in District No. 1 of Henderson County, Tennessee, and which property was known as the old Sharon Church property in the North Lexington Circuit and was an abandoned church.

In February, 1962, there was conveyed to the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and being located in Fulton County, Kentucky, and was known as the Bondurant Methodist Church of Bondurant, Kentucky.

In April, 1962, there was conveyed to Mrs. Emma Tanna High a small lot or parcel of land located in the City of Brownsville, Tennessee, and being part of a lot which had been heretofore conveyed to her by the Trustees of the Memphis Conference but which through an error the lot herein conveyed was omitted but was actually a part of the lot to have been conveyed to Mrs. High.

That notwithstanding the fact that the Trustees composing the Board live in various sections of the State of Tennessee and in the State of Kentucky, these deeds have been processed rapidly through the mail considering the various parties to whom it was necessary for them to be sent and which were executed by them properly as well as acknowledged. With each deed there was also attached thereto a copy of the Resolution authorizing the transfer of said respective purchase of properties.

That the above items constitute all of the transactions made by the Board of Trustees as had been duly and regularly authorized.

Respectfully submitted,
L. W. MORGAN, *President*
W. M. TIDWELL, *Secretary*

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NEW CHURCH START

Memphis South District
Bethany

DISCONTINUED

Brownsville District
Smyrna (Hardeman County) of the Whiteville Circuit
Vildo (Hardeman County) of the Whiteville Circuit

There is no printed report from the Conference Trustees.

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CHARGE LINE CHANGES—A Resolution was presented by C. M. Robbins as follows:

Resolution

BROWNSVILLE DISTRICT

Dissolve the Whiteville Circuit. Take Mount Pleasant and place with Stanton, the charge to be known as Stanton and Mount Pleasant. Take Cedar Chapel and place with Whiteville First Church, the charge to be known as Whiteville First Church and Cedar Chapel. Discontinue Smyrna and Vildo as preaching appointments, the property of these discontinued churches to be held by Trustees under the direction of the Whiteville First Church and Cedar Chapel Charge Quarterly Conference.

The Resolution was adopted.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Cabinet of the Memphis Conference did unanimously recommend to the Annual Conference at its 1956 session that all district parsonage property be held by the Memphis Annual Conference Trustees, and

WHEREAS, no conference-wide action has been taken either in support of such recommendation by the Cabinet or in opposition thereto, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that some firm uniform policy be established so that the various officials, boards and individuals involved may intelligently cope with the problems incident to the said district parsonages, and

WHEREAS, the Conference has heretofore authorized the District Superintendents to be paid from conference funds and the said parsonages have been maintained to the extent of \$1,000 per annum from conference funds, and

WHEREAS, the ownership of said district parsonages by district trustees has proved to be cumbersome, unwieldy and generally unsatisfactory,

Be it therefore resolved by the Memphis Conference meeting in regular session at Paducah, Kentucky, on May 30th through June 2nd, 1961, that district parsonages, the title to which is not now held by the Conference Trustees, be conveyed by proper authority to said Conference Trustees, and

Be it further resolved that each district is hereby empowered to choose Trustees who shall be clothed with the authority to make the necessary conveyances to said Conference Trustees, and

Be it further resolved that any obligations which may be outstanding on district parsonages which have heretofore been assumed by said Annual Conference or district trustees shall not be impaired or changed in any respect but shall be carried forward in the manner and mode originally prescribed for the retirement of said obligations, and

Be it finally resolved that the District Superintendents are hereby directed to take all necessary steps to carry out the mandate of this Resolution including the making of necessary appointments and to do all other work incidental or necessary thereto.

HARRY E. WILLIAMS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there is now located at the northwest corner of Sixth and Greenlaw Streets in the City of Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, an institution known as the Wesley House, a service institution administered and managed by the Memphis City Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, and

WHEREAS, title to the property on which the Wesley House is located being Lots 234 and 235 of Greenlaw Addition to the City of Memphis, is held in the name of the Trustees of the Memphis District of the Methodist Church, and the Trustees of the Memphis North District, now owned by their successors being the Trustees of the Memphis North District and the Trustees of the Memphis South District of The Methodist Church, and

WHEREAS, the Memphis City Board of Missions deems it advisable to make alterations and additions to the improvements now on the Wesley House property at an additional cost of approximately Eight Thousand (\$8,000.00) Dollars, which amount added to the present mortgage indebtedness on the property of Thirty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-One and 18/100 (\$34,761.18) Dollars, would require a new mortgage loan on the property of from approximately Forty-Two Thousand (\$42,000.00) Dollars to Forty-Three Thousand (\$43,000.00) Dollars, the payment and retirement of the mortgage indebtedness being the responsibility of the Churches of the Memphis North and Memphis South Districts, and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Memphis City Board of Missions that certain alterations, repairs and additions to the building are needed and necessary in the administration of the institution and that it has negotiated with and procured the consent of the Cherokee Life Insurance Company of Nashville, Tennessee, to make a loan on said property in the amount required, on terms acceptable to the City Board of Missions, and

WHEREAS, no District Conferences are held in the Memphis District North or in the Memphis District South, however, it appears that the problems of the Wesley House have been presented by the Memphis City Board of Missions to the District Superintendents of said Districts and they are of the opinion that the District Trustees should be authorized and empowered to comply with the request of the City Board of Missions and increase the loan on the Wesley House property as requested and secure the same by appropriate Deed of Trust.

Now, therefore be it resolved by the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, now in session in Paducah, Kentucky on May 30-June 2, 1961, that the Trustees of the Memphis North District and the Trustees of the Memphis South District of The Methodist Church, they being the legal successors in trust to the Trustees of the Memphis District of the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, be and they are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to encumber the property located at the northwest corner of Greenlaw and Sixth Streets in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, known as Lots 234 and 235 of Greenlaw Addition to the City of Memphis, to Cherokee Life Insurance Company of Nashville, Tennessee, in an amount not to exceed Forty-Three Thousand (\$43,000.00) Dollars, with interest thereon not to exceed Forty-(6%) per annum, principal and interest being repayable on terms satisfactory to the City Board of Missions and said Trustees, and to secure said loan by good and valid

Deed of Trust on said properties; and the said Trustees are also authorized, empowered and directed to execute and deliver all legal documents necessary and to do any and all acts necessary in the premises, provided, however, that said Trustees obtain the approval of the Memphis City Board of Missions prior to encumbering said property, and provided further that the written consent of the District Superintendents of each of said Districts be affixed to the Trust Deed or mortgage.

Be it further resolved, that the Trustees of the Memphis North District and of the Memphis South District of The Methodist Church, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to purchase additional properties adjacent or near to the Wesley House so to do, provided that said Trustees first obtain the written consent of the District Superintendents of each of said Districts, and they are authorized in such event or said property or properties, the written consent thereto of purchase price of being affixed to said Deed of Trust or Deeds of Trust, and provided further that said Trustees be and they are hereby further authorized to execute and deliver Deeds of Trust on any of said properties, known as the Wesley House property, to secure the refinancing of any indebtedness herein authorized, provided that they first obtain the consent of the Memphis City Board of Missions to the refinancing of said indebtedness, and provided further that the Deed of Trust evidencing said refinancing of said indebtedness, thereto the written consents of the District Superintendents of each of said Districts.

W. S. EVANS
JOHN T. HORTON

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Memphis Conference Board of Education needs to provide a home and furniture for the Wesley Foundation Director at Murray State College, Murray, Kentucky, and

WHEREAS, It seems to be wise for the Board of Education to purchase a home instead of paying rent,

Be it therefore resolved: That the Memphis Annual Conference in session at Broadway Methodist Church at Paducah, Kentucky, May 30-June 2, 1961, hereby authorize the Memphis Conference to purchase at Murray, Kentucky, a home to be used as the parsonage for the Wesley Foundation Director and family.

Be it further resolved: That the Memphis Annual Conference hereby authorize and instruct the members of the Memphis Conference Board of Trustees to sign and execute

a mortgage and whatever other legal instrument or instruments necessary to consummate the purchase of a home for the Wesley Foundation Director and family at Murray, Kentucky, to be owned by the Memphis Annual Conference and held for the Memphis Conference Board of Education as a parsonage for the Wesley Foundation Director at Murray State College.

JAMES A. FISHER

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, by deed dated January 25, 1951, and entered of record in Deed Book No. 83, page 464 of the Registrar's Office of Haywood County, Tennessee, there was conveyed by the Trustees of the Brownsville District of the Memphis Conference to W. F. High and wife a certain lot or parcel of land situated within the corporate limits of the Town of Brownsville, and in the 7th Civil District of Haywood County, Tennessee, and which deed was to include all of the property or lots then owned by the Brownsville District of the Memphis Conference; and

WHEREAS, by inadvertence there was not included in said deed a lot or garden spot adjoining the lot therein conveyed and which said lot or garden spot was a part of the entire property and lies immediately east of the lot conveyed by the Trustees of the Brownsville District of the Memphis Conference and which should have been included in the conveyance so made and executed by the Trustees of the Brownsville District of the Memphis Conference and which said lot or garden spot was purchased by the said W. F. High and wife and paid for at the time the conveyance was made to them by the Trustees of the Brownsville District of the Memphis Conference and which conveyance is of record in Deed Book 58, page 262 of the Registrar's Office of Haywood County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it appears from the investigation of the records of the Registrar's Office of Haywood County, Tennessee, at Brownsville, and from the facts established in this connection, that the said garden spot or parcel of land should have been included in and conveyed to W. F. High and wife by the Trustees of the Brownsville District of the Memphis Conference at the time of the conveyance to them of the other lot.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Memphis Conference that inasmuch as it appears that by oversight and inadvertence, a certain lot or parcel of land lying immediately east of a lot or parcel of land heretofore conveyed to the said W. F. High and wife by the Trustees of the Brownsville District of the Memphis Conference by deed of record in Deed Book 58, page 262, of the Registrar's Office of Haywood County, Tennessee, there should have been included also a lot or parcel of land parcel of land sold to the District Parsonage of The Methodist Church by A. H. Sorrell County, Tennessee and in order to correct said error and therefore to have conveyed to Mrs. Emma Tanna High, widow of the late W. F. High, deceased, that certain lot or parcel of land which should have been included in the original conveyance to the said W. F. High et ux.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Memphis Annual Conference meeting in Paducah, Kentucky, beginning May 30, 1961, hereby authorizes the Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church of the Memphis Annual Conference to have prepared and executed and delivered to Mrs. Emma Tanna High, widow of the late W. F. High, the following described lot or parcel of land, to-wit:

BEGINNING at the northeast corner of the District Parsonage lot, runs thence east 65 feet to a stake, thence south 100 feet to a stake in Mrs. Cozart's north line, thence west with her north line 65 feet to her northwest corner, thence west 100 feet to the boundary line of the East Brownsville Circuit lot and District Parsonage Lot to the beginning.

Being the same lot or parcel of land conveyed to the Brownsville District Parsonage by H. A. Sorrell by deed of record in Deed Book 62, page 331 of the Registrar's Office of Haywood County, Tennessee.

WM. M. TIDWELL, Secretary
L. W. MORGAN, Chairman

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NEW CHURCH START

Paducah District

Concord

Little Chapel (reopened)

Dyersburg District

Friendship (Dyer County) of the Dyersburg Circuit

NOTE: not to be confused with Friendship (Crockett County)

Salem (Obion County) of the Union City Circuit

Memphis South District

Mt. Vernon

NOTE: A glaring error in the Condensed Minutes. Mt Vernon was in the Memphis North District. The church discontinued was Vernon Memorial in the Memphis South District. The closure Resolutions are in the Daily Minutes, and Vernon Memorial is correctly listed therein.

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VERNON MEMORIAL CHURCH—Dr. William S. Evans read the following resolution and it was adopted.

WHEREAS, at the last session of the Memphis Annual Conference there was adopted a resolution setting out the conditions relating to the Vernon Memorial Methodist Church. This resolution gave direction concerning the disposition of the same. And,

WHEREAS, on the 19th day of February, 1960, the Trustees of the Vernon Memorial Methodist Church, acting under the direction of the Memphis Annual Conference and the duly called and constituted Quarterly Conference, did sell and convey the title to the property owned by the Vernon Memorial Methodist Church, located at California and Pennsylvania Avenues to the Memphis Housing Authority for the sum of \$47,250.00, which sum, after deducting funds to satisfy the existing liens in the amount of \$2,475.00, was delivered to Mr. C. W. Irvine, Treasurer of the District Board of Extension of the Memphis South District, and is to be used for the purposes of church extension. And,

WHEREAS, the sanctuary was formally deconsecrated, and possession thereof was given to the Memphis Housing Authority for secular uses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Vernon Memorial Methodist Church be formally discontinued by the Memphis Annual Conference as a Methodist Church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funds received and now held by the Memphis South District from the sale of said church be used for the purpose of establishing new Methodist churches in the Memphis South District, buying land, and/or sponsoring new congregations by assisting in the building of initial units as the Board of Church Extension of the Memphis South District may direct.

SALEM CHURCH—The following resolution was read concerning SALEM CHURCH on the Union City Circuit. It was adopted.

TO THE MEMPHIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
JACKSON, TENNESSEE

FORASMUCH as the membership of Salem Church on the Union City Circuit has dwindled to so few and these members have unanimously requested that the church be discontinued and that their names be transferred to other Methodist church rolls and whereas the Dyersburg District Committee on Building and Location has unanimously recommended that the Salem Church be discontinued.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Memphis Annual Conference discontinue the Salem Church and authorize the trustees to give the building and land to the Salem Cemetery Association. Signed, H. J. Burkett, District Superintendent. June 1, 1960.

FRIENDSHIP CHURCH—The following resolution was read concerning Friendship Church on the Dyersburg Circuit, and it was approved.

TO THE MEMPHIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
JACKSON, TENNESSEE

FORASMUCH as the Friendship Church on the Dyersburg Circuit has discontinued all activities due to so few members and the District Committee on Building and Location has recommended that the Friendship Church be discontinued.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Friendship Church building be sold and the proceeds therefrom be given to the Dyersburg District Church Extension Committee. By provision of the deed the land on which the church is located will revert to former owner or heirs. Signed, H. J. Burkett, District Superintendent. June 1, 1960.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there is now located at the northwest corner of Sixth and Greenlaw streets in the city of Memphis, Tennessee, an institution known as the Wesley House, a definite and distinct service institution, which has primarily been maintained by the several Methodist churches in Memphis and Shelby County, and,

WHEREAS, the title to the property on which the Wesley House is now located is held by the Trustees of the Memphis District of the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church; there is a mortgage on this property to secure an indebtedness incurred when the present building was erected, and which has not been fully paid; since the erection of this building and the execution of the mortgage the Memphis District has been divided into two districts, which have continued to carry the financial responsibility of the Wesley House, and,

WHEREAS, the title to the two lots located at the southeast corner of Fifth and Greenlaw streets in the city of Memphis, and being lots Nos. 202 and 203 in the Greenlaw Subdivision, as found of record in Plat Book No. 3, page 16, in the Register's office of Shelby County, Tennessee, is held in the name of the Trustees of the Memphis District of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; upon these two lots the Wesley House formerly stood for years; and which lots are no longer needed for use by the institution, and,

WHEREAS, It is the unanimous opinion of the Cabinet, after consultation with the Commission on World Service that the operational expense of the said Wesley House, in the amount of \$9,000.00, should be carried by the entire Conference as a part of the benevolent program of the conference; that the balance of the indebtedness incurred in the building of the Wesley House should be met (1) by the sale of property now held by the District Trustees and which is not now being needed and used in the operation of the Wesley House, and (2) by the churches in the Memphis North and Memphis South Districts of The Methodist Church,

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, now in session at Lambuth College, Jackson, Tennessee, June 7-10, 1960, That the Memphis Conference assume the operational expense of the Wesley House, in the amount of \$9,000.00 annually, as a part of its benevolent and missionary service.

Be it further resolved that this action be referred to the Commission on World Service and Finance for appropriate action, with the recommendation that the said amount of \$9,000.00 be included in the annual budget for Conference Benevolences for the year 1960-61, and thereafter in the amount which the Commission shall deem proper; that such funds, when collected, shall be forwarded monthly by the Conference Treasurer to the Treasurer of the Wesley House, who, in turn, will pay all salaries, bills, etc. for the operation of the institution.

Be it further resolved, that the Trustees of the Memphis North District and of the Memphis South District of The Methodist Church, the legal successors in trust to the Trustees of the Memphis District of The Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, be and they are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sell the property located at the southeast corner of Greenlaw and Fifth streets in Memphis, Tennessee, and known as Lots Nos. 202 and 203 in the Greenlaw Subdivision as found of record in Plat Book 3, page 16, in the Register's Office of Shelby County, Tennessee, to such person, or corporation, and at such price as said Trustees deem proper and advisable, after consultation with Board of Directors of the Wesley House; that the proceeds of the sale of these lots be applied immediately on the unpaid balance of the indebtedness now existing; that the said trustees be directed to sign any and all legal documents necessary to carry out the sale of this property and to do any and all acts necessary in the premises; after the said lots are sold and the proceeds therefrom applied as directed that the balance of the mortgaged indebtedness be paid by the churches in the Memphis North and the Memphis South Districts of the Memphis Annual Conference, and that no part of the same shall be assumed by the Memphis Annual Conference, nor shall the Conference be liable in any way for the payment of said balance.

CARL M. ROBBINS, *Cabinet Secretary*

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference, reporting through its President, L. W. Morgan, would submit the following.
That in accordance with the Resolution passed at the M...

regular session authorizing the trustees to have discontinued the Heloise Church on the Lenox Circuit of the Dyersburg District and to have moved said church building from its present location to a new location to be used by the Bells Chapel Methodist Church and that the grounds, after the said church has been removed therefrom, be sold, and acting in compliance with said Resolution the Trustees did have such church building removed from said lot and after theremoval of said building the lot has been sold and Russell Duncan and wife, Verla Duncan, became the purchasers of said property and that the purchase price or check given for the purchase of said lot was delivered to Riverside Methodist Church.

That a good and sufficient warranty deed was executed by the Trustees of the Memphis Conference conveying title to said property purchased by the said Russell Duncan and wife, Verla Duncan. That there has been no other item of business known to the Trustees to further report to the next annual conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Trustees of Memphis Conference
L. W. MORGAN, *President*