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DISCONTINUED

Paris District

Lick Creek of the Big Sandy-Lick Creek Charge

1999

Discontinuance of Lick Creek UMC, Big Sandy, TN

WHEREAS, the active membership of Lick Creek United Methodist Church in Benton County in the Paris District of the Memphis Conference has declined to the point that the congregation can no longer carry-out the mission and ministry of the church; and

WHEREAS, the congregation, in consultation with the District Superintendent, concedes that the church is no longer able to carry-on; and

WHEREAS, the cemetery land as well as the Lick Creek United Methodist Church land are held in the name of the Lick Creek trustees; and

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Memphis Annual Conference in the June, 1999, Session, recognize the faithful ministry of the Lick Creek United Methodist congregation; and declare the church discontinued;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all property, the land, and the Lick Creek United Methodist Church building be deeded to the Lick Creek Cemetery Association to be used to ensure perpetual care of the cemetery, and for upkeep and use of the former Lick Creek United Methodist Church building.

Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet, Paris District Superintendent

1999

Report #7
Conference Board of Trustees

The Memphis Conference Board of Trustees continues its oversight of the fifteen properties owned by the Memphis Conference: seven district parsonages, two Conference Council on Ministries directors' parsonages, the campus ministry buildings at the University of Memphis, University of Tennessee at Martin, Murray State University, and the parsonage for the director of each.

With a budget of \$142,700 for 1998, after actual payout and certain expenses such as taxes, pest control, and debt retirement, which have to be paid at 100%, the actual money available for the upkeep and furnishings of these properties was \$49,012.

In 1998 we were able to pay back in full the debt on the Brownsville parsonage. We have replaced heating and cooling units in two properties, reroofed a couple, paved a drive, replaced flooring, storm windows, drapes, carpet, and painted. In 1999, due to extensive continuing problems with the Murray State parsonage (ground water drainage, exterior wall insulation, and remodeling needs), we hope to replace this property.

The Trustees are to be commended for their efforts in stewardship of the Conference's money and property. They have performed admirably in maintaining the delicate balance between the needs and comfort of the families who reside in these parsonages, the effects of time and the

elements on the properties, the program needs of the ministries we house, and the Conference budget limitations.

The Memphis Conference Board of Trustees is requesting two things from the Conference pertaining to the parsonage of the Campus Fellowship at Murray State University.

1. That the Trustees be allowed to sell the existing parsonage.
2. That the Trustees be allowed to purchase a replacement parsonage.

More specifically, we request an advance from the Conference reserve fund which would be sufficient to purchase a new parsonage for the U.M. Campus Fellowship at Murray State University:

We project the total cost of the new parsonage to be \$120,000. We would expect to receive \$60,000 from the sale of the present parsonage. This leaves a net of \$60,000 to be repaid to reserves over a period of approximately five years. This \$60,000 would be paid from an existing line item for debt retirement in the Trustee budget. This would not increase the budget.

Steve Mischke, Chair

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NEW CHURCH START

Asbury District

Heartsong

MERGED

Brownsville District

Boling Chapel with Murrys Chapel

DISCONTINUED

Brownsville District

Good Hope (Gibson County) of the Dyer-Good Hope Charge

NOTE: The discontinuance of Good Hope is not listed in the Condensed Minutes, but the Resolution of Discontinuance is printed.

Dyersburg District

Burgies Chapel

Paducah District

St. Mark

1998

Resolution # 16

Merger of Boling Memorial with Murry's Chapel UMC
(From the Cabinet, Brownsville District Superintendent)

Whereas, the membership of Boling Memorial United Methodist Church, in a duly called Church conference, Sunday, March 8, 1998, at 2:30 p.m., and presided over by the District Superintendent, Rev. Ken Burnette, voted unanimously to **merge** their congregation with the congregation of Murry's Chapel United Methodist Church, and,

Whereas, the membership of the Murry's Chapel United Methodist Church, in a duly called Church Conference, Sunday, April 19, 1998, following the 6:00 p.m. worship, and presided over by the District Superintendent, Rev. Ken Burnette, voted to approve the merger 14 for, 2 against, and 2 abstaining, and,

Whereas, both congregations have approved a proposal that the Boling Memorial United Methodist Church building and land be placed under the supervision of a committee composed of the current trustees for both the merging Boling Memorial United Methodist Church and the Murry's Chapel United Methodist Church, and used for outreach ministries for persons in need, and,

Whereas, the Bishop and the Cabinet of the Memphis Annual Conference, after duly considering said proposal, have unanimously approved the proposal for merger, and,

Therefore be it resolved, that the Memphis Annual Conference meeting in Jackson, Tennessee, June 7-10, 1998, approve said merger between these two congregations in conformity to the provisions of **THE BOOK of DISCIPLINE**, effective retroactive to June 1, 1998.

CONFERENCE ACTION: Adopted

1998

Resolution # 15

Good Hope United Methodist in Gibson County

Whereas, the Good Hope United Methodist Church, located in Gibson county and the Brownsville District has served faithfully as a congregation for more than a hundred years, and,

Whereas, the membership of the church has steadily declined making it impossible to maintain a viable congregation; and,

Whereas, the membership has come to the conclusion that they would best serve the cause of Christ by encouraging the members to become involved in the ministry of our sister congregation at First United Methodist Church of Dyer, with which we share a pastor, or another congregation of their individual choice, and,

Whereas, we will have a balance in our operating budget and wish to fulfill our obligation to help provide ministerial support for the remainder of 1998, and,

Whereas, the cemetery land as well as the Good Hope Church and land are held in the name of the Good Hope United Methodist church by the trustees; and,

Whereas, the remaining members are actively involved in the Good Hope Cemetery Association to offer perpetual care for the cemetery;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Memphis Annual Conference in the June 1998 session, recognize the faithful ministry of the Good Hope congregation; and,

Be it further resolved, that members be encouraged to place their membership in The First United Methodist Church of Dyer, or another church of their choice, and,

Be it further resolved, that the balance in the Good Hope United Methodist Church checking account be transferred to the Dyer First United Methodist Church operating budget, and,

Be it further resolved, that all property, including a small certificate of deposit for cemetery and building upkeep, the land and the Good Hope United Methodist Church building be deeded to Good Hope Cemetery Association to be used as the Cemetery Association decides best to insure perpetual care of the cemetery, and upkeep and use of the Good Hope Church building, and,

Be it further resolved, that the last elected trustees of Good Hope United Methodist Church be authorized to handle the disposition of the property.

CONFERENCE ACTION: Adopted

1998

Resolution # 13

Discontinuance of Burgies Chapel UMC

(From the Memphis Conference Cabinet, Dyersburg District Superintendent)

Whereas, the active membership of Burgies Chapel United Methodist Church in Dyer County had declined to the point that the congregation could no longer carry on the program appropriate for an organized congregation of The United Methodist Church, and,

Whereas, in a called Church Conference on October 8, 1997, the membership voted unanimously to cease meeting as a worshipping community effective on that date, and,

Whereas, the membership further voted to disburse their remaining liquid financial assets to Conference apportionments, a neighboring United Methodist congregation, and the Reelfoot Rural Ministries, and,

Whereas, the active membership of the church has united with neighboring congregations, and,

Whereas, by virtue of a reversionary clause in the deed which returned the property to the heirs of the donor at such time as it ceased to be a place of Methodist worship,

Therefore be it resolved, that the Memphis Annual Conference, meeting June 7-10, 1998, in Jackson, Tennessee, formally discontinue the Burgies Chapel United Methodist Church, and,

Be it further resolved that the Memphis Annual Conference recognizes the provision of the deed and makes no claim upon the property.

CONFERENCE ACTION: Adopted

1998

Resolution # 14

Discontinuance of St. Mark UMC

(From the Memphis Conference Cabinet, Paducah District Superintendent)

Whereas, St. Mark United Methodist Church in the Paducah District has had a long and fruitful mission in the city of Paducah, Kentucky; and

Whereas, over recent years the congregation of St. Mark Church has declined to the point that in both numbers and financial ability they are no longer able to carry out the mission and ministry of the church in the neighborhood where they are located; and

Whereas, the congregation in consultation with the District Superintendent, sorrowfully concedes that the church is no longer able to carry on, and

Whereas, the District Superintendent has consulted with the District Building and Location Committee, and

Whereas, the District Superintendent has met and discussed the situation with the District Revitalization and New Church Development Committee;

Therefore, be it resolved, that all property, furniture and fixtures of St. Mark Church be sold by the Conference Trustees, with all monies from said sale remitted to the Paducah District Revitalization and New Church Development Committee, with first priority funding to be given to new ministries in the St. Mark neighborhood and in the surrounding areas of inner-city Paducah, and

Be it further resolved, that the St. Mark parsonage and its property be passed to the trusteeship of the Paducah District Revitalization and New Church Development Committee for continued use in the mission and ministry of urban Paducah, and

Be it further resolved, that the membership of St. Mark Church be encouraged to unite with other neighboring United Methodist Churches and that the membership record books be lodged at St. Luke Aldersgate Church for a reasonable time to allow this to happen. All remaining members will then be added to the St. Luke Aldersgate congregation.

CONFERENCE ACTION: Adopted

1998

REPORT # 9
Conference Board of Trustees

The Memphis Conference Board of Trustees has oversight of the fifteen properties owned by the Memphis Conference. These properties include: seven district parsonages, two Conference Council on Ministries staff parsonages, the campus ministry buildings at the University of Memphis, University of Tennessee at Martin, and Murray State University and the parsonage for the director of each.

Our share of the Conference Budget for 1997 was \$142,400. Our churches paid 83% of that figure which meant \$118,557 was actually available for the care and maintenance of these fifteen properties. Certain expenses such as taxes, pest control, and debt retirement have to be paid at 100%. Again, our total for maintenance was reduced—this time to approximately \$63,613. We do not want to allow our properties to fall below market standards and depreciate in value. The Trustees have a difficult job but each has shown faithful commitment to the task.

For the most part, our—your—properties are in pretty good shape, though we found a few situations that warranted attention beyond the routine maintenance and repair. We painted, repaired, carpeted, and hung draperies. We replaced several appliances and some furnishings, rebuilt two heating and cooling systems, did some landscaping, repaired roofs, replaced windows and took other steps to update these facilities to keep up with current market standards.

Steve Mischke, Chair

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NEW CHURCH START

Asbury District

Pastor appointed to Cordova New Church/Christ UMC, but the new church start is not listed until the organization of Heartsong in 1998.

DISCONTINUED

Dyersburg District:

Richwood (Dyer County) of the Burgies Chapel-Richwood charge

1997

MOTION #12

RICHWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, the active membership of the Richwood United Methodist Church in Dyer County had declined to the point that the congregation could no longer carry on the program appropriate for an organized congregation of The United Methodist Church, and

WHEREAS, in a called Church Conference on April 6, 1997, the remaining active membership voted unanimously to cease worship before the 1997 meeting of the Memphis Annual Conference, and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 1997, the congregation had a valedictory service of worship, and a time of remembrance for the past ministry of the church, and

WHEREAS, the membership had disbursed their remaining liquid financial assets to Conference Apportionments, and other appropriate Missional Causes,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Memphis Annual Conference, meeting June 1-4, 1997, at Paducah, Kentucky, formally discontinue the Richwood United Methodist Church;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference be authorized to sell the building and land of the Richwood United Methodist Church;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that proceeds from the said sale, less costs related to the transaction, be given to the Dyersburg District Church Extension Society.

From the Memphis Conference Cabinet
CONFERENCE ACTION: Approved. (Dyersburg District Superintendent)

1997

REPORT # 3 CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Memphis Conference Board of Trustees has oversight of the fifteen properties owned by the Memphis Conference. These properties include: seven district parsonages, two Conference Council on Ministries staff parsonages, the campus ministry buildings at the University of Memphis, University of Tennessee at Martin, and Murray State University and the parsonage for the director of each.

Our share of the Conference Budget for 1996 was \$142,400. Our churches paid 79% of that figure which meant an actual \$112,870 was available for the care and maintenance of these fifteen properties. Certain expenses such as taxes, pest control, and debt retirement have to be paid at 100%. Again, our total for maintenance was reduced--this time to approximately \$46,680. We do not want to allow our properties to fall below market standards and depreciate in value. The Trustees have a difficult job but each has shown faithful commitment to the task.

With the beginning of a new quadrennium we began the '96-'97 year with many new persons who were unfamiliar with most if not all of the conference properties under our oversight. To familiarize ourselves with the properties, we took a thorough on site tour of the properties. This enabled each member of the Board to have a first hand knowledge of the needs of each property; and to meet the residents of these properties and hear their personal concerns. For the most part our, your properties are in pretty good shape, though we found a few situations that warranted attention beyond routine maintenance and repair. To that end, in 1996, we painted, repaired, carpeted, and hung draperies. We replaced a freezer, a refrigerator, a couple of furnaces, an air conditioner, some furniture, remodeled a kitchen and added a bath to keep the pace of current market standards. Also, we paid a little extra on the Brownsville District parsonage debt retirement, to boot. You have given the Trustees a sizeable task, one that each member of the Board seeks to fulfill responsibly.

A personal note of thanks to James Finger who made this first year, for me as chairperson, go more smoothly than it might have otherwise.

Steven Mischke, Chairperson

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DISCONTINUED

McKendree District

Bethlehem (Fayette County, South) of the Williston Circuit

Dyersburg District

Boose Memorial of the East Dyersburg-Boose-Nebo charge

Asbury District

Georgian Hills

Jackson District

Oakland (Hardin County) of the Saltillo Circuit

RESOLUTION # 1

GEORGIAN HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1996

Whereas, the membership of Georgian Hills United Methodist Church, located in the Memphis-Asbury District of the Memphis Annual Conference, has declined steadily in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the numbers of children, youth, and young adult members has also declined; and

WHEREAS, the basic maintenance costs for the facility and for administrative needs leave few resources for program ministries and for missional commitments; and

WHEREAS, the church building is anticipated to require additional maintenance as time goes on; and

WHEREAS, the present membership recognizes the difficulty of sustaining a viable ministry in a changing community, and to simply 'maintain' the church as it is for the current congregation falls short of the goals and purpose for ministry and mission that Georgian Hills has held over the years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 1996 session of the Memphis Annual Conference affirm the faithful service of Georgian Hills United Methodist Church during its 36 years and approve the action of the Church Conference on May 7, 1996, and declare the church discontinued.

(See related resolution below on sale and oversight of property).

Conference Action: Passed

GEORGIAN HILLS UMC PLANS FOR 1996 AND BEYOND

- A. Georgian Hills seeks to sell the property, with the understanding that it may take 18 months to a few years for such sale to occur.
- B. As of Annual Conference 1996, United Methodist Resources for Ministry assumes responsibility over the property until it is sold. This includes:
 - * Allowing the facility to be used within the parameters of community ministry and resources available for such usage.
 - * Working with the designated real estate agent for showings, etc.
 - * Paying all expenses until building/property is sold (See C).
 - * Having final determination of what programs/ministries can be placed in the facility as it is on the market; though a Senior Citizens ministry through Schoolfield UMC may be an understood part of ministry in the facility.
- C. The costs of maintaining the facility will be covered by present and/or future assets of Georgian Hills Church:
 - * When the Georgian Hills parsonage is sold, the net profits, exclusive of the amount for a van for the senior citizens ministry at Schoolfield UMC, will be given to UMRM as escrow funds for maintenance costs.
 - * Any costs that UMRM has to bear beyond the available escrow funds will be reimbursed UMRM when the building/property sells.
- D. The Georgian Hills congregation, in consultation with the District Superintendent, hereby requests/is granted the assurance that 60% of the net profits from the sale of the church building will be granted to Schoolfield United Methodist Church through United Methodist Resources for Ministry and that 40% of the net profits will be granted to United Methodist Resources for Ministry, especially with the growing financial responsibility of the Frayser area ministries. (Again, the net profits encompasses that amount available after all costs assumed by United Methodist Resources for Ministry while the church facility was on the market have been reimbursed.)

1996

RESOLUTION # 3

BOOSE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, the active membership of the Boose Memorial United Methodist Church in Dyersburg had declined to ten persons, and

WHEREAS, this active membership could no longer carry on the program of

missional outreach appropriate for an organized congregation of The United Methodist Church, and

WHEREAS, in a called Church Conference, October 29, 1995, the remaining active membership voted unanimously (with one abstention) to cease worship effective December 31, 1995, and

WHEREAS, on December 31, 1995, a final service of celebration of past ministry, and of Leavetaking and Disbanding, concluded the use of the property for United Methodist purposes, and

WHEREAS, the Dyersburg District Superintendent on the authorization of the last elected trustees has leased the property to an organizing independent African-American Congregation known as the New Birth Church, and

WHEREAS, the said organizing congregation has made a proposal to purchase the property,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Memphis Annual Conference, meeting June 2-5, 1996, at Christ United Methodist Church, in Memphis, Tennessee, formally discontinue the Boose Memorial United Methodist Church;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Memphis Annual Conference be authorized to sell the property to said New Birth Church for the sum of \$30,000 or, should that sale not be consummated, sell the property to such party and for such sum as approved by the said Trustees;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proceeds from the said sale, less costs related to the transaction, be given to the Dyersburg District Church Extension Fund, to be used for its purposes, including, but not restricted to, emerging Hispanic ministries.

Memphis Conference Cabinet
(From Dyersburg District Superintendent)

Conference Action: Passed

1996

RESOLUTION # 2
BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, the Bethlehem United Methodist Church, located in South Fayette County, TN, in the Memphis-McKendree District, has declined to only five active members, and

WHEREAS, in a special called CHURCH Conference held on May 11, 1996, the members present voted unanimously to cease holding worship services and requested the discontinuance of Bethlehem Church as a United Methodist congregation, and

WHEREAS, a cemetery is located on the adjoining property, and

WHEREAS, the Bethlehem Cemetery Association wishes to keep the property for use as a funeral chapel; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Memphis Annual Conference, meeting in session June 2-5, 1996, in Memphis, Tennessee, authorizes the Conference Trustees to sell the church property to the Bethlehem Cemetery Association for \$1.00, plus all other costs related to said transaction.

Conference Action: Passed

RESOLUTION # 4
OAKLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Whereas, the membership of Oakland United Methodist Church of the Saltillo Circuit, located in the Jackson District of the Memphis Conference, has declined in membership until it membership is two; and

WHEREAS, the congregation ceased to worship together as of December 24, 1995; and

WHEREAS, the District Superintendent has determined that future growth is not a possibility for the church because TVA has purchased most of the property in Hooker's Bend Community; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 1996 Memphis Annual Conference meeting June 2-5, 1996, affirm the faithful witness and service of the Oakland United Methodist Church and declare the church discontinued;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oakland United Methodist Church property be deeded to the "Oakland Methodist Cemetery Association", which shall maintain the property for a perpetual cemetery, with rights to sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of the property.

THE MEMPHIS CONFERENCE CABINET
(From the Jackson District Superintendent)

Conference Action: Passed

1996

REPORT # 4
CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Memphis Annual Conference owns 15 buildings. The Conference owns parsonages for the seven district superintendents, the CCOM director, one CCOM ministry associate, and three campus ministers. We also own campus ministry buildings at the University of Memphis, U.T. Martin, and Murray State.

As you all know, it is impossible to predict exactly when repairs will be needed to our parsonages and other buildings. The Trustees started 1995 with a surplus of \$9,739. This was money left over from the sale of the Lexington parsonage several years ago. The Trustees' total budgeted receipts for 1995 were \$139,600. The churches paid 82.4% or \$115,037 of that budget. After considering that certain expenses have to be paid at 100%, i.e., taxes, insurance, note payments, etc., the Trustees had approximately \$55,000 to maintain the 15 properties. We replaced air conditioning equipment in all three campus ministry buildings at a cost of \$24,400. We, therefore, had to defer a good number of projects. Hopefully in 1996 some of those deferred projects can be done.

Should the Conference consider a different method of funding the property upkeep in the future? I don't know. It probably needs to be considered.

Please allow me a personal word. This is my last year on the Trustees. To have served as Chairman of this Board for the last few years has been a pleasure and a privilege. At most meetings we have almost 100% attendance. All the Trustees do their jobs. I thank them for their support and friendship.

Sam Crump, Chair

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NEW CHURCH STARTS

Asbury District

Holy Community

Methodist International Congregation

NOTE: Methodist International was never chartered as a congregation; it was discontinued as an appointment December 31, 1998

CrossRoads

NOTE: CrossRoads does not appear as a new church start in the Condensed Minutes, but the Resolution authorizing it as a successor to St. James is printed.

MERGED

Paris District

Paris Calvary and Paris Wiley's Chapel with the merged name of Covenant

DISCONTINUED

Dyersburg District

Mason Hall (Obion County) of the Nebo- Mason Hall charge

Walnut Grove (Obion County) of the South Fulton-Extended Ministry charge

Beech Grove (Weakley County) of the Kenton Extended Ministry charge

Asbury District

Springdale

Reed

Paducah District

Wickliffe of the Barlow-Wickliffe charge

**RESOLUTION NO. 10
BEECH GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

WHEREAS, the membership of Beech Grove United Methodist Church, located in Weakley County in the Dyersburg District of the Memphis Conference, has declined in membership over the past several years until its membership is nine, and
WHEREAS, the membership is advanced in age and in poor health; and
WHEREAS, the present membership is no longer able to sustain viable ministry and mission in its community; and
WHEREAS, the congregation ceased to worship together as of January 1, 1995; and
WHEREAS, the District Superintendent with the support of the District Committee on Church Location and Building, and the Bishop and Cabinet has also determined that future growth is not immediately, or in the foreseeable future, a possibility for the church;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 1995 session of the Memphis Annual Conference meeting June 4-5, 1995, affirm the faithful witness and service of Beech Grove United Methodist during its 100 years of ministry and declare the church discontinued; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the membership of Beech Grove be transferred to other churches as per requests with all remaining members being transferred to Kenton United Methodist Church, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the property be sold by the Memphis Conference Board of Trustees and that the proceeds of the sale, after expenses, be placed in the Church Extension Funds of the Dyersburg District.

The Memphis Conference Cabinet

Conference Action: Passed

**RESOLUTION NO. 11
Mason Hall United Methodist Church**

WHEREAS, the membership of the Mason Hall United Methodist Church, located in the community of Mason Hall, five miles west of Kenton, Tennessee, in the Dyersburg District, has declined steadily in recent years; and
WHEREAS, the majority of members in regular attendance are Senior Citizens; and
WHEREAS, the Mason Hall United Methodist Church has been a faithful congregation to the connecational system, supporting missions and paying all church benevolences; and
WHEREAS, the church building, which was constructed between 1895 and 1900, is deteriorating at a rapid rate and is in need of major repairs, with prohibitive costs; and
WHEREAS, at the meeting of the Nebo/Mason Hall Charge Conference, held November 27, 1994, voted to cease worship at Mason Hall U.M.C.; and
WHEREAS, the building needs to be razed for safety reasons and the property is of no commercial value; and
WHEREAS, the District Superintendent with the support of the District Committee on Church Location and Building, and the Bishop and Cabinet has also determined that future growth is not immediately, or in the foreseeable future, a possibility for the church.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Memphis Annual Conference, in session June 4-7, 1995 in Jackson, Tennessee recognize the faithfulness of Mason Hall's 169 year ministry and acknowledges with appreciation their life and presence in the Conference; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mason Hall United Methodist Church, be formally discontinued and the building be razed, the members be transferred to area churches and permit the property to be disposed of as follows: one half quit claimed to the Pearl Lodge #200, Free and Accepted Masons, who will maintain it for community parking and one half sold for fair market value. Any church funds remaining after razing the building and transferring property are to be given to Reelfoot Rural Ministries and New Church Development Fund within the Memphis Annual Conference.

The Memphis Conference Cabinet

Conference Action: Passed

1995

RESOLUTION NO. 12
Walnut Grove United Methodist Church

WHEREAS, the Walnut Grove United Methodist Church in Obion County, Tennessee of the Dyersburg District has declined to the point of six (6) active members; has gained nine (9) members but lost twenty-four (24) since 1980 and has become unable to meet its financial responsibilities; and
WHEREAS, in a special called meeting on October 19, 1994, the remaining active members present requested and were granted permission to discontinue as a worshipping congregation on December 31, 1994; and
WHEREAS, the District Superintendent with the support of the District Committee on Church Location and Building, and the Bishop and Cabinet has also determined that future growth is not immediately, or in the foreseeable future, a possibility for the church;
WHEREAS, the property includes a cemetery which is located adjacent to the church building, and
WHEREAS, the cemetery association desires to preserve the property to be used for funerals, weddings, homecomings and other community gatherings
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Memphis Annual Conference in session June 47, 1995, recognize the faithfulness of this church organized in 1853, and acknowledge with appreciation its life and presence in the Conference and declare the Walnut Grove United Methodist Church discontinued; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the membership of Walnut Grove United Methodist Church be placed in the South Fulton United Methodist Church, unless otherwise notified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Memphis Conference Trustees be authorized to transfer the property by quit claim deed to the "Walnut Grove Church and Grounds Preservation Commission, Inc. "or other organization designated by Walnut Grove Cemetery Association. Any church funds remaining after expenses of transferring property will be used to pay apportionments and given to the Dyersburg District Church Extension and New Church Development Fund.

The Memphis Conference Cabinet

Conference Action: Passed

1995

**RESOLUTION NO. 13
REED UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

WHEREAS, the membership of Reed United Methodist Church worshipping at The Smith Center of United Methodist Neighborhood Centers, located in the Memphis-Asbury District of the Memphis Annual Conference, had declined in recent years; and **WHEREAS**, effective June, 1994 there was no worshipping community of faith called Reed United Methodist Church at The Smith Center of United Methodist Neighborhood Centers; and **WHEREAS**, in the summer of 1994 there were very few persons of the Reed membership interested in continuing a worshipping congregation known as Reed United Methodist Church. and **WHEREAS**, a new United Methodist worshipping and mission-focused congregation called Holy Community Church was established and is in viable ministry at The Smith Center of United Methodist Neighborhood Centers; and **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the 1995 session of the Memphis Annual Conference affirm the years of service of Reed United Methodist Church and approve the recommendation of the District Superintendent of the Memphis-Asbury District and of the Cabinet on June 3, 1995, and declare the church discontinued.

Conference Action: Passed The Memphis Conference Cabinet

**RESOLUTION NO. 14
WICKLIFFE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

WHEREAS, the Wickliffe United Methodist Church, located in Ballard County Kentucky, in the Paducah District, after long and distinguished service, has declined until the worshipping congregation is so few in number that they are unable to meet financial obligations and be in ministry beyond themselves, and **WHEREAS**, in a properly called session of a Local Church Conference on January 22, 1995, the members present unanimously voted to close following the 1995 Annual Conference. **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Memphis Annual Conference meeting in session on June 4-7, 1995, at the Civic Center in Jackson Tennessee, vote to discontinue said church following morning worship, June 11, 1995, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Conference Trustees be authorized to transfer the deed to the Building and Lot to the Ballard County Fiscal Court for use as a functioning County Library, And if within five years the property is not being used for said purpose, it will revert to The Memphis Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church for disposition by the Conference Trustees, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all furniture and fixtures of said church would be sold by the Conference Trustees with the monies from said sale remitted to the Committee on Revitalization and New Church Development of The Paducah District for use, (1) in a Missional Ministry for the Wickliffe area, developed by the Ballard County Cluster of United Methodist Churches, (2) or, for Ballard County Missional Ministry developed by its cluster of churches, (3) or, should neither of these ministries develop, for Church Extension in the Paducah District.

Conference Action: Passed Memphis Conference Cabinet

1995

**RESOLUTION NO. 15
MT. PLEASANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

WHEREAS, the Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church in the Paris District has been discontinued since September 11, 1994, and the memberships have been placed with other United Methodist churches, and
WHEREAS, the remaining members of the church wish to create the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Association;
THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church property be deeded to the "Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Association", which shall maintain the property for a perpetual cemetery, with rights to sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of the property known as Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church.

The Memphis Conference Cabinet

Conference Action: Passed

**RESOLUTION NO. 16
SPRINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

WHEREAS, the Springdale congregation has sought to serve the redemptive mission of Jesus Christ in its community for 128 years; and
WHEREAS, the human and financial resources required to fulfill this mission have declined for many years; and
WHEREAS, the congregation discerns God's continued called to the United Methodist Church in the Springdale community; and
WHEREAS, Springdale has responded to God's call by entering into covenant with Ebenezer Memorial, Good Samaritan, and Trinity United Methodist Churches in forming the Common Cup Cooperative Urban Parish; and
WHEREAS, the Springdale congregation, meeting in Church Conference on January 8, 1995, voted without opposition to request discontinuance; and
WHEREAS, the Administrative Council has adopted a bold and faithful Missional Plan to guide the on-going mission of the United Methodist Church in the north Memphis and Midtown communities;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 1995 session of the Memphis Annual Conference recognizes the dignity and faithfulness of Springdale United Methodist Church in fulfilling its mission for its appointed season, and declares this church discontinued; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Memphis Annual Conference shares the bold hope of Springdale in seeking to fulfill its Missional Plan for the continued ministry of the Church, and directs its appropriate agents accordingly.

Memphis Conference Cabinet

Conference Action: Passed

1995

RESOLUTION NO. 17
ST. JAMES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Whereas, the membership of St. James United Methodist Church located in the Memphis McKendree District of the Memphis Annual Conference has declined in recent years, and
Whereas, the St. James congregation engaged in a deliberate analysis of its neighborhood, mission and ministry, in consultation with the District Superintendent, Metropolitan Missionary Society, The Board of Global Ministries and church consultant Ted McEachern; and

Whereas, the results of this in-depth study indicated that for the church to remain in its present location and continue to grow older and smaller was not a viable option, and

Whereas, after numerous attempts to provide outreach opportunities for ministry and service to the local community had proven unsuccessful, and

Whereas, the Church Conference meeting September 11, 1994 voted overwhelmingly to move to Southeast Shelby County and become the core group of a proposed new congregation that helps fulfill the long range plan of the Metropolitan Missionary Society to establish a new church in that part of Shelby County that would be regional in scope and missional in nature; and

Whereas, all financial responsibilities and all conference apportionments have been met prior to Annual Conference:

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the 1995 session of the Memphis Annual Conference affirm the faithful and dedicated service of St. James United Methodist Church during its 35 years and approve the action of the Church Conference of September 11, 1994 and declare the church discontinued on or before December 31, 1995, and

Be It Further Resolved, that the membership of St. James United Methodist Church be given the opportunity to place their membership in other churches of their choice, and those who have not taken that option by December 31, 1995 will have their membership placed in the new proposed **CrossRoads United Methodist Church**,

Be it Further Resolved, that all real property and or the proceeds from the sale of real property become the assets of the new **CrossRoads United Methodist Church**.

Memphis Conference Cabinet

Conference Action: Passed

RESOLUTION NO. 18
CrossRoads United Methodist Church

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Bishop Kenneth L. Carder and the Cabinet of the Memphis Conference, in session June 4-7, 1995, approve the formation of a new church located in Southeast Shelby County, in accordance with paragraph #271 of the *1992 Book of Discipline*, and to be known as CrossRoads United Methodist Church,, with opening services to be on June 25, 1995.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Bishop and Cabinet recommend to and request of the Memphis Conference Committees on Equitable Compensation, Group Insurance, Church Extension, and Finance and Administration, that this missional endeavor be treated as a new church start.

Memphis Conference Cabinet

Conference Action: Passed

1995

**REPORT NO. 14
CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Conference owns the parsonages of the seven district superintendents, the CCOM director, one associate CCOM director, and three directors of Campus Ministry. We also own the Wesley Foundations at the University of Memphis, Murray State, and U.T. Martin for a total of fifteen properties.

The 1994 Memphis Annual Conference meeting in session in Jackson, Tennessee approved a motion to sell the Paris District parsonage and to purchase a new Paris District parsonage. That transaction was completed as outlined by the Conference. Special thanks go to Tommy and Doris Edwards, the first occupants of the new parsonage; and to Paula Atkins, the Conference Trustee responsible for the Paris parsonage, for the many hours spent acquiring the parsonage and making it into a home.

Please allow me a personal word. The Conference Trustees have two regularly scheduled meetings per year and usually one or two more. At all meetings, we have almost 100% attendance. Everyone always does their job and prepares for the meetings. It has been a pleasure to serve on this committee and get to know the other trustees and I thank them for their hard work.

Sam Crump, Chair

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DISCONTINUED

McKendree District

Madison Heights

NOTE: There is a typo in the Condensed Minutes that lists Madison Heights as being in the Jackson District.

Jackson District

Rock Springs (Henderson County) of the Lexington First-Extended Ministry

Paris District

Story's Chapel

Jackson District

Pleasant Grove (McNairy County)

Note: There is a resolution printed to authorize the sale of this property to the cemetery association; the church is noted as "abandoned in or around 1949."

1994

RESOLUTION NO. 10

Madison Heights United Methodist Church

WHEREAS, the membership of Madison Heights United Methodist Church, located in the Memphis-McKendree District of the Memphis Annual Conference, has declined steadily in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of those in regular attendance are of advanced age; and **WHEREAS**, a very conservative 1994 budget has been one-third pledged, and reserve funds are required for general church operation; and

WHEREAS, the church building is a very large, rapidly deteriorating facility in need of major repairs; and

WHEREAS, all financial responsibilities and Conference apportionments have been met; and

WHEREAS, the present membership is no longer able to sustain a viable ministry in a fast-changing community, and to continue existence without answering God's call to mission is very poor stewardship and also a disservice to the rich missional heritage of Madison Heights Church;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 1994 session of the Memphis Annual Conference affirm the faithful service of Madison Heights Church during its 96 years and

approve the action of the Church Conference on March 13, 1994, and declare the church discontinued.

Conference Action: Adopted

Memphis Conference Cabinet

RESOLUTION NO. 11

Rock Springs United Methodist Church

WHEREAS, the active membership of the Rock Springs United Methodist Church of the Lexington/Rock Springs Charge of the Memphis Annual Conference on January 30, 1994, voted unanimously to cease operation as an active worshipping congregation as of the June, 1994 session of the Memphis Annual Conference, and

WHEREAS, a cemetery is located on the joining property, and,

WHEREAS, the cemetery association desires to keep the property to be used for funerals and other community gatherings.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Memphis Annual Conference meeting in session June 6-8, 1994 in Jackson, Tennessee, authorize the Conference Trustees to sell the property of the church to the Rock Springs Cemetery Association for \$1.00 and all other costs related to said transaction.

Conference Action: Adopted

Memphis Conference Cabinet

RESOLUTION NO. 12

Story's Chapel United Methodist Church

WHEREAS, the Story's Chapel United Methodist Church, located in Calloway County, Kentucky, in the Paris District, has declined to the point of having only nine members, and

WHEREAS, in a special called meeting on September 18, 1993, all nine members requested and were granted permission to discontinue worship services and close the church, effective September 18, 1993, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Memphis Annual Conference, in session June 5-8, 1994, at the Civic Center in Jackson, Tennessee, formally discontinue the Story's Chapel United Methodist Church, and that the members be transferred to the Lynn Grove or the South Pleasant Grove United Methodist Churches; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the property be deeded to the Story's Chapel Cemetery Association.

Conference Action: Adopted

Memphis Conference Cabinet

1994

RESOLUTION NO. 13
Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church

WHEREAS, the Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church (McNairy County) that was established in 1859 in McNairy County and was located on Old Number 5 Highway (Fredie David Road) at Highway 45 was abandoned in or around 1949.
WHEREAS, an active cemetery is located on the property, and
WHEREAS, the Prather family has maintained the cemetery since the property was donated by Thomas Prather, Jr. in 1859.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Memphis Annual Conference meeting in session June 6-8, 1994 in Jackson, Tennessee, authorize the Conference Trustees to sell the property to the Pleasant Grove Cemetery Association (McNairy County) for \$1.00 and all costs ralted to said transaction.

Report No. 3

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Conference Board of Trustees share the responsibility with the occupants of maintaining the property owned by the Conference. The Conference owns the parsonages of the seven district superintendents, the CCOM director, one CCOM associate director, and the three directors of the Wesley Foundations. The Conference also owns the Wesley Foundations at Memphis State, Murray State, and U. T. Martin. There is a Trustee assigned to each property.

During the summer of 1993, the Trustees took a tour of all Conference owned property. The majority of the Trustees were able to make the tour. We met in the parking lot of the CCOM office in Jackson, loaded into Malesus United Methodist Church's van, and headed out. The first day we visited all the Conference properties in Jackson, Paris, Murray, Martin, and Paducah. The next week we met at the district office in Brownsville. That day we toured Brownsville, Dyersburg, and Memphis. We found most of the properties in good condition, although we did find some needed repairs. Maintaining the properties is a continuing effort.

The Trustees consider that our task is not merely to maintain properties, but to support the ministries that are carried on in Conference properties and by those who live in Conference properties.

We wish to thank all those who help us with our task. A special thanks to occupants of the Conference properties.

Sam Crump, Chairman

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DISCONTINUED

Brownsville District

Salsbury of the Grand Junction Charge

Note: The Resolution points out that Salisbury ceased operation as a worshipping community in May of 1979

Baker's Chapel (Madison County) of Medina Extended Ministry

Note: The Resolution discontinuing Baker's Chapel was approved at both the 1993 and the 1992 Annual Conferences.

Dyersburg District

Dukedom (Weakley County) of the South Fulton Extended Ministry

Tigrett (Dyer County)

Asbury District

Hebron (Tipton County) of the Charleston-Hebron-Tabernacle Charge

McKendree District

New Life

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RESOLUTION NO.4
SALSBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, the active membership of the Salsbury United Methodist Church of the Grand Junction Charge of the Memphis annual Conference on May 31, 1979, in a called Charge Conference voted unanimously to cease operation as an active worshipping community, as of the June 1979, session of the Memphis Conference, and

WHEREAS, the Salsbury United Methodist Church was closed as an active church and the building has been maintained as a chapel, and

WHEREAS, in a special Charge Conference on June 6, 1993, the decision was made that the Salsbury United Methodist Church no longer be maintained as a chapel;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Memphis Annual Conference meeting in session, June 6-9, 1993, in Jackson, Tennessee, authorize the Conference Trustees to sell the property of the church to the Town of Salsbury for \$1.00 and all other costs related to said transaction.

CONFERENCE ACTION: Concurrence

Memphis Conference Cabinet

RESOLUTION NO. 5
BAKER'S CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, the Baker's Chapel United Methodist Church in the Brownsville District has declined to the point of having only (5) active members; and

WHEREAS, there appears to be no possibility for growth for the Baker's Chapel congregation; and;

WHEREAS, in a special called meeting on April 25, 1992, the five (5) persons present consented that the Baker's Chapel Church should close, and;

WHEREAS, a cemetery is located on the property, and;

WHEREAS, the cemetery association desires to keep the property to be used for funerals and an annual homecoming, and;

WHEREAS, the Memphis Annual Conference meeting in session, May 31-June 3, 1992, in Paducah, Kentucky, declared the Baker's Chapel United Methodist Church discontinued;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Memphis Annual Conference meeting in session, June 6-9, 1993 in Jackson, Tennessee, authorize the Conference Trustees to sell the property of the church to the Baker's Chapel Cemetery Association for \$1.00 and all other costs related to said transaction.

CONFERENCE ACTION: Concurrence

Memphis Conference Cabinet

RESOLUTION NO. 6
DUKEDOM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, the Dukedom United Methodist Church in Weakley, County, Tennessee of the Dyersburg District has declined to the point of five (5) active members and is unable to grow and continue in ministry; and

WHEREAS, in a special called meeting on November 30, 1992, the remaining members present requested and were granted permission to discontinue as a worshipping congregation on December 31, 1992; and

WHEREAS, the District Superintendent with the support of the District Committee on Church Location and Building, and the Bishop and Cabinet has also determined that future growth is not immediately, or in the foreseeable future, a possibility for the church;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Memphis Annual Conference in session June 6-9, 1993, recognize the faithfulness of this church organized in 1867, and acknowledge with appreciation their life and presence in the Conference and declare the Dukedom United Methodist Church discontinued; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the membership of Dukedom United Methodist Church be given opportunity to place their membership in other churches, and those who have not taken that option by September 1, 1993, will have their membership placed in the South Fulton United Methodist Church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this property be sold by the Board of Trustees of the Memphis Conference, and that the proceeds of the sale, after expenses, be placed in the Church Extension Funds of the Dyersburg District.

CONFERENCE ACTION: Concurrence

Memphis Conference Cabinet

RESOLUTION NO. 7

TIGRETT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, the membership of Tigrett United Methodist Church, in Dyer County, Tennessee has declined to the degree that it is no longer able to support its mission and ministry as a local church; and

WHEREAS, the District Superintendent with the support of the District Board of Church Location and Building, and the Bishop and Cabinet has determined that the church is not able to support mission and ministry; and,

WHEREAS, at a Charge Conference, December 13, 1992, Tigrett United Methodist Church voted to deed the church property to Hughlett United Methodist Church; and,

WHEREAS, such action was supported by the Bishop and Cabinet and the District Board on Church Location and Building; and

WHEREAS, Tigrett United Methodist Church had a worship service of death and resurrection December 27, 1992 and also paid 100% of the 1992 Conference Benevolences;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Memphis Annual Conference, in session June 6-9, 1993, recognize the faithfulness of Tigrett's 133 year ministry and acknowledge with appreciation their life and presence in the Conference; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Memphis Annual Conference direct Tigrett United Methodist Church to deed the church property to Hughlett United Methodist Church and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the membership of Tigrett United Methodist Church be placed in Friendship United Methodist Church or to other churches as the members may elect.

Memphis Conference Cabinet

CONFERENCE ACTION: Concurrence

RESOLUTION NO. 8

HEBRON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, the Hebron United Methodist Church, located in Tipton County, Tennessee, has diminished in strength to such a point that its few members have neither the resources to continue nor the will to determine any action for its future in a Church Conference called for that purpose; and,

WHEREAS, the Hebron United Methodist Church has made it clear to pastor and District Superintendent that they are no longer willing to contribute to the salary of a duly appointed pastor, nor to assume any responsibilities for payment of Conference and General Benevolences, nor to

serve the missional purpose for which it was founded; and,

WHEREAS, the Memphis Conference Cabinet in session on March 29-31, 1993, has recommended the discontinuance of the Hebron United Methodist Church;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Memphis Conference, meeting in Jackson, Tennessee, June 6-9, 1993, formally discontinue the Hebron United Methodist Church and that the members be transferred to other churches as per requests with all remaining members being transferred to Tabernacle United Methodist Church; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Memphis Conference Trustees be, hereby, authorized and directed to convey the one acre of land and existing buildings known as Hebron United Methodist Church to the Hebron Community Association, for the purpose of worship of God and community gatherings and, further, that any expense incurred in the transaction be paid by the Hebron Community Association.

Memphis Conference Cabinet

CONFERENCE ACTION: Concurrence

1993

**RESOLUTION NO. 9
NEW LIFE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

WHEREAS, New Life United Methodist Church was chartered in August of 1990, as a congregation whose focus of ministry would be upon the unique needs of single adults, and
WHEREAS, declining membership and participation in New Life United Methodist Church indicated that the congregation could no longer continue as a viable church, permission was granted to discontinue as a worshipping congregation on February 8, 1993, and
WHEREAS, all names remaining on the membership role as of May 1, 1993, have been placed on the membership role of St. John's United Methodist Church, and
WHEREAS, there is no property to be disposed of,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Memphis Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, meeting in Jackson, Tennessee, June 6-9, 1993, discontinue the New Life United Methodist Church.

CONFERENCE ACTION: Concurrence
Memphis Conference Cabinet

**RESOLUTION NO. 10
LAVINIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

WHEREAS, the Lavinia United Methodist Church of the Atwood-Lavinia-Shiloh Charge in the Paris District was entrusted to the Lavinia Perpetual Cemetery Association for maintenance and care by action of the Memphis Annual Conference in session June 2-6, 1991, by Resolution No. 16; and
WHEREAS, on May 2, 1993, a special Worship Service was held for the purpose of honoring the closing of Lavinia United Methodist Church, conducted by District Superintendent Thomas L. Edwards, and Pastor, Walter McClanahan;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the property of Lavinia United Methodist Church be deeded to the Lavinia Perpetual Cemetery Association.

CONFERENCE ACTION: Concurrence
Memphis Conference Cabinet

**RESOLUTION NO. 11
MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

WHEREAS, the Morris Chapel United Methodist Church of the North Camden Circuit (Cedar Grove, Morris Chapel, Mount Carmel, Pleasant Hill) and located in Benton County and the Paris District, was officially closed in the June 2-6, 1991, Session of the Memphis Annual Conference; and,
WHEREAS, proceeds of the sale of the property were to be placed in the Church Extension Funds of the Paris and Jackson Districts; and
WHEREAS, Morris Chapel Cemetery Association has need of the church building; and
WHEREAS, The Paris District Committee on Church Location and Building has recommended that the property be deeded to the Morris Chapel Cemetery Association;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Morris Chapel United Methodist Church be deeded to the Morris Chapel Cemetery Association.

CONFERENCE ACTION: Concurrence
Memphis Conference Cabinet

**RESOLUTION NO. 12
HARMON'S CREEK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

WHEREAS, the Harmon's Creek United Methodist Church has been discontinued for four years and the membership reduced to fewer than ten members, and these ten memberships have been placed with Flatwoods United Methodist Church; and
WHEREAS, the remaining members of the church wish to create a Harmon's Creek Association for the purpose of annual Homecoming, funerals, and special acts of worship;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Harmon's Creek property be deeded to the Harmon's Creek Association for the purpose of an annual Homecoming, funerals, and other special acts of worship.

CONFERENCE ACTION: Concurrence
Memphis Conference Cabinet

1993

Report No. 4

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Conference Board of Trustees consists of twelve persons, six ministers, and six lay persons charged with the duty of maintaining and supervising the properties owned by the Conference.

Several Conference properties were sold during 1992. Bethel United Methodist Church in Memphis was sold. The Good Samaritan United Methodist Church was given \$43,263.28, the proceeds from that sale.

Ownership of Conference property located at 93 North Reese in Memphis was transferred to the Memphis Neighborhood Centers, current residents of the property.

The Memphis Annual Conference was the benefactor of a 154.25 acre farm located in Tipton County. The Trustees handled the sale of the farm which sold for \$208,000.00. After expenses, back taxes, etc., the Conference net amount was \$193,687.96. These funds as directed by Mrs. Alice Gray, donor, were disbursed to the Memphis Conference Board of Pensions.

The 1994 budget request appears in the CFA report. As Conference Trustees, we have tried to be good stewards of your money and worthy of the trust you have placed in us.

Mrs. C. Thomas Hooper III
Chairperson, Conference Trustees

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NEW CHURCH START

McKendree District

New Life

Asbury District

Good Samaritan

DISCONTINUED

Brownsville District

Bakers Chapel (Madison County) of the Medina Extended Ministry

Note: The Resolution discontinuing Baker's Chapel was approved by both the 1993 and the 1991 Annual Conferences

Mount Vernon (Weakley County) of the Mount Vernon-Sharon Charge

Jackson District

Mount Tabor (Henderson County) of the Key's Chapel Charge

Asbury District

Bethel

Epworth

Paducah District

New Chapel of the Shiloh-New Chapel-Salem charge

Burkley of the Columbus Circuit

Diggs Chapel of the Pleasant Grove-Diggs Chapel Charge

1992

**Resolution No. 5
Bethel United Methodist Church**

WHEREAS, the Bethel United Methodist Church, of 616 Scott Street, Memphis, Tennessee, has long borne faithful witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as a vital congregation of the Memphis Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, the members of Bethel have grown in their commitment to a broad range of mission, while their facilities are deemed as inadequate for a variety of congregational and outreach ministries; and

WHEREAS, the Bethel members and pastor have participated in the North Memphis Urban Parish of the Memphis Asbury District and have more recently strengthened the bonds of congregational life and ministry with the Epworth United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of the Reverend William M. Vaughan, III, both Bethel and Epworth have given careful study and faithful prayer regarding the future of each congregation, the missional needs of the respective areas and their separate and combined strengths and resources for ministry; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the membership in Epworth and Bethel Churches feel called of God to make a bold witness to be intentionally inclusive; and

WHEREAS, under the auspices, and with the endorsement of the United Methodist Metropolitan Missionary Society, Epworth and Bethel Churches have agreed to become primary participants in the creation of a new United Methodist Church, intentionally inclusive and mission focused; and

WHEREAS, The Bethel United Methodist Church in a duly called Church Conference, on March 8, 1992, voted overwhelmingly to request discontinuance and to become a part of such a new inclusive and missional United Methodist Church to be established in an area currently served by the Epworth Church:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Memphis Annual Conference in session May 31-June 3, 1992, recognize Bethel's long history of faithfulness and declare the Bethel United Methodist Church discontinued; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Memphis Annual Conference affirm the bold witness of Bethel Church in the formation of a new Church, and that the Annual Conference Trustees be authorized and directed to sell the Bethel Church property located at 616 Scott Street, Memphis, Tennessee, with the proceeds, after expenses, to be directed to the Trustees of the new Good Samaritan United Methodist Church, and to be designated for the purchase of a new site and/or construction of facilities for worship and ministries for the Good Samaritan United Methodist Church; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Conference Trustees be authorized and directed to convey the Bethel Church Parsonage, locate at 3154 Caradine Street, Memphis, Tennessee, and all other real property and assets of the Bethel United Methodist Church to the Good Samaritan United Methodist Church; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that any three (3) Conference Trustees may be designated by the Chairperson of the Conference Trustees to sign, on behalf of the Conference Board of Trustees, any and all documents necessary to accomplish the purpose of these resolutions.

CONFERENCE ACTION: Approved

1992

**Resolution No. 7
Good Samaritan United Methodist Church**

[We resolve] That the Bishop and Cabinet of the Memphis Conference in session May 30 through June 3, 1992, approve the formation of a new church to be located in North Memphis, in accordance with ¶ 270 of the 1988 *Book of Discipline*, and to be known as Good Samaritan United Methodist Church, with opening services to be June 14, 1992.

Further, that the Bishop and Cabinet approve a Pastor's salary of \$26,000 for the said new Church and recommend to and request of the Memphis Conference Committee on Equitable Salaries that the said salary be underwritten according to policy provisions as printed in Report No. 25, section III, F, page 224, of the 1991 *Memphis Conference Journal*. Provided further that the Cabinet recommend that the four (4) years as specified in the above Report No. 25 reference be June 1, 1992 through May 31, 1996

CONFERENCE ACTION: Presented as action of the Bishop and Cabinet

**Resolution No. 8
Bethuel Cemetery**

WHEREAS, the sanctuary of Bethuel Methodist Episcopal Church, South, once located on a site, adjoined by the Bethuel Church Cemetery and fronting on Bethuel Road in North Shelby County, Tennessee, was destroyed by fire more than 50 years ago; and

WHEREAS, an alternate site in the Kerrville community was selected for rebuilding that sanctuary, with the Church's name being changed from Bethuel to Kerrville Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, the move to a new location resulted in loss of close proximity and maintenance responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, a Bethuel Cemetery Association has been formerly and firmly established, and has assumed responsibilities for managing and maintaining the Bethuel Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, the Kerrville United Methodist Church, as successor to the Bethuel Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is in harmony with the Bethuel Cemetery Association's request to gain title to the Bethuel property; and

WHEREAS, a Quit Claim Deed, conveying, selling, and releasing the Bethuel Cemetery property to the Bethuel Cemetery Association, Inc., for and in consideration of Ten and 00/100 Dollars (\$10.00), was executed on behalf of the Annual Conference Board of Trustees, with the same dated March 16, 1992,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Memphis Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, in session May 31 - June 3, 1992, concur with and affirm the actions of the Memphis Conference Trustees in the release and conveyance of said property to the Bethuel Cemetery Association, Inc.

CONFERENCE ACTION: Approved

**Resolution No. 9
Baker's Chapel United Methodist Church**

WHEREAS, the Baker's Chapel United Methodist Church in the Brownsville District has declined to the point of having only five (5) active members; and

WHEREAS, there appears to be no possibility for growth for the Baker's Chapel congregation; and

WHEREAS, in a special called meeting on April 25, 1992, the five (5) persons present consented that the Baker's Chapel Church should close, and

WHEREAS, a cemetery is located on the property, and

WHEREAS, the cemetery association desires to keep the property to be used for funerals and an annual homecoming;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Memphis Annual Conference meeting in session, May 31-June 3, 1992, in Paducah, Kentucky, declare the Baker's Chapel United Methodist Church discontinued,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any expenses incurred in the transition be paid by the Baker's Chapel Cemetery Association.

CONFERENCE ACTION: Approved

1992

**Resolution No. 10
Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church**

WHEREAS, Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church, located in Weakley County, Tennessee, has reached the point that it no longer wishes to serve the missional purpose for which it was organized as a United Methodist Church, (§§ 201-204); and

WHEREAS, at Charge Conference, October 6, 1991, Mt. Vernon UMC voted to reduce pastor's remuneration by one-half and to pay no Pastoral Insurance support, neither Pension nor Continuing Education support and stated they would pay no connectional responsibilities for 1992; and

WHEREAS, the Memphis Conference Cabinet decided it would not appoint a minister to a church who fails to respond to the polity and rules of the United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, the church building and property, according to a reversionary clause in the deed of 1831, reverts to the heirs of Wesley Waterfield; when this resolution is passed by Annual Conference, a copy thereof shall be filed with the Weakley County recorder of deeds; and the Memphis Conference has no further responsibility for the church property; and

WHEREAS, the Bishop, the District Superintendents, and the District Board of Church Location and Building have agreed to the discontinuance:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Memphis Annual Conference, meeting in Paducah, Kentucky, May 31-June 3, 1992 formally discontinue Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church, and that the remaining members be transferred to each individual's choice or where a choice is not indicated, to Sharon United Methodist Church.

CONFERENCE ACTION: Approved

**Resolution No. 11
Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church**

WHEREAS, the membership of the Mt. Tabor Church of the Key's Chapel-Mt. Pleasant-Mt. Tabor Charge in The Jackson District is gone; and

WHEREAS, there has been no participation or activity of any kind at the church for a full year; and

WHEREAS, the modest building is in a poor state of repair and there are no resources, either of persons or money, for ministry:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Memphis Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, meeting in Paducah, Kentucky, May 31-June 3, 1992 discontinue The Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Memphis Conference Trustees be authorized to sell the property and to convey any net proceeds to The Key's Chapel Parsonage Account.

CONFERENCE ACTION: Approved

**Resolution No. 12
New Chapel United Methodist Church**

WHEREAS, the membership of the New Chapel United Methodist Church in Hickman County, Kentucky, of the Paducah District, has declined until it is no longer able to continue its mission and ministry as a local church; and

WHEREAS, the remaining members requested and were granted permission to discontinue as a worshipping congregation on January 1, 1992:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Memphis Annual Conference in session May 31-June 3, 1992 recognize the faithfulness of this church organized in 1873, and acknowledge with appreciation their life and presence in the Conference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the membership of New Chapel United Methodist Church be given an opportunity to place their membership in other churches, and those who have not taken that option by November 1, 1992, will have their membership placed in the United Methodist Church closest to their home; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Trustees of The Memphis Annual Conference be authorized to sell the property of the church to the New Chapel Cemetery Association for \$1.00 and all other costs related to said transaction.

CONFERENCE ACTION: Approved

1992

**Resolution No. 13
Burkley United Methodist Church**

WHEREAS, the membership of the Burkley United Methodist Church, in Carlisle County, Kentucky, has declined to eight in number, and is no longer able to support its mission and ministry as a local church; and

WHEREAS, the District Superintendent with the support of the District Committee on Church Location and Building, and the Bishop and Cabinet, following a study on the possibilities for mission and ministry in the community, has determined that future growth is not immediately, or in the foreseeable future, a possibility for the church:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Memphis Annual Conference in session May 31-June 3, 1992, recognize the faithfulness of this church organized in 1887 and acknowledge with appreciation their life and presence in the conference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the membership of Burkley United Methodist Church be given an opportunity to place their membership in other churches, and those who have not taken that option by November 1, 1992, will have their membership placed in the United Methodist Church closest to their home; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Trustees of The Memphis Annual Conference be authorized to sell the property of the Burkley Church to the remaining members, following their chartering as a non-profit Kentucky corporation for the purpose of a community center or a place for religious assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said sale be for \$1.00 and all other costs related to said transaction.

CONFERENCE ACTION: Approved

**Resolution No. 14
Diggs Chapel United Methodist Church**

WHEREAS, the membership of the Diggs Chapel United Methodist Church, in Graves County, Kentucky, has declined until it is no longer able to continue its mission and ministry as a local church; and

WHEREAS, the District Superintendent with the support of the Diggs Chapel Church, the District Committee on Church Location and Building, and the Bishop and Cabinet, following a study on the possibilities for mission and ministry in the community, has determined that future growth is not immediately, or in the foreseeable future, a possibility for the church:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Memphis Annual Conference in session May 31-June 3, 1992, recognize the faithfulness of this church organized in 1936, and acknowledge with appreciation their life and presence in the conference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the membership of the Diggs Chapel United Methodist Church be given an opportunity to place their membership in other churches, and those who have not taken that option by November 1, 1992, will have their membership placed in the United Methodist Church closest to their home.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Trustees of The Memphis Annual Conference be authorized to sell the property of the Diggs Chapel Church to the Kansas Cemetery Association for \$1.00 and all other costs related to said transaction.

CONFERENCE ACTION: Approved

1992

Report No. 17

MEMPHIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE TRUSTEES

The Conference Board of Trustees consists of twelve persons, six ministers and six lay persons with the duty of maintaining and supervising the properties owned by the Conference for which they are responsible.

Two Conference properties were sold during 1991. The Lexington District parsonage was sold in action of the 1991 Annual Conference session. \$50,000.00 of the proceeds have been applied for improvements at other Conference owned properties.

Stephenson's Chapel United Methodist Church in Memphis was sold. The Memphis Metro Mission Society was given \$102,860.00, the proceeds from that sale.

The Trustees request permission from the Conference to sell the property located at 93 North Main formerly used for University of Tennessee Medical Parsonage. This sale is requested because it is in Conference policy to provide housing for Memphis Neighborhood Centers, current resident of the property.

The Memphis Annual Conference is eventual benefactor of two estates in which the Trustees are presently negotiating for the final financial trust disbursements.

The 1993 budget request appears in the CFA report. As Conference Trustees, we have tried to be good stewards of your money and worthy of the trust you have placed in us.

Mrs. C. Thomas Hooper, Chairperson

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NEW CHURCH START

Asbury District

St. Paul

NOTE: Also listed in condensed minutes as a new church start 1989. No resolution printed in either year.

DISCONTINUED

Paris District

Faxon (Benton County)

Lexington District

Morris Chapel (Benton County)

Lavinia (Gibson County) of the Atwood-Lavinia-Shiloh charge

Resolution No. 14
FAXON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, the Faxon United Methodist Church located in Benton County, Tennessee, and of the Big Sandy-Faxon-Lick Creek Charge in the Paris District of the Memphis Conference, and declined to a membership of 8, with an average attendance of 4; and

WHEREAS, there seems to be no possibility for growth for the Faxon congregation; and

WHEREAS, in a special called session of the Church Conference on September 24, 1990, members voted unanimously to close the church;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Memphis Annual Conference, meeting in session, June 2-6, 1991, declare the Faxon United Methodist Church discontinued, and the church building be sold with proceeds of the sale to go into the Paris District Church Extension Fund.

CONFERENCE ACTION: Approved

Resolution No. 15
MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, the membership of the Morris Chapel United Methodist Church of the North Camden Circuit (Cedar Grove, Morris Chapel, Mount Carmel, Pleasant Hill Churches) and located in Benton County and the Lexington District, is no longer able to continue its mission and ministry as a local church; and

WHEREAS, the District Superintendent and Pastor, Rev. Johnnie B. Arnold, by personal contact with the remaining members of the Morris Chapel United Methodist Church has secured the approval of these persons to discontinue its life as a local church; and

WHEREAS, the Morris Chapel United Methodist Church has met every financial responsibility and paid its Benevolences in full for the final year (1991),

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Memphis Annual Conference in session June 2-6, 1991 recognize the faithfulness of the Morris Chapel United Methodist Church, affirm its witness and service for more than a century and declare this church discontinued; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the property be sold, and the proceeds of the sale, after expenses, be equally placed in the Church Extension Fund of the Paris and Jackson Districts.

CONFERENCE ACTION: Approved

Resolution No. 16
LAVINIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, the membership of the Lavinia United Methodist Church of the Atwood-Lavinia-Shiloh Charge of the Lexington District has only four remaining active members; and

WHEREAS, these members came together on Sunday, December 16, 1990 to consider the future of the Lavinia United Methodist Church and voted to develop a plan whereby the Lavinia United Methodist Church would be entrusted to the Lavinia Perpetual Cemetery Association for maintenance and care; and

WHEREAS, the Lavinia Perpetual Cemetery Association has formally agreed to this trust and responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the Lavinia United Methodist Church has provided the Memphis Annual Conference with an historic "Connectional Living Will;"

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Memphis Conference accept and approve the action and will of the Lavinia United Methodist Church acknowledging with appreciation their life and presence in the Memphis Conference.

CONFERENCE ACTION: Approved

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Report No. 23

MEMPHIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE TRUSTEES

The Conference Board of Trustees is charged with the duty of maintaining and supervising the general upkeep and improvements of properties owned by the Annual Conference for which we are responsible. Abandoned Church property is observed and as conditions warrant we consider these properties for sale subject to Annual Conference approval.

The 1992 budget request appears in the CFA report. The board continues to study how to best use the budgeted money.

We have two regular meetings a year and on occasion have a called meeting. I am happy to report that attendance and participation is excellent.

The individual board members have been very diligent in their responsibility of overseeing their assigned properties. The board has collectively discussed and formulated plans which we feel are in the best interest of the Conference from a Trustee's standpoint.

Jule H. Nance, President

Proposal for Sale of the Lexington District Parsonage

In view of the change in district lines, the Conference Board of Trustees make the following recommendations:

1. The Trustees be given permission to sell the property known as the Lexington District parsonage.
2. The sale price of the property to be \$90,000.00.
3. The Conference Trustees be allowed to retain \$50,000.00 of the sale price to be used for Capital improvements of the Conference owned properties, with the balance of the proceeds going into the Conference reserve fund.

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DISCONTINUED

McKendree District

Stephenson Chapel (Shelby County)

Paris District

Old Salem (Weakley County) of the Martin Area Ministry West charge

Mount Hebron (Calloway County) of the Coldwater Circuit

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Resolution No. 8
STEPHENSON CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MEMPHIS-McKENDREE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Stephenson Chapel United Methodist Church, located on Highway 61, South, in Shelby County, Tennessee, in the Memphis-McKendree District, has an honorable history of Christian witness and service since its organization in 1872;

WHEREAS, with the transition of its neighborhood and the moving of its people, the membership is now 33 and attendance on Sunday is 8;

WHEREAS, the Church Conference meeting on May 21, 1990, determined in its best judgement that the congregation will not have either the financial or human resources to continue as a congregation beyond June 10, 1990;

WHEREAS, the Golden United Methodist is geographically located so as to be able to serve the spiritual needs of the community;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Memphis Annual Conference meeting in session, June 3-6, 1990, declare the Stephenson Chapel United Methodist Church discontinued;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the property be sold by the Conference Trustees with the proceeds placed in the Metropolitan Missionary Society for use in its Church Extension ministry.

CONFERENCE ACTION: Approved

Resolution No. 9
OLD SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
PARIS DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Old Salem United Methodist Church located in Weakley County, Tennessee, and part of the Martin Area Ministry (West) Charge in the Paris District of the Memphis Conference, has declined to a membership of ten (10); and

WHEREAS, there appears to be no possibility for growth for the Old Salem congregation; and
WHEREAS, in a special called Church Conference on November 12, 1989, with seven (7) members present, six of those members voted to close the church, and one (1) member voted not to close; and
WHEREAS, a cemetery is located on the property, and

WHEREAS, the Cemetery Association desires to keep the property to be used for funerals;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Memphis Annual Conference, meeting in session June 3-6, 1990, declare the Old Salem United Methodist Church discontinued and the last worship service to be held on June 3, 1990; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the property be deeded to the Old Salem Cemetery Association for the purpose stated above, and with the stipulation that 50% of the Trustees of the Old Salem Cemetery Association should be present members of Old Salem United Methodist Church.

CONFERENCE ACTION: Approved

1990

**Resolution No. 10
MT. HEBRON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
PARIS DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Mt. Hebron United Methodist Church, located in Calloway County, Kentucky, and part of the Coldwater-Mt. Hebron Charge in the Paris District of the Memphis Conference has declined to a small membership of eight or ten active members; and

WHEREAS, there appears to be no possibility for growth for the Mt. Hebron congregations; and

WHEREAS, a special called session of the Church Conference, on May 27, 1990, at 3:30 p.m., with seven (7) members present, voted unanimously to close the church, with June 17, 1990, at 2:00 p.m., set aside for a formal closing service;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Memphis Annual Conference, meeting in session, June 3-6, 1990, declare the Mt. Hebron United Methodist Church discontinued.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the property be sold by the Conference Trustees and the proceeds of the sale of the property be placed in the Church Extension Fund of the Paris District.

CONFERENCE ACTION: Approved

**Resolution No. 11
ABANDONED PROPERTY IN PARIS DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, a tract of land lying in the 11th civil district of Benton County, Tennessee, has been abandoned for many years, and there is no longer a United Methodist Church, or any building, on the property, and

WHEREAS, the strip of land does not seem to be located in such a way as to be of use to the United Methodist Church, and

WHEREAS, the Paris District Committee on Church Location and Building is requesting that this land be sold, and

WHEREAS, there is a buyer willing to buy this tract of land,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this property be sold by the Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference, and the proceeds of the sale, after expenses, be placed in the Church Extension Fund of the Paris District.

CONFERENCE ACTION: Approved

**Resolution No. 12
MOORING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DYERSBURG DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Mooring United Methodist Church was discontinued by Annual Conference action, June 1-4, 1986; and

WHEREAS, that same Annual Conference declared the property be held by the Trustees of the Memphis Conference for use by the Dyersburg District Council on Ministries for development for other church needs; and

WHEREAS, the Dyersburg District Council on Ministries has attempted to develop the use of Mooring for other church needs, but has found no such need; and

WHEREAS, the Dyersburg District Council on Ministries, meeting December 4, 1989, voted to authorize the sale of Mooring United Methodist Church;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Memphis Annual Conference, meeting in session June 3-6, 1990, in Jackson, Tennessee, authorize the selling of the property by the Memphis Conference Trustees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proceeds from the sale, after expenses, be placed in the Church Extension Funds of the Dyersburg District.

CONFERENCE ACTION: Approved

1990

Report No. 23

MEMPHIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE TRUSTEES

The Conference Board of Trustees is charged with the responsibility of maintaining and supervising the general upkeep and improvements of seventeen properties owned by the Annual Conference. Abandoned Church property is observed and as conditions warrant we consider these properties for sale subject to Annual Conference approval.

The 1991 budget request in the amount of \$108,350 appears in the CFA report.

The Brownsville District parsonage has been completed. Open house was held on April 29, 1990. The trustees are well pleased with this new Conference structure.

We are again reviewing our insurance coverage on all properties.

This committee continues to be involved in studying how to best use our budgeted money for maintenance and repair.

Jule H. Nance, Chair