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DISCONTINUED:

Jackson District:  
St. Andrew

McKendree District:  
Living Oasis (new church start, originally Hickory Hill, never chartered)

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*DISCONTINUANCE - JACKSON DISTRICT*

Resolution for the Discontinuance of St. Andrew United Methodist Church

**Whereas**, the worshipping community known as St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Jackson, Tennessee in the Jackson District of the Memphis Conference has served faithfully since 1970.

**And whereas**, due to declining health and many deaths over the past several years, the active membership has declined to the number of 14, who through a vote of a called Church Conference on May 15, 2011 have chosen to close and cease operations on June 30, 2011, with the last worship service being held on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>

**Be it further resolved** that the funds remaining in all church accounts as of June 30, 2011, from the prior sale of the parsonage will become the responsibility of the Jackson Church Extension Fund to be used in supporting existing outreach ministries currently located in the St. Andrew church building, such as 12 step recovery groups, of Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; the Hispanic worshipping community, "Gran Comission"; as well as future outreach ministries being developed within the Jackson District.

A facilities committee will be organized from among clergy and laity of the Jackson area UM congregations to oversee any major maintenance of the facility and to guide any future uses of the property. This committee will fall under the guidance of the Annual Conference Board of Trustees.

Joy S. Weathersbee, District Superintendent

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MERGED:

Asbury District:

Schoolfield with Ellendale, Bartlett, Millington  
Hyde Park with Pisgah

McKendree District:

Union Ave. with St. Luke's

DISCONTINUED:

Asbury District:

Pleasant Ridge

Brownsville District:

Lessenberry of Salem-Walnut Grove-Lessenberry  
Poplar Grove of Griffin's Chapel-Grier's Chapel-Poplar Grove

Dyersburg District:

Elbridge of Antioch-Elbridge-Rives

# 2010 Journal

## Mergers

### Mergers Asbury District

#### Resolution to Merge Schoolfield United Methodist Church

#### with Ellendale, Bartlett and Millington First United Methodist Churches

**Whereas**, Schoolfield United Methodist Church in Shelby County, in the Asbury District of the Memphis Annual Conference can no longer sustain the ministry of the Church and

**Whereas**, Ellendale, Bartlett and Millington United Methodist Churches in the Asbury District of the Memphis Annual Conference were duly chosen by the majority of members of Schoolfield as new ministry partners, and each has invited Schoolfield United Methodist Church to join in ministry with them; and

**Whereas**, the leadership of all the churches have reviewed together the ministries, staffing, finances and needs of the merging congregations and believe that new partnerships in ministry can more effectively fulfill the mission and ministry of each church and address the needs of the current membership as well as those of the community served by and surrounding all the churches involved; and

**Whereas**, the proposed merger has been approved by a called Charge Conference of each congregation;

**Therefore, Be It Resolved** that Schoolfield United Methodist Church merge with Ellendale, Bartlett and Millington First United Methodist Churches, in the Asbury District of the Memphis Annual Conference.

**Be It Further Resolved** that a final worship service shall be held at Schoolfield United Methodist Church on Sunday, June 6, 2010 with all merged services to be celebrated on Sunday, June 13, 2010.

**Be It Further Resolved** that the merger be completed following the guidelines listed below:

1. The Trustees of Schoolfield United Methodist Church, Incorporated, designate the following persons to transact all legal documents related to the merging of the congregation and sale of property:

Mr. Bernie Peter  
Mr. Harold White  
Mr. Jack Brower

2. The Trustees direct said representatives to execute the sale of all real property, including the sale of the church parsonage and church building by no later than August 16, 2010. At such time, if the sale of either property is not completed, remaining property will be auctioned no later than October 16, 2010, with a minimum sale price being designated by said representatives. If the minimum sale price is not met at auction, remaining property will be transferred to the Asbury District of the United Methodist Church. All property repairs or improvements will be the responsibility of the buyer or receiver of the property unless otherwise stated in a contract for sale.

3. Proceeds of the sale of all real property, including the church parsonage and the church building, will be divided equally between Ellendale, Bartlett, Millington First and the Asbury District of the United Methodist Church, after all expenses of the sale are finalized.

4. The Trustees shall inventory all furnishings, equipment and historical items of Schoolfield United Methodist Church not included in the sale of the property and specifically designate which receiving congregations will become the stewards of each designated item. Ellendale United Methodist Church will receive two church vans, with financial provisions being made for the operation and maintenance of the vans from funds garnered from the merger.

5. All costs associated with moving furnishings, equipment and historical items from Schoolfield United Methodist Church to receiving churches will be covered by funds garnered from the merger.

6. Half of all cash on hand, CDs, and/or monetary assets of the congregation shall be distributed in four equal portions to Ellendale, Bartlett and Millington First United Methodist Churches, and the Asbury District of the United Methodist Church, after all final financial obligations of the former Schoolfield United Methodist Church are met by June 15, 2010.

7. All proceeds from the final sale of church property shall be transferred to accounts designated by the Trustees of Schoolfield United Methodist Church, in consultation with the receiving churches and the Asbury District, in four equal portions to Ellendale, Bartlett and Millington First United Methodist Churches, and the Asbury District of the United Methodist Church, after all final financial obligations related to the sale of the former Schoolfield United Methodist Church are met by December 1, 2010. Asbury District funds shall be designated for new church development and church revitalization. If the successful sale of former church property is not completed by December 1, 2010, said property will revert to the sole ownership of the Asbury District of the United Methodist Church.

**Resolution to Dissolve Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church and Alexander's Chapel and form Spirit of Truth Church, a United Methodist Congregation**

**Whereas**, Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church in Tipton, County, Tennessee and Alexander's Chapel United Methodist Church in Mason, Tennessee have served faithfully for many years as historic African American churches;

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**Whereas**, the physical condition of the Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church building makes it increasingly difficult to maintain for weekly worship;

**Whereas**, the closing of Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church in rural Tipton County and Alexander's Chapel United Methodist Church in Mason, Tennessee to form a new faith community called *Spirit of Truth Church, a United Methodist Congregation*, would create one strong, vibrant African American congregation to reach new people for Christ and better serve the Mason, Tennessee community and beyond;

**Be It Therefore Resolved** that effective April 4, 2010, the two churches be dissolved in their current state by the Charge Conference of Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church and by the Charge Conference of Alexander's Chapel United Methodist Church meetings in a called session held by the District Superintendent on March 7, 2010, to form the new congregation, *Spirit of Truth Church, a United Methodist Congregation*, which will reside in the current Alexander's Chapel United Methodist Church building in Mason, Tennessee until new facilities can be established.

**Be It Further Resolved** that the following steps shall be taken to complete that transition to form one new congregation:

1. As of Sunday, March 28, 2010, weekly worship will cease at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church and the initial service of Spirit of Truth Church, a United Methodist Congregation, will begin on Sunday, April 4, 2010.

2. At the Charge Conferences to be held on March 7, 2010, the newly formed *Spirit of Truth Church, a United Methodist Congregation* will elect a new slate of Church Officers for the new congregation with nominations being considered from each former church's Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development.

At least three former Trustees of the former Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church will be designated as signers for all legal documents necessary for the transfer of all real, tangible and intangible property of the former Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church to the newly formed and incorporated Pleasant Grove Cemetery Association Board of Trustees, to be formed and incorporated no later than June 30, 2010.

3. If a new Pleasant Grove Cemetery Association Board of Trustees is not duly formed and incorporated by June 30, 2010, all real, tangible and intangible property of the former Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church will revert to the ownership of the newly formed *Spirit of Truth Church, a United Methodist Congregation*.

4. It is agreed that the former Pleasant Grove building will not be used for any worshipping community, but will be available for funerals, weddings, Homecomings, and community events as approved by the Board of Trustees of the newly constituted Pleasant Grove Cemetery Association. (List of Trustees attached to Charge Conference Minutes.)

5. As of March 30, 2010, all outstanding financial obligations of Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church will be met and all existing funds, except those specifically designated as the "Pleasant Grove Cemetery Fund" for the upkeep of the Pleasant Grove cemetery, be transferred to the General Operating Account of the new church, *Spirit of Truth, a United Methodist Congregation*.

#### **Resolution to Merge Hyde Park UMC with Pisgah UMC**

**Whereas**, Hyde Park United Methodist Church, in Tipton County, in the Asbury District of the Memphis Annual Conference can no longer sustain the ministry of the church and

**Whereas**, Pisgah United Methodist Church in the Asbury District of the Memphis Annual Conference has invited Hyde Park United Methodist Church to join in ministry with them and

**Whereas**, the leadership of both churches have reviewed together the ministries, staffing, finances and needs of both congregations and believe that a merged congregation can more effectively fulfill the mission and ministry of each church and address the needs of the current membership as

well as those of the community served by and surrounding both churches

**Therefore**, be it resolved by the Charge Conference of Hyde Park United Methodist Church and by the Charge Conference of Pisgah United Methodist Church meetings in a called session held by the District Superintendent on January 10, 2010, that Hyde Park United Methodist Church shall merge with Pisgah United Methodist Church. The name of the merged church shall continue to be Pisgah United Methodist Church.

**Be It Further Resolved** that a final service shall be held at Hyde Park United Methodist Church on Sunday, February 28, 2010, with all future services to be held at Pisgah United Methodist Church.

**Be It Further Resolved** that all real property, as more fully described in exhibit A, will be sold under the direction of the trustees of both churches. The proceeds shall be used as follow:

- All costs of sale, including any property repairs or improvements,
- Retirement of all Hyde Park debt,
- Payment of Hyde Park 2010 apportionment prorated , 8.33% for each month of operation during the year 2010,
- The remaining proceeds to be divided as follows:
  - o 25% to the Asbury District for revitalization and new church development
  - o 75% to Pisgah United Methodist Church for revitalization and expansion for the advancement of its ministry to the congregation and community as deemed necessary by the Church Council.
- All existing monies in the Hyde Park United Methodist Church account shall be transferred to Pisgah United Methodist Church for the operation of its current ministries and operation.

#### McKendree District Merger:

##### Resolution to Merge Union Avenue UMC with St. Luke's UMC

**Whereas**, a worshipping congregation, first known as Lenox Methodist Episcopal South and later as Union Avenue United Methodist Church, has served faithfully for one hundred eighteen years in the Mid-town neighborhood of Memphis, Tennessee;

**And, whereas**, it is no longer possible to continue to sustain Union Avenue UMC as a regular congregation;

**And, whereas**, Union Avenue UMC and St. Luke's UMC established a joint committee to explore merger, with regular meetings since December 2009, and, with recommendation of merger now coming from that committee under the provisions stipulated herein;

**Be It Therefore Resolved** that effective after the 2010 Memphis Annual Conference session, Union Avenue UMC shall merge with St. Luke's UMC.

**Be It Further Resolved** that all real property of Union Avenue UMC be sold under the direction of a joint trusteeship, with proceeds of such sale to be distributed in the following order of priority:

1. Any and all existing debts and operating expenses of Union Avenue UMC and the merger team through time of merger and interim time, if any, leading up to the sale. Such expenses to include real estate appraisal and marketing, costs of sale, moving costs, and other expenses deemed appropriate by the merger group and confirmed by St. Luke's United Methodist Church administration.
2. Payment of 100% of any unpaid 2010 apportionments for Union Avenue UMC.
3. The net of proceeds to be split as follows: 25% to the McKendree District for use in local church revitalization and new church development; 75% to go to St. Luke's UMC to glorify God and extend Christian ministry together with former Union Avenue UMC members in these

area:

- a. St. Luke's covenants to immediately become a 100% apportionment paying congregation.
- b. Clergy and some laity staffing support at St. Luke's for former Union Avenue staff persons
- c. Mission and educational grants both for church and beyond local church projects
- d. Revitalization support in areas such as program, repairs, debt retirement and endowment and reserve

**Be It Further Resolved** that Union Avenue United Methodist Church's action (taken at Charge Conference February 10, 2010) approving the Purchase and Sale Agreement between Union Avenue United Methodist Church and Reddlands, Inc. dated October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009, (the "Agreement") is ratified and approved by St. Luke's United Methodist Church and both Union Avenue United Methodist Church and St. Luke's charge conferences hereby appoint their respective representatives from each of their Boards of Trustees, and all other officers and officials as appropriate, to execute and deliver all documents necessary to consummate the sale of the Union Avenue United Methodist Church property pursuant to the Agreement.

**Be It Further Resolved** that appropriate worship services of celebration, transition and continuity be held, and that appreciation and recognition of past Union Avenue members, pastors and supporters be extended at the local, district and conference levels to the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev. Birgitte T. French Pastor, Union Avenue  
Dr. Rev. Mark Matheny Pastor, St. Luke's UMC  
Rev. J. Barry Henson, McKendree District Superintendent

March 21, 2010

#### Discontinuances

##### Asbury

#### Resolution for Discontinuance of Pleasant Ridge United Methodist Church

**Whereas**, Pleasant Ridge United Methodist Church has faithfully served as a United Methodist Church in northern Shelby County, TN for over 184 years;

**Whereas**, the worshipping community of Pleasant Ridge has fallen below a consistent number of ten persons;

**Whereas**, Pleasant Ridge has reached a point where it is no longer sustainable as a viable congregation to serve the purposes for which it was organized as listed in paragraphs 201-204 of the United Methodist Book of Discipline;

**Whereas**, a called Charge Conference was held at Pleasant Ridge on December 13, 2009, to consider and adopt the following proposal,

**Be It Therefore Resolved** that effective December 26, 2009, worship services will cease and effective January 10, 2010, all financial contracts and obligations of the former congregation will be resolved, that the Memphis Annual Conference declare the church discontinued at its meeting in June, 2010 at Collierville United Methodist Church.

**Be It Further Resolved** that the members be released to connect with other churches of their choosing, and that assets of the church, both in cash and real, tangible and intangible property, be directed in the following manner:

- 1.) Proceeds of Accounts 348525 and 348323 from the United Methodist Development Fund, totaling \$40,448.15 be directed to the general account of the church prior to discontinuance and then forwarded to a newly established fund for the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery Association, as well as all remaining local church general funds as of December 31, 2009, to be used for all expenses related to the transfer of property to the newly formed



Pleasant Ridge Cemetery Association prior to June 1, 2010.

2.) Proceeds of Account 348324 from the United Methodist Development Fund, totaling \$20,000 be directed to the Asbury District of the Memphis Conference of the United Methodist Church, designated for new church development and revitalization.

3.) Proceeds of Account 348066 from the United Methodist Development Fund, totaling \$4687.30 be directed to Hopewell United Methodist Church as a memorial for Mrs. Linda Taylor.

4.) Title to all real, personal, tangible and intangible property of Pleasant Ridge United Methodist Church, be transferred to a newly organized and incorporated Pleasant Ridge Cemetery Association, no later than June 1, 2010, to be used solely for the use of homecomings, funerals, community and civic gatherings. If an incorporated Pleasant Ridge Cemetery Association is *not formed by June 1, 2010*, all real, personal, tangible and intangible property will revert back to the ownership of the Asbury District of the Memphis Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

#### Brownsville

##### Resolution for Discontinuance of Lessenberry United Methodist Church

**Whereas**, the active membership of Lessenberry United Methodist Church in Gibson County, Tennessee in the Brownsville District of the Memphis Conference has declined to a membership declined to a membership of three and is at the point that the congregation can no longer sustain an active ministry of worship and service,

**Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Memphis Annual Conference in June 2010 session in Collierville, Tennessee, give thanks for the ministry of Lessenberry United Methodist Church and declare the church discontinued effective June 20, 2010;

**Be It Further Resolved** that since the deed already states that the property is deeded directly to the Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference, including the adjoining cemetery, that the Annual Conference Trustees be designated to sell the property with the proceeds from the sale to be deposited with the Brownsville District Partners in Progress Fund held by the Nashville Area Foundation.

**Be It Further Resolved** that any outstanding balance for the 2010 Memphis Annual Conference Apportionments from the Lessenberry United Methodist Church for 2010 be paid out of monies received from the sale of the property.

**Be It Further Resolved** that any remaining funds of the Lessenberry Church held in trust and for the use and upkeep and maintenance of the building, grounds and cemetery.

**And Be It Further Resolved** that the remaining membership of Lessenberry United Methodist Church be transferred to the Salem United Methodist Church of Milan, Tennessee.

Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet, Brownsville District Superintendent, Steve Cavitt

##### Resolution for Discontinuance of Poplar Grove United Methodist Church

**Whereas**, the active membership of Poplar Grove United Methodist Church in Gibson County, Tennessee in the Brownsville District of the Memphis Conference has declined to an average attendance of four on Sunday mornings and with finances correspondingly declining such that regular maintenance needs and budget requirements have become critical and,

**Whereas** the active congregation at Poplar Grove finds itself at the point that they can no longer sustain an active ministry of worship and service;

**Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Memphis Annual Conference in June 2010 session, meeting at the Collierville United Methodist Church, Collierville, Tennessee, declare the Poplar Grove United Methodist Church be discontinued effective June 20, 2010.

**Be It Further Resolved** that the Memphis Conference Trustees, on behalf of the Memphis Confer-

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ence, be authorized to sell the Poplar Grove property for an amount approved by said Trustees.

**Be It Further Resolved** that any residual local church funds be held in trust for the maintenance and upkeep of the church building and property until the property is sold and should any such funds remain in existence after the sale of the property, they will be deposited with the Brownsville District Partners in Progress Fund held by the Nashville Area Foundation.

**Be It Further Resolved** that any outstanding balance for the 2010 Memphis Annual Conference Apportionments for the Poplar Grove United Methodist Church for 2010 be paid out of monies received from the sale of the property.

**Be It Further Resolved** that the remaining funding coming from the sale of the property be deposited with the Brownsville District Partners in Progress Fund held by the Nashville Area Foundation.

**And Be It Further Resolved** that the remaining memberships of Poplar Grove United Methodist Church be transferred to the Griers Chapel United Methodist Church of Dyer, Tennessee.

Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet, Brownsville District Superintendent, Steve Cavitt

#### Dyersburg

##### Resolution to Discontinue Elbridge United Methodist Church

**Whereas**, the active membership of Elbridge United Methodist Church, located in Elbridge, TN, in Obion County, Tennessee, in the Dyersburg District, Memphis Conference, has declined to the point that the congregation can no longer carry out mission and ministry of the church, and

**Whereas**, the congregation, in consultation with the District Superintendent, at a called church conference on April 18, 2010, will vote to decide if it will discontinue,

**Therefore**, be it resolved that at the Memphis Annual Conference, which will be in session June 6-8, 2010, at Collierville UMC, Collierville, TN recognize the faithful ministry of Elbridge United Methodist Church and declare the church discontinued.

Be it further resolved that the Church would recommend to the Memphis Annual Conference that the real property of Elbridge United Methodist Church be conveyed to the Elbridge Cemetery Association for the nominal consideration of one dollar.

Steve Cavitt, for the Dyersburg District Superintendent (Stan Waldon)

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**Report #5**

**Conference Board of Trustees Report**

The Board of Trustees currently maintains seven properties on behalf of the conference. During the 2009 calendar year, many issues were restricted to emergency items due to economic concerns, which enabled the expenditures to be kept substantially under budget but also resulted in several issues becoming more urgent. The budget request for 2011 is slightly less than for 2010, reflecting the payoff of the Paris District parsonage mortgage.

The two district parsonages maintained by the Trustees are the Brownsville and Dyersburg parsonages. The former Paris District parsonage is being leased until it can be sold at a market price that more closely reflects its known value.

The four campus ministry facilities maintained by the Trustees are the University of Tennessee Martin Interfaith Center facility and its Director's parsonage, the University of Memphis Wesley Foundation, and the Murray State University Wesley Foundation.

Respectfully submitted, William Lawson, Chairperson

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MERGED:

Paducah District:  
Northside and Broadway

McKendree District:  
Whitehaven and Memphis First

DISCONTINUED:

Paducah District:  
Water Valley of Bethlehem-Water Valley-Wesley

Asbury District:  
Journey, new church start, never chartered

Brownsville District  
Trinity Initiative, new church start, never chartered

RENAMED:

McKendree District:  
Hickory Hill, new church start, named Living Oasis

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**McKendree District**

**Resolution to Merge Whitehaven UMC with First UMC – McKendree District**

Whereas, Whitehaven United Methodist Church has faithfully served for one hundred-three years at the crossroads between inner Memphis and Desoto County, Mississippi in southern Shelby County, Tennessee;

And, whereas, the financial conditions of sustaining the property, ministry and mission of Whitehaven as a regular congregation of the Memphis-McKendree District of the Memphis Conference of the United Methodist Church make it impractical to continue;

And, whereas, Memphis First United Methodist Church in the McKendree District of the Memphis Conference has invited Whitehaven United Methodist Church to join in ministry with them,

And, whereas, Whitehaven UMC and Memphis First UMC established a joint committee seeking to explore a possible resurrection through merger, with regular meetings since November, 2008, and, with recommendation of merger now coming from that committee under the provisions stipulated herein,

And, whereas, the McKendree District Board of Church Locations and Buildings met on May, 6, 2009 to consider the plan of merger and approved the merger with the following conditions.

And, whereas, the Charge Conference of Whitehaven United Methodist Church, meeting in a called session held by the District Superintendent on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, voted that Whitehaven United Methodist Church shall merge with First United Methodist Church.

And, whereas, the Charge Conference of Memphis First United Methodist Church, meeting in a called session held by the District Superintendent on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, voted to affirm such merger,

Be it therefore resolved that effective after the 2009 Memphis Annual Conference, session, Whitehaven UMC shall merge with Memphis First UMC effective as of January 1, 2010, and, from the date hereof until January 1, 2010, Whitehaven UMC and Memphis First UMC will each be responsible for paying all of their respective operating expenses it being the intention of both churches that neither shall be liable for the debts, expenses, salaries or any other liabilities of the other until January 1, 2010, nor shall Memphis First UMC be responsible for the maintenance, repair, taxes, insurance or any other expense with respect to the Whitehaven UMC property until January 1, 2010.

Be it further resolved that a joint merger committee be formed, composed of 8 persons, 4 of whom shall be from Whitehaven UMC and 4 of whom shall be from Memphis First UMC, elected at the Charge Conference, May 13, 2009

Be it further resolved that all real property and such furniture, fixtures and equipment of Whitehaven UMC will be sold under the direction of the joint merger committee named above.

The proceeds of such sale shall be distributed in the following manner:

Payment of the expenses of the sale of the Whitehaven UMC property and the joint merger committee up to the date of closing on the property. Such expenses shall include all closing expenses, commissions and fees and all repairs required to be made by the contract of sale, and all moving cost (including organ).

Payment of 100% of any unpaid 2009 apportionments for Whitehaven UMC.

The remaining net proceeds to be divided as follows:

- 25% to be held in trust in a separate investment account by the McKendree District and designated for new church development. (With emphasis placed on the Whitehaven Community.)
- 75% to go to the merged congregation and be used as determined by the Church Council of Memphis First UMC.

Be it further resolved that appropriate worship services of celebration and transition shall be held at the time of merger.

Be it additionally resolved that Memphis First UMC recognizes the history, past membership, pastors and faithful service and ministry of Whitehaven UMC to the McKendree District over the past century.

## Paducah District

Resolution to Merge Broadway & Northside United Methodist Churches – Paducah District

WHEREAS the membership of the Northside United Methodist Church of Paducah, Kentucky has prayerfully considered how best to use its gifts, talents, and resources to further the mission of Jesus Christ and His church, and

WHEREAS the congregation has concluded that merger with another congregation within the city of Paducah would provide for the best stewardship of its people and resources, and

WHEREAS the relationship between Northside and Broadway United Methodist Church has been one of mutual respect and support since Northside was born out of a Sunday School Class at Broadway UMC in 1925, and

WHEREAS the majority of active members of Northside have voted to merge with the Broadway United Methodist Church and to begin worshipping with Broadway on Sunday, April 26, 2009,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Church Conference of Broadway United Methodist Church, in called meeting on Sunday, April 19, 2009, ask that the Memphis Annual Conference session held May 31-June 2, 2009, celebrate the faithful ministry of Northside United Methodist Church and its bold, joyful, and acted-upon commitment to diversity, give thanks to God for its discipleship, and declare the church merged with the Broadway United Methodist Church, which shall receive the transfer of the entire membership roll unless or until it is notified otherwise by individual members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Broadway United Methodist Church acknowledge with gratitude the wonderful opportunities for fellowship and ministry resulting from this merger and commit to full partnership with the membership of Northside United Methodist Church in united ministry and to faithful stewardship of the resources and heritage of the Northside congregation for the furthering of the joint ministry of the merged congregation.

## Resolution to Close Water Valley United Methodist Church – Paducah District

Whereas Water Valley United Methodist Church located in Water Valley, Kentucky, Graves County of the Bethlehem-Water Valley-Wesley circuit charge, Paducah District of the Memphis

Conference has continued to decrease in attendance over the past years to the point that the congregation can no longer carry out the mission and ministry of the church, and

Whereas the congregation with the District Superintendent on April 14, 2009 concedes that the church is no longer able to continue as a church,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Memphis Annual Conference in session May 31-June 2, 2009 recognize the faithful service and ministry of the Water Valley United Methodist Church congregation and declare the church discontinued with the remaining members urged to unite with other United Methodist churches in the surrounding area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the future use of all property, land, and Water Valley United Methodist Church building is yet to be determined by the members of the congregation and that any proceeds from selling the building, land and furnishing be placed in the Paducah District Church Extension Fund.

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### Paris District

Resolution to Sell the Former Calvary United Methodist Church - Paris District

Whereas, the former Calvary United Methodist Church located at 215 Wynn Street in Paris, Tennessee was discontinued many years ago;

And, whereas, the Paris District of the United Methodist Church has used the property as a district office with the district paying the cost of maintenance and upkeep;

And, whereas, the property is no longer suitable for an office and cost prohibitive to maintain;

Be it therefore resolved that effective after the 2009 Memphis Annual Conference session, the Paris District is empowered to sell the property.

Be it further resolved that 50% of the proceeds of building and land be placed in the Paris District Administration Fund with the remaining one-half allocated to the District Church Extension Fund.

### Conference Board of Trustees Report

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The Board of Trustees has strived to maintain the seven properties held by the Memphis Conference. Three of the seven are buildings which house campus ministries and the remaining are parsonages. These properties are in good condition but are aging. We will soon have to think about renovations.

The trustees with the approval of the Bishop and Cabinet have put the Paris property on the market. This decision was reached mainly because of high cost of maintenance. As with all boards and committees of our Conference, we, the Memphis Conference Trustees, diligently strive to be good stewards.

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NEW CHURCH START:

Asbury District:

Journey

Binghamton (?) (See note with Resolution 3 which follows)

McKendree District:

Hickory Hill

Brownsville District:

Trinity (Note: listed as Trinity Initiative in the appointment list; not to be confused with Trinity in the Nutbush community, part of the St. Paul-Trinity charge)

MERGED:

McKendree District:

Underwood with Colonial Park

Galloway with St. Luke's (Note: not to be confused with Galloway, merged with Arlington, 2005)

DISCONTINUED:

Asbury District:

Everett Memorial

Note: The Minutes list Galloway and Underwood both under "merged" and "discontinued or abandoned." As the Resolutions which follow show, they were merged into other congregations.



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**Resolution#2**

**Resolution to Discontinue Everett Memorial United Methodist Church**

Whereas, the active membership of Everett Memorial United Methodist Church, located at 258 N. Merton Street in Memphis, Tennessee, of the Asbury District, Memphis Annual Conference, has declined to the point that the congregation can no longer continue, and

Whereas, the congregation in consultation with the District Superintendent at a church conference voted to discontinue as of October 1, 2007.

Therefore, Be It Resolved That, the Memphis Annual Conference in session June 1 - 4, 2008, recognize the faithful ministry of the Everett Memorial United Methodist Church and declare the church discontinued.

Therefore, Be It Resolved That said Memphis Annual Conference direct that the real property of Everett Memorial United Methodist Church be deeded to CONECT< Inc. to be used as their headquarters, along with the Memphis School of Servant Leadership, and the new Binghampton United Methodist Church - A Shalom Community.

**Resolution#3**

**Resolution to Start Binghampton Memorial United Methodist Church - A Shalom Community**

Whereas, there is a core group of vitally alive Christians seeking to be faithful disciples in the Binghampton community of Memphis, Tennessee, in the Asbury District of the Memphis Annual Conference, and

Whereas, this core group is vitally interested in ministry with those who live in the Binghampton community and beyond, and

Whereas, another aspect of the vision of this core group is that they will work toward God's shalom in all that they do, Shalom meaning more than simply peace - or the absence of violence; but shalom which encompasses wholeness, reconciliation, health, prosperity, and positive relationships with all people,

Therefore, Be It Resolved That, said Memphis Annual Conference in session June 1-4, 2008, direct that there be the establishment of the Binghampton United Methodist Church - A Shalom Community, which will meet on Saturday Evenings at 4:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Urban Ministries building, 258 N. Merton Street, Memphis, Tennessee, 38112.

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Note: The Resolution to discontinue Everett Memorial is followed by one to start Binghampton Memorial - "A Shalom Community." The Minutes do not reflect Binghampton Memorial as a new church start.

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**Resolution#4**

**Resolution to Close Mount Vernon United Methodist Church**

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

Whereas, the number of children, youth, and young adult members have also declines; and

Whereas, the basic maintenance costs for the facility and for administrative needs leaves few if any resources for program ministries and for missional commitments; and

Whereas, additional building maintenance being required over the next several years is cost prohibited, the present membership recognizes and acknowledges that the difficulty

Of sustaining a viable ministry falls short of the goals and purpose for mission and ministry for which the church was organized.

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the 2008 session of the Memphis Annual Conference affirm the faithful service of Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church and approved the discontinuance of this church on March 2, 2008.

Be It Further Resolved that all real and personal property of the Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church is to be sold to the Mt. Vernon Cemetery Association to be used a chapel for weddings, funerals, homecomings, and community and civic gatherings.

And Be It Further Resolved that the proceeds from the sale of said property be used to establish and start new churches in the Memphis Annual Conference and the Asbury District; and that the membership of Mt. Vernon be released to connect with other churches in their area or they will be transferred to the closest United Methodist Church.

**Resolution#5**

**Resolution to merge Underwood UMC with Colonial Park UMC**

Whereas, Underwood United Methodist Church in Shelby County in the Memphis McKendree District of the Memphis Annual Conference can no longer fulfill the ministry of the church, and

Whereas, Colonial Park United Methodist Church in the McKendree District of the Memphis Annual Conference has invited Underwood UMC to join in ministry with them, and

Whereas, the leadership of both churches have together reviewed the ministries, staffing, finances and needs of both congregations and believe that a merged congregation can more effectively fulfill the mission and ministry of the church and address the needs of the current membership as well as those of the community served by and surrounding both churches.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Charge Conference of Underwood United Methodist Church, meeting in a called session held by the District Superintendent on February 10, 2008, that Underwood United Methodist Church shall merge with Colonial Park United Methodist Church. The name of the merged church shall continue to be Colonial Park United Methodist Church.

Be it further resolved that a joint celebration service shall begin at Underwood UMC on Sunday, March 2, 2008 and conclude at Colonial Park UMC with all future services to be held at Colonial Park Umc.

Be it further resolved that all real property, as more fully described in attached Exhibit A, will be sold under the joint direction of the trustees of both churches. The proceeds shall be used first to:

- Cover all interim operating expenses of Underwood UMC properties after services cease.
- All costs associated with moving personal property and equipment from Underwood UMC to the Colonial Park UMC property at 5530 Park Avenue.
- All costs of sale, including any property repairs or improvements,
- Retirement of all Underwood UMC debt, and
- Payment of 100% of any unpaid 2008 apportionments for Underwood UMC.

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**Resolution #6**

**Resolution to Merge Galloway UMC with St. Luke's UMC**

Whereas, Galloway United Methodist Church has served faithfully for ninety-nine years in the historic Cooper-Young neighborhood of Memphis, Tennessee;

And, whereas, the financial conditions of sustaining Galloway as a regular congregation of the Memphis-McKendree District of the Memphis Conference of The United Methodist church make it no longer possible to continue;

And, whereas, Galloway UMC and St. Luke's UMC established a joint committee to explore merger, with regular meetings since February, 2008, and, with recommendation of merger now coming from that committee under provisions stipulated herein;

Be It Therefore Resolved that effective after the 2008 Memphis Annual conference session, Galloway UMC shall merge with St. Luke's UMC.

Be it further resolved that all real property of Galloway UMC be sold under the direction of a joint trusteeship, with proceeds of such sale to be distributed in the following order of priority:

1. Any and all existing debts and operating expenses of Galloway UMC and the merger team through time of merger and interim time, if any, leading up to the sale. Such expenses to include real estate appraisal and marketing, repairs and other costs of sale, moving costs, and other expenses deemed appropriate by the merger group and confirmed by St. Luke's UMC administration.

2. Payment of 100% of any unpaid 2008 apportionments for Galloway UMC;

3. The remaining net of proceeds to be split as follows:

25% to the Memphis-McKendree District for use in local church revitalization and new church development;

75% to go to St. Luke's UMC for revitalization, with a grant from that amount to be made-upon recommendation by the merger group, adoption by the St. Luke's Church Council and approval by the McKendree District-for forming a missional ministry in the vicinity of Cooper-Young. Such ministry must have a working board of directors and will be charged with continuing ministries as possible in partnership with other local churches and agencies.

Be it further resolved that appropriate worship services of celebration, transition and continuity be held, and that appreciation and recognition of past Galloway members, pastors and supporters be extended at the local, district, and conference levels.

**Resolution #7**

**Resolution Changing the Names of the Memphis-Asbury & Memphis-McKendree Districts**

The Bishop and cabinet requests that the Memphis Asbury and the Memphis McKendree Districts have their names changed to reflect the vast diversity of both Districts. The Memphis Asbury District would now be known as the Asbury District and Memphis McKendree District would now be known as the McKendree District.

Note: Resolution # 7 (above) officially changes the names of the "Memphis Asbury" and "Memphis McKendree" districts to simply "Asbury" and "McKendree."

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### Conference Board of Trustees Report

We thank you for the privilege of managing and maintaining the Memphis Conference properties.

Following the directive of the 2003 Annual Conference the PMT parsonage was sold this year and the money invested with the Nashville Area United Methodist Foundation. Also, the balance of repayment of the Murray State Renovation at the end of this year will be \$160,211.67.

We will strive to be good stewards for this Memphis Conference.

Patricia Hinshaw, Chairperson

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MERGED:

McKendree District:

Emmanuel with Oakhaven

DISCONTINUED:

McKendree District:

Bethlehem of the Lafferty Circuit

Paducah District:

St. Luke Aldersgate (note: although discontinued as an organized church the congregation is to remain as a mission work under that name under supervision of the District)

Paris District:

Shiloh of the Atwood-Shiloh charge

Dyersburg District:

Travis Chapel of the Sharon-Travis Chapel charge

Brownsville District:

Hudson Grove (once linked with Midgett's Chapel, but inactive for several years)

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**RESOLUTION #2**

**discontinue Bethlehem United Methodist Church**

WHEREAS Bethlehem United Methodist Church of the Lafferty circuit charge in Fayette County in Memphis-McKendree District of the Memphis Conference has continued to decrease in attendance 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 on November 4, 2006, concedes that the church is no longer able to continue as a church,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Memphis Annual Conference in session June 3-6, 2007, recognize the faithful service and ministry of the Bethlehem United Methodist Church congregation and declare the church discontinued with the remaining members urged to unite with other United Methodist church in the surrounding area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all property, land, and Bethlehem United Methodist Church building be deeded to the Hebron Cemetery association to be used to ensure the perpetual care of the cemetery and the upkeep of the former Bethlehem United Methodist Church building.

Submitted for the Cabinet by the Memphis McKendree District Superintendent

**RESOLUTION #3**

**To discontinue Shiloh United Methodist Church**

WHEREAS the active membership of Shiloh United Methodist Church, located near Atwood, in Carroll County, Tennessee, in the Paris District, 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, at a called church Conference on April 22, 2007, voted to discontinue the Church.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Memphis Annual Conference session June 3-6, 2007, recognize the faithful ministry of Shiloh United Methodist Church and declare the church discontinued.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Memphis Annual Conference direct that the real property of Shiloh United Methodist Church be deeded to the Shiloh Cemetery association for one dollar.

Submitted for the Cabinet by the Paris District Superintendent

**RESOLUTION #4**

**To discontinue St. Luke Aldersgate United Methodist Church**

WHEREAS, the active membership of the St. Luke Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Paducah, Kentucky, of the Paducah District, 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, at a called Church Conference on May 20, 2007, voted to discontinue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, said Memphis Annual Conference direct the real property of the St. Luke Aldersgate United Methodist Church be used to form the St. Luke Aldersgate Mission, under the direction and control of the Paducah District of The United Methodist Church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the remaining funds from the St. Luke Aldersgate United Methodist Church and the sale of the church parsonage be used to maintain the St. Luke Aldersgate Mission in the community. Funds are to be deposited in an account under the control of the Paducah District United Methodist Church to cover the cost of maintenance, insurance and utilities of the facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the United Methodist Churches in the City of Paducah form an Inner City Parish to use the property at St. Luke Aldersgate for an ongoing feeding program and various twelve-step program for the community. Each church will provide a lay person to help give general oversight to the continued property issues.

Submitted for the Cabinet by the Paducah District Superintendent

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**RESOLUTION #5**

**The Discontinue Travis Chapel United Methodist Church**

WHEREAS, the active membership of Travis Chapel United Methodist church, located between Dresden and Sharon, in Weakley County, Tennessee, in the Dyersburg District, 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 voted to discontinue at a called Church Conference on May 30, 2007.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Memphis Annual Conference, in session June 3-6, 2007, recognize the faithful ministry of the Travis Chapel United Methodist Church and declare the church discontinued.

Be it further resolved that said Memphis Annual Conference direct that the real property of Travis Chapel United Methodist Church be deeded to the Travis Chapel Cemetery Association for one year.

Submitted for the Cabinet by the Dyersburg District Superintendent

**RESOLUTION #6**

**Motion to Declare Hudson Grove UMC as abandoned property**

WHEREAS there has not been a worshipping congregation at Hudson Grove UMC in many years, and

WHEREAS the members of Hudson Grove UMC have united with the Midgett's Chapel UMC, I therefore move that Hudson Grove be declared by the Memphis Annual Conference as abandoned property as provided for in Par. 2543.3 of the *2004 Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*, and that the Conference Trustees deed said property and adjoining cemetery to the Trustees of Midgett's Chapel UMC for oversight and care of the cemetery.

Submitted for the Cabinet by the Brownsville District Superintendent

**RESOLUTION #7**

**Resolution to Merge Oakhaven UMC into Emmanuel UMC**

WHEREAS Oakhaven United Methodist Church in Shelby County in the Memphis McKendree district of the Memphis Annual Conference has declined to the point that the congregation can no longer fulfill the ministry and mission of the church, has requested to merge with the Emmanuel United Methodist Church in the Memphis Conference, and

WHEREAS the congregation in consultation with the District Superintendent on November 12, 2006, concedes that the church is no longer able to carry on and will more effectively fulfill the mission and ministry of the church by merging with Emmanuel United Methodist Church.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Memphis Annual Conference in session June 3-6, 2007 recognize the faithful service and ministry of Oakhaven United Methodist Church congregation and declare the church merge with Emmanuel United Methodist Church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all property, land, and/or proceeds from sale of property and land of Oakhaven United Methodist Church will become the responsibility of the successor church Emmanuel United Methodist Church, as well as all archives and records.

Submitted for the Cabinet by the Memphis McKendree District Superintendent

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**REPORT #16**

**CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Memphis Conference owns eight properties. Your Board of Trustees accepts the responsibilities of maintenance and management of these properties.

This past year this Board has followed the directive of the 2003 Annual Conference with the sale of Jackson District and Paducah District Parsonages.

At the closing of last year's conference, the Board of Trustees proceeded with the renovation of Murray State Wesley Foundation. With the cooperation of Emily Burch, Trustee Bill Lawson worked diligently overseeing the mold removal, repairs and renovation at the Foundation. The Board of Trustees and I would like to officially thank Rev. Lawson for his dedication to this project. We would also like to thank the John Clark Construction Company for their professional performance in bringing this project under budget and on time. The renovation approved by the 2006 Annual Conference was \$300,000.00. The total project cost was \$225,579.50. Because of a higher payout rate on the 2006 apportionments and some expense reductions experienced by the Board of Trustees, we are pleased to report that the self-funded debt remaining from the Murray State Wesley Foundation is \$189,677.45. This will be budgeted for repayment over a ten-year period which began with the 2007 budget.



JOURNAL 2006:

MERGED:

Asbury District:

Galloway with Arlington (action taken 2005 but not reported until 2006)  
(Note: Not to be confused with Galloway in McKendree District)

DISCONTINUED:

Brownsville District:

Bethel of the Brownsville Circuit  
Rehobeth (*sic*, not Rehoboth), resolution to dispose of property of a Hardeman County  
church discontinued in 1977)

Dyersburg District:

Harmony of Cayce-Fulton County Parish  
Palestine of Cayce-Fulton-County Parish  
Wesley (Sharon) of the McCabe Charge

Jackson District:

Oakfield of Oakfield-Mt. Carmel

Paris District:

Chapel Hill of Paris Circuit  
Wesley Chapel of Cottage Grove Circuit

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### **Resolution #1**

#### **Merger of Arlington United Methodist Church and Gallaway United Methodist Church (Shelby County, Asbury District)**

(This matter was handled by the 2005 Annual Conference [ See 2005 Journal, page 125 Question 16 McKendree District]. Resolution for handling property was not presented. It is carried here for historical purposes.)

WHEREAS the members of the Gallaway United Methodist Church find it difficult to continue to be effective in the fulfilling of their ministry as per paragraphs 201-204 of the *Discipline of The United Methodist Church*, and

WHEREAS we have a desire to continue to be a part of an effective ministry to the areas of northeast Shelby County for as long as possible, but realize the limitation that are ours at this juncture in the life of the church, and have benefited from our longstanding relationship with the members of Arlington United Methodist Church, who serve the same geographical areas we have sought to serve, and

WHEREAS we have shared the same pastoral leadership for several years as a two point charge, and

WHEREAS the Arlington United Methodist Church has helped us in the paying of our apportionments complete for this Conference year,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the members of Gallaway United Methodist Church desire to merge with the Arlington Church, at which time the merged church will be known as Arlington United Methodist Church. We also seek to convey all membership records, historical records, property and rights of the Gallaway congregation to the newly created congregation so that together we may seek to more effectively fulfill the ministry of God's call to us.

Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet, Asbury District Superintendent

### **Resolution # 2**

#### **RESOLUTION TO DISCONTINUE BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PROPERTY**

SINCE the membership of Bethel United Methodist church voted to withdraw from The United Methodist Church, effective December 20, 2005, and create an independent church,  
And, since the membership of the former Bethel Church wishes to purchase the church building and one acre of land,

AND since the Memphis Conference TrusteeS, with the approval of the Bishop and Cabinet, declared the property to be abandoned and to be sold to the membership of the former Bethel Church.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Memphis Annual Conference, meeting June 4-7, 2006, in Paducah, Kentucky, affirm these actions and designate the proceeds from the sale, less legal fees to be used by the Brownsville District Church Extension.

Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet, Brownsville District Superintendent

### **Resolution # 3**

#### **RESOLUTION TO DISCONTINUE REHOBETH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the Rehobeth United Methodist Church of Hardeman County, Tennessee. was discontinued in 1977 and the property was committed to the care and maintenance of trustees to be elected by an accountable to the Charge Conference of Bolivar First United Methodist Church,

AND WHEREAS, the trustees and church council of Bolivar First United Methodist Church have asked that the Conference remove the responsibility of the property from Bolivar First United Methodist church and sell the property to the Rehobeth Cemetery Association,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Memphis Conference Trustees sell the property of the former Rehobeth Church to the Rehobeth Cemetery Association. Be it further resolved that the Cemetery Association shall be responsible for all fees and charges related to the sale of the property.

Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet, Brownsville District Superintendent

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#### **Resolution # 4**

##### **RESOLUTION TO DISCONTINUE HARMONY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

WHEREAS, the active membership of Harmony United Methodist Church located near Cayce, Kentucky, in the Dyersburg District, Memphis Conference, has declined to the point that the congregation can no longer carry out mission and ministry of the church, and  
WHEREAS, the congregation, in consultation with the District Superintendent, at a called Church Conference on April 23, 2006, voted to discontinue.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Memphis Annual Conference in session June 4-7, 2006, recognize the faithful ministry of the Harmony United Methodist Church and declare the church discontinued.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, said Memphis Annual Conference direct that the real property of Harmony United Methodist Church be deeded to the Harmony Preservation and Grounds Board, Incorporated, as is desired by the Harmony congregation.

Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet, Dyersburg District Superintendent

#### **Resolution # 5**

##### **RESOLUTION TO DISCONTINUE WESLEY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

WHEREAS, the active membership of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church in Sharon, Tennessee, of the Dyersburg District, Memphis Conference, has declined to the point that the congregation can no longer carry out mission and ministry of the church, and

WHEREAS, the congregation in consultation with the District Superintendent at a called Church Conference on February 5, 2006, voted to discontinue.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Memphis Annual Conference in session June 4-7, 2006, recognize the faithful ministry of the Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church and declare the church discontinued.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, said Memphis Annual Conference direct that the real property of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church be disposed by sale to Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church nearby, the price and details to be negotiated by the Dyersburg District Superintendent, and the proceeds shall be used by the Dyersburg District for Church Extension, and the trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference be instructed to execute proper instruments conveying title of the property upon sale of the same.

Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet, Dyersburg District Superintendent

#### **Resolution # 6**

##### **RESOLUTION TO DISCONTINUE PALESTINE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

WHEREAS, the membership of Palestine United Methodist Church as decreased to a number insufficient to continue as a viable congregation, and

WHEREAS the physical facilities of the Palestine United Methodist Church are in need of repair and upgrades that are beyond the fiscal ability of the congregation, and

WHEREAS the called Church Conference voted unanimously to discontinue as a United Methodist Congregation effective October 23, 2005, and

WHEREAS it is the desire of this congregation that the real property and improvement be given to the Trustees of the Palestine Cemetery Association, and

WHEREAS it is the desire of this congregation to use its remaining monetary assets to continue to pay the pastor's salary until the 2006 Annual Conference or until those monetary assets are expended, whichever occurs first,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Palestine United Methodist Church, Dyersburg District be discontinued effective October 23, 2005, that the real property and improvements be deeded by the Memphis Annual Conference Trustees to the Trustees of the Palestine Cemetery Association, and that the remaining monetary assets of the congregation be used to pay the pastor's salary until Annual Conference 2006 or until expended, whichever occurs first.

Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet, Dyersburg District Superintendent

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**Resolution # 7**

**RESOLUTION TO DISCONTINUANCE  
Of the OAKFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

WHEREAS, the membership of the Oakfield United Methodist Church has decreased to the point that effective ministry is not possible,  
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Oakfield United Methodist church be discontinued effective June 26, 2006. All church property shall be deeded by quitclaim from The Memphis Annual Conference Trustees to the Oakfield Cemetery Association for one dollar.  
Submitted for the Cabinet by the Jackson District Superintendent

**Resolution # 8**

**RESOLUTION TO DISCONTINUE  
CHAPEL HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

WHEREAS, the active membership of Chapel Hill United Methodist Church in Henry County in the Paris District, Memphis Conference, has declined to the point that the congregation can no longer carry out mission and ministry of the church, and  
WHEREAS, the congregation in consultation with the District Superintendent at a called Church Conference on March 12, 2006, concedes that the church is no longer able to carry on,  
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Memphis Annual Conference in session June 4-7, 2006, recognize the faithful ministry of the Chapel Hill United Methodist Church and declare the church discontinued, with the remaining members urged to unite with other United Methodist churches.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all property, land, and the Chapel Hill United Methodist Church building be deeded to the Chapel Hill Cemetery association to be used to ensure the perpetual care of the cemetery and for the upkeep and use of the former Chapel Hill United Methodist Church building.  
Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet, Paris District Superintendent

**Resolution # 9**

**RESOLUTION TO DISCONTINUE  
WESLEY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

WHEREAS, the active membership of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church in Weakley County in the Paris District, Memphis Conference, has declined to the point that the congregation can no longer carry out mission and ministry of the church, and  
WHEREAS the congregation, in consultation with the District Superintendent on April 30, 2006, concedes that the church is no longer able to carry on,  
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Memphis Annual Conference in session June 4-7, 2006, recognize the faithful ministry of the Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church and declare the church discontinued, with the remaining members urged to unite with other United Methodist churches.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all property, land, and the Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church building be deeded to the Wesley Chapel Cemetery Association to be used to ensure the perpetual care of the cemetery and for the upkeep and use of the former Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church building.  
Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet, Paris District Superintendent

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**REPORT #2**  
**CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Your Conference Trustees have been busy this year with their responsibilities of management and maintenance of properties. The Memphis Conference owns ten properties.

As directed by the 2003 Annual Conference, the Trustees have sold property at 3077 Eagle Drive in Memphis. After this 2006 Annual Conference, two more properties will be sold.

After touring all properties this last year, the Trustees were made aware of an immediate need at property located at 1711 Miller Street in Murray, KY. The property was dated and in need of numerous and extremely costly renovations. After much study and lots of discussion, it was our recommendation to sell this property immediately. As per paragraph #2515 of the *Discipline*, we took our request to sell this property to the Bishop and Cabinet. The property was sold.

We, as your Trustees, have renewed our endorsement of Campus Ministries with investments in the properties that house these ministries. (See Motion #11)

The U of M Wesley Foundation went through a face lift last summer and is a warm and welcoming place for students. We will be making a recommendation to CFA about further investment in the Murray Wesley Foundation. We hope to bring this recommendation to the floor of the Annual Conference.

We, the Memphis Conference, are blessed to have a Board of Trustees committed to being good stewards and Disciples of Christ.

Patricia Hinshaw, Chairperson

JOURNAL 2005:

NEW CHURCH START:

Paducah District:

Grace

MERGED:

Asbury District:

Good Samaritan with Frayser Heights, the merged congregation to be known as Faith

DISCONTINUED:

Brownsville District:

Grace Chapel (an attempt to organize an African-American congregation in the old Henning building; church never chartered)  
Chestnut Hill of the Griffins-Antioch-Chestnut Hill charge

Asbury District:

Charleston of the Charleston-Tabernacle charge

Dyersburg District:

Church Grove of the Newbern-Church Grove charge

Paducah District:

Columbus of the Clinton-Hickman County Parish  
Poyner's Chapel of the Lynnville-Poyner's charge  
LaCenter of the Pleasant Hill charge

Paris District:

Chapel Hill of the Liberty-Chapel Hill charge

## RESOLUTIONS FROM 2005 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

[Only resolutions passed by the conference are printed herein. Additional information will be found in the Daily Minutes]

### Resolution #1

#### Discontinuance of Chapel Hill United Methodist Church Carroll County

WHEREAS, the active membership of the Chapel Hill United Methodist Church on the Liberty-Chapel Hill Charge 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, there have not been worship services or other activities at the church since February, 2005,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Memphis Annual Conference in session June 5-8, 2005, recognizes the faithful ministry of the Chapel Hill United Methodist Church and declares the church abandoned and the remaining members encouraged to unite with other United Methodist Churches.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the property of Chapel Hill United Methodist Church be conveyed to the Chapel Hill Cemetery Association for the benefit and use of the cemetery association, and that in furtherance thereof, the Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference are instructed to execute a deed of quitclaim of the Chapel Hill United Methodist Church property to the Chapel Hill Cemetery Association for the nominal consideration of one dollar (\$1.00).

Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet, Paris District Superintendent, James C. Cooper

### Resolution #2

#### Discontinuance of Charleston Church (Tipton County), Asbury District

WHEREAS, the Charleston United Methodist Church, Tipton County, Tennessee, now a part of the Charleston-Tabernacle Charge, Asbury District, has declined in active membership because of deaths, physical disabilities, and persons moving from the community, to the point that it can no longer function effectively as a congregation, and

WHEREAS, in a called meeting on May 1, 2005, the remaining active members voted to cease functioning as a worshipping community as of June 5, 2005, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Memphis Annual Conference, Meeting June 5-8, 2005, at Christ United Methodist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, discontinue Charleston Church, effective with the final day of that Conference, with a spirit of appreciation for the ministry of that congregation over the years of its existence, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, of that same date, Charleston United Methodist Church shall become a Chapel to be used for weddings, funerals, family reunions and other functions as may be deemed appropriate by the Trustees that are to be elected through the Tabernacle Charge Conference yearly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the names of any members of the Charleston congregation who have not united with another church by August 1, 2005, be placed on the roll of the Tabernacle United Methodist Church, Tipton County, Asbury District.

Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet, Asbury District Superintendent, John A. Holt

**Resolution #3**

**Discontinuance of Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church  
Brownsville District**

WHEREAS, the Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church has discontinued, and;

WHEREAS, the Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church has been declared abandoned in accordance with the provision of 2548.3 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2004*, and;

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church have thereby assumed control of said property, and;

WHEREAS, it being apparent that no present interest exists from any member of the Commission on Pan-Methodist Cooperation and Union, and;

WHEREAS, the Calvary Baptist Church of Bradford, Tennessee has made an offer on the property for the amount of \$15,000.00:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT, the Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church property is abandoned, and;

THAT said property be sold to Calvary Baptist Church for the amount of \$15,000.00 with conveyance to be had upon the completion of a property survey solicited by Calvary Baptist Church, and;

THAT the deed of conveyance be signed by the Chairperson and Secretary of this body as per the standing resolution of this body, and;

THAT the proceeds of the sale be deposited by the Treasurer of the Memphis Annual Conference, subject to final disposition by the Memphis Annual Conference meeting in session June 5-8, 2005, and;

THAT the recommendation of this body to the Memphis Annual Conference is that one-half of the proceeds be given to the Brownsville District Church Extension Fund and one-half of the proceeds be deposited with the Brownsville District to be deposited for the purpose of providing a scholarship to seminary for United Methodist seminary students from the Brownsville District.

THIS THE TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2005, SIGNED THIS DAY BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE MEMPHIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet, Brownsville District Superintendent, Cecil Bellew



**Resolution #4**

**Discontinuance of Church Grove United Methodist Church  
Dyersburg District**

WHEREAS, the Church Conference of Church Grove United Methodist Church in the Dyersburg District of the Memphis Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church met in called session May 4, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the membership of the congregation has declined steadily in recent years and the present membership is unable to sustain the financial costs associated with ministry, maintenance and pastoral support; and

WHEREAS, the Church Grove congregation has been faithful as a witness for Jesus Christ for one hundred sixty years, having been established in 1845; and

WHEREAS, the Church Grove congregation has maintained a cemetery through an association for these many years; and

WHEREAS, the called session of the Church Conference meeting on May 4, 2005, voted unanimously to: discontinue as a congregation and to petition the Memphis Annual Conference meeting in session June 5-8, 2005, to declare the Church Grove United Methodist Church (Dyersburg District) closed and to instruct the Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference to convey the present church property to the Church Grove Cemetery Association for the nominal consideration of one dollar.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Memphis Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church meeting in session June 5-8, 2005, declares the Church Grove United Methodist Church (Dyersburg District) discontinued and closed and instructs the Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference to convey the church property to the Church Grove Cemetery Association for the nominal consideration of one dollar.

Submitted by the Mph Conference Cabinet, Dyersburg District Supt., Mickey R. Carpenter

**Resolution #5**

**Discontinuance of Columbus United Methodist Church  
Paducah District**

WHEREAS, the active membership of Columbus United Methodist Church in Hickman County, Kentucky in the Paducah District has declined to the point that the congregation can no longer carry-out the mission and ministry of the church; and

WHEREAS, the Paducah District Church Development Committee has consulted with the leadership of the church in an endeavor to revitalize the congregation and help the members reach out to the Columbus community; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of the Church Development Committee have failed to bring any change to a congregation that has declined to less than ten active members; and

WHEREAS, at a church conference held on May 29, 2005, the congregation voted to discontinue as Columbus United Methodist Church.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Memphis Annual Conference meeting in session, June 5-8, 2005, at Christ United Methodist Church in Memphis, Tennessee recognize the faithful ministry of Columbus United Methodist Church and declare the church discontinued.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all the property, the land, and the Columbus United Methodist Church building be deeded to the Columbus Community River Mission Church and all other assets both tangible and intangible of the former Columbus United Methodist Church be transferred to the Columbus Community River Mission Church.

Submitted by Memphis Conference Cabinet, Paducah District Superintendent, Jerry Jeffords

**Resolution #6**

**Discontinuance of La Center United Methodist Church  
(Ballard County) Paducah District**

WHEREAS, the La Center United Methodist Church has been involved in a nine-month process with Spiritual Leadership, Inc. of Lexington, Kentucky, for the purpose of establishing new values, focus and leadership which is unencumbered by the past and to give long-term members a chance to be a part of building a legacy that will produce significant fruit as people's lives are transformed and the community will begin to live in alignment with God's will, and

WHEREAS, the congregation has agreed to give up their identify and all property and assets in order to create a new church known as Grace United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, at a church conference on May 22, 2005, the congregation voted by a 70% majority to discontinue as La Center United Methodist Church and restart as Grace United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, the restart will begin meeting on June 12, 2005, at the Ballard County Elementary School;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Memphis Annual Conference, meeting at Christ United Methodist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, June 5-8, 2005, declare the La Center United Methodist Church discontinued and the property be sold and the proceeds along with all other tangible and intangible assets be transferred to the Grace United Methodist Church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the membership of La Center United Methodist Church be transferred to the Grace United Methodist Church.

Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet, Paducah District Superintendent, Jerry Jeffords

**Resolution #7**

**Discontinuance of Poyner's Chapel United Methodist Church  
Paducah District**

WHEREAS, the active membership of Poyner's Chapel United Methodist Church in Graves County, Kentucky in the Paducah 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 sustain its mission and ministry; and

WHEREAS, at a church conference held on December 5, 2004, the congregation voted to discontinue on December 31, 2004.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Memphis Annual Conference meeting in session, June 5-8, 2005 at Christ United Methodist Church in Memphis, Tennessee recognize the faithful ministry of the Poyner's Chapel United Methodist Church and declare the church discontinued;

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

Submitted by Memphis Conference Cabinet, Paducah District Superintendent, Jerry Jeffords

### **Resolution #8**

#### **Merger of Frayser Heights United Methodist Church And**

#### **Good Samaritan United Methodist Church (Shelby County) Asbury District**

WHEREAS, the Frayser Heights and Good Samaritan United Methodist Churches of the Asbury District have been meeting together, and

WHEREAS, the membership of both churches has declined in recent years, and

WHEREAS, the present membership of the Frayser Heights United Methodist Church is no longer able to sustain a viable ministry of mission in its community,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Memphis Annual Conference, meeting at Christ United Methodist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, June 5-8, 2005, approve a merger between Frayser Heights United Methodist Church and Good Samaritan United Methodist Church, and that the property of each be transferred to the Trustees of the merged church, to be known as Faith United Methodist Church, Memphis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the membership of both Frayser Heights and Good Samaritan churches be transferred to Faith United Methodist Church, Memphis.

Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet, Asbury District Superintendent, John A. Holt

### **Resolution #9**

#### **Founding of Faith United Methodist Church, Memphis Asbury District**

BE IS RESOLVED THAT, Bishop Richard J. Wills and the Cabinet of the Memphis Conference, in session June 5-8, 2005, approve the formation of a new church located in the Frayser Community of Shelby County, in accordance with ¶260 of the 2004 *Book of Discipline*, to be known as Faith United Methodist Church, Memphis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Bishop and Cabinet recommend to and request of the Memphis Conference Committee on Equitable Compensation, Group Insurance, Church Development, and Finance & Administration, that this missional endeavor be treated as a New Church Start, with all rights and privileges.

Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet, Asbury District Superintendent, John A. Holt

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**Resolution #10**

**Founding of Grace United Methodist Church  
Paducah District**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Bishop Richard J. Wills and the Cabinet of the Memphis Conference, in session June 5-8, 200-5, at Christ United Methodist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, approve the formation of a new church located in Ballard County, Kentucky, in accordance with par. 260 of the 2004 **Book of Discipline**, to be known as Grace United Methodist Church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Bishop and Cabinet recommend to and request of the Memphis Conference Committee on Equitable Compensation, Group Insurance, Church Development, and Finance & Administration, that this Restart project be treated as a New Church Start, with all rights and privileges.

Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet, Paducah District Superintendent, Jerry Jeffords

**Report No. 2  
Conference Trustees**

The Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference have taken seriously their responsibilities of management and maintenance of the conference-owned properties. The properties overseen by individual trustees include district parsonages, Wesley Foundation and Program Ministry Team Parsonages.

The Trustees have continued selling certain conference-owned properties as directed by the 2003 Annual Conference. This year the McKendree District parsonage and the property on Lesa Drive in Jackson have been sold and we are expecting to sell the U.M. Wesley Foundation parsonage soon. As other of the remaining selected properties become available, they will be put on the market.

This year the Trustees have adopted the Memphis Conference Housing Covenant. This document is simply an agreement between the individual trustee of the property and the minister occupying same to adhere to "good stewardship" as outlined in the Parsonage Standards of the Memphis Conference as revised June 2004. We feel this will help both the Trustees and occupants hold each other accountable as stewards of church property.

The Trustees pledge to continue to seek and discern ways to be "good stewards" of your properties.

Patricia Hinshaw, Chairperson

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DISCONTINUED

Brownsville District:

Grace Chapel of Midgett's Chapel Charge (church never chartered; old Henning Church property)

Dyersburg District:

Greers of McCabe charge  
Ralston of Oak Hill-Pisgah-Ralston

Paris District:

McRae's Chapel of Baker's Chapel-MCrae's

## FROM 2004 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The following five Resolutions were passed by the 2004 Annual Conference and not submitted in resolution form in the *2004 Conference Journal*. They are carried here for historical purpose. See page 31 of the *2004 Memphis Conference Journal* for the reporting of this action.

### Resolution #1

#### Discontinuance of Grace Chapel Brownsville District

**Whereas**, the mission ministry in Henning, Tennessee, called Grace Chapel and linked with Midgett Chapel-Hudson Grove-Grace Chapel, has not emerged as a viable ministry; and

**Whereas**, the building in Henning is deteriorating rapidly;

**Therefore**, be it resolved that the Grace Chapel ministry is discontinued.

Be it further resolved that the Brownsville District trustees shall dispose of the property as outlined in the 2001 Journal of the Memphis Annual Conference (see page 217).

Be it further resolved that Midgett Chapel and Hudson Grove shall remain linked together creating the charge, Midgett Chapel-Hudson Grove.

Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet, Brownsville District Superintendent

### Resolution #2

#### Discontinuance of Greers Chapel United Methodist Church Dyersburg District

**Whereas**, the active membership of Greers Chapel United Methodist Church in Kenton, Tennessee in the Dyersburg District of the Memphis Conference has declined to the point that the congregation can no longer carry out mission and ministry of the church, and

**Whereas**, the congregation, in consultation with the District Superintendent, at a called Church Conference on January 25, 2004, voted to discontinue.

**Therefore**, be it resolved that the Memphis Annual Conference in session, June 6-9, 2004, recognized the faithful ministry of Greers Chapel United Methodist congregation, and declares the church discontinued and the remaining members urged to unite with other United Methodist Churches.

**Therefore**, be it further resolved, that said Memphis Annual Conference directs that the real property of Greers Chapel United Methodist Church be disposed of by sale, the price and details of which shall be negotiated by the Dyersburg District Superintendent, and the proceeds of which shall be used by the Dyersburg District for Church Extension, and, the Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference are instructed to execute proper instruments conveying title of the property upon sale of the same.

Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet, Dyersburg District Superintendent

**Resolution #3**

**Discontinuance of Ralston United Methodist Church  
Dyersburg District**

**Whereas**, the active membership of Ralston United Methodist Church in Martin, Tennessee, in the Dyersburg District of the Memphis Conference has declined to the point that the congregation can no longer carry out mission and ministry of the church; and

**Whereas**, the congregation, in consultation with the District Superintendent at a called Church Conference on April 11, 2004, voted to discontinue;

**Therefore**, be it resolved that the Memphis Annual Conference in session, June 6-9, 2004, recognizes the faithful ministry of the Ralston United Methodist congregation, and declares the church discontinued and the remaining members urged to unite with other United Methodist Churches.

**Therefore**, be it further resolved, that said Memphis Annual Conference directs that the real property of Ralston United Methodist Church be disposed of by sale, the price and details of which shall be negotiated by the Dyersburg District Superintendent, and the proceeds of which shall be used by the Dyersburg District for Church Extension, and; the Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference are instructed to execute proper instruments conveying title of the property upon sale of the same.

Submitted the Memphis Conference Cabinet, Dyersburg District Superintendent

**Resolution #4**

**Discontinuance of Salem United Methodist Church (Hickman County, Kentucky)  
Paducah District**

**Whereas**, the active membership of Salem United Methodist Church of Hickman County, Kentucky in the Paducah 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 sustain its mission and ministry; and

**Whereas**, at a church conference on May 26, 2004, the membership of the church voted to discontinue;

**Therefore**, be it resolved that the Memphis Annual Conference meeting in session, June 6-9, 2004, recognize the faithfully ministry of the Salem United Methodist Church and declare the church discontinued;

**Be It Further Resolved**, that all the property, the land, and the Salem United Methodist Church building be deeded to the Salem Cemetery Association to be used to ensure perpetual care of the cemetery, and for upkeep and use of the former Salem United Methodist Church building.

Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet, Paducah District Superintendent

**Resolution #5**

**Discontinuance of McRae's Chapel United Methodist Church  
Paris District**

**Whereas**, the active membership of McRae's Chapel United Methodist Church in Big Sandy, Tennessee, in the Paris District of the Memphis Conference has declined to the point that the congregation can no longer carry out mission and ministry of the church, and

**Whereas** the congregation, in consultation with the District Superintendent at a called Church Conference on March 28, 2004, voted to discontinue.

**Therefore**, be it resolved that the Memphis Annual Conference in session June 6-9, 2004, recognizes the faithful ministry of the McRae's Chapel United Methodist Church congregation and declares the church discontinued and the remaining members encouraged to unite with other United Methodist churches.

**Therefore**, be it further resolved, that all parcels of real property not subject to reversionary interest be sold at fair market value. The proceeds of the sale will be used by the Paris District for Church Extension. The Paris District Superintendent will negotiate the terms of sale, and the trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference will convey the property to the buyer.

Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet, Paris District Superintendent



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**Report #29  
TRUSTEES**

The Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference are charged with the responsibilities of management, oversight and maintenance of the several conference-owned properties. Those properties include district parsonages, Wesley Foundations, Wesley Foundation parsonages and Program Ministry Team parsonages.

The following is a breakdown on each of the conference owned properties. The expenditures include taxes, insurance and maintenance expense for the year 2003.

1.	Brownsville District Parsonage .....	\$ 5,990.08
2.	Dyersburg District Parsonage.....	\$ 8,734.85
3.	Jackson District Parsonage .....	\$ 4,016.24
4.	Asbury District Parsonage .....	\$ 4,257.83
5.	McKendree District Parsonage .....	\$ 6,450.34
6.	Paducah District Parsonage.....	\$ 7,618.42
7.	Paris District Parsonage.....	\$14,106.27
8.	PMT Parsonage (Caradine Drive).....	\$ 3,864.61
9.	PMT Parsonage (Lesa Drive).....	\$ 3,155.49
10.	Murray State Wesley Foundation Parsonage .....	\$ 0
11.	U T Martin Wesley Foundation Parsonage.....	\$14,053.65
12.	U.M. Wesley Foundation Parsonage.....	\$ 1,327.87
13.	Murray State Wesley Foundation.....	\$ 0
14.	U.T. Martin Wesley Foundation.....	\$ 4,157.82
15.	U.M. Wesley Foundation .....	\$ 0
	TOTAL	\$77,733.47

Additionally, pursuant to the mandate from the report of the "Clergy Housing Task Force," adopted by the 2003 Annual Conference (page 188, 2003 *Journal*), the Trustees have begun the process of selling certain conference owned properties. The Memphis Asbury District parsonage was sold in January 2004. Currently, the Memphis McKendree District parsonage and the PMT parsonage (Lesa Drive) are on the market for sale. Moreover, we anticipate the sale of the U.M. Wesley Foundation parsonage before year end.

The remaining properties included in the mandate from the "Clergy Housing Task Force" are the PMT parsonage (Caradine Drive), Jackson District parsonage, and Paducah District parsonage. These properties will be sold as changes in appointment are made to those ministry positions.

Your Trustees are dedicated clergy and lay volunteers who take their role as stewards very seriously. We appreciate the support and confidence of the annual conference.

Timothy Atkins, Chairperson

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MERGED

Jackson District:

Rose Creek With Sulphur Springs

NAME CHANGE

Dyersburg District:

Bryant Chapel on Millsfield Charge changed to Christ

**PART B  
CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference are charged to oversee and maintain the fifteen properties currently owned by the Memphis Annual Conference. Those fifteen properties include seven district parsonages, two program ministry parsonages, three campus ministry parsonages, and three campus ministry centers.

Most of these conference owned properties are aged, therefore, require an increasing amount of maintenance each year. In addition to maintenance costs there are annual costs for insurance, taxes, pest control and other related costs.

The following is a breakdown of the total trustee expense for each conference owned property for 2002.

1.	Brownsville District Parsonage	\$5,932.89
2.	Dyersburg District Parsonage	\$3,690.50
3.	Jackson District Parsonage	\$1,334.94
4.	Asbury District Parsonage	\$15,751.40
5.	McKendree District Parsonage	\$5,559.16
6.	Paducah District Parsonage	\$8,157.44
7.	Paris District Parsonage	\$5,532.08
8.	PMT Parsonage 1	\$3,277.71
9.	PMT Parsonage 2	\$545.51
10.	Murray State Parsonage	\$0.00
11.	U T Martin Parsonage	\$1,100.00
12.	U.M. Parsonage	\$80.00
13.	Murray State Wesley	\$3,500.00
14.	U.T. Martin Wesley	\$0.00
15.	U.M. Wesley	\$30,795.00

As the conference owned properties continue to age, more maintenance will be required. The Trustees are diligent in their efforts to be good stewards both of the properties and the budget resources available for property maintenance. Each year the Trustees must choose between competing needs for maintenance due to budget restrictions. Only those maintenance items deemed most pressing are approved by the Trustees.

Through your generosity and by the blessings of God the Trustees will continue their work of stewardship on behalf of the Memphis Annual Conference.

Timothy Atkins, Chairperson

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NEW CHURCH START

Brownsville District:

Grace Chapel, Henning, to be aligned with Midgett Chapel-Hudson Grove

DISCONTINUED

Paris District:

Mt. Carmel, Calloway County, currently a stand alone charge

St. Paul, Dover, on the Paris Covenant-New Hope charge

### **Resolution #3**

#### **Discontinuance of Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church**

WHEREAS; the active membership of Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church in Calloway 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 on October 21, 2001, concedes that the church is no longer able to carry on;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Memphis Annual Conference, in the June, 2002, session, recognize the faithful ministry of Mt. Carmel United Methodist congregation, and declare

the church discontinued and the remaining members urged to unite with other United Methodist churches.

Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet, Paris District Superintendent

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### **Resolution #4**

#### **Discontinuance of St. Paul United Methodist Church**

WHEREAS, the active membership of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Stewart County in the Paris District of the Memphis Conference has declined to the point the congregation can no longer sustain the active ministry of worship and service; and

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

THEREFORE, be it resolved that, the Memphis Annual Conference, in the June, 2002, session, recognize the faithful ministry of St. Paul United Methodist Church and declare the church discontinued, with current members urged to unite with other United Methodist churches.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Memphis Annual Conference direct the Conference Board of Trustees to deed and convey all remaining assets of St. Paul United Methodist Church to the Community Service Organization.

Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet, Paris District Superintendent

**Report #6**  
**CONFERENCE TRUSTEES**

*"New wine isn't placed in old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, the wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, so both are preserved."*

*Matthew 9:17*

**Part A**

The work of the Memphis Annual Conference Board of Trustees is one of *preservation*. We are asked to preserve Conference owned properties in a way that makes ministry possible and effective. The Board consists of twelve persons dedicated to supervising and maintaining fifteen Conference owned properties.

Listed below is a recap of our actual 2001 expenditures totaling \$124,694.87.

Administrative Costs	537.48
Debt Retirement	40,064.43
Maintenance & Improvements	42,451.94
Insurance Premiums	20,878.57
Pest Control	3,542.24
Real Estate Taxes	20,262.90
Insured Loss Payouts	532.31
Insurance Payment credit	<u>- 3,575.00</u>
	\$124,694.87

Our largest ticket item this year was the purchase of a new heating and cooling system for the University of Memphis Campus ministry site. The total cost was \$30,000.00.

While we have done a good job over the years maintaining our properties, all of them are beginning to reach the age where maintenance costs are escalating, especially for big ticket items

like roofs, heating and air systems, etc. Our wineskins are beginning to show their age. The new wine of changing circumstances and ministries will force us to examine new vessels.

The University of Memphis Campus ministry property is a good example. A vibrant new ministry is taking place in a building nearly forty years old. While adequate updates have been made, there will be continual need for updating or significant repairs that far exceed our annual budgeted dollars. Our other campus ministry sites at the University of Tennessee at Martin, as well as Murray State University face similar circumstances. The Conference Trustees in conjunction with the Board of Higher Education, must develop a long-term plan for adequate facilities in each of these locations to provide for changing ministry needs and wise use of Conference resources. As we plan for future ministries on each campus, our facilities will be a key factor. Alternative arrangements, such as a sales/lease agreement with each University or alternative sites, will soon become not just an option, but a necessity. Options should be explored now.

In a similar vein, the Conference Administrative Team forwarded a request to the Board of Trustees to study the feasibility of moving to a Housing Allowance for District Superintendents and other Conference staff in metro areas. Each parsonage in the Memphis and Jackson areas is reaching an age (40 years old or older) where long-term maintenance costs are mounting. Alternatives should be seriously considered. Changing circumstances and needs for ministry require "fresh wineskins."

With the completion of this year, I have now reached the term limit of eight years prescribed in *The Book of Discipline*. It has been my honor to serve. I am confident the Board will continue to administer our properties wisely as good stewards of the resources God has entrusted to us.

**Part B**

The Memphis Annual Conference Trustees and the Conference Administrative Team propose the formation of a Study Committee for the purpose of exploring the feasibility of, and the details for, moving to a "Housing Allowance" system for Conference employees

The Study Committee shall be made up of two members designated by the following Conference committees:

- Trustees
- Administrative Team
- Program Ministries
- Board of Ministry
- Higher Education
- Cabinet
- CFA (Finance/Administration)

Members of the committee will be equally represented by laity and clergy. The Chairpersons of Conference Trustees and the Conference Administrative Team will facilitate each meeting. The Committee will complete its work in order for a proposal to be brought to the Memphis Annual Conference Session in June, 2003.

Kevin R. Conrad, Chair

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NEW CHURCH START

McKendree District:

New Oakland, Fayette County (later to be named Faith Oakland)

MERGED

Dyersburg District:

West Hickman with First Hickman (as the resolution will note West Hickman was legally listed as West)

DISCONTINUED

Brownsville District:

Henning of the Henning St. Paul charge

Dyersburg District:

New Hope of the Chapel Hill-Harris-New Hope charge

Asbury District:

Leigh's Chapel (Tipton County), stand alone appointment

McKendree District:

Prospect

Bethany Parkway

Oakland of the Antioch-Macon-Oakland charge ("New Oakland" listed above as a church start, but this was not a relocation; "old" Oakland was discontinued and a new church start made)

2001

## RESOLUTION #5

### Discontinuance of Prospect United Methodist Church

WHEREAS, the Church Conference of the former Prospect United Methodist Church in the McKendree District of the Memphis Conference took action as follows:

*In light of paragraph 2548.3 of THE BOOK OF DISCIPLINE of The United Methodist Church regarding abandonment of local church property, the Church/Charge Conference of Prospect United Methodist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, in session on October 22, 2000, hereby resolve that, effective December 31, 2000, we will no longer use, keep or maintain our local church property at 1295-1297 Gausco Road as a place of divine worship, and we will no longer seek to serve the purpose of a local congregation as described in paragraphs 201-204, also contained in THE BOOK OF DISCIPLINE.*

AND WHEREAS, the Conference Trustees, the District Superintendent, the Bishop and Cabinet, the local mission society known as United Methodist Resources for Ministry, Inc. (UMRM), and the other appropriate bodies acted diligently in following the Disciplinary provisions which pertain, including offering sale of the property to representatives of pan-Methodist denominations, though not resulting in a purchase;

AND WHEREAS, eventually, a viable offer was made and has been approved for purchase of the property, with proper authorization of agents acting on behalf of the Trustees and of UMRM;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the 2001 Memphis Annual Conference, in session at Collierville, Tennessee, hereby

- commends the faithful members and pastoral leadership of Prospect United Methodist Church for their many years of devoted service, and confirms with thanksgiving the members' joining of other area United Methodist congregations, primarily Calvary Longview United Methodist Church;
- approves distribution after expenses (such as realty or legal fees, reimbursement to the District for bearing insurance and utility costs, etc.) of the sale proceeds with the approval of the Conference trustees and UMRM, in cooperation with the McKendree District Superintendent.

Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet  
Memphis-McKendree District Superintendent  
R. Mark Matheny



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**RESOLUTION #6**

**Acknowledging The Merger of First United Methodist Church and West United Methodist Church, Hickman, Kentucky**

WHEREAS, the First United Methodist Church of Hickman, Kentucky, and the West United Methodist Church (often referred to as "West Hickman"), in properly called local church conferences on May 27, 2001, voted merger under the provisions of ¶2545 of *The Book of Discipline (2000)*, and

WHEREAS, the resolution called for the merged congregation to bear the name First United Methodist Church, Hickman, Kentucky, and

WHEREAS, the resolution set an effective date of June 6, 2001,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Memphis Annual Conference, meeting June 3-6, 2001, at Collierville, Tennessee, acknowledge First United Methodist Church, Hickman, Kentucky, as the legal successor to the West United Methodist Church, with the membership, property, and other assets of the former West congregation residing with the merged congregation.

Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet  
Dyersburg District Superintendent  
E. Harrell Phillips

**RESOLUTION #7**

**Closing of Bethany Parkway United Methodist Church**

WHEREAS, the membership of Bethany Parkway United Methodist Church in the McKendree District of the Memphis Annual Conference has declined in recent years, particularly in the numbers of children, youth, and young adult members, with building maintenance costs requiring a large proportion of resources;

AND WHEREAS, the congregation voted in a Church Conference on November 12, 2000, to ask the Annual Conference of 2001 for closure;

AND WHEREAS, the District Superintendent and the appropriate official bodies required for consultation have studied prayerfully the situation and do concur with the Church Conference action;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the 2001 session of the Memphis Conference hereby concurs with discontinuation with heartfelt affirmation for the faithful service of Bethany Parkway members, past and present, with current members urged to unite with other United Methodist churches; any remaining on roll after the Disciplinary time period will be assigned to nearby United Methodist congregations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, we commend Wesley Senior Ministries of Memphis for its plan to create a new housing facility on the south portion of the property;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, we authorize United Methodist Resources for Ministry, Inc. (UMRM), of Memphis, on behalf of the Conference Trustees, to be the official entity for action regarding the proposed housing development and the sale of the rest of the property as the heir and assign of the Bethany Parkway Trustees;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the proceeds of any and all sales be used as directed by UMRM and the McKendree District for new church development, local church strengthening and other missional priorities in the spirit of "On Eagle's Wings" in the McKendree District.

Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet  
Memphis-McKendree District Superintendent  
R. Mark Matheny

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## RESOLUTION #8

### Discontinuance of Leigh's Chapel United Methodist Church

WHEREAS, the active membership of Leigh's Chapel United Methodist Church in Tipton County in the Memphis-Asbury 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;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Memphis Annual Conference

in the June, 2001, session, recognize the faithful ministry of Leigh's Chapel United Methodist congregation, and declare the church discontinued;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, The Memphis Annual Conference direct the conference Board of Trustees to deed the real property to and convey all remaining assets of Leigh's Chapel United Methodist Church to United Methodist Resources for Ministry, Inc. (The New Church Development and Church Extension arm of the Memphis-Asbury and Memphis-McKendree Districts) to sell, rent, or appropriately dispose of;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, United Methodist Resources for Ministry, Inc. be directed to distribute all net proceeds from the sale or rent of the property and all remaining assets as follows, minus any costs incurred by the Memphis Conference Board of Trustees and/or United Methodist Resources for Ministry, Inc.; seventy-five percent (75%) for new church development in Tipton or extreme North Shelby County and/or missional ministry in Tipton County; and Twenty-five percent (25%) to Hyde Park United Methodist Church, Covington, Tennessee;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the membership of the Leigh's Chapel United Methodist Church be transferred to Hyde Park United Methodist Church.

Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet  
Memphis-Asbury District Superintendent  
Shirley G. Lynn

## RESOLUTION #9

### Discontinuance of Woodville United Methodist Church

WHEREAS, the active membership of Woodville United Methodist Church in Haywood County, Tennessee in the Brownsville District of the Memphis Conference has declined to the point that the congregation can no longer sustain an active ministry of worship and service; and

WHEREAS, the said membership agreed unanimously on October 10, 2000 to discontinue worship services at Woodville United Methodist Church,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Memphis Annual Conference in the June 2001 session, recognize the faithful ministry of Woodville United Methodist Church, and declare the church discontinued;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Annual Conference direct the Conference Board of Trustees to sell the Woodville United Methodist Church property. From the proceeds of the sale, the Brownsville District and the Memphis Conference shall be reimbursed for any expenses incurred with the sale of the property and/or expenses incurred with the maintenance of the property, including insurance. Any remaining funds, or future funds received, shall be deposited in the account of the Brownsville District Partners in Progress Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the remaining membership of Woodville United Methodist Church shall be transferred to the Trinity United Methodist Church in Haywood County, Tennessee.

Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet  
Brownsville District Superintendent  
Cecil Bellew

2001

## **RESOLUTION #10**

### **Discontinuance of Henning United Methodist Church**

WHEREAS, the active membership of Henning United Methodist Church in Lauderdale County, Tennessee in the Brownsville District of the Memphis Conference has declined to the point that the congregation can no longer sustain an active ministry of worship and service; and

WHEREAS, the remaining membership agreed unanimously on August 29, 2000 to discontinue worship services at the Henning United Methodist Church,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Memphis Annual Conference in the June 2001 session, recognize the faithful ministry of Henning United Methodist Church, and declare the church discontinued;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Annual Conference direct that the trustees of Henning United Methodist Church transfer the one-half interest in the parsonage and furnishings, located in Henning, Tennessee, to St. Paul United Methodist Church. Also included in this transfer shall be any remaining funds in the Graves Trust Fund, which is designated for the maintenance and upkeep of said parsonage. St. Paul United Methodist Church shall be responsible for any costs incurred with the transfer of ownership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the property owned by Henning United Methodist Church shall be deeded to the Brownsville District Trustees to be held by said Trustees until such time as a plan for a new ministry can be developed. If the site is not used for a new ministry, the Brownsville District Trustees shall be empowered to sell the property with the proceeds from the sale to be deposited with the Brownsville District Partner's in Progress Fund held by the Nashville Area Foundation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Imri A. Keller Funds be placed with the Conference Treasurers Office. The income from the Keller Trust Funds shall be made available for the maintenance of the Henning United Methodist Church building when it is used for future ministry. In the event that a new ministry is not organized, the Imri A. Keller Trust Fund shall be deposited in the Brownsville District Partner's in Progress Fund held by the Nashville Area Foundation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the remaining membership of Henning United Methodist Church shall be transferred to St. Paul United Methodist Church in Lauderdale County, Tennessee.

Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet  
Brownsville District Superintendent  
Cecil Bellew

**RESOLUTION #11**  
**Sale of Lakeland Parish Property**

The Lakeland Parish and its successor, Marshall County Cooperative Ministry, have entered into a contract agreement with William C. Johnson for the sale of the property at 4238 Highway 68, in Benton, Kentucky, known as the "Lakeland Parish" building on May 15, 2001, in the amount of \$60,000.

The conditions for the sale of said property are as follows:

1. The buyer, William C. Johnson, will tender \$5,000 as a down payment and pay \$5,000 every six months with accrued interest at the same rate the Marshall County Cooperative Ministry is paying the Nashville Area Foundation.
2. The Seller, Marshall County Cooperative Ministry, will finance the balance of the debt and also pay 6% of the purchase price to the Realtor, Kendra Capps.
3. The buyer accepts the property "as is" and will be responsible for all EPA clean up.
4. Buyer to take possession at the closing of this transaction.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Memphis Annual Conference, meeting in session, June 3-6, at the Collierville United Methodist Church, affirm the action taken by the Board of Directors of the Marshall County Cooperative Ministry and in accordance with ¶ 2517.2 and ¶ 2515 of *The 2000 Book of Discipline*, does hereby authorize the Conference Trustees to sell the said property and direct the Board of Directors of the Marshall County Cooperative Ministry to apply the money from the sale of said property to the loan with the Nashville Area Foundation.

Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet  
Paducah District Superintendent  
Jerry Jeffords

**RESOLUTION #12**  
**The discontinuation of Oakland UMC, McKendree District**

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2000, the Church Conference of Oakland United Methodist Church of Fayette County, Tennessee, adopted a resolution requesting discontinuance to be effective at the close of the 2001 session of the Memphis Annual Conference,

AND WHEREAS, the faithful members of said church wish to support extension of United Methodist witness in this rapidly growing area through a new church start under the auspices of the Memphis Conference and the McKendree District, in realization that Christ's call often comes to us to give over our lives as we know them for the sake of God's Kingdom,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Memphis Conference does hereby assent to the discontinuation of said church, effective in June, 2001;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that under the direction of United Methodist Resources for Ministry, Inc. (UMRM), and the McKendree District, all proceeds on sale of the existing property be utilized in the establishing of a new church in the Oakland area in keeping with plans developed under conference guidelines;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commend the current members of Oakland United Methodist Church for their faithfulness and vision, particularly with the expressed intent of those current members to become partners in helping to begin the new congregation and to become members of that congregation when the time comes for its chartering.

Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet  
Memphis-McKendree District Superintendent  
R. Mark Matheny

**RESOLUTION #13**

**The discontinuation of Jackson's Chapel Church**

SINCE, the Jackson's Chapel United Methodist Church became increasingly unhappy with the polity and theological positions of the United Methodist Church as a denomination,

AND, since the congregation voted to withdraw from the United Methodist Church effective June, 1997 and defy the trust agreement with the Annual Conference by assuming possession of the church property,

AND, since the District Court of Hickman County ruled that the trust agreement be upheld and that Jackson's Chapel either vacate the property, or reach a settlement with the Annual Conference,

THEREFORE, the Bishop and Cabinet, in conjunction with the Conference Chancellor and Conference Trustees, in accordance with ¶ 2548.3 of *The 2000 Book of Discipline*, reached an agreement with the Jackson's Chapel Church for \$30,000.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, at the Memphis Annual Conference meeting in Session, June 3-6, 2001, in Collierville, Tennessee, affirm this action and designate the proceeds from the sale of said property be used by the Revitalization and New Church Development Committee of the Paducah District.

Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet  
Paducah District Superintendent  
Jerry Jeffords

**RESOLUTION #14**

**Discontinuance, New Hope Church (Weakley County) of the Dyersburg District**

WHEREAS, the New Hope church in Weakley County, Tennessee, now a part of the Chapel Hill-Harris-New Hope charge of the Dyersburg District, has declined in active membership because of deaths, physical disabilities, and persons moving from the community to the point that it can no longer function effectively as a congregation, and

WHEREAS, the surrounding, active cemetery was deeded to the New Hope Cemetery Association in March, 1974, and

WHEREAS, in a called conference on March 16, 2001, the remaining active members voted to cease functioning as a worshipping community as of June 3, 2001, and

WHEREAS, they planned a concluding service celebrating the past ministry of New Hope for that Sunday, June 3, 2001,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Memphis Annual Conference, meeting June 3-6, 2001, at Collierville Tennessee, discontinue New Hope effective with the final day of that conference, June 6, 2001, with a spirit of appreciation for the ministry of that congregation over the years of its existence, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Memphis Conference Trustees convey to the New Hope Cemetery Association the one acre, more or less, and the church building located thereon, that was not previously deeded to the said association, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the names of any members of the New Hope congregation who have not united with another church by August 1, 2001, be placed on the roll of the Chapel Hill church of the charge with which New Hope was a part.

Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet  
Dyersburg District Superintendent  
E. Harrell Phillips

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**Report #4**  
**CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Memphis Annual Conference Board of Trustees has continued its work of being stewards of conference properties. Fifteen properties, including seven district parsonages, two Conference programming parsonages and all campus ministry related buildings and parsonages, fall within the scope of our work.

Our actual expenditures for the calendar year 2000 totaled \$117,035.00.

A breakdown of those costs include:

Board Expense	\$929
Debt Service	\$16,686
Maintenance and Improvements	\$57,673
Insurance	\$17,693
Pest Control	\$4,080
Taxes	\$19,974

The most extensive renovation project was completed at the Wesley Foundation of the University of Memphis. A total of \$23,365 was spent to provide substantial upgrades to the property.

In late December 2000, renovation of the new Conference Center was successfully completed and all offices were moved. The final cost of the project was \$771,050. The Conference Board of Trustees, on behalf of the Annual Conference, would like to extend a word of appreciation to the original study committee for their work toward the completion of this project. The original committee was comprised of the following persons: Victor Feisal, CFA President; Steve Mischke, Conference Trustees Chairperson; Linda McLargin, CFA member; Gary Rutherford, Conference Trustee; Bob Archer, CFA Member; Jane Watlington, Conference Trustee; Dossie Wheatley, Jackson District Superintendent; Patsy Bailey, Credit Union Manager; Benny Hopper, Conference Program Ministries Director; and James Finger, Conference Treasurer.

Through the dedication and diligence of our Board members, we will continue our work to be good stewards of the resources and assets entrusted to our care.

Rev. Kevin R. Conrad, Chair

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DISCONTINUED

Jackson District

Morning Sun (Carroll County) of Wesley Chapel-Morning Sun Charge

NAME CHANGE

Jackson District

Keeton Springs of Bath Springs Circuit to Bath Springs

Roach Chapel of New Bethel Roach Chapel Charge to New Life

Dyersburg District

Bryants Chapel to Millsfield

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### **Resolution #3**

#### **Discontinuance of Morning Sun United Methodist Church**

**Whereas**, the active membership of Morning Sun United Methodist Church in Carroll County in the Jackson 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;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Memphis Annual Conference in the June, 2000, session, recognize the faithful ministry of the Morning Sun United Methodist congregation, and declare the church discontinued;

Be it further resolved, that all the property, the land, and the Morning Sun United Methodist Church building be deeded to the Morning Sun community to be used for special events, i.e., homecomings and funerals.

Be it further resolved, that the membership of the Morning Sun United Methodist Church be placed at the Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church in Henderson County.

Submitted by the Memphis Conference Cabinet  
Jackson District Superintendent



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**Report #5**  
**CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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

In 1999, in addition to the usual maintenance of painting, papering, replacing and cleaning for our properties, the Brownsville District parsonage was redecorated: the Jackson District parsonage kitchen remodeled: a wall removed in Wesley Foundation in Martin: a security system installed in Wesley Foundation in Memphis: and a heating and cooling unit was replaced in another property.

The old Wesley Foundation parsonage in Murray was sold and another very nice, five bedroom house purchased. It is located only three blocks from the University and was built to be lived in by the builder. The Board is proud of this addition to our Conference's properties.

The Trustees are to be commended for their efforts in the stewardship of the Conference's money and property. Each member of the Board has performed well 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 limitation.

Three from the Board, Mr. Gary Rutherford, Mrs. Jane Watlington, and I served on the Conference's special committee to investigate moving the Conference offices. It is the Board's responsibility to provide for the legal documentation in the potential purchase of new office space. A purchase agreement has been signed contingent upon Annual Conference approval. With great appreciation to Lambuth University for housing the conference offices to the present, we are excited about the proposed new site's location, adequacy of space, and flexibility of design.

Dr. Steven E. Mischke, Chair