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**Legislative Item 101: Organizational Motions****LI 101**

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_

Amended \_\_\_\_\_

**Subject:** Procedures for our Annual Conference Session  
**Submitted by:** Annual Conference Secretary

**Be it resolved,**

- 1) That the bar of the annual conference include the immediate areas of those who are operating television cameras, the sound system, and recording equipment; the secretaries' room; and all the seats designated for voting members in the room. Non-voting participants allowed to be seated in the bar of the conference include: reserved seats for guests of the annual conference, spouses of the cabinet, equipping and connecting team staff, the area office staff, and persons who need to provide assistance for members of the annual conference. Seats included in the bar of the conference are seats at tables. The visitors' section includes seats without tables in theater-style arrangement located at the rear right and left of Exhibit Halls B & C. Additionally the bar of the laity session is the 4<sup>th</sup> floor ballroom. Voting members of the annual conference will be seated within the bar of the annual conference for recognition and voting procedures.
- 2) That the Rules of Order for this session of the Annual Conference be the General Conference Rules, the Standing Rules so adopted by the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference, and, in situations where the annual conference rules do not apply, *Roberts Rules of Order, Revised*.
- 3) That the agenda of the annual conference is the agenda submitted by the annual conference sessions committee and that the chairs of the sessions committee or the agenda committee are permitted to make last-minute changes to the agenda in order to maximize the use of time.
- 4) That this session of the annual conference be conducted according to the policies approved and adopted by the annual conference sessions committee. (Red Reference Section)
- 5) That the roster of secretarial staff named by the conference secretary be elected.
- 6) That the only printed materials to be distributed during this Session are those items that are directly related to the agenda of the annual conference session or to the presentation of a speaker, or needed to facilitate worship. (All items for distribution need the approval of the annual conference secretary.)
- 7) That in order to reduce distraction caused by those arriving late, and enhance our worship services, the center doors be closed after the last verse of the opening hymn of every worship service and that the side doors remain open. Hospitality staff will direct those who arrive late to be seated in empty seats at the

back of Exhibit Halls B & C until the worship is completed. This is a courtesy to those who were present on time not to be distracted by those who arrive late. All members are urged to be on time for worship, and if they enter late, to do so discretely.

**Legislative Item 102: Bar of the Clergy Session**

**Subject:** Establishing the voting area of the clergy session  
**Submitted by:** Annual Conference Secretary

<b>LI 102</b>
Adopted _____
Defeated _____
Amended _____

**Be it resolved,** that the bar of the clergy session of annual conference consists of the Marquette Ballroom at the Pere Marquette Hotel, Peoria. Members of the clergy session are asked to follow the directions for right of voice and vote as stated as listed on pages 7 and 8 of the red reference section in the pre-conference workbook. Additional instructions on voting may be given by the chair throughout the clergy session.

**Legislative Item 103: 2012 Budget – CCFA**

**Subject:** The proposed Conference budget for 2012 with amount and percent of increase  
**Submitted by:** Conference Council on Finance and Administration

<b>LI 103</b>
Adopted _____
Defeated _____
Amended _____

**PROPOSED IGRC BUDGET - 2012**

	2010 Budget	2011 Budget	2012 Budget	Increase	Increase
<b>Clergy Support</b>					
Equitable Compensation	50,000	50,000	55,000	5,000	10.00%
Moving Expenses for Retirees	40,000	40,000	40,000	-	0.00%
District Superintendents Fund*	2,010,900	1,910,900	2,002,160	91,260	4.78%
Episcopal Fund	425,980	442,782	468,687	25,905	5.85%
<b>Total Clergy Support</b>	<b>2,526,880</b>	<b>2,443,682</b>	<b>2,565,847</b>	122,165	5.00%
<b>Administration</b>					
Conference Offices and CCFA	956,000	956,000	975,000	19,000	1.99%
Archives	57,290	58,436	60,189	1,753	3.00%

1	Trustees	320,000	320,000	320,000	-	0.00%
2	Communications	471,490	471,490	501,283	29,793	6.32%
3	ECT Program & Administration	1,262,471	1,145,546	1,168,400	22,854	2.00%
4	COSROW -- Administration	4,000	4,000	4,000	-	0.00%
5	Religion & Race -- Administration	8,000	8,000	8,500	500	6.25%
6	Board of Ordained Ministry - Adm.	50,000	50,000	50,000	-	0.00%
7	Annual Conference Session	85,000	85,000	135,000	50,000	58.82%
8	Conference Secretary	10,350	10,350	7,450	(2,900)	-28.02%
9	Journal & Yearbook	22,525	22,525	22,525	-	0.00%
10	Legal Expense Fund	45,000	45,000	60,000	15,000	33.33%
11	Conference Foundation -- Admin.	70,000	65,000	60,000	(5,000)	-7.69%
12	Unallocated Travel and Expense	14,000	14,000	14,000	-	0.00%
13	Clergy Sexual Misconduct Response Team	7,300	7,300	5,000	(2,300)	-31.51%
14	Illinois Area Office	170,000	170,000	173,400	3,400	2.00%
15	Pastoral Care & Counseling**	155,000	1,000	125,000	124,000	**
16	Committee on Episcopacy	2,000	2,000	2,000	-	0.00%
17	Episcopal Residence Committee	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	0.00%
18	Conference Center	500,000	500,000	500,000	-	0.00%
19	Prior Claims in Excess of Apportionment Receipts	105,000	105,000	105,000	-	0.00%
20	Contingency	100,000	100,000	100,000	-	0.00%
21	General/Jurisdictional Conf. Expense	0	50,000	50,000	-	0.00%
22	Bishop's Initiatives	0	0	100,000	100,000	n/a
23	Clergy Pensions - Defined Benefit	0	263,360	0	(263,360)	-100.00%
24	Post-Retirement Benefits Reserve	50,000	50,000	100,000	50,000	100.00%
25	General Administration Fund	167,801	172,153	175,733	3,580	2.08%
26	Interdenominational Coop. Fund	41,261	41,531	40,409	(1,122)	-2.70%
27	Jurisdictional Conf. Fund	26,110	27,115	27,115	-	0.00%
28	<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>4,701,598</b>	<b>4,745,806</b>	<b>4,891,004</b>	145,198	<b>3.06%</b>
29	<b>Total Clergy Support &amp; Administration</b>	<b>7,228,478</b>	<b>7,189,488</b>	<b>7,456,851</b>	267,363	<b>3.72%</b>
30						
31	<b>Benevolences &amp; Connectional Ministries</b>					
32	Congregational Development	1,026,000	887,450	887,450	-	0.00%
33	Conference Benevolences	1,023,500	986,613	1,066,000	79,387	8.05%
34	World Service	1,548,679	1,577,645	1,538,676	(38,969)	-2.47%
35	Ministerial Education Fund	530,155	532,967	510,504	(22,463)	-4.21%
36	Africa University Fund	47,335	47,580	45,571	(2,009)	-4.22%
37	Black College Fund	211,500	212,591	203,617	(8,974)	-4.22%
38	General Church Apportionments in Excess of Receipts	265,000	265,000	265,000	-	0.00%
39	<b>Total Benevolences &amp; Connectional Ministries</b>	<b>4,652,169</b>	<b>4,509,846</b>	<b>4,516,818</b>	6,972	<b>0.15%</b>
40						
41	<b>Total All Apportionments</b>	<b>\$ 11,880,647</b>	<b>\$11,699,334</b>	<b>\$11,973,669</b>	274,335	<b>2.34%</b>

**NOTES:**

\* The three District Superintendent line items were combined into 1 line item starting with 2012. Prior years were combined in this document for comparison purposes.

\*\* Pastoral Care and Counseling paused its funding in 2011 and was able to utilize reserves for current expenses, the 2012 budget request is based on a new model for providing services and is less than the 2010 line item.

**SUPPLEMENT TO THE 2012 ANNUAL CONFERENCE BUDGET****Clergy Support and Administration Apportionment = \$7,456,851**

**Equitable Compensation, \$55,000.** This fund is utilized to assist local churches with pastor salary expenses where there is potential for church growth or some other transition is taking place. Limits are applied for the amount of support given and the time period that a church/charge can receive support. Funds are requested by the Cabinet, approved by the Commission on Equitable Compensation and distributed by the Treasurer's office to the local church or charge.

**Moving Expenses for Retirees, \$40,000.** When a pastor retires, it is the first time that his/her move is not paid by a receiving church. The primary purpose of this fund is to ensure that a retiring pastor can afford to move out of the parsonage, thus creating an opening for the new pastor. So, the fund assists local churches in the smooth transition from one pastor to another.

**District Superintendents Fund, \$2,002,160.** This line item is a combination of three line items in previous budgets: 1) District Supt. Fund; 2) SA&E/Dist. Mission Fund and 3) District Administration and Program. Perhaps it made sense to separate these funds in years past, but the boundaries between the funds had become artificial and they were not separated in our accounting programs. The new line item has been combined retroactively in your copy of the previous year's budget for comparison purposes. The primary use of this fund is to pay the salary and benefits of the District Superintendents. District Superintendents assist local churches in the orderly transition of pastors, in helping local churches work through crisis situations, in assisting the Bishop in the oversight of the life of the annual conference and in aiding local churches and pastors to fulfill the mission that God places before them. Now the fund also encompasses grants to assist local churches with one-time emergency needs, usually dealing with transitions in pastoral leadership. A portion of the fund is utilized for missional needs that are particular to the interests or needs of a district. Finally, the fund is utilized for the funding of the district offices. It includes the salaries and benefits of the district administrative assistants, office rent and utilities, postage, and the ordinary expenses that come with running an office. With any funds remaining, the districts often conduct special mission and ministry programs: for clergy and laity education, clergy gatherings, mission promotion and direct support of various

1 ministries. The district offices serve local churches by providing convenient access to  
2 the district superintendent, regional resources for local churches, and a location for  
3 small meetings.

4  
5 **Episcopal Fund, \$468,687.** This is an apportionment from the General Conference. It  
6 goes to support the salaries, benefits and operational expenses of the Bishops and  
7 their offices (The Book of Discipline ¶817). Bishops assist local churches by  
8 appointing pastors, guiding the work of the Cabinet, encouraging leaders of all kinds  
9 and providing guidance to every level of the United Methodist Church.

10  
11 **Conference Offices and CCFA, \$975,000.** This funds the salaries, benefits, and  
12 operations of the Finance and Administration Team (business and benefits office) of  
13 the IGRC, as well as many of the shared operational expenses of the UM Conference  
14 Center: Telephone, computers, custodial, copy machines and supplies. The Finance  
15 and Administration Team assists local churches by administering benefits for pastors,  
16 serving as a conduit for mission and ministry funds, facilitating financial accountability  
17 and providing a wide variety of resources for pastors and officers of local churches.

18  
19 **Archives, \$60,189.** The archives of the IGRC are stored at MacMurray College.  
20 These funds reimburse MacMurray for the space utilized in the Library for our  
21 archives, plus shared expenditures for utilities. Further, the funds help to support the  
22 salary and benefits of a professional archivist who catalogs and maintains our  
23 collection. The Archives serve local churches by preserving historical records,  
24 providing access to information for persons seeking family and local church histories,  
25 and serving as a central repository for documents vital to the life of the church.

26  
27 **Trustees, \$320,000.** The Conference Board of Trustees maintains oversight of about  
28 20 Conference-owned properties, including the United Methodist Center. The Trustees  
29 are charged with repair, maintenance and upkeep of the district and staff parsonages,  
30 and they become the custodians of local church properties when they are abandoned.  
31 The Board will recommend to the annual conference the purchase or sale of  
32 properties as needs become apparent. This fund serves local churches by keeping  
33 properties that are owned by all the local churches in good order and by providing  
34 conference clergy employees (who are, ultimately, employees of all the local churches  
35 together) with convenient, safe and functional housing. The fund also takes care of the  
36 needs of the United Methodist Center in Springfield, which is a central gathering place  
37 for hundreds of meetings every year.

38  
39 **Communications, \$501,283.** The Communications Team serves the local church by  
40 linking local churches with news, resources and ministries that are larger than any one  
41 local church by itself. This money goes to fund the people and the operational  
42 expenses linked with a variety of communications tools: the "Current", print-media,  
43 Internet, website, streaming video, social media, DVD resources and e-mail notices.  
44 The request for 2012 includes a proposal to purchase new video cameras which –  
45 among other things – would be used at annual conference. The current cameras are  
46 old, unreliable, and low definition.

1 **ECT Program and Administration, \$1,168,400.** The Equipping and Connecting  
2 Team is responsible for what has traditionally been called the “Program” area of the  
3 Annual Conference. The largest single line item of the ECT budget is a \$470,000  
4 subsidy for camping. The salaries and benefits of the ECT staff are included in this  
5 budget, as is direct support for many conference and local ministries. The ECT serves  
6 local churches by providing a variety of resources and connections which enable  
7 churches to expand their ministries and fulfill their mission.  
8

9 **COSROW – Administration, \$4,000.** “COSROW” stands for the ‘Commission on the  
10 Status and Role of Women. The Book of Discipline (§644), outlines the responsibilities  
11 of COSROW: primarily to provide a proactive advocacy role which ensures that  
12 women are full participants in every aspect of the life of the church. This line item is  
13 used to enable the Conference COSROW to fulfill its mission by providing funds for  
14 training, meeting expense and any programs that the Commission seeks to offer.  
15 COSROW serves the local church by sensitizing us all to the vital role of women in the  
16 church.  
17

18 **Religion and Race – Administration, \$8,500.** This fund is administered by the  
19 Conference Commission on Religion and Race, whose responsibilities are found in  
20 §643 of The Book of Discipline. Religion and Race seeks to achieve full inclusiveness  
21 of people of all races in the life of the conference and local churches. The Commission  
22 serves as a monitoring body and seeks to develop programs and policies which  
23 encourage the full participation of all races. The funds provided from the Conference  
24 budget are utilized for meeting, training and program expenses. The Commission on  
25 Religion and Race serves the local church by providing resources and support in the  
26 ultimate goal of the inclusion of all colors of God’s children in the life of the church.  
27

28 **Board of Ordained Ministry – Administration, \$50,000.** The Conference Board of  
29 Ordained Ministry is responsible for the approval and nurture of all ordained,  
30 commissioned and licensed persons in service to the IGRC. The Board spends  
31 hundreds of hours each year in the examination of candidates for ministry, to ensure  
32 that they have the gifts and graces to serve local churches and have fulfilled all of the  
33 educational requirements. Also responsible for oversight of the character and conduct  
34 of pastors, the Board seeks to provide pathways of redemption in cases of personal or  
35 professional crisis. Budget funds are utilized for the administrative expenses of the  
36 Board: meetings, travel, training, orientation and other expenses associated with  
37 certification, licensing and ordination of candidates. Scholarships and other expenses  
38 are supported by the Ministerial Education Fund (see below). The Board of Ordained  
39 Ministry serves local churches by ensuring that pastors meet or exceed the  
40 qualifications necessary for leading successful ministries.  
41

42 **Annual Conference Session, \$135,000.** The expense of the Annual Conference  
43 session is funded primarily by this apportionment. Smaller amounts are also utilized  
44 from various departments, fees and grants. Of this line item, the largest single  
45 expense is the rental and operation of the electronic voting system, which proved its  
46 worth in some very close votes in the first year of full operation, the 2009 session. The

1 Sessions Committee administers this line item, as well as the full budget of the annual  
2 meeting. The 2012 line item has an increase of \$50,000. This request was the result  
3 of only about half of annual conference attendees paying the voluntary registration  
4 fee. It was deemed unfair that some churches and people were supporting the cost of  
5 the annual conference and others were not. The \$50,000 is about the same amount  
6 as was being collected through the registration fee. So the request does not represent  
7 more money from local churches, it merely gives more local churches the opportunity  
8 to help to pay for the venue where they have a voice. The Annual Conference session  
9 serves the local church by providing a gathering place for every Charge to participate  
10 in the formation of the policies and practices of the Annual Conference. Further,  
11 attendees are spiritually enriched with dynamic worship and teaching. The free  
12 sharing of resources, ideas, and peer-to-peer conversations plants seeds of mission  
13 and ministry, which are carried back to local churches to grow and bear fruit.

14  
15 **Conference Secretary, \$7,450.** The Conference Secretary not only takes minutes at  
16 each Annual Conference session, but serves an integral role in the planning and  
17 implementation of conference. Our conference secretary is also the editor of the  
18 Conference Journal, which is a very ambitious task. This line item goes to pay for  
19 small honorariums for the secretary and staff, for travel reimbursements and other  
20 expenses associated with the secretary's work. The Conference Secretary serves  
21 local churches by making sure there is an accurate record of the business, history and  
22 resources of the annual conference for the current and future generations.

23  
24 **Journal & Yearbook, \$22,525.** Working closely with the Conference Secretary, the  
25 Journal Publication Committee is responsible for the printing of the annual Journal (or  
26 duplicating the Journal on CD-ROM) and distributing it to pastors and local churches.  
27 Acting in good stewardship, the committee seeks competitive bids and has pioneered  
28 the transition from a printed journal to one that can be accessed electronically – either  
29 on disk or via the Internet. The funds used for the publication and distribution of the  
30 Journal serve local churches by making sure that the plans, policies, actions and  
31 deliberations of the annual conference are transparent and freely accessible to  
32 anyone.

33  
34 **Legal Expense Fund, \$60,000.** Sadly, we live in a litigious society. Like the Apostle  
35 Paul did, sometimes the Annual Conference has to resort to legal resources to protect  
36 itself. Fortunately, most of the time, the legal fund is utilized proactively, to make sure  
37 that the conference treats everyone fairly and does no harm. Funds expended to,  
38 essentially, “keep us out of trouble” are a wise investment for the local churches. The  
39 costs of making serious legal mistakes are far greater than an ounce of prevention.  
40 The request for 2012 includes an increase of \$15,000, which is representative of what  
41 has actually been expended in some recent years. We hope we won't have to use it.

42  
43 **Conference Foundation – Administration, \$60,000.** The United Methodist  
44 Foundation of the IGRC seeks to be in partnership with local churches regarding  
45 effective stewardship, future planning and the wise investment of resources. The  
46 Foundation's goal is to become self-supporting and a declining scale of apportionment

1 support continues. Serving local churches is what the UM Foundation is all about.  
2 Every local church may access the excellent financial resources that the Foundation  
3 provides.  
4

5 **Unallocated Travel and Expense, \$14,000.** There are several committees in the  
6 conference that meet on a regular basis, but they have no budget of their own. This  
7 line item takes care of the travel and meeting expense of committees that are no less  
8 vital to the life of the annual conference, but do not command enough funding to justify  
9 a separate line item in the budget. These funds serve local churches by enabling  
10 church members to participate in the life of the conference and by enabling these  
11 committees to meet and do the work which enhances ministries.  
12

13 **Clergy Sexual Misconduct Response Team, \$5,000.** Who comes in to pick up the  
14 pieces when a local church is devastated by an act – or the *accusation of an act* – of  
15 clergy sexual misconduct? This group of specially trained and sensitive people,  
16 thankfully, are rarely called upon, but when they are, their work is crucial for recovery  
17 and redemption. More positively, the Team works proactively to arrange for *mandatory*  
18 training of all clergy in the prevention of sexual misconduct. These funds are utilized  
19 by the Team for training and the expenses involved in their ministry. They serve local  
20 churches by turning the unthinkable into hope.  
21

22 **Illinois Area Office, \$173,400.** More commonly called the “Bishop’s Office,” these  
23 apportionments are utilized for the support of the Area Office which is located in the  
24 United Methodist Center in Springfield. The funds are used for the staff who support  
25 the ministry of the Bishop, office expenses, and programs to benefit pastors and  
26 ministries. Travel and expenses for the Bishop are paid by the General Church from  
27 the “Episcopal Fund” (see above.) The Illinois Area Office serves local churches – and  
28 the denomination as a whole – by providing a place to connect with the Bishop and  
29 the Cabinet. The office serves as a locus for high-level conversations, decisions,  
30 strategies and ministry resources.  
31

32 **Pastoral Care & Counseling, \$125,000.** In years past when mental and emotional  
33 health counselors were hard to find, this office served much like a medical office.  
34 People called, appointments were made, pastors and spouses drove long distances to  
35 the office, and there was usually one counseling professional who saw everyone he  
36 could see. In recent years, Pastoral Care has sought various methodologies to expand  
37 its role, serve more clients and fill the gaps in assistance that current mental/emotional  
38 health services do not provide. In recent years, the Pastoral Care Board has built up  
39 reserves, which they graciously agreed to utilize during the pensions budgetary crisis  
40 of 2011. However, now that Pastoral Care & Counseling is ready to embark on new  
41 models for providing assistance to clergy and their families, regular budgetary support  
42 is being recommended for 2012. Pastoral Care serves local churches by endeavoring  
43 to maintain and restore clergy and their families to health and wholeness. Someone  
44 has said, “Healthy clergy = healthy churches.”  
45

1 **Committee on Episcopacy, \$2,000.** The responsibilities of the Conference  
2 Committee on Episcopacy are found in The Book of Discipline ¶637. The committee  
3 provides support and feedback for the Bishop. It also serves as a conduit of  
4 information to all levels of the United Methodist Church regarding the needs of the  
5 conference and its Episcopal leader. Two-thirds of the committee's members are laity  
6 from local churches. The funds are usually utilized for meeting expenses, but the  
7 committee is free to provide resources for the enhancement of the ministry of the  
8 Bishop. The Committee on Episcopacy serves by providing a direct link between local  
9 churches and the Bishop.

10  
11 **Episcopal Residence Committee, \$1,000.** Paragraph 638 in The Book of Discipline  
12 outlines the responsibilities of the Episcopal Residence Committee. Essentially, the  
13 committee ensures that the Bishop's residence is appropriately cared for. Acting  
14 similarly to local church trustees who oversee a parsonage, the committee supervises  
15 any expenditure of funds for maintenance and upkeep of the structure. Only \$1,000 is  
16 budgeted for meeting expenses. Another fund which was created some years ago  
17 currently provides the funding for maintenance and upkeep. No apportionment funds  
18 are currently involved in those projects. Laity from local churches comprise two-thirds  
19 of the membership of the current committee. The Episcopal Residence Committee  
20 serves the local churches by maintaining a residence for their Bishop which is safe  
21 and comfortable for the Episcopal family, offers a warm place of hospitality for guests  
22 and enables the Bishop to be housed within easy access of the conference offices.

23  
24 **Conference Center, \$500,000.** This apportionment funds the building loan for the  
25 United Methodist Center in Springfield. The line item was set at \$500,000 by the  
26 annual conference several years ago and it has not increased since. The building is  
27 financed with bonds that have a variable interest rate, so actual expenditures from the  
28 fund will vary from year to year. At this writing, the bond interest rate is very favorable.  
29 The UM Center serves local churches by providing a convenient and centralized place  
30 for meetings, so that laity from all areas in the conference can participate. In addition,  
31 most of the conference staff and other resources are located in the building for easy  
32 access by clergy and lay members of local churches who have questions or concerns.

33  
34 **Prior claims in excess of apportionment receipts, \$105,000.** Many of the budgets  
35 within the annual conference structure have a high percentage of employee salaries  
36 and benefits – which, ethically, must be paid at 100%. When apportionments come in  
37 at around 90%, where does the extra 10% come from to pay full compensation? In  
38 years past, various methodologies were employed to account for the shortfall, but one  
39 factor was always true: the local churches that pay 100% of their apportionments  
40 make up for the local churches that don't. Rather than to hide this reality in budgetary  
41 devices, CCFA requested that this apportionment line item be inserted in the budget  
42 merely to make fully transparent the fact that the local churches that pay 100%  
43 actually pay more than their fair share of the funds needed to run the conference. In  
44 recent years, the fund has been depleted before the end of the year. This line item  
45 serves local churches as a reminder of our connectional responsibilities. If the day  
46 ever comes when all churches pay 100%, there will be no need for this apportionment.

1 **Contingency, \$100,000.** In order to meet the requirements of our polity, budget  
2 planning has to begin 18 to 24 months prior to the actual implementation of the  
3 budget. Planning for the 2012 budget began – in earnest – well before July of 2010. In  
4 any budget of this magnitude with the time constraints involved, it is impossible to  
5 predict every situation which may appear after the budget has been approved. This  
6 line item, only .84% of the budget, permits emergency needs to be addressed without  
7 calling a special session of the Annual Conference. It serves local churches by  
8 providing a means to care for unplanned events at the conference level, thus freeing  
9 clergy and lay members to focus on local church matters.

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11 **General/Jurisdictional Conf. Expense, \$50,000.** This was a new line item for 2011  
12 which was requested to address two needs: 1) The General and Jurisdictional  
13 Conferences do not provide any funding for the reserve delegates that we elect. This  
14 proved to be a significant expense for the IGRC in 2008 and there were no funds  
15 dedicated to pay for it. The 2012 conferences will be at distant locations, so it is  
16 prudent to begin a project account with funds reserved to care for these needs. 2) The  
17 IGRC will host the 2016 session of the North Central Jurisdictional Conference. We  
18 know from the experience of recent host conferences that the funds provided by the  
19 Jurisdiction are inadequate to pay for the entire cost of the conference. Therefore, if  
20 we are aware that the IGRC might have to contribute to the cost, it behooves us to  
21 make preparations for that event. This line item serves local churches by preparing for  
22 future costs, so that churches will not be approached to help fund emergency  
23 situations in years hence.

24  
25 **Bishop's Initiatives, \$100,000** – This is a new apportionment of seed money to  
26 enable the Bishop to facilitate exciting new programs, ministries and opportunities  
27 without undergoing the laborious process of board and committee approvals. It  
28 enables the Bishop to dream and to lead. The fund will serve local churches by  
29 unleashing the creative mind and energy of our Bishop.

30  
31 **Post-Retirement Benefits Reserve, \$100,000.** A recent study received by the IGRC  
32 as part of the annual audit revealed that the conference can reasonably expect to  
33 spend \$71,514,000 for health benefits over the lifetimes of current and future clergy  
34 retirees and their spouses. The study doesn't even include any new pastors who might  
35 come into our system and earn retirement benefits. The dollars required are  
36 overwhelming. The fundamental question is this: "Do we intend to provide retirement  
37 health benefits?" If the answer is, "Yes." then we need to prepare for it now. The  
38 funding required will eventually eclipse what the IGRC and even the Preachers' Aid  
39 Society and Benefit Fund can generate. In 2008, this apportionment line item was  
40 \$3,000,000. Even this level of funding was undoubtedly inadequate. Medical cost  
41 inflation and an increasing number of retirees are outpacing our ability to fund the  
42 liability. The \$100,000 budgeted is a token amount and probably only represents  
43 about a week's worth of increasing liability. However, the pension funding crisis has  
44 necessitated a pause in serious attempts to fund these future benefits. Lost time now  
45 will require more dollars to be contributed in the future; we know that. Once the  
46 pension funding crisis passes, the IGRC should be prepared to once again take up the

1 cause of funding of future benefits, so that future generations of the local church won't  
2 be paralyzed by the overwhelming financial burden of what is to come.

3  
4 **General Administration Fund, \$175,733.** This is a General Church Apportionment.  
5 "The General Administration Fund shall provide for the expenses of the sessions of  
6 the General Conference, the Judicial Council, special commissions and committees  
7 constituted by the General Conference, and other administrative agencies and  
8 activities recommended for inclusion in the general administration budget by the  
9 General Council on Finance and Administration and approved by the General  
10 Conference." (The Book of Discipline ¶813). In other words, the General  
11 Administration Fund is the engine that makes the General Church go. This  
12 apportionment line item serves local churches by providing administrative funds for  
13 denominational entities that provide quality resources for local churches and answers  
14 to important questions. It also enables delegates from local churches to have a voice  
15 and vote in the formation of denominational decisions and policies.

16  
17 **Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, \$40,409.** "This fund shall provide United  
18 Methodist Support of the basic budgets of those organizations that relate to the  
19 ecumenical responsibilities of the Council of Bishops and of the General Commission  
20 on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns." (The Book of Discipline ¶814).  
21 Participation in ecumenical efforts reminds us that we are not alone in our work for  
22 Jesus Christ. All of us: local churches, conferences and denominations are stronger  
23 together than as separate entities.

24  
25 **Jurisdictional Conference Fund, \$27,115.** This is an apportionment from the North  
26 Central Jurisdictional Conference. The NCJ Conference is a regional organization of  
27 the United Methodist Church which comprises the states of the upper Midwest. The  
28 fund is utilized primarily for expenses relating to the NCJ Conference session, which is  
29 held every four years (2012 in Akron, OH). This is where Bishops are elected and  
30 assigned. However, significant funding is also provided for ethnic minority ministries  
31 which could not receive adequate support from their own annual conferences or  
32 whose ministries extend beyond annual conference boundaries. The Jurisdictional  
33 Conference Fund serves local churches by providing the means to elect leaders who  
34 are integral to the life of the church and by extending the missional reach of each  
35 congregation.

### 36 37 38 **Benevolences & Connectional Ministries Apportionment = \$4,516,818**

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40 **Congregational Development, \$887,450.** Everyone understands that in order to  
41 follow (or anticipate) population patterns and reach new disciples for Jesus Christ, it is  
42 necessary to start new churches and assist established ones to transition into growing  
43 congregations. This apportionment is administered by the Congregational  
44 Development Team (CDT). The CDT works with the Cabinet to identify potential areas  
45 of growth and recommends the steps necessary to expand the witness of the United  
46 Methodist Church. CDT works with local churches to assist them in the process of

1 analyzing their growth potential and charting their future course. CDT provides training  
2 for pastors to be ready to foment growth in existing congregations or to plant new  
3 ones. CDT provides financial resources to facilitate transformation. These are not just  
4 “program” expenses; they are an investment in our future.

5  
6 **Conference Benevolences, \$1,066,000.** The detailed line-item Benevolence Budget  
7 is found elsewhere in this Pre-Conference Workbook. In short, the Conference  
8 Benevolence budget provides direct financial assistance to worthy organizations that  
9 operate outside of the direct management of the IGRC. This includes a significant  
10 portion for Higher Education (direct support for UM-related colleges and Campus  
11 Ministries), as well as financial support for Health and Welfare Ministries and local  
12 projects (Specialized Ministries). Support for Conference Benevolences enables each  
13 local church to extend the reach of its ministries. It supports vital ministries and  
14 services which would not otherwise receive enough local support to continue  
15 operations.

16  
17 **World Service, \$1,538,676.** Paragraph 812 in The Book of Discipline proclaims that  
18 the World Service Fund “is basic in the financial program of The United Methodist  
19 Church. World Service on apportionment represents the minimum needs of the  
20 general agencies of the Church. Payment in full of these apportionments by local  
21 churches and annual conferences is the first benevolent responsibility of the Church.”  
22 Anyone wishing to see a detailed budget of this and any other General Church  
23 apportionment may do so by going to [www.gcfa.org](http://www.gcfa.org) and typing, “Financial  
24 Commitment” in the search box. World Service assists local churches by enabling  
25 them to reach out with love and compassion in the name of Jesus Christ to the world’s  
26 most needy people.

27  
28 **Ministerial Education Fund, \$510,504.** The Ministerial Education Fund is a General  
29 Church apportionment which is used “to enable the Church to unify and expand its  
30 program of financial support for the recruitment and education of ordained and  
31 diaconal ministers and to equip the annual conferences to meet increased demands in  
32 this area.” (The Book of Discipline ¶816). The largest portion of the funds collected go  
33 to support the theological schools (usually, seminaries) of the United Methodist  
34 Church. However, the annual conference retains 25% of apportionment funds remitted  
35 for use by the IGRC Board of Ordained Ministry to support the education of our clergy.  
36 The Ministerial Education Fund assists local churches in the development of current  
37 and future clergy leaders to guide local churches in their efforts to make disciples for  
38 Jesus Christ.

39  
40 **Africa University Fund, \$45,571.** Founded in 1992, Africa University is educating  
41 leaders for the continent of Africa who bring hope to the most desolate of  
42 circumstances. Located in Old Mutare, our apportionment giving to Africa University  
43 grows ever more important as financial turmoil has overwhelmed the country of  
44 Zimbabwe. AU has managed to stay open, but only because of the faithfulness of  
45 United Methodists in local churches like ours. We cannot insist that developing nations  
46 become self-supporting without providing them with the educational tools to do so.

1 The Africa University Fund provides an avenue for local churches to supply those  
2 tools.

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4 **Black College Fund, \$203,617.** The Black College Fund (¶815) began in 1972 as  
5 one of the apportioned general Church funds. The objective of the fund is to provide  
6 financial support for institutions of higher education that have historically served the  
7 educational needs of black students. Eleven institutions of higher learning are  
8 supported by the Fund, more than any other religious denomination. The IGRC has a  
9 special relationship with Wiley College, made famous in the movie, "The Great  
10 Debaters." Wiley College is also a recipient of Black College Funds. The Black  
11 College Fund assists local churches in reaching out to improve the lives of dedicated  
12 and ambitious young people of color, who might otherwise have no means to fulfill  
13 their life potential.

14  
15 **General Church Apportionments in excess of receipts, \$265,000.** The Illinois  
16 Great Rivers Conference is committed to paying 100% of its General Church  
17 apportionments (see CCFA Policy #17). Unfortunately, not every IGRC local church  
18 pays its apportionments at 100%. So, how do we bridge the gap between what the  
19 local churches pay and what is apportioned by the General Church? Similar to the  
20 "Prior Claims" item above, this apportionment line item merely makes transparent  
21 what has always been the case: the local churches that pay all of their apportionments  
22 make up for the ones that don't. In most recent years, the \$265,000 apportioned  
23 (which is also not received at 100%) has not been adequate to fund the shortfall. In  
24 order to pay our General Church apportionments at 100%, funds have also been  
25 utilized from budget items which have not been fully expended. The payment of our  
26 General Church apportionments at 100% helps the local churches of the IGRC to be  
27 full partners in the larger mission of the Church, and provides an example to each  
28 local church that 100% payment of apportionments is our first benevolent  
29 responsibility.

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31 **TOTAL IGRC BUDGET FOR 2012 (as proposed) = \$11,973,669**

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**EQUIPPING AND CONNECTING TEAM  
2012 BUDGET**

	<b>A. CAMPING &amp; RETREAT MINISTRIES</b>	<b>2010 BUDGET</b>	<b>2010 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2011 BUDGET</b>	<b>2012 BUDGET</b>
5	1. Ministry Support	\$ 490,000.00		\$ 463,500.00	\$ 470,000.00
6	<b>TOTAL - CAMPING &amp; RETREAT MINISTRIES</b>	<b>\$ 490,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 463,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 470,000.00</b>
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	<b>B. MINISTRY &amp; OUTREACH MINISTRIES</b>	<b>2010 BUDGET</b>	<b>2010 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2011 BUDGET</b>	<b>2012 BUDGET</b>
9	1. Volunteers in Mission*	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 218.37	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
10	2. Disaster Response*	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 420.47	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
11	3. Communities of Shalom	\$ 400.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 250.00
12	4. Children/Poverty - United Voices for Children	\$ 250.00	\$ 247.98	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
13	5. Church & Society*	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,451.16	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
14	6. Mission Education	\$ 900.00	\$ -	\$ -	
15	7. Health/Welfare	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 574.12	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 750.00
16	8. Global Ministries/Liberia	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 5,410.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,500.00
17	9. Mission Personnel Committee	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	
18	10. Specialized Ministry Travel	\$ 750.00	\$ 64.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00
19	11. Africa University	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 297.60	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
20	12. Deaf & Hard of Hearing	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,064.70	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
21	13. Disability Concerns				\$ 500.00
22	<b>TOTAL - MINISTRY &amp; OUTREACH MINISTRIES</b>	<b>\$ 22,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,848.90</b>	<b>\$ 16,450.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,000.00</b>
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	<b>C. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>2010 BUDGET</b>	<b>2010 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2011 BUDGET</b>	<b>2012 BUDGET</b>
25	1. Rural Ministries	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 968.06	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
26	2. Urban Ministries	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	
27	3. Ethnic Local Church	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,550.35	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
28	4. Summer Youth Intern Program				
29	a. Intern Placement	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 49,375.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
30	b. Administration	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,498.24	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
31	5. Laity Network (Lay Leader & Laity Board)	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,031.88	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,000.00
32	6. Lay Speaking Ministries	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,025.24	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
33	7. Leadership Development	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 4,858.14	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
34	8. Connectional Table	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 725.14	\$ -	
35	9. Streams Team	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 3,991.90	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
36	10. Five Day Spiritual Academy	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 752.15	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
37	11. Hispanic Ministries	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,632.15	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
38	12. Native American Ministries	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 606.24	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00

1	13. Alban Institute**	\$ 400.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
2	14. Emerging Ministry Needs	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
3	15. Evangelism	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 544.32	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
4	<b>TOTAL - LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>\$ 144,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 77,933.81</b>	<b>\$ 98,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 100,150.00</b>
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6	<b>D. LIFE CYCLE MINISTRIES</b>	<b>2010 BUDGET</b>	<b>2010 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2011 BUDGET</b>	<b>2012 BUDGET</b>
7	1. Youth Ministry				
8	a. Program	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 17,525.54	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
9	b. Leadership Development	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 11,958.51	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 11,500.00
10	c. Travel/Meetings	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 280.51	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 500.00
11	2. Young Adult Ministry	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
12	3. Older Adult Ministry**	\$ 750.00	\$ 435.99	\$ -	\$ 500.00
13	4. Health Ministry Initiatives**	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
14	5. Higher Ed./Campus Ministry				
15	a. Merit Award	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00
16	b. Black College Itineration	\$ 500.00	\$ 239.68	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
17	c. Travel/Meetings	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,250.79	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,250.00
18	<b>TOTAL - LIFE CYCLE MINISTRIES</b>	<b>\$ 45,250.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,441.02</b>	<b>\$ 35,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 37,000.00</b>
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20	<b>E. STAFF SUPPORT</b>	<b>2010 BUDGET</b>	<b>2010 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2011 BUDGET</b>	<b>2012 BUDGET</b>
21	1. Salaries	\$ 321,451.00	\$ 290,939.99	\$ 321,451.00	\$ 340,700.00
22	2. Social Security	\$ 18,795.00	\$ 14,864.82	\$ 18,795.00	\$ 18,500.00
23	3. Health Insurance	\$ 74,500.00	\$ 68,620.00	\$ 77,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
24	4. Pensions	\$ 34,240.00	\$ 28,528.54	\$ 36,500.00	\$ 32,300.00
25	5. Death and Disability	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,180.49	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00
26	6. Continuing Education Support Staff/Care	\$ 1,750.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
27	7. Accountable Reimbursement	\$ 68,000.00	\$ 22,160.75	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 42,000.00
28	8. Cellular Phones	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 4,349.31	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,250.00
29	<b>TOTAL - STAFF</b>	<b>\$ 525,736.00</b>	<b>\$ 431,643.90</b>	<b>\$ 504,946.00</b>	<b>\$ 517,950.00</b>
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31	<b>F. OVERHEAD EXPENSES</b>	<b>2010 BUDGET</b>	<b>2010 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2011 BUDGET</b>	<b>2012 BUDGET</b>
32	1. Postage	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,279.16	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,500.00
33	2. Printing	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,847.92	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
34	3. Technology	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,511.99	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
35	4. CMT/ECT Meetings	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 191.15	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,000.00
36	5. Contingency***	\$ 1,485.00	\$ 3,129.70	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 3,500.00
37	6. Retired Lay Employees Insurance	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 11,219.00	\$ 12,250.00	\$ 12,500.00
38	<b>TOTAL - OVERHEAD EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 32,485.00</b>	<b>\$ 23,178.92</b>	<b>\$ 25,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 27,500.00</b>

1	<b>G. DENOMINATIONAL CONNECTING MINISTRIES</b>	<b>2010 BUDGET</b>	<b>2010 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2011 BUDGET</b>	<b>2012 BUDGET</b>
2	1. Jurisdictional VIM**	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
3	2. Jurisdictional Urban Ministries**	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
4	3. UM Association**	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
5	4. Jurisdictional GBGM Fellowship**	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
6	<b>TOTAL - DENOMINATIONAL CONNECTING MINISTRIES</b>	<b>\$ 1,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 700.00</b>	<b>\$ 800.00</b>	<b>\$ 800.00</b>
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8	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,262,471.00</b>	<b>\$ 578,746.55</b>	<b>\$1,145,546.00</b>	<b>\$1,168,400.00</b>

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10 \* Includes Events with Receipts & Bills

11 \*\*D3;D4 & C13;G1;G2;G3;G4 Have Not Been Issued Separate Account #'s at this Time

12 \*\*\* Includes Appointment Change

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17 **CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**  
18 2012 BUDGET  
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20	Administration	2011 Budget	2012 Requested Budget	Difference
21	<b>CDT Personnel Expense</b>	\$203,500.00	\$213,000.00	\$9,500.00
22	Equipment 3390250	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
23	Interpreter (Language) 3390307	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
24	Resources 3390315	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
25	Consultants 3390331	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
26	Contingencies	\$400.00	\$500.00	
27	Postage/UPS	\$750.00	\$750.00	
28	Committee Travel 3390349	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
29	Office Expense	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
30	<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$230,150.00</b>	<b>\$239,750.00</b>	<b>\$9,600.00</b>
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32	<b>Development</b>			
33	Emerging Needs (All Categories)	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
34	Training and Development (All Categories)	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
35	<b>Total Development</b>	<b>\$60,000.00</b>	<b>\$60,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
36				
37	<b>New Congregation Starts</b>			
38	Comprehensive Plan 3392032	\$264,750.00	\$230,000.00	(\$34,750.00)
39	Continuing Support of NCS	\$297,550.00	\$317,700.00	\$20,150.00
40	<b>New Congregation Starts Total</b>	<b>\$562,300.00</b>	<b>\$547,700.00</b>	<b>(\$14,600.00)</b>

1	<b>Revitalization</b>			
2	Revitalization Grants 3395048	\$35,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$5,000.00
3	<b>Revitalization Total</b>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
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5	<b>Total Congregational Development</b>	<b>\$887,450.00</b>	<b>\$887,450.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

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2012 BUDGET**

12	<b>PART A: Health and Welfare Ministries</b>	<b>2010 Budget</b>	<b>2011 Budget</b>	<b>2012 Budget</b>
13	Alton Memorial-Chaplain Relief & Community Outreach	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,500.00
14	**The Baby Fold -- Benevolent Care	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 22,500.00
15	**Chaddock -- Spiritual Awareness	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 22,500.00
16	**Evenglow -- Benevolent Care	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 22,500.00
17	**Lessie Bates -- Children & Youth Programs	\$ 89,000.00	\$ 89,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
18	**Methodist Medical Center -- Chaplain Relief & Community Outreach	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,500.00
19	**Sunset Home -- Benevolent Care	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 22,500.00
20	**UM Children's Home -- Spiritual Awareness	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 22,500.00
21	**UM Village, Lawrenceville -- Benevolent Care	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 22,500.00
22	**Wesley Village -- Benevolent Care	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 22,500.00
23	<b>Grand Total, Health &amp; Welfare Ministries</b>	<b>\$ 244,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 244,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 256,500.00</b>

24 \*\* Receives 1/10 of Golden Cross Funding

26	<b>PART B: Specialized Ministries</b>	<b>2010 Budget</b>	<b>2011 Budget</b>	<b>2012 Budget</b>
27	Angels on Assignment	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
28	Benton West City Food Pantry Depot	\$ 2,000.00		
29	(Carbon Cliff Summer Meal Site) Eagle Ridge Children	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
30	Community/Resource Learning Center			\$ 2,000.00
31	Decatur Grace UMC After School Program (GUM Park)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
32	Dove	\$ 1,500.00		
33	Fair Hope Children's Ministry	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00

1	Friends of Jesus Food Pantry	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
2	Good Samaritan Inn -- Decatur	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
3	Good Samaritan Ministries -- Carbondale	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,000.00
4	H.E.L.P.S. Ministry Outreach	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
5	Love Life Ministries - Moline		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
6	***M & M Ministry of SIU-Edwardsville	\$ 9,000.00		
7	Macon County Casa	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
8	Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 3,500.00
9	Patoka Church Youth	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
10	Quanada	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
11	Safe Harbour Academy	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
12	Saint Clair CASA			\$ 1,000.00
13	Salt Creek Parish Resource Center	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
14	Sandoval (Shalom Zone -- Family Success) KFC	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
15	Sandoval Shalom Zone Summer Lunch Program	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
16	Seven Circles Heritage Center	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
17	Shalom Zone -- Community Activity Services Partners	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	
18	Silvis Kids for Christ			\$ 1,500.00
19	Springfield Asbury Children's N'hood Ministries	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
20	Springfield Grace Urban Ministries	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
21	Springfield Kumler Neighborhood Ministries	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
22	Trinity United Methodist Outreach Center	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
23	Union Chapel Kidz Klub	\$ 2,000.00		
24	Violence Prevention Center of SW Illinois	\$ 1,000.00		
25	<b>Grand Total, Specialized Ministries</b>	<b>\$ 88,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 69,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 79,500.00</b>
26	***Moved to Part C for 2011			
27	<b>PART C: Higher Education &amp; Campus Ministries</b>	<b>2010 Budget</b>	<b>2011 Budget</b>	<b>2012 Budget</b>
28	IWU	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 25,000.00
29	MacMurray	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 25,000.00
30	McKendree	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 25,000.00
31	<b>Subtotal, Colleges &amp; Universities</b>	<b>\$ 75,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 67,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 75,000.00</b>
32	<b>Wesley Foundations</b>			
33	*ISU (Salary and Other Compensation)	\$ 74,000.00	\$ 74,000.00	\$ 74,000.00
34	ISU Insurance	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 17,520.00	\$ 17,520.00
35	Direct Bill Pension	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 7,600.00

1	Program		\$ 13,267.00	\$ 19,120.00
2	ISU Total		\$ 112,387.00	\$ 118,240.00
3	*WIU (Salary and Other Compensation)	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 37,000.00
4	WIU Insurance	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
5	Direct Bill Pension	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 7,000.00
6	Program		\$ 55,420.00	\$ 28,160.00
7	WIU Total		\$ 88,170.00	\$ 90,160.00
8	*EIU (Salary and Other Compensation)	\$ 48,500.00	\$ 50,739.00	\$ 52,329.00
9	EIU Insurance	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 17,520.00	\$ 17,520.00
10	Direct Bill Pension	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 7,260.00
11	Program		\$ 13,243.00	\$ 14,131.00
12	EIU Total		\$ 89,102.00	\$ 91,240.00
13	*UIUC (Salary and Other Compensation)	\$ 83,000.00	\$ 83,000.00	\$ 79,683.00
14	Insurance	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 26,280.00	\$ 26,250.00
15	Direct Bill Pension	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 11,400.00	\$ 10,890.00
16	Program		\$ 17,683.00	\$ 31,537.00
17	UIUC Total		\$ 138,363.00	\$ 148,360.00
18	*SIU-C (Salary and Other Compensation)	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 44,485.00	\$ 45,526.00
19	SIU-C Insurance	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
20	Direct Bill Pension		\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,368.00
21	Program		\$ 42,889.00	\$ 45,606.00
22	SIUC Total		\$ 99,674.00	\$ 103,500.00
23	SIU-E/M & M Ministry Program		\$ 30,417.00	\$ 30,000.00
24	Programs	\$ 150,000.00		
25	<b>Subtotal, Wesley Foundations</b>	<b>\$ 568,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 558,113.00</b>	<b>\$ 581,500.00</b>
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27	IGRC Scholars	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
28	Leadership Development			\$ 5,000.00
29	<b>Subtotal, Other</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,000.00</b>
30	<b>Grand Total, HECM</b>	<b>\$ 648,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 630,613.00</b>	<b>\$ 667,500.00</b>
31	<i>*Prior claim to be paid 100%.</i>			
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33	<b>PART D: Interdenominational Program</b>	<b>2010 Budget</b>	<b>2011 Budget</b>	<b>2012 Budget</b>
34	Illinois Conference of Churches (ICC)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
35	ILLCAAP	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
36	ILLCAAP Antigambling	\$ 1,500.00		
37	Bread for the World	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
38	<b>Total, Interdenominational Programs</b>	<b>\$ 14,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,500.00</b>
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<b>PART E: Other Benevolences</b>	<b>2010 Budget</b>	<b>2011 Budget</b>	<b>2012 Budget</b>
Missional Resource	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Emerging Needs	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
<b>Total, Other Benevolence</b>	<b>\$ 29,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 30,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 50,000.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,023,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 986,613.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,066,000.00</b>

**Legislative Item 104 CCFA Policies and Guidelines**

<b>LI 104</b>
Adopted _____
Defeated _____
Amended _____

**Subject:** Policies of the Conference Council on Finance and Administration

**Estimated Financial Impact on the Annual Conference:** Undetermined

**Staff Resource Time:** Considerable

**Council on Finance and Administration Comment:** Submitted by CCFA

1. All Illinois Great Rivers Conference (IGRC) related entities (except local churches) shall comply with the provisions of ¶613.2 (2008 Book of Discipline) prior to embarking on any capital funds campaign or conference-wide appeal.
2. Entities that are designated as **Conference Advance Specials** are authorized to present their ministries through pulpit presentations, personal contacts, direct mail or electronic means (within the guidelines of the IGRC Information Technology and Communications policies.)
3. Salaries for District Superintendents: CCFA shall consider the yearly percentage difference in the Conference Average Compensation as calculated by the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits for the latest possible year when recommending salaries of the District Superintendents.
4. The Annual Conference Treasurer, the Conference Board of Trustees and their staffs; and the President of CCFA are bonded by a fidelity bond provided by the General Council on Finance and Administration in the amount of \$1,000,000. Local church treasurers and financial officers are bonded by an Annual Conference Blanket Bond which is a supplement to any coverage specified in the local church's own insurance policy.
5. In accordance with the 2008 Book of Discipline (¶617.2), CCFA will annually review the audits of all Annual Conference Institutions which receive money from the Annual Conference. Other agencies receiving funds from the IGRC shall submit annually an audited Treasurer's report or financial statement if a formal separate audit is not available.
6. The Annual Conference grants CCFA the authority to make adjustments in apportionments of individual churches. All such requests will be made with regard to the facts presented and with the knowledge and consent of the District Superintendent.

- 1 7. Mileage Reimbursement: Travel to all approved District and Conference meetings  
2 shall be reimbursed at the rate of \$0.20 per mile. For Annual Conference Staff  
3 persons, including District Superintendents, the rate shall be the current IRS rate.
- 4 8. Moving Allowance for Retirees/Disabled/Surviving Spouses: The maximum moving  
5 allowance shall be \$1,500, plus \$500 for packing and insurance for up to 18,000  
6 pounds. The same rule for the retiree moving allowance shall apply once to any  
7 minister who qualifies for disability payment. A minister who has received the  
8 disability moving allowance shall not be eligible for an additional moving allowance  
9 at the time of his/her retirement. The same moving allowance shall be available  
10 once to the surviving spouse of a pastor who dies in active service.
- 11 9. At year end, remittances from local church treasurers must be made to the Annual  
12 Conference Treasurer by the fifth working day of the new year in order to be  
13 credited to the prior year.
- 14 10. Apportionments shall be based solely on the latest year end statistical report  
15 expenses (currently, lines 51-62 of Table II). [Direct-billed Clergy Benefits, Pastor's  
16 Salary, Associate Pastor's Salary, Housing, Utilities and Other Allowances Paid,  
17 Accountable Reimbursements Paid to the Pastors, Other Cash Allowances Paid to  
18 the Pastors, Deacon's and Diaconal Minister's Compensation, Other Staff  
19 Compensation, Current Expenses for Program, Other Current Operating Expenses]
- 20 11. In compliance with ¶619 and with the consent of the Bishop, Richard A. VanGiesen  
21 was elected in 2008 as the Annual Conference Treasurer/Director of Administrative  
22 Services for the 2008-2012 quadrennium.
- 23 12. The IGRC has established as its policy that salaries, travel allowances, and benefits  
24 of Conference employees be treated as prior claims and paid each month at 100%  
25 of the budgeted amount.
- 26 13. The IGRC has established as its policy that all budgeted line items not considered  
27 to be "prior claims" be paid at a rate not to exceed the amount received in  
28 apportionments during the fiscal year.
- 29 14. The IGRC has established as its policy that budget line items designated for non-  
30 prior claims, when apportionment collections shall have been received in an amount  
31 sufficient to allow an expenditure of funds, shall then only be paid in 11 monthly  
32 installments totaling no more than 65% of the budgeted amount.
- 33 15. The IGRC has established as its policy that a final payment will be made at the end  
34 of the fiscal year for budget line items designated as non-prior claims in an amount  
35 equal to the difference between the line item's pro-rata share of apportionments  
36 received during the fiscal year and the sums for said line item paid out previously in  
37 the fiscal year pursuant to the formula set forth in the preceding paragraph.
- 38 16. The IGRC has established as its policy that any resolution approved by the Annual  
39 Conference authorizing the expenditure of funds for special projects not included in  
40 the budget be approved annually by the Annual Conference until the project is  
41 completed and that this review will be initiated by a report on the project submitted  
42 to the Annual Conference by the CCFA and the Conference organization  
43 responsible for the project.
- 44 17. The General and Jurisdictional Conference Apportionments shall be paid at 100%  
45 of the amount apportioned to the Illinois Great Rivers Conference.

- 1 18. CCFA must approve the establishment of all financial accounts opened in the name  
 2 of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference, including all districts, boards, committees  
 3 and commissions.
- 4 19. When the Conference receives contributions that are restricted in terms of the use  
 5 or timing of the expenditure, the amounts are recorded as restricted net assets.  
 6 These accounts demonstrate the conference's compliance with legal restrictions on  
 7 the use of contributions. As a general rule restricted net asset accounts do not earn  
 8 interest for the restricted purpose.
- 9 20. Custodial (in/out) accounts are not part of the net assets of the IGRC and shall be  
 10 established when the following criteria are met:
- 11 a. The source of funds for the account are derived from user fees and the  
 12 funds are not donor-restricted.
- 13 b. CCFA and/or the Director of Administrative Services agree to accept the  
 14 funds.
- 15 21. Board designated accounts are unrestricted net asset accounts which have been  
 16 set aside for a specific purpose by a agency/board/committee/commission within  
 17 the Conference. In order for CCFA to classify funds as board designated amounts  
 18 a written request must be received from the appropriate  
 19 agency/board/committee/commission. CCFA may also request and approve its own  
 20 designations. Apportioned funds will generally not be board designated unless  
 21 approved by CCFA. Since board designated accounts are a segregation of  
 22 conference funds, they as a general rule do not earn interest. Unlike restricted net  
 23 assets, board designations are unrestricted net assets and can be undesignated by  
 24 CCFA or Annual Conference action.
- 25 22. **Contracts:** CCFA designates the Conference Treasurer/DAS as the authorized  
 26 signer of any contract which obligates the Illinois Great Rivers Conference  
 27 financially or for potential liability. In all instances, the responsibilities of the  
 28 Conference Board of Trustees as outlined in ¶2512 of the 2008 *Discipline* shall be  
 29 maintained. If the stated amount of the contract exceeds \$10,000, an additional  
 30 signatory is necessary which may be any appointed or elected officer of the  
 31 Conference with fiduciary responsibilities, such as: the Bishop, Assistant Treasurer,  
 32 Conference Secretary, CCFA President, Trustees President or another Director. If  
 33 the stated amount of the contract exceeds \$25,000, legal review by the Conference  
 34 Chancellor is required. All contracts signed by unauthorized persons are null and  
 35 void.
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### **Legislative Item 105: Conference Board of Pensions**

**Subject:** Report concerning pension and health insurance plans

**Submitted By:** Conference Board of Pensions

**Estimated Financial Impact on the Annual Conference:** The Administration Apportionment underwrites conference-level administrative expenses of these plans. The current plan contributions are direct-billed to local churches and participants.

#### **LI 105**

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
 Defeated \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amended \_\_\_\_\_

1 **Staff And Resource Time:** The Treasurer/Benefits Officer and two assistants currently  
2 administer these programs as part of their regular duties.

3 **Source of Funding:** Direct assessments to local churches, to church-related  
4 organizations and to individuals, interest income and the Preachers' Aid Society and  
5 Benefit Fund, Inc.

6 **Council on Finance and Administration Comment:** Approved.  
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8 **Pensions** – At this writing, with day-to-day volatility in the investment markets, a slow  
9 economic recovery, low interest rates and high unemployment, it's difficult to say that the  
10 pension funding crisis of the last few years has passed. What we do know is that the dire  
11 prediction of required extra contributions to the old pension plans for the next 21 years is  
12 no longer a reality for 2012 and probably 2013 as well. What happens beyond that is  
13 wholly dependent on the ability of plan funding to generate investment income. The  
14 General Board of Pension and Health Benefits will be recommending some changes to  
15 the current CRSP pension plan (for active clergy) at the next General Conference which,  
16 reportedly, should reduce the cost of the plan by about 15 percent. Naturally, any savings  
17 will be passed on to local churches in the form of reductions in the direct bill. At the same  
18 time, active clergy need to understand that reduced costs equate to reduced retirement  
19 benefits. As we have proclaimed all along, CRSP will not pay as generously as its  
20 predecessor pension programs. By design, it cannot. So clergy need to be very diligent in  
21 saving for their retirement future.  
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23 Finally, excellent investment returns for the last few years in the CRSP pension plan will  
24 result in a reduction in the CRSP-Defined Benefits payment from local churches in 2012.  
25 The contribution for a full-time pastor will decrease by \$300 per year, with corresponding  
26 decreases for part-time pastors according to the schedule below:

- 27 • Full-Time Pastor, \$6,960 per year; \$580 per month
- 28 •  $\frac{3}{4}$  - time Pastor, \$5,220 per year; \$435 per month
- 29 •  $\frac{1}{2}$  - time Pastor, \$3,480 per year; \$290 per month
- 30 •  $\frac{1}{4}$  - time Pastor; \$1,749 per year; \$145 per month

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32 **Health Insurance** – Last year, we began this report by stating that we would need to take  
33 a “wait and see” attitude about the ramifications of the Patient Protection and Affordable  
34 Care Act (PPACA) on our health plan. Due to the ongoing debate in Congress and in the  
35 courts, the situation is still very unclear. Certain required aspects of the PPACA have  
36 already been enacted in our grandfathered plan. We have removed lifetime dollar limits  
37 and increased benefits for mental health care. Further, enrollment for adult children (up to  
38 age 26) of our members was offered during the required enrollment window of January 1-  
39 30, 2011. About 30 adult children were enrolled. We will need more time to study the  
40 impact of these additional claimants, with a possible personal contribution increase in  
41 2013 as a result.  
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43 The chart of claim expenses below reveals a fairly consistent pattern of a “good” year  
44 followed by a “bad” year. Noting only a slight decrease in 2009, however, the last three  
45 years have been fairly bad years. Year 2010 was particularly expensive, with just a few  
46 large claims driving nearly all of the increase. Catastrophic claims are very difficult to

1 predict. Since our group is fairly small, the effect of even one very large claim can shake  
2 the system. We should receive a partial refund on at least one of those large claims from  
3 our stop-loss insurance carrier.

4 2003 = \$ 8,194,000  
5 2004 = \$ 9,501,000 (+15.95%)  
6 2005 = \$ 8,916,000 (- 6.16%)  
7 2006 = \$10,368,000 (+16.29%)  
8 2007 = \$9,416,000 (-9.18%)  
9 2008 = \$10,553,000 (+12.08%)  
10 2009 = \$10,418,000 (-1.28%)  
11 2010 = \$12,040,399 (+15.57%)

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13 Even with the unforeseen large expenses in 2010, the group health plan remains  
14 financially healthy. Over the years, we have built a reserve fund which is adequate to  
15 handle unusual expenses. Because of our excellent cash flow and the interest earnings of  
16 the reserves, the Board of Pensions recommends **no increase** in local church or personal  
17 assessment rates in 2012. The Board would like to remind everyone that there has only  
18 been one increase in the rates charged to local churches in the last six years, which is  
19 much, much better than national trend.

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21 At the same time, the Board recognizes that the retiree health benefits plan, in its current  
22 form, is not sustainable. We invite you to review the "Moving to Medicare-D" resolution in  
23 this booklet for more information on the financial challenges of continuing a self-funded  
24 retiree prescription plan. Medicare-D offers a viable alternative to our own prescription  
25 plan. We urge passage of the resolution as the very best way to preserve the Medicare  
26 Supplement medical benefit for our current and future retirees.

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28 The Board instituted a HealthMiles walking program for our health insurance participants  
29 in 2010 and that program continues in 2011. As of this writing, 55% of our eligible  
30 members have enrolled in the program, which exceeds the experience of other annual  
31 conferences and the HealthMiles book of business. In the fall of 2010, the IGRC walkers  
32 won a total steps challenge with eight annual conferences participating. It is not too late  
33 for active clergy and spouses in the health plan to sign up. Go to  
34 [www.virginhealthmiles.com/igrc](http://www.virginhealthmiles.com/igrc).

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36 Finally, we continue to express our profound gratitude to the Preachers' Aid Society and  
37 Benefit Fund for their generous support of the retiree health benefits programs. Without  
38 this support, funding of the retiree health program simply would not be feasible.

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**Health Insurance Recommendations:****2012 Assessment Rates:**

Category	2011	2012
Local Church Direct Bill	\$ 17,520/year	\$ 17,520/year
Pre-Medicare Retiree – retired before 2005	\$ 3,840/year	\$ 3,840/year
Pre-Medicare Spouse of Retiree – retired before 2005	\$3,840/year	\$ 3,840/year
2005+ Pre-Medicare Retirees	\$ 14,700/year	\$ 14,700/year
Pre-Medicare Spouse of Retiree	\$ 3,840/year	\$ 3,840/year
Active clergy contribution	\$ 65/month	\$ 65/month
Spouse of Active Clergy	\$ 320/month	\$ 320/month
Retiree on Medicare <sup>1</sup>	n/a	\$ 35/month
Spouse on Medicare <sup>1</sup>	n/a	\$ 70/month
Retiree on Medicare <sup>2</sup>	\$ 65/month	\$ 65/month
Spouse on Medicare <sup>2</sup>	\$ 100/month	\$ 100/month
Active Lay Staff Contribution	\$ 65/month	\$ 65/month
Spouse of Lay Staff	\$ 320/month	\$ 320/month
All Other Categories	--	No Increase

<sup>1</sup> = If the Medicare-D proposal is approved

<sup>2</sup> = If the Medicare-D proposal is **not** approved

The Annual Conference Board of Pensions is authorized to update the Health Plan in order to make the Plan language consistent with the Health Insurance Policies which have been approved by the Annual Conference. The Conference Board of Pensions is further authorized to amend the Health Plan in order to comply with applicable provisions of the law.

Each church/charge shall be assessed one full health insurance assessment per clergy person appointed full-time to the church/charge regardless of the personal health insurance situation of the clergy person.

**Pension Rate and Special Grant Recommendations:**

The pension rate for pre-1982 years of service will be set at \$674.16 per service year for 2012. This is a 2% increase over the 2011 rate of \$660.94.

The following special grants will be made for 2012:

1. Ruth Sharrow be declared eligible to the claim of a dependent child for the service years of her father, Clarence Sharrow.
2. Mrs. Allen Morgan be given a special grant of \$35.00 per month.
3. Irene Frick be given a special grant of \$300 per month beginning July 1, 2001 and increasing 2% per year.

**Credit for Student Local Pastor Years (Pre-1982):**

Add 1.5 years of service with pension credit to the record of Jerry Watkins for service rendered at West Point/Stillwell/Loraine and Collison/Hebron from June 15, 1980 to December 31, 1981.

**Resolutions Relating to Rental/Housing Allowance for  
Retired or Disabled Clergypersons of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference**

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

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

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

**Whereas**, pensions or other amounts paid to active, retired, and disabled Clergypersons are considered to be deferred compensation and are paid to active, retired, and disabled Clergypersons in consideration of previous active service; and

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

**Now, therefore be it resolved:**

- that an amount equal to 100% of the pension or disability payments received from plans authorized under *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* (the "*Discipline*"), which includes all such payments from the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits ("GBOPHB"), during the year 2012 by each active, retired, or disabled Clergyperson who is or was a member of the Conference, or its predecessors, be and hereby is designated as a rental/housing allowance for each such Clergyperson; and
- that the pension or disability payments to which this rental/housing allowance applies will be any pension or disability payments from plans, annuities, or funds authorized under the *Discipline*, including such payments from the GBOPHB and from a commercial annuity company that provides an annuity arising from benefits

1 accrued under a GBOPHB plan, annuity, or fund authorized under the *Discipline*,  
 2 that result from any service a Clergy person rendered to this Conference or that an  
 3 active, a retired, or a disabled Clergy person of this Conference rendered to any  
 4 local church, annual conference of the Church, general agency of the Church,  
 5 other institution of the Church, former denomination that is now a part of the  
 6 Church, or any other employer that employed the Clergy person to perform services  
 7 related to the ministry of the Church, or its predecessors, and that elected to make  
 8 contributions to, or accrue a benefit under, such a plan, annuity, or fund for such  
 9 active, retired, or disabled Clergy person's pension or disability as part of his or her  
 10 gross compensation.

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 12 NOTE: The rental/housing allowance that may be excluded from a Clergy person's gross  
 13 income in any year for federal income tax purposes is limited under Internal Revenue  
 14 Code section 107(2) and regulations thereunder to the least of: (1) the amount of the  
 15 rental/housing allowance designated by the Clergy person's employer or other appropriate  
 16 body of the Church (such as this Conference in the foregoing resolutions) for such year;  
 17 (2) the amount actually expended by the Clergy person to rent or provide a home in such  
 18 year; or (3) the fair rental value of the home, including furnishings and appurtenances  
 19 (such as a garage), plus the cost of utilities in such year.

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 23 **Legislative Item 106: Long-Range Pension Funding**  
 24 **Plans**

<b>LI 106</b>
Adopted _____
Defeated _____
Amended _____

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 26 **Subject:** Pre-1982 Pension Funding Plans for 2010, 2011 and 2012  
 27 as required by ¶1506.8 of the 2008 Book of Discipline.

28 **Submitted by:** Conference Board of Pensions

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 31 **Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference**  
 32 **Funding Plan for Supplement One**  
 33 **to the Clergy Retirement Security Program**  
 34 **(also known as the "Pre-1982 Plan")**  
 35 **For Year 2010 (Revised)**  
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37 The 2010 Past Service Rate (PSR) is \$647.98, or 1.09% of Conference Average  
 38 Compensation (CAC). The Illinois Great Rivers Conference (IGRC) desires to increase  
 39 the PSR by 2% per year. In future years, the PSR/CAC ratio will not be allowed to fall  
 40 below 1.0%. Because current trends indicate that CAC is increasing faster than 2% per  
 41 year, the IGRC recognizes that there will be future increases in the PSR which exceed  
 42 2% per year to maintain the 1% PSR/CAC ratio. Assuming that the PSR will increase  
 43 annually by 2% and CAC will increase annually by an average of 3%, we estimate that by  
 44 year 2020, PSR increases exceeding 2% will be needed to maintain the 1.0% ratio of  
 45 PSR/CAC. When this becomes necessary, the IGRC will fund PSR increases through  
 46 Pre-1982 Plan reserves, apportionments, withdrawals from the Retiree Benefits Reserve,

1 contributions from the Preachers' Aid Society and Benefit Fund or a combination of all  
 2 four as deemed prudent and appropriate at the time.

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 4 The IGRC will not consider again subsidizing the funding the defined benefits portion of  
 5 the Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP-DB) from Pre-1982 Plan reserves until  
 6 the funding level of the Pre-1982 Plan exceeds 140% of assets/liabilities. CRSP-DB will  
 7 be funded by direct-bill to the local churches or employers with participants in the plan.

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 9 Funding Plan Amounts are summarized below: As of 01/01/2008

10 Plan Funding .....	\$ 117,691,924
11 Total Liability* .....	<u>\$ 95,321,154</u>
12 Funded Status .....	\$ 22,370,770
13 Total Contributions Required** .....	\$ -0-

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 15 \*Assumes an average of 2% PSR Increases per year

16 \*\*Assumes 7.0% Interest

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 19 **Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference**  
 20 **Funding Plan for Supplement One**  
 21 **to the Clergy Retirement Security Program**  
 22 **(also known as the "Pre-1982 Plan")**  
 23 **For Year 2011**

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 25 The 2011 Past Service Rate (PSR) is \$660.94, or 1.08% of Conference Average  
 26 Compensation (CAC). The Illinois Great Rivers Conference (IGRC) desires to increase  
 27 the PSR by 2% per year. In future years, the PSR/CAC ratio will not be allowed to fall  
 28 below 1.0%. Because current trends indicate that CAC is increasing faster than 2% per  
 29 year, the IGRC recognizes that there will be future increases in the PSR which exceed  
 30 2% per year to maintain the 1% PSR/CAC ratio. Assuming that the PSR will increase  
 31 annually by 2% and CAC will increase annually by an average of 3%, we estimate that  
 32 by year 2021, PSR increases exceeding 2% will be needed to maintain the 1.0% ratio of  
 33 PSR/CAC. When this becomes necessary, the IGRC will fund PSR increases through  
 34 Pre-1982 Plan reserves, apportionments, withdrawals from the Retiree Benefits Reserve,  
 35 contributions from the Preachers' Aid Society and Benefit Fund or a combination of all  
 36 four as deemed prudent and appropriate at the time.

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 38 The IGRC will not consider again subsidizing the funding the defined benefits portion of  
 39 the Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP-DB) from Pre-1982 Plan reserves until  
 40 the funding level of the Pre-1982 Plan exceeds 140% of assets/liabilities. CRSP-DB will  
 41 be funded by direct-bill to the local churches or employers with participants in the plan.

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 43 Funding Plan Amounts are summarized below: As of 01/01/2009

44 Plan Funding .....	\$ 76,687,423
45 Total Liability* .....	<u>\$ 86,851,582</u>

1	Funded Status .....	\$	-10,164,159
2	Total Contributions Required** .....	\$	1,780,252

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4 Therefore, the IGRC is required to contribute \$1,780,252 to the Pre-1982 Plan on  
 5 December 31, 2011.

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7 The General Board of Pension and Health Benefits offered Annual Conferences a “CPP  
 8 Premium Holiday” for the years 2010, 2011, and 2012. According to the funding plan  
 9 approved by the 2010 Annual Conference Session, the IGRC continued to collect CPP  
 10 premiums from local churches in 2010 and 2011, and will direct those funds toward the  
 11 contribution required for the Pre-1982 Plan on December 31, 2011. The amount assessed  
 12 to local churches is approximately \$800,000 per year, therefore two years of CPP  
 13 premium contributions will yield approximately \$1,600,000 for the required Pre-1982  
 14 contribution.

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16 Consequently, the 2011 contribution will be made in this manner:

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18	Two years of CPP Premium Holiday (estimated).....	\$	1,600,000
19	Apportionments .....	\$	<u>180,252</u>
20	Total .....	\$	1,780,252

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22 \*Assumes an average of 2% PSR Increases per year

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\*\*Assumes 7.0% Interest

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25 The actuarial valuation based on January 1, 2009 assets and liabilities predicts that this  
 26 \$1,780,252 contribution will be required each year until 2021.

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28 In 2012, the remaining \$800,000 from the “CPP Holiday” will be utilized for any  
 29 contributions due, plus a special apportionment of \$980,252 will be assessed for a total of  
 30 \$1,780,252.

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32 In years 2013 through 2021, a special apportionment of \$1,780,252 will be assessed to  
 33 local churches for the required pre-1982 contributions.

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**Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference  
 Funding Plan for Supplement One  
 to the Clergy Retirement Security Program  
 (also known as the “Pre-1982 Plan”)  
 For Year 2012**

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43 The 2012 Past Service Rate (PSR) is expected to be \$674.16, or 1.08% of Conference  
 44 Average Compensation (CAC). The Illinois Great Rivers Conference (IGRC) desires to  
 45 increase the PSR by 2% per year. In future years, the PSR/CAC ratio will not be allowed  
 46 to fall below 1.0%. Because current trends indicate that CAC is increasing faster than 2%  
 47 per year, the IGRC recognizes that there will be future increases in the PSR which  
 48 exceed 2% per year to maintain the 1% PSR/CAC ratio. Assuming that the PSR will

1 increase annually by 2% and CAC will increase annually by an average of 3%, we  
 2 estimate that by year 2021, PSR increases exceeding 2% will be needed to maintain the  
 3 1.0% ratio of PSR/CAC. When this becomes necessary, the IGRC will fund PSR  
 4 increases through Pre-1982 Plan reserves, apportionments, withdrawals from the Retiree  
 5 Benefits Reserve, contributions from the Preachers' Aid Society and Benefit Fund or a  
 6 combination of all four as deemed prudent and appropriate at the time.

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 9 the Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP-DB) from Pre-1982 Plan reserves until  
 10 the funding level of the Pre-1982 Plan exceeds 140% of assets/liabilities. CRSP-DB will  
 11 be funded by direct-bill to the local churches or employers with participants in the plan.

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 13 Funding Plan Amounts are summarized below: As of 01/01/2010\*

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15	Plan Funding .....	\$ 84,960,707
16	Total Liability** .....	\$ 86,351,760
17	Funded Status .....	\$ -1,391,053
18	Total Contributions Required*** .....	\$ -0-

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 20 \*Preliminary Figures

21 \*\*Assumes an average of 2% PSR Increases per year

22 \*\*\*Assumes 7.0% Interest and 2011 Contribution

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VIA E-MAIL

Rev. Richard A. VanGiesen  
Conference Treasurer  
Illinois Great Rivers  
5900 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9207

**RE: 2010, 2011 and 2012 Funding Plans for the Illinois Great Rivers Conference**

Dear Rev. VanGiesen:

Attached is a copy of the funding plans for 2010, 2011 and 2012 submitted for the portion of Supplement One to the Clergy Retirement Security Program attributable to the Illinois Great Rivers Conference.

The total liability amounts used in these funding plans are as follows:

- January 1, 2008, for 2010: \$95,321,154
- January 1, 2009, for 2011: \$86,851,582
- January 1, 2010, for 2012: \$86,351,760

These liabilities are based on the following key actuarial assumptions

- 7.0% interest
- RP-2000 mortality table
- Past service Rate (PSR) for years 2010 through 2012 are: \$647.98, \$660.94 and \$674.16, respectively.
- 2% average increase in the Past Service Rate

In the opinion of The General Board of Pension and Health Benefits of The United Methodist Church, the attached funding plan meets the funding requirements of Paragraph 1506.8 of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2008*. This opinion applies only to the attached funding plans.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Featherstone  
Actuarial Services Department

cc: Josie Martinez, General Board of Pension and Health Benefits

Enclosure

**Legislative Item 107: Moving to Medicare-D****LI 107**

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_

Amended \_\_\_\_\_

**Subject:** To replace the IGRC self-funded prescription plan coverage for IGRC Medicare-eligible health plan participants with Medicare-D coverage.

**Submitted by:** Unanimous vote of the Conference Board of Pensions, February 14, 2011.

**Background:** The IGRC has created for itself an enormous financial liability – one that we cannot handle. On January 1, 2010, the amount of money that we needed on-hand to fund the current and future health benefits of retirees was \$59,536,136. Clearly, the annual conference does not have this kind of money and neither does the Preachers' Aid Society and Benefit Fund (PASBF), even if all of the assets were devoted to retiree health care. And the real problem is that this liability grows every day. In 2008 through 2009, it grew by \$24,724,930. The reasons it is growing so rapidly is because of declining revenues from investments, high prescription drug inflation and an increase in our retiree population. Each week, we estimate that the liability has grown by \$100,000 – and we may be far too conservative in our estimate. Clearly, we cannot keep going down this path. Eventually, the retiree health benefit will consume every dollar the annual conference can generate. Something must be changed. In 2006, the Federal Government rolled out the Medicare Part-D prescription benefit, or "Medicare-D." At first, the plan was met with much skepticism and administrative chaos. Retirees were faced with difficult choices and many restrictions. We wished to spare our retirees from the confusion and took a "wait and see" approach. However, in the sixth year of operation, Medicare-D has matured. More choices are offered, it works virtually seamlessly with pharmacies and is not nearly as restrictive in drug availability as it used to be. Congress has taken action which should eventually help to fix some of the weaknesses of the plan. Dozens of our retirees have already abandoned our IGRC prescription plan seeking lower cost in Medicare-D, or because their care facility will not cooperate with our plan. In the fall of 2010, our actuary estimated that our \$59,536,136 liability would be reduced to \$23,210,000 by moving our retirees to Medicare-D. This represents a 61% savings by this one change alone. In moving to Medicare-D, the IGRC would reduce the premium that retirees pay into our plan by (roughly) the same amount as the average Medicare-D premium. The IGRC would also reduce its asking from PASBF for annual support of the retiree health plan. Last year, we had over 2 million dollars in prescription drug claims for the Medicare retirees alone. The prescription plan expenses comprise about 2/3 of the overall cost of the retiree health plan. If we move to Medicare-D, the prescription plan expenses would be reduced to almost nothing. Each retiree would choose the Medicare-D plan which best fits his or her needs, but the IGRC will take extraordinary efforts to assist each retiree in the choice of an appropriate plan. Let us be clear: Medicare-D will be less expensive for some retirees and more expensive for others. This largely depends on individual prescription needs and the plan choice that a person makes. However, PASBF has offered to assist any retiree for whom this change would become a financial hardship. This is an exciting development, because there will be a PASBF "safety net" for each retiree. They will not be broken financially if they make a bad choice. This should relieve a lot of anxieties about the change.

1 **Therefore be it resolved:** That effective January 1, 2012, the Illinois Great Rivers Annual  
2 Conference will amend its health benefits plan by removing prescription benefits from the  
3 list of covered services for participants who are Medicare-eligible.

7 **Legislative Item 108: SR VI.B.4. Provision of Internet**

<b>LI 108</b>
Adopted _____
Defeated _____
Amended _____

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9 **Subject:** Provide internet access in designated offices  
10 **Submitted by:** Standing Rules Committee

11  
12 **Whereas** the Illinois Great Rivers Conference has established the igrc.org web mail  
13 system for ease of disseminating information throughout the conference;

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15 **Therefore be it resolved** that the church/charge shall provide and pay for internet  
16 service, high speed if available, at the designated office or place where the pastor is  
17 expected to perform his or her pastoral duties.

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19 This resolution would amend Standing Rule VI.B.4 found on page 323 of the 2010  
20 **Official Journal–Yearbook**. Standing Rule VI.B.4 would thus read:

- 21 4. Each charge shall provide and pay for telephone service beyond the church  
22 building for the pastor, basic cable or basic satellite television services for the  
23 parsonage home, and internet service, high speed if available, at the designated  
24 office or place where the pastor is expected to perform his or her pastoral duties.

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28 **Legislative Item 109: SR VI.C. – Parsonage Resolution**

<b>LI 109</b>
Adopted _____
Defeated _____
Amended _____

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30 **Subject: Covenant Equality in Pastoral Housing** (A Resolution to  
31 Change the Standing Rules Requiring Parsonages for All Full-Time  
32 Appointed Clergy and Elimination of Housing Allowance)

33 **Submitted By:** Rev. Glen W. Bocox, Mahomet UMC; Rev. Dr. John E. Sims, Urbana  
34 First UMC, Rev. Jeremiah W Chipman Thompson, Mahomet UMC; Rev. Terry Clark,  
35 retired

36 **Estimated Financial Impact on the Annual Conference:** None

37 **Staff Resource and Time:** None

38 **Council on Finance and Administration Comment:**

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40 **Whereas**, providing a housing allowance can and has affected the ability of the District  
41 Superintendents to make effective nominations and the Bishop to make effective  
42 appointments based primarily on the match between pastoral gifts and the missional  
43 needs of the church/charge; and

44  
45 **Whereas**, pastors provided a housing allowance may experience significant financial  
46 difficulties when appointed to another church/charge and are not able to sell their home;  
47 and

1 **Whereas**, newly-appointed pastors in situations where a housing allowance, rather than a  
2 parsonage, is provided sometimes struggle to find adequate housing or to come up with  
3 an appropriate down payment, a situation exacerbated by the current limitations in the  
4 mortgage lending industry; and

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6 **Whereas**, monthly housing allowances, once established, are not generally periodically  
7 examined and increased so as to reflect current local housing market realities and are  
8 thus often insufficient to provide housing that meets current standards when a new pastor  
9 is appointed, a situation occasionally made more difficult when the provisions of Standing  
10 Rule VI.C.6.a (requirement that the housing allowance be adequate to provide housing  
11 which meets the Annual Conference standards for the parsonage home) are not  
12 enforced; and

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14 **Whereas**, housing allowances usually result in higher overall housing costs for the local  
15 church/charge in that real estate taxes must be included as a component of the  
16 allowance, a cost not incurred when a local church/charge owns a tax-exempt parsonage,  
17 as well as the unforeseen increase in apportionments that result from having a housing  
18 allowance (e.g., an \$18,000 annual housing allowance currently results in an additional  
19 \$2,000 increase in annual apportionments) and thus may not be optimal financial  
20 stewardship on the part of the local church/charge; and

21  
22 **Whereas**, some pastors supplied with a housing allowance, especially those in long-term  
23 appointments, are often able to accrue considerable equity in a home, a benefit afforded  
24 to a very limited number of clergy, thus generating serious concerns among clergy related  
25 to equality in the clergy covenant; and

26  
27 **Whereas**, current IGRC Standing Rules (VI.C.1) already encourage provision of a  
28 parsonage rather than a housing allowance, presumably for the reasons cited above; and

29  
30 **Whereas**, the IGRC Cabinet had previously instituted a policy in which all appointed  
31 IGRC staff were to be supplied with a parsonage and in which no housing allowance was  
32 permitted, presumably also for the reasons cited above [*Note: this policy was deleted by*  
33 *the 2008 Annual Conference*];

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35 **Therefore, be it resolved**, that the Standing Rules be modified (as suggested below) to  
36 require each local church/charge to provide a parsonage either through purchase or direct  
37 lease [*Note: this does not require a pastor to live in the parsonage provided if he/she*  
38 *chooses to provide a home at his/her expense*]; and

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40 **Be it further resolved**, that in those churches/charges where housing allowances  
41 currently exist, this change shall take place at the next change in appointment; and

42  
43 **Be it further resolved**, that this policy shall also apply to all new church start pastors and  
44 to all pastors within the bounds of the conference structure (e.g., District Superintendents  
45 and IGRC program and administrative staff), but shall not apply to pastors appointed to  
46 independent or conference-related agencies; and

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1 **Be it further resolved**, that any exception to this policy must be requested of and  
 2 approved by both the District Superintendents and the Bishop, with specific regard given  
 3 to concerns of equality in the general covenant of the clergy.

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 6 **Suggested Changes in Standing Rules**  
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8 **VI. LOCAL CHURCH MATTERS**

9 C. Housing

10 1) Local churches, charges, and IGRC ~~are encouraged to~~ shall provide a  
 11 parsonage or a single-family home that meets all current standards ~~rather~~  
 12 ~~than a housing allowance~~ either through purchase or direct lease. A home  
 13 may not be leased from a pastor or pastor's spouse. This policy shall take  
 14 effect when there is a change in appointment. These entities currently  
 15 providing a parsonage shall not move to a parsonage allowance during the  
 16 tenure of the current pastor.

17 6) Housing Allowance:

18 ~~a. Local churches/charges are encouraged to provide parsonages for~~  
 19 ~~their pastor's housing. However, when out of necessity a pastor~~  
 20 ~~must purchase or rent his/hor own home, a housing allowance shall~~  
 21 ~~be provided which shall be adequate for the residence to meet the~~  
 22 ~~Annual Conference standards for a parsonage home.~~

23 a. Housing allowances shall not be provided for any appointed clergy,  
 24 including district superintendents, new church start pastors and  
 25 appointed program and administrative conference staff (cf. VII.F).  
 26 Any exception to this policy must be requested of and approved by  
 27 both the District Superintendents and the Bishop, who shall  
 28 consider clergy equality concerns in making that determination.  
 29 (Note: This policy shall not apply to pastors appointed to  
 30 independent or conference-related agencies.)

31 b. Local churches/charges may purchase or rent/lease a single-family  
 32 home for the parsonage. If rented/leased, the parsonage shall  
 33 meet the Annual Conference standards for a parsonage home and  
 34 must have the approval of the District Superintendent and the  
 35 District Board of Church Location and Building.

36 c. The parsonage provisions shall be clearly defined by the Pastor-  
 37 Parish Relations Committee and the District Superintendent at the  
 38 time of the consultation prior to the appointment.

39 ~~d. Any exceptions to these provisions shall be negotiated and~~  
 40 ~~approved by the pastor, the District Superintendent and the Pastor-~~  
 41 ~~Parish Relations Committee.~~

42 ~~e.~~

43 Key: ~~Double Strike Through~~ indicates deletions in current wording.  
 44 Underline indicates additions to or substitutions to current wording.  
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**Legislative Item 110: SR VII.D. – Proceeds of Sale**

**Subject:** Divide proceeds from sale of Conference property between Church Extension and Repair and Replacement Funds

**Submitted by:** Rick VanGiesen

**LI 110**

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_

Amended \_\_\_\_\_

**Background:** The history of our conference reveals a pattern of neglect of conference-owned properties, such as district parsonages and staff parsonages. We have had a tendency to ignore needed repairs and updates until the situation becomes chronic. On a few occasions, the delays became so severe that the property was no longer suitable for occupancy. There have been times when it was necessary to sell properties for reduced prices, due to disrepair. The primary reason this has happened is not a result of a lack of stewardship, it has been a lack of funding. Funding for updates and repairs comes from the Trustees budget, where it is sometimes overshadowed by other needs. More dollars are needed. They either need to come from an increase in apportionments, which nobody wants, or another source of income. Proceeds from sale of abandoned church properties go to the Church Extension Fund, as per Standing Rule VII.D. The Church Extension Fund is currently in good shape. The proposed amendment which follows recognizes that the maintenance and upkeep of existing facilities also reflects good stewardship of the funds which come from the sale of properties which are no longer needed for ministry. Proceeds from those sales would be divided equally between Church Extension and the Repair and Replacement Fund.

**Therefore, be it resolved,** that the phrase in Standing Rule VII.D. which reads, “the net proceeds from the sale of discontinued or abandoned Annual Conference, church and parsonage properties or sites shall go to the Church Extension Fund or its equivalent structure.” will be replaced with the phrase: “the net proceeds from the sale of discontinued or abandoned Annual Conference, church and parsonage properties or sites shall be divided equally between the Church Extension Fund and the Repair and Replacement Fund or their equivalent structures.”

**Legislative Item 111: 2012 Equitable Compensation**

**Subject:** Commission on Equitable Compensation Report

**Submitted by:** Commission on Equitable Compensation

**LI 111**

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_

Amended \_\_\_\_\_

The Commission on Equitable Compensation is charged with recommending conference standards for pastoral support; administering funds to be used in base compensation supplementation; and providing counsel and advisory material on pastoral support. Funding for the work of the Commission on Equitable Compensation comes from the Equitable Compensation Fund in the Conference budget.

In our discussions of a recommendation of a Conference minimum salary, we have sought to balance in our own minds the financial realities experienced by pastors and their families AND the financial realities with which many of the churches within the Annual Conference continue to struggle. The Commission has also begun to struggle with

1 the level of minimum compensation in this Annual Conference as compared to other  
 2 Conferences and the possible impact that that can have on recruitment and retention of  
 3 clergy. While geography can impact economics and salary is only one portion of  
 4 compensation (in addition to insurance and other benefits), we are troubled by the reality  
 5 that the IGRC currently ranks 8<sup>th</sup> of 11 Annual Conferences in our Jurisdiction according  
 6 to information released by the National Association of Commissions on Equitable  
 7 Compensation. We are also concerned that our Conference Average Compensation is  
 8 now below the Denominational Average Compensation. In order to address these  
 9 realities, we are recommending a higher than average increase to the 2012 minimum  
 10 salary. While we are not able to make a firm recommendation for future years, it is our  
 11 intention to make a similar recommendation for 2013 as well—barring unforeseen  
 12 changes in the economic realities of our nation or area.

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 14 **Now therefore be it resolved**, that the minimum compensation for pastors in full  
 15 connection, associate members, provisional elders, and full-time local pastors shall be  
 16 increased by 5% for 2012. This would set minimum salaries at \$36,225.00 for clergy in  
 17 Full Connection, Associate Members, and Provisional Elders; and \$33,180.00 for Full-  
 18 Time Local Pastors.

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22 **Legislative Item 112: Funding for Pastoral Care and**  
 23 **Counseling**

<b>LI 112</b>
Adopted _____
Defeated _____
Amended _____

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 25 **Jointly Submitted by:** The Committee on Pastoral Care and  
 26 Counseling, CCFA, and IGRC Cabinet  
 27 **Estimated Financial Impact on the Annual Conference:** Detailed below  
 28 **Staff and Resource Time:** Minor impact – bookkeeping  
 29 **Source of Funding:** Use of existing reserves  
 30 **CCFA Comment:** Approved.

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33 **Background:**

34 There is widespread consensus that providing assistance for our clergy and their families  
 35 is an essential function of the annual conference. Assistance takes form not only in  
 36 providing resources for mental and emotional health, but also for the complete well-being  
 37 and wholeness of our servant leaders. The annual conference has consistently voted to  
 38 support and maintain Pastoral Care and Counseling (PCC) as a functional unit of the  
 39 annual conference.

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41 Because of changing environments in the delivery of healthcare, clergy needs and  
 42 available resources, it became clear in recent years that a different model for providing  
 43 assistance to clergy and their families was an imperative need. Over the past 4 years,  
 44 the PCC Board has gradually reshaped the ministry to become more holistic in nature  
 45 while also seeking to be increasingly cost-effective. (See separate Report from PCC in  
 46 Supplemental Packet.)

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1 The PCC Board, in collaborative conversation with CCFA and the Cabinet, has decided to  
 2 close its separate treasury account effective July 1, 2011. The Conference Treasurer's  
 3 office will handle all financial administration related to Pastoral Care and Counseling. In  
 4 order to make PCC's ongoing financial needs clear and transparent, the PCC Board has  
 5 decided to return its bank balance to the IGRC central treasury and meet its future  
 6 expenses from money allotted through the IGRC budget (rather than from reserves which  
 7 have accumulated during this time of reshaping its ministry.)  
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9 In order for PCC to operate through the end of 2011, adequate funds will need to be  
 10 provided by the annual conference. PCC's estimated need for the last six months of 2011  
 11 is \$62,500. This resolution will not increase 2011 apportionments.  
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13 **Therefore, be it resolved** that the 2011 IGRC budget be amended to include a \$62,500  
 14 line item for Pastoral Care and Counseling.  
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18 **Legislative Item 113: 100th Anniversary Wesley**  
 19 **Foundation at U of I**

**LI 113**

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
 Defeated \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amended \_\_\_\_\_

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 21 **Subject:** Recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Wesley  
 22 Foundation at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign Campus, October 13, 2013.  
 23 **Submitted by:** The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee at The Wesley Foundation at the  
 24 University of Illinois  
 25

26 **Whereas,** The Wesley Foundation at the University of Illinois is the first Wesley  
 27 Foundation in the world, indeed the first religious foundation of its kind, having been  
 28 named after John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement and one time campus  
 29 minister at Oxford University, England,  
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31 **And whereas,** the founding date is October 13, 1913,  
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33 **And whereas,** The Wesley Foundation at the U of I is still active in student and campus  
 34 ministry,  
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36 **And whereas,** The Wesley Foundation has been a significant worldwide movement for  
 37 these many years with over 200 Wesley Foundations around the world,  
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39 **And whereas,** The Wesley Foundation at the U of I is one of the higher education  
 40 ministries of this Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference,  
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42 **Be it resolved,** that this Annual Conference pledge its recognition and support of The  
 43 Wesley Foundation at the U of I and its celebration of its historic 100<sup>th</sup> year in 2013,  
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45 **And be it further resolved,** that a progress report of this observance be made at the  
 46 2012 Session of The Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference,  
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1 **And be it further resolved** that the Sessions Committee of The Annual Conference work  
2 with The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee of The Wesley Foundation to find opportunity at  
3 the 2013 Session of Annual Conference to make special recognition of The Wesley  
4 Foundations and Campus Ministries in our Conference which are outgrowths of this great  
5 adventure in learning that began in Illinois.  
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9 **Legislative Item 114: Realigning Conference Personnel**  
10 **Committee**

<b>LI 114</b>
Adopted _____
Defeated _____
Amended _____

11  
12 **Subject:** Aligning Conference Personnel Committee membership and  
13 tenure with the change in conference personnel, structure, and standing rules.

14 **Submitted by:** Conference Personnel Committee

15 **Estimated Financial Impact:** None

16 **Staff Resource and Time:** None

17 **Council on Finance and Administration Comment:** Not required  
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19 **Whereas,** the 2004 Annual Conference established the Conference Personnel  
20 Committee and  
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22 **Whereas,** the membership of the Conference Personnel Committee is (13) members, (1)  
23 more lay than clergy whose membership comprises (3) chairpersons, the chairperson of  
24 the Conference Ministry Team (now called Equipping and Connecting Team), the  
25 chairperson of Committee on Congregational Development, and the chairperson of  
26 Conference Council on Finance and Administration, (1) District Superintendent nominated  
27 by the Bishop and (9) remaining members nominated by the Bishop and  
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29 **Whereas,** as the Director of Connectional Ministries, Director of Congregational  
30 Development, Director of Finance and Administration and Bishop or Bishop's designee  
31 shall be ex officio members without vote and  
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33 **Whereas,** in 2006 a change in conference staffing resulted in the staff person relating to  
34 Communications becoming a Director's level position and the staff person relating to  
35 Congregational Development no longer being a Director's level position and  
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37 **Whereas,** the original intent of the membership of the Personnel Committee is to have all  
38 Directors supervising staff be ex officio and the committee chairperson in which the  
39 Directors relate be members and  
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41 **Whereas,** the conference Personnel Committee wishes to align itself with the current  
42 structure and the original intent of the committee membership  
43

44 **Therefore, be it resolved,** that the Conference Personnel Committee membership shall  
45 be (13) members, (1) more lay than clergy comprising (3) chairpersons, the chairperson  
46 of the Equipping and Connecting Team, the chairperson of the Communications  
47 Commission and the chairperson of the Conference Council on Finance and

1 Administration, (1) District Superintendent nominated by the Bishop and (9) remaining  
 2 members nominated by the Bishop and  
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4 **Be it further resolved**, that the ex officio members be the Director of Connectional  
 5 Ministries, Director of Communications, Director of Finance and Administration and the  
 6 Bishop or Bishop's designee and  
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8 **Be it further resolved**, that the tenure limit of its voting members move from no more  
 9 than (3) elections of (3) year terms (classes) and align with Standing Rule IV 2a, "no more  
 10 than eight (8) years (two 4-year terms)", since this committee is not mandated by *The*  
 11 *Book of Discipline* to be in classes.  
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15 **Legislative Item 115: Location of Annual Conference**

<b>LI 115</b>
Adopted _____
Defeated _____
Amended _____

16  
 17 **Subject:** Location of Annual Conference

18 **Submitted by:** Annual Conference Sessions Committee

19 **Estimated Financial Impact on the Annual Conference:** Included in the budget

20 **Staff Resource Time:** Provided for in various offices and within the Annual Conference  
 21 Sessions Committee

22 **Council on Finance and Administration Comment:** Approved as budgeted  
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 24

25 **Whereas**, the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference seeks to accommodate all its  
 26 members of the annual conference, both lay and clergy; and  
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28 **Whereas**, the IGRC strives to hold the cost as low as possible for each attendee as well  
 29 as the overall conference; and  
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31 **Whereas**, the Annual Conference Sessions committee has heard the concerns of the  
 32 Annual Conference members about distance for travel and are sensitive to those  
 33 burdens; and  
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35 **Whereas**, the children of our lay and clergy members to Annual Conference are able to  
 36 enjoy the East Bay Campsite for fun and spiritual nourishment during the time their  
 37 parents are attending conference; and  
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39 **Whereas**, following a thorough search for alternate sites for the Annual Conference  
 40 Session within the boundaries of the Conference, the Sessions Committee determined  
 41 that there is no other site which has the facilities and financial support from municipal  
 42 authorities; and  
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44 **Whereas**, no other facility has the dates available except the Peoria Civic Center for the  
 45 dates of June 5-8, 2013, June 4-7, 2014, June 10-13, 2015, June 8-11, 2016, June 7-10,  
 46 2017; and  
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1 **Therefore be it resolved,** that the Sessions Committee unanimously recommends the  
2 2013 - 2017 Annual Conference be held at the Peoria Civic Center in Peoria, Illinois.

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6 **Legislative Item 116: IGRC Covenant with Chaddock**

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8 **Subject:** Covenant of relationship between Chaddock School and The  
9 Illinois Great Rivers Conference

10 **Submitted by:** Bunny Wolfe

11 **Financial Implications:** None anticipated

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13 **PREAMBLE**

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15 Chaddock and The Illinois Great Rivers Conference of The United Methodist Church  
16 mutually agree to enter into this covenant to define a shared relationship and to  
17 strengthen mission and ministry with infants, children, youth, young adults and families.

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19 Chaddock is a ministry related to the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of The United  
20 Methodist Church.

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22 **COVENANT**

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24 I. Chaddock and The Illinois Great Rivers Conference agree:

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26 A. The mission of Chaddock shall be in harmony with the mission and ministry of  
27 the Illinois Great Rivers Conference and in accordance with The Book of  
28 Discipline and The Social Principles of The United Methodist Church.
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30 B. The ministry performed by Chaddock requires technical skill and training to  
31 create a caring Christian environment in which prevention, intervention and  
32 treatment services are provided for children, youth, young adults and families  
33 with a concern for the whole person.
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35 C. This covenant recognizes a shared mission and ministry. Neither party has any  
36 ownership or management authority over the other.
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38 D. The intent of Illinois Great Rivers Conference is to assure that Chaddock is  
39 providing the same ministry upon which this covenant is made. In return for  
40 maintaining this ministry, the Illinois Great Rivers Conference grants to  
41 Chaddock
  - 42 a. the use of the term "United Methodist" in publications
  - 43 b. the use of the cross and flame emblem,
  - 44 c. financial grants, and
  - 45 d. access to the Illinois Great Rivers Conference membership for promotion  
46 of services and solicitation of financial support.

E. This covenant may be terminated by either party at any time. Upon termination all rights and privileges granted under this covenant will end.

The IGRC Equipping and Connecting Team (ECT), the Coordinator of Missions and Outreach Ministries, the Chair of the Health and Welfare Committee and/or a designated member will function as liaisons between Chaddock and the IGRC. The following are expectations mutually agreed upon by each party.

Expectations of IGRC	Expectations of Chaddock
1. Communicate to Chaddock requirements and changes in The Book of Discipline and The Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church. Communicate the rules and the actions of the IGRC that may affect Chaddock.	1. Be in compliance with the provisions of The Book of Discipline and in harmony with The Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church, the laws of the State of Illinois and the provisions of this covenant agreement.
2. Communicate to Chaddock the rules and regulations established by the General Council of Finance and Administration (GCFA) of The United Methodist Church regarding the use of the name "The United Methodist Church" and the cross and flame emblem of The United Methodist Church.	2. Abide by the rules and regulations established by GCFA of The United Methodist Church regarding the use of the name "The United Methodist Church" and the cross and flame emblem of The United Methodist Church.
3. Encourage Chaddock to maintain accreditation through Educational Assessment Guidelines Leading toward Excellence (EAGLE), a program established by the United Methodist Association (UMA) of Health and Welfare Ministries.	3. Maintain accreditation by the Educational Assessment Guidelines Leading toward Excellence (EAGLE), a program established by the United Methodist Association (UMA) of Health and Welfare Ministries.
4. Maintain membership and active participation in The United Methodist Association (UMA) of Health and Welfare Ministries.	4. Maintain membership and active participation in The United Methodist Association (UMA) of Health and Welfare Ministries.
5. The IGRC Equipping and Connecting Team (ECT) designates the Coordinator of Missions and Outreach, the Chair of the Health and Welfare Committee (or a member) as liaison between the ECT and Chaddock.	5. Involve a liaison, designated by the Health and Welfare Committee, in all Chaddock board meetings and Chaddock activities. If the liaison is unable to attend a board meeting, Chaddock agrees to provide copies of all paperwork.
6. The IGRC will consult with Chaddock when Chaddock plans to establish a	6. Chaddock will consult with the IGRC when Chaddock plans to establish a

<p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16</p>	<p>new facility, alter its major purpose or function, or make a plan for expansion of an existing facility. The purpose of such a consultation would be to review the mission of the annual conference in health and welfare ministries and to ensure that the new institution, the new facility, the new purpose, or the expansion be in harmony with the mission of the annual conference and that there not be any unnecessary duplication of existing services. The consultation will include a discussion of the proposed plan of development, financing, and the types of services to be rendered.</p>	<p>new facility, alter its major purpose or function, or make a plan for expansion of an existing facility. The purpose of such a consultation would be to review the mission of the annual conference in health and welfare ministries and ensure that the new institution, the new facility, the new purpose, or the expansion is in harmony with the mission of the annual conference and that there not be unnecessary duplication of existing services. The consultation will include a discussion of proposed plans of development, financing, and types of services to be rendered.</p>
<p>17 18 19 20 21 22 23</p>	<p>7. The IGRC Council on Finance and Administration (CCFA) shall give fair consideration to requests for conference wide fundraising appeals for capital projects exceeding 1/10 of the total assets of Chaddock.</p>	<p>7. Seek written approval of the IGRC Council on Finance and Administration (CCFA) prior to engaging in conference wide fundraising appeals for capital projects exceeding 1/10 of the total assets of Chaddock.</p>
<p>24 25 26 27 28</p>	<p>8. IGRC will review and consider yearly application forms from Chaddock for benevolent financial support</p>	<p>8. Chaddock shall yearly submit completed IGRC application forms for benevolent funding. A Chaddock annual audit shall identify the use of conference benevolent funds.</p>
<p>29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46</p>	<p>9. IGRC will  a. Provide grant information to Chaddock  b. As a conference service agency, the IGRC Foundation will assist Chaddock with wills, trusts and other methods of planned giving  c. Provide information regarding general resources available through IGRC and/or general boards and agencies  d. Give fair consideration from CCFA for requests for conference wide fund-raising appeals  e. Give fair consideration by the IGRC Health and Welfare Committee to include Chaddock in the annual benevolence budget.</p>	<p>9. Chaddock will  a. Request grant information  b. Seek assistance from the IGRC Foundation with wills, trusts and other methods of planned giving.  c. Provide an annual audit to the IGRC Treasurer, and the Director of Missions and Outreach by April of the following fiscal year  d. Abide by the rules set forth by CCFA on conference wide fundraising  e. Submit an annual benevolence application to the IGRC Health and Welfare Committee</p>
<p>47 48</p>	<p>10. Assist Chaddock in making high quality mission information available to local</p>	<p>10. Provide high quality mission information for sharing updated Chaddock</p>

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11. Advocate and promote the mission and programs of Chaddock through all available communications channels of IGRC, such as but not limited to, the Annual Conference Journal/Yearbook, the Current, and IGRC web site and general mission appeals.	11. Identify in promotional materials that Chaddock is a ministry related to IGRC and supply to the Coordinator of Missions and Outreach news items and reports of Chaddock activities, programs and plans to be used in communication channels of IGRC.
12. The IGRC Coordinator of Missions & Outreach and IGRC Treasurer will receive Chaddock's annual audit by April of the Chaddock's following fiscal year.	12. Provide an annual audit to IGRC Coordinator of Missions & Outreach and IGRC Treasurer by April of Chaddock's following fiscal year.
13. The Chair of IGRC Health and Welfare and the Coordinator of Missions/Outreach shall participate in the Golden Cross Fellowship of the Health and Welfare Agencies of IGRC.	13. Chaddock shall send a representative to participate in the Golden Cross Fellowship of the Health and Welfare Agencies of IGRC.
14. Provide advice and assistance in the recruitment of a Chief Executive Officer for Chaddock.	14. Request assistance and advice from IGRC for the recruitment a Chief Executive Officer for Chaddock.
15. If the person under consideration to be chosen as chief executive officer, chaplain or staff member of Chaddock is IGRC United Methodist ordained clergy, the selection must be done in consultation with the Resident Bishop of IGRC and in compliance with The Book of Discipline.	15. If the person under consideration to be chosen as chief executive officer, chaplain or staff member of Chaddock is IGRC United Methodist ordained clergy, the selection must proceed in consultation with the Resident Bishop of IGRC and in compliance with The Book of Discipline.
16. Make training resources available to the Chaddock staff and board of trustees in mutually identified areas of interest such as a. board membership and responsibilities b. planned giving c. grant writing d. strategic planning e. connectionalism within the UMC	16. Seek assistance with a. board training b. planned giving, c. grant writing d. strategic planning.  Offer training and workshops relating to working with children, youth and young adults to local congregations.
17. Receive an annual listing of the Chaddock Board of Trustees, with the number of United Methodist indicated, to be submitted to the IGRC Nominations Committee to be listed in the IGRC Journal-Yearbook.	17. Submit an annual list of Chaddock Board of Trustees with the number of United Methodists indicated to the Chair of IGRC Health and Welfare Committee and Coordinator of Missions and Outreach.

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<p>18. The District Superintendent where Chaddock is located, the IGRC Health and Welfare Chairperson or designee shall be ex-officio members of the Chaddock Board of Trustees without vote.</p>	<p>18. The following persons shall be ex-officio members of the Chaddock Board of Trustees without vote: The District Superintendent where Chaddock is located, the IGRC Health and Welfare Chair or designee.</p>
<p>19. Review any changes to the Chaddock bylaws and Articles of Incorporation to insure the appropriate clauses from The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church.</p>	<p>19. Provide to IGRC Health and Welfare Committee Chaddock's by-laws and articles of incorporation and any changes thereto to insure compliance with the Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church.</p>
<p>20. Indemnify and hold Chaddock harmless from and against any claims, causes of action and costs (including attorney fees) which may arise from any IGRC operation or action.</p>	<p>20. Indemnify and hold IGRC harmless from and against any claims, causes of action and costs (including attorney fees) which may arise from any Chaddock operation or action.</p>
<p>21. Request verification Chaddock has professional and general liability insurance sufficient to insure Chaddock, its officers, board of trustees, employees, volunteers and constituent boards.</p>	<p>21. Provide to IGRC verification of Chaddock's professional and general liability insurance in coverage amounts sufficient to insure Chaddock, its officers, board of trustees, employees, volunteers and constituent boards against any claims from third parties for activities undertaken by Chaddock.</p>
<p>22. Periodically review the relationship of IGRC and Chaddock to reaffirm the covenant relationship. Both parties shall be in compliance of the expectations agreed upon in this covenant.</p>	<p>22. Periodically review the relationship of Chaddock and IGRC to reaffirm the covenant relationship. Both parties shall be in compliance of the expectations agreed upon in this covenant.</p>

**Legislative Item 117: Disability Awareness Sunday**

**Subject:** Establishment of the Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Sunday of September as the recommended date for the observance of Disability Awareness Sunday in the Illinois Great River Conference.

**Submitted by:** The IGRC Committee on Disability Concerns

**Financial Implications:** None anticipated

**Whereas,** the 1996 General Conference of The United Methodist Church voted to create Disability Awareness Sunday; and

<b><u>LI 117</u></b>
Adopted _____
Defeated _____
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1 **Whereas**, the *Book of Discipline 2008* states in ¶265.4: “Disability Awareness Sunday  
2 shall be observed annually on a date to be determined by the annual conference.  
3 Disability Awareness Sunday calls the Church to celebrate the gifts and graces of  
4 persons with disabilities and calls the Church and society to full inclusion of persons with  
5 disabilities in the community. If the annual conference so directs, an offering may be  
6 received and the funds used by the annual conference to promote the creation of  
7 architectural and attitudinal accessibility in local churches.”; and

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9 **Whereas**, other Annual Conferences have established dates for the observance of  
10 Disability Awareness Sunday at various times of year as suits their conference calendar;  
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13 **Whereas**, resources for the observance of Disability Awareness Sunday are readily  
14 available on the UMCOR website:  
15 <http://new.gbqm-umc.org/umcor/work/health/events/disabilityawareness>,

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17 **Therefore**, be it resolved, that the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Sunday of September be established as the  
18 recommended date for the observance of Disability Awareness Sunday within the IGRC;  
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21 **Be it further resolved**, that local churches within the IGRC are strongly encouraged to  
22 observe Disability Awareness Sunday annually on this date or another date convenient to  
23 the local church; and

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25 **Be it further resolved**, that local churches are encouraged to receive an offering and  
26 remit the receipts of this offering to the annual conference treasurer to be used by the  
27 annual conference to promote the creation of architectural and attitudinal accessibility in  
28 local churches.

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32 **Legislative Item 118: RIM at IGRC Camping Facilities**

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34 **Subject:** Board of Ordained Ministry’s (BOM) Residents in Ministry  
35 (RIM) program to experience IGRC Facilities & Ministries.

36 **Submitted by:** Rev. Walter Miller, and the IGRC Council on Camping & Retreat Ministry  
37 (CCRM)

38 **Estimated Financial Impact on the Annual Conference:** No Expenses = Lower Costs  
39 for Conference BOM; increased usage and revenue for Conference Camping Ministries  
40 and possibly other Conference Advance Special Ministries; and long term exposure, and  
41 usage increases &/or support given from the local churches toward these ministries.

42 **Staff Resources and Time:** Same

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44 **Whereas**, the IGRC BOM (Board of Ordained Ministry) currently uses Retreat facilities  
45 from other denominations for our RIM (Residents In Ministry) Training Retreats;

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47 **Whereas**, our IGRC owns 5 Camp & Retreat Facilities that are of good quality;

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1 **Whereas**, several of our IGRC Advance Specials would enjoy hosting meals, meeting  
2 spaces, tours, &/or overnights for incoming clergy just to have the exposure,  
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4 **Whereas**, there is a concern about full financial support, and a lack of knowledge about  
5 the ministries of both Conference Advance Specials and the Conference Camping  
6 Ministry;  
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8 **Whereas**, the best solution for improving support of a ministry is for people to personally  
9 experience places/events/ministries by visiting and/or participating in;  
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11 **Whereas**, the easiest way to affect the future, would be to have all new pastors visit and  
12 experience these sites during their RIM retreats, and thus they would encourage their  
13 churches to do the same;  
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15 **Therefore be it resolved**, that the BOM be strongly encouraged to hold their RIM  
16 Retreats at IGRC facilities, and  
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18 **Be it further resolved** that at least one BOM retreat for RIMs be held per conference  
19 year at an IGRC Advance Special Ministry site (meetings &/or overnight), and  
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21 **Be it further resolved**, that at least one BOM retreat for RIMs be held per conference  
22 year at an IGRC Camp/Retreat Facility.  
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26 **Legislative Item 119: Study of Mandatory Property and**  
27 **Casualty Insurance**

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29 **Subject:** To commission a study of a single carrier for mandatory  
30 participation in property and casualty insurance for all IGRC Local Churches.

31 **Submitted by:** Rick VanGiesen, Conference Treasurer/Benefits Officer and Director of  
32 Administrative Services  
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34 **Background:** Recent experience has revealed weaknesses in the current practice of the  
35 IGRC which permits every local church to obtain property and casualty insurance from a  
36 vendor of their own choosing at various levels of coverage. In recent losses, some local  
37 churches discovered that they were woefully under-insured. In another situation, legal  
38 action was brought against more than one local church and the conference. Because  
39 more than one insurance company was involved, the insurance companies began to  
40 argue with one another regarding legal strategies, the limits of their liability and other  
41 complicating factors. This made resolution of the problem much more difficult and  
42 resulted in lengthy delays and additional legal fees. Having just one insurance company  
43 with minimum coverage requirements would have solved both of these issues. It is also  
44 likely that having competitive bidding on an insurance plan for the entire conference  
45 would result in a net savings. Other annual conferences have already moved to  
46 mandatory coverage for all local churches and have had satisfactory experiences. The  
47 biggest impediment was resistance from local churches that purchase their insurance  
48 from a local agent, often a member of the church. However, the benefit of a few should

1 not outweigh the good of all. Finally, a church that is under-insured or not insured for  
 2 liability poses a financial risk to the IGRC, because attorneys will just go after the next  
 3 layer of the organization.  
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5 **Therefore be it resolved:** That the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference directs the  
 6 Conference Board of Trustees to conduct a study of the feasibility of a single property and  
 7 casualty insurance carrier for the IGRC and all of its local churches with minimum  
 8 coverage requirements. The study will be presented to the 2012 session of the annual  
 9 conference with implementation on January 1, 2013, or as soon as the various insurance  
 10 policies of local churches renew.  
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14 **Legislative Item 120: Discontinuation of Annapolis UMC**

**LI 120**

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
 Defeated \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amended \_\_\_\_\_

15  
 16 **Subject:** Discontinuation of Annapolis UMC

17 **Submitted By:** Rev. Randy Reese, District Superintendent  
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19 **Whereas**, the Annapolis United Methodist Church located in Crawford County was  
 20 founded in \_\_\_\_\_ and has had a long and proud history, and  
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22 **Whereas**, the Charge Conference of the Annapolis United Methodist Church voted on  
 23 August 8, 2010 to discontinue the church; and  
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25 **Whereas**, the District Superintendent has recommended discontinuance of the Annapolis  
 26 United Methodist church and transfer of membership to Kirk Chapel United Methodist  
 27 Church; and  
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29 **Whereas**, the Board of Trustees of Annapolis United Methodist Church in accordance  
 30 with the *Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* has determined that all church  
 31 contents be sold or donated to other church or benevolent ministries, that the building be  
 32 razed, all real estate holdings be sold, that all assets be dispersed to other churches or  
 33 benevolent ministries, and that any assets remaining on June 30, 2011 be transferred to  
 34 the Illinois Great Rivers Conference; and  
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36 **Whereas**, the consent to discontinue has been granted by the Presiding Bishop, the  
 37 District Superintendents, and the District Board of Church Location and Building, and all  
 38 proper *Disciplinary* requirements have been complied with;  
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40 **Therefore, be it resolved**, that the Annapolis United Methodist Church be discontinued  
 41 and that the Illinois Great Rivers Conference Trustees be authorized and directed to take  
 42 possession of any property subsequently found or hereinafter accruing to the Annapolis  
 43 United Methodist Church and retain, transfer, sell or otherwise dispose of said property as  
 44 said Trustees shall deem appropriate, but in accordance with the *Book of Discipline of the*  
 45 *United Methodist Church* and the Standing Rules of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference  
 46 of the United Methodist Church.  
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**Legislative Item 121: Discontinuation of Flanagan UMC**

<b>LI 121</b>
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**Subject:** Discontinuation of Flanagan UMC  
**Submitted By:** Rev. In-Sook Hwang, District Superintendent

**Whereas,** the Flanagan United Methodist Church located in Livingston County was founded in 1869 and has had a long and proud history, and

**Whereas,** the Charge Conference of the Flanagan United Methodist Church voted on June 27, 2010 to discontinue the church; and

**Whereas,** the District Superintendent has recommended discontinuance of the Flanagan United Methodist church and transfer of membership to Pontiac First United Methodist Church; and

**Whereas,** the Board of Trustees of Flanagan United Methodist Church in accordance with the *Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* has determined that all church contents be sold or donated to other church or benevolent ministries, that the building be razed, all real estate holdings be sold, that all assets be dispersed to other churches or benevolent ministries, and that any assets remaining on June 30, 2011 be transferred to the Illinois Great Rivers Conference; and

**Whereas,** the consent to discontinue has been granted by the Presiding Bishop, the District Superintendents, and the District Board of Church Location and Building, and all proper *Disciplinary* requirements have been complied with;

**Therefore, be it resolved,** that the Flanagan United Methodist Church be discontinued and that the Illinois Great Rivers Conference Trustees be authorized and directed to take possession of any property subsequently found or hereinafter accruing to the Flanagan United Methodist Church and retain, transfer, sell or otherwise dispose of said property as said Trustees shall deem appropriate, but in accordance with the *Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church* and the Standing Rules of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**Legislative Item 122: Discontinuation of Goodwine UMC**

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Defeated _____
Amended _____

**Subject:** Discontinuation of Goodwine UMC  
**Submitted By:** Rev. In-Sook Hwang, District Superintendent

**Whereas,** the Goodwine United Methodist Church located in Iroquois County was founded in 1873 and has had a long and proud history, and

**Whereas,** the Charge Conference of the Goodwine United Methodist Church voted on March 20, 2011 to discontinue the church, the last service to be held on June 26, 2011, and the official closing date of November 30, 2011; and

1 **Whereas**, the District Superintendent has recommended discontinuance of the Goodwine  
 2 United Methodist church and transfer of membership to Milford United Methodist Church;  
 3 and  
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5 **Whereas**, the Board of Trustees of Goodwine United Methodist Church in accordance  
 6 with the *Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* has determined that all church  
 7 contents and all real estate holdings be sold, and that any assets remaining on November  
 8 30, 2011 be transferred to the Illinois Great Rivers Conference; and  
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10 **Whereas**, the consent to discontinue has been granted by the Presiding Bishop, the  
 11 District Superintendents, and the District Board of Church Location and Building, and all  
 12 proper *Disciplinary* requirements have been complied with;  
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14 **Therefore, be it resolved**, that the Goodwine United Methodist Church be discontinued  
 15 and that the Illinois Great Rivers Conference Trustees be authorized and directed to take  
 16 possession of any property subsequently found or hereinafter accruing to the Goodwine  
 17 United Methodist Church and retain, transfer, sell or otherwise dispose of said property as  
 18 said Trustees shall deem appropriate, but in accordance with the *Book of Discipline of the*  
 19 *United Methodist Church* and the Standing Rules of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference  
 20 of the United Methodist Church.  
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24 **Legislative Item 123: Discontinuation of Johnstown**  
 25 **UMC**

<b>LI 123</b>
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Amended _____

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 27 **Subject:** Discontinuation of Johnstown UMC  
 28 **Submitted By:** Rev. Randy Reese, District Superintendent  
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30 **Whereas**, the Johnstown United Methodist Church located in Cumberland County was  
 31 founded in 1887 and has had a long and proud history, and  
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33 **Whereas**, the Charge Conference of the Johnstown United Methodist Church voted on  
 34 September 12, 2010 to discontinue the church; and  
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36 **Whereas**, the District Superintendent has recommended discontinuance of the  
 37 Johnstown United Methodist church and transfer of membership to Lerna United  
 38 Methodist Church; and  
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40 **Whereas**, the Board of Trustees of Johnstown United Methodist Church in accordance  
 41 with the *Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* has determined that all church  
 42 contents be sold or donated to other church or benevolent ministries, that the building and  
 43 all real estate holdings be sold, and that any assets remaining on June 30, 2011 be  
 44 transferred to the Illinois Great Rivers Conference; and  
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46 **Whereas**, the consent to discontinue has been granted by the Presiding Bishop, the  
 47 District Superintendents, and the District Board of Church Location and Building, and all  
 48 proper *Disciplinary* requirements have been complied with;

1 **Therefore, be it resolved**, that the Johnstown United Methodist Church be discontinued  
2 and that the Illinois Great Rivers Conference Trustees be authorized and directed to take  
3 possession of any property subsequently found or hereinafter accruing to the Johnstown  
4 United Methodist Church and retain, transfer, sell or otherwise dispose of said property as  
5 said Trustees shall deem appropriate, but in accordance with the *Book of Discipline of the*  
6 *United Methodist Church* and the Standing Rules of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference  
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11 **Legislative Item 124: Discontinuation of Ramsey UMC**

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13 **Subject:** Discontinuation of Ramsey UMC  
14 **Submitted By:** Rev. Randy Reese, District Superintendent

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16 **Whereas**, the Ramsey United Methodist Church located in Fayette County was founded  
17 in 1846 and has had a long and proud history, and

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19 **Whereas**, the Charge Conference of the Ramsey United Methodist Church voted on May  
20 16, 2010 to discontinue the church; and

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22 **Whereas**, the District Superintendent has recommended discontinuance of the Ramsey  
23 United Methodist church and transfer of membership to other United Methodist Churches;  
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26 **Whereas**, the Board of Trustees of Ramsey United Methodist Church in accordance with  
27 the *Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* has determined that all church  
28 contents be sold or donated to other church or benevolent ministries, that the building and  
29 all real estate holdings be sold, that all assets be dispersed to other churches or  
30 benevolent ministries, and that any assets remaining on June 30, 2011 be transferred to  
31 the Illinois Great Rivers Conference; and

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33 **Whereas**, the consent to discontinue has been granted by the Presiding Bishop, the  
34 District Superintendents, and the District Board of Church Location and Building, and all  
35 proper *Disciplinary* requirements have been complied with;

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37 **Therefore, be it resolved**, that the Ramsey United Methodist Church be discontinued  
38 and that the Illinois Great Rivers Conference Trustees be authorized and directed to take  
39 possession of any property subsequently found or hereinafter accruing to the Ramsey  
40 United Methodist Church and retain, transfer, sell or otherwise dispose of said property as  
41 said Trustees shall deem appropriate, but in accordance with the *Book of Discipline of the*  
42 *United Methodist Church* and the Standing Rules of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference  
43 of the United Methodist Church.

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**Legislative Item 125: Discontinuation of South Shores****UMC****LI 125**

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**Subject:** Discontinuation of Decatur South Shores UMC**Submitted by:** The Rev. Terry P. Harter, District Superintendent

**Whereas**, the Decatur South Shores United Methodist Church located in Macon County was founded in 1956 and has had a long and proud history, and

**Whereas**, the Charge Conference of the Decatur South Shores United Methodist Church voted on December 7, 2010 to discontinue the church; and

**Whereas**, the District Superintendent has recommended discontinuance of the South Shores United Methodist Church and transfer of membership to the Decatur Grace United Methodist Church; and

**Whereas**, the Board of Trustees of the South Shores United Methodist Church in accordance with the *2008 Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church* has determined that all church property: real, personal, tangible, and intangible be donated to the Decatur Grace United Methodist Church, and that any assets remaining on June 30, 2011 be transferred to the Decatur Grace United Methodist Church; and

**Whereas**, the consent to discontinue has been granted by the Presiding Bishop, the District Superintendents, and the Sangamon River District Board of Church Location and building, and all appropriate Disciplinary requirements have been complied with;

**Therefore, be it resolved**, that the Decatur South Shores United Methodist Church be discontinued at the 2011 session of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference (meeting June 1-4, 2011 in Peoria, Illinois) and that the property: real, personal, tangible and intangible be transferred to the Decatur Grace United Methodist Church on June 30, 2011.

**Legislative Item 126: Discontinuation of Westervelt****UMC****LI 126**

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_

Amended \_\_\_\_\_

**Subject:** Discontinuation of Westervelt UMC**Submitted By:** Rev. Randy Reese, District Superintendent

**Whereas**, the Westervelt United Methodist Church located in Shelby County was founded in 1904 and has had a long and proud history, and

**Whereas**, the Charge Conference of the Westervelt United Methodist Church voted on November 4, 2007 to discontinue the church; and

**Whereas**, the District Superintendent has recommended discontinuance of the Westervelt United Methodist Church and transfer of membership to 4<sup>th</sup> St and Wesley Chapel United Methodist Churches; and

1 **Whereas**, the Board of Trustees of United Methodist Church in accordance with the *Book*  
2 *of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* has determined that all church contents be  
3 sold or donated to other church or benevolent ministries, that the building and all real  
4 estate holdings be sold, that all assets be dispersed to other churches or benevolent  
5 ministries, and that any assets remaining on June 30, 2011 be transferred to the Illinois  
6 Great Rivers Conference; and

7  
8 **Whereas**, the consent to discontinue has been granted by the Presiding Bishop, the  
9 District Superintendents, and the District Board of Church Location and Building, and all  
10 proper *Disciplinary* requirements have been complied with;

11  
12 **Therefore, be it resolved**, that the United Methodist Church be discontinued and that the  
13 Illinois Great Rivers Conference Trustees be authorized and directed to take possession  
14 of any property subsequently found or hereinafter accruing to the Westervelt United  
15 Methodist Church and retain, transfer, sell or otherwise dispose of said property as said  
16 Trustees shall deem appropriate, but in accordance with the *Book of Discipline of the*  
17 *United Methodist Church* and the Standing Rules of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference  
18 of the United Methodist Church.

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22 **Legislative Item 127: Transfer of Tiskilwa UMC Deed**

<b>LI 127</b> Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Amended _____
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23  
24 **Subject:** Transfer of deed of parsonage and property from former  
25 Tiskilwa UMC to its successor, Tiskilwa Community Church.

26 **Submitted by:** The church conference of Tiskilwa Community Church, Tiskilwa Illinois.

27  
28 **Whereas**, in accord with ¶2547 of the 2008 *Book of Discipline* of The United Methodist  
29 Church, the church conference of Tiskilwa Community (Federated) Church voted on  
30 February 13, 2011 to request that the deed of the church parsonage and adjoining lot of  
31 the former Tiskilwa United Methodist Church be transferred to this successor federated  
32 church,

33  
34 **Whereas**, the legal description of the properties are:

- 35 • Lot One Hundred Five (105) in the Village of Tiskilwa, formerly Windsor, Bureau  
36 County, Illinois.
- 37 • Lot One Hundred Seven (107) in the Village of Tiskilwa, formerly Windsor, Bureau  
38 County, Illinois.

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40 **Whereas**, the IGRC Cabinet voted in favor of Tiskilwa Community Church's request to  
41 convey property rights to Tiskilwa Community (Federated) Church, and the bishop  
42 approved.

43  
44 **Whereas**, upon dissolution of the Tiskilwa Community Church proceeds of sale will be  
45 equally divided between IGRC and the American Baptist church as per their constitution  
46 and bylaws.)

1 **Be it therefore resolved**, that The Illinois Great Rivers Conference transfer the deed of  
 2 the Tiskilwa UMC church parsonage and adjoining lot to its successor, the Tiskilwa  
 3 Community (Federated) Church.

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 7 **Legislative Item 128: Sale of Bridalwood Parsonage**

**LI 128**

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_

Amended \_\_\_\_\_

8  
 9 **Subject:** Sale of Bridalwood parsonage in Peoria, IL

10 **Submitted by:** Rick Van Giesen

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 12 **Whereas**, the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church  
 13 (“IGRC”) owns a piece of property commonly known as 4508 W. Bridalwood Drive,  
 14 Peoria, Illinois, which was used by IGRC as a parsonage for an IGRC District  
 15 Superintendent or other clergy until December 31, 2010 (hereinafter referred to as the  
 16 “Parsonage”); and

17  
 18 **Whereas**, the IGRC Conference Board of Trustees have identified no further current or  
 19 potential use of the Parsonage by the IGRC; and

20  
 21 **Whereas**, in the opinion of the IGRC Conference Board of Trustees it would be in the  
 22 best interest of the IGRC to proceed to dispose of the Parsonage; and

23 **Whereas**, Paragraph 2515 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*  
 24 provides that no real property owned by the IGRC may be sold without the consent of the  
 25 Annual Conference;

26  
 27 **Therefore be it resolved**, that the IGRC Conference Board of Trustees be authorized in  
 28 the name of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church  
 29 to take all necessary and appropriate steps to sell and convey the Parsonage upon the  
 30 receipt by the IGRC Conference Board of Trustees of an offer deemed fair to IGRC, as  
 31 shall be determined by the Conference Board of Trustees; and

32  
 33 **Be it further resolved**, that the IGRC Conference Board of Trustees be authorized to  
 34 employ realtors and/or auctioneers selected by and at such rates of compensation or  
 35 commission as shall be deemed appropriate by the IGRC Conference Board of Trustees,  
 36 to facilitate the sale of the Parsonage; and

37  
 38 **Be it further resolved**, that the IGRC Conference Board of Trustees be authorized to  
 39 repair or otherwise renovate the Parsonage as necessary in order to make the Parsonage  
 40 marketable for sale; and

41  
 42 **Be it further resolved**, that in accordance with Paragraph 2515 of *The Book of Discipline*  
 43 *of the United Methodist Church* that any required written instrument necessary to carry  
 44 out the actions authorized herein be executed in the name if the IGRC by any two of its  
 45 officers, with any instrument so executed being deemed binding and effective as the  
 46 action of the Annual Conference.

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**Legislative Item 129: Sale of Forest Park Parsonage**

<b>LI 129</b>
Adopted _____
Defeated _____
Amended _____

**Subject:** Sale of Forest Park parsonage in Jacksonville, IL  
**Submitted By:** Rick Van Giesen

**Whereas**, the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church (“IGRC”) owns a piece of property commonly known as 18 Forest Park W., Jacksonville, Illinois, which will be used by IGRC as a parsonage for an IGRC District Superintendent until June 30, 2011 (hereinafter referred to as the “Parsonage”); and

**Whereas**, the IGRC Conference Board of Trustees have identified no further current or potential use of the Parsonage by the IGRC; and

**Whereas**, in the opinion of the IGRC Conference Board of Trustees it would be in the best interest of the IGRC to proceed to dispose of the Parsonage; and

**Whereas**, Paragraph 2515 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church* provides that no real property owned by the IGRC may be sold without the consent of the Annual Conference;

**Therefore be it resolved**, that the IGRC Conference Board of Trustees be authorized in the name of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church to take all necessary and appropriate steps to sell and convey the Parsonage upon the receipt by the IGRC Conference Board of Trustees of an offer deemed fair to IGRC, as shall be determined by the Conference Board of Trustees; and

**Be it further resolved**, that the IGRC Conference Board of Trustees be authorized to employ realtors and/or auctioneers selected by and at such rates of compensation or commission as shall be deemed appropriate by the IGRC Conference Board of Trustees, to facilitate the sale of the Parsonage; and

**Be it further resolved**, that the IGRC Conference Board of Trustees be authorized to repair or otherwise renovate the Parsonage as necessary in order to make the Parsonage marketable for sale; and

**Be it further resolved**, that in accordance with Paragraph 2515 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church* that any required written instrument necessary to carry out the actions authorized herein be executed in the name if the IGRC by any two of its officers, with any instrument so executed being deemed binding and effective as the action of the Annual Conference.

1 **Legislative Item 201: Care and Protection of God's**  
 2 **Creation**

**LI 201**

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
 Defeated \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amended \_\_\_\_\_

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 4 **Subject:** Care and Protection of God's Creation against Hydraulic  
 5 Fracturing

6 **Submitted by:** Anthony E. Stauder, Jan Anderson, Rev. Carol Edman, Kristen Dean-  
 7 Grossman, Rev. Lauren Padgett, Jean Peters

8 **Financial Impact on Conference:** Minimal; Board of Church and Society budget:

9 **Staff Resource and Time:** Minimal

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 11 **Whereas,** "All creation is the Lord's, and we are responsible for the ways we use and  
 12 abuse it. Water, air, soil, minerals, energy resources, plants, animal life, and space are to  
 13 be valued and conserved because they are God's creation and not solely because they  
 14 are useful to human beings. God has granted us stewardship of creation. We should meet  
 15 these stewardship duties through acts of loving care and respect. Economic, political,  
 16 social, and technological developments have increased our human numbers, and  
 17 lengthened and enriched our lives. However, these developments have led to ... misuse  
 18 and overconsumption of natural and nonrenewable resources, particularly by  
 19 industrialized societies. This continued course of action jeopardizes the natural heritage  
 20 that God has entrusted to all generations." (United Methodist Book of Discipline ¶160)

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 22 **Whereas,** technology demands greater and greater energy resources; yet the resources  
 23 most easily available to us are rapidly diminishing. Our desperation for new, cheap means  
 24 of extracting natural resources is showing its true cost in their harm to creation and to the  
 25 people who live near the extraction sites.

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 27 **Whereas,** hydraulic fracturing (also known as "fracking") is a means of extracting natural  
 28 gas whereby a well is drilled 10,000 feet deep into the earth and then horizontally,  
 29 sometimes as far as a mile from the well; chemicals, sand, and water are injected to  
 30 break apart the shale; and the natural gas released in the process is captured.  
 31 Consequently, ground water is often contaminated with the chemicals used to break apart  
 32 the shale and methane from the natural gas released from the well, transforming potable  
 33 (drinking) water into a flammable, hazardous substance. A 2005 federal law made this a  
 34 legal, albeit immoral, practice by exempting hydraulic fracturing from accountability to the  
 35 Clean Water Act.

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 37 **Therefore be it resolved,** that the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference opposes the  
 38 use of hydraulic fracturing procedures that pose harm to human lives and to the  
 39 environment.

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 41 **Be it further resolved,** that the annual conference secretary send correspondence on  
 42 behalf of the annual conference to

- 43 • State Senator Michael Frerichs (chairperson of the Senate Agriculture and  
 44 Conservation Committee)  
 45 Address: Senator 52nd District; 118 State House; Springfield, IL 62706
- 46 • Senator Wm. Sam McCann (minority spokesperson on the Senate Agriculture and  
 47 Conservation Committee)  
 48 Senator 49th District; 311 State House; Springfield, IL 62706

- 1 • State Senator Ira I. Silverstein (chairperson of the Senate Environment Committee)  
2 Address: Senator 8th District; 121A Capitol Building; Springfield, IL 62706
- 3 • State Senator Sue Rezin (minority spokesperson on the Senate Environment  
4 Committee)  
5 Address: Senator 38th District; M103E Capitol Building; Springfield, IL 62706
- 6 • State Senator Mike Jacobs (chairperson of the Senate Energy Committee)  
7 Address: Senator 36th District; 127 Capitol Building; Springfield, IL 62706
- 8 • State Senator John Jones (minority spokesperson on the Senate Energy  
9 Committee)  
10 Address: Senator 54th District; 309H Capitol Building; Springfield, IL 62706
- 11 • State Representative Thomas Holbrook (chairperson of the House Environment and  
12 Energy Committee)  
13 Address: 267-S Stratton Office Building; Springfield, IL 62706
- 14 • State Representative Michael W. Tryon (minority spokesperson of the House  
15 Environment and Energy Committee)  
16 Address: 201-N Stratton Office Building; Springfield, IL 62706
- 17 • State Representative Lisa M. Dugan (chairperson of the House Agriculture &  
18 Conservation Committee)  
19 Address: 248-W Stratton Office Building; Springfield, IL 62706
- 20 • State Representative Jim Sacia (minority spokesperson on the House Agriculture &  
21 Conservation Committee)  
22 Address: 210-N Stratton Office Building; Springfield, IL 62706

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24 And that the body of the correspondence embeds the following text:

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26 As technology demands greater and greater energy resources, the resources most easily  
27 available to us are rapidly diminishing. Our desperation for new, cheap means of  
28 extracting natural resources is showing its true cost in their harm to creation and to the  
29 people who live near the extraction sites. Last year's platform explosion off the gulf coast  
30 and the utter devastation of mountaintop removal practices are just two examples.

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32 Here on the prairie, hydraulic fracturing poses a similar risk. Hydraulic fracturing is a  
33 means of extracting natural gas whereby a well is drilled 10,000 feet deep into the earth  
34 and then horizontally, sometimes as far as a mile from the well; chemicals, sand, and  
35 water are injected to break apart the shale; and the natural gas released in the process is  
36 captured. Consequently, ground water is often contaminated with the chemicals used to  
37 break apart the shale and methane from the natural gas released from the well, turning  
38 drinking water into a flammable, hazardous substance. A 2005 federal law made this a  
39 legal, albeit immoral, practice by exempting hydraulic fracturing from accountability to the  
40 Clean Water Act.

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42 While the American pledge of allegiance posits divine sovereignty over the nation, United  
43 Methodists affirm that God's sovereignty embraces all creation. We are inspired by the  
44 words of the psalmist:

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46 In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
47 the heights of the mountains are his also.

1 The sea is his, for he made it,  
 2 and the dry land, which his hands have formed. [...]  
 3 For he is our God,  
 4 and we are the people of his pasture,  
 5 and the sheep of his hand.  
 6 O that today you would listen to his voice!

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 8 Among our social principles is a reverence for God’s creation and a commitment to the  
 9 responsible consumption of natural resources:

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 11 “All creation is the Lord's, and we are responsible for the ways we use and abuse it.  
 12 Water, air, soil, minerals, energy resources, plants, animal life, and space are to be  
 13 valued and conserved because they are God's creation and not solely because they  
 14 are useful to human beings. God has granted us stewardship of creation. We should  
 15 meet these stewardship duties through acts of loving care and respect. Economic,  
 16 political, social, and technological developments have increased our human numbers,  
 17 and lengthened and enriched our lives. However, these developments have led to ...  
 18 misuse and overconsumption of natural and nonrenewable resources, particularly by  
 19 industrialized societies. This continued course of action jeopardizes the natural  
 20 heritage that God has entrusted to all generations.”

21  
 22 On behalf of the United Methodists in the Illinois Great Rivers Conference, we appeal to  
 23 you to develop public policy and law that ensures the responsible extraction of natural  
 24 resources for our energy needs. It is our prayer that through accountability and  
 25 transparency measures, a business environment will be established in which the best  
 26 practices are those that prevent harm to creation and to the people of Illinois.

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 28 God’s grace and blessings be with you as you serve the people of Illinois.  
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32 **Legislative Item 202: Funding for General Boards and**  
 33 **Agencies**

<b>LI 202</b>
Adopted _____
Defeated _____
Amended _____

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 35 **Subject:** Funding for General Boards and Agencies  
 36 **Submitted by:** Rockbridge United Methodist Church, LaMoine River District  
 37 **Estimated financial impact on the annual conference:** none  
 38 **Staff resource and time:** minimal

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 40 **Whereas,** the Illinois Great Rivers Conference has previously voted to give the General  
 41 Boards and Agencies of the United Methodist Church 100% of the monies apportioned.

42  
 43 **Whereas,** printed publications and articles have demonstrated activities that are not  
 44 scripturally based.

45  
 46 **Be it resolved,** that the Illinois Great River Conference will pay to the General Boards  
 47 and Agencies only what is received by the conference treasurer.  
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**Legislative Item 203: Celebration of Ministry****LI 203**

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_

Amended \_\_\_\_\_

**Subject:** Celebrating the ministry of the ordained, associate, diaconal, and licensed pastors

**Submitted by:** Robert Herath, Camilla Hempstead, and Mary Arnold

**Estimated financial impact on the annual conference:** No additional funds. Costs would be minimal and could be covered using existing budgets.

**Staff resource and time:** Can vary depending on how much information is computerized. Ordinations, Consecrations, and Licenses are published annually in the Conference Journal under the business of the Annual Conference. Volunteers working through our Conference Care Guides or through the Board of Ordained Ministry or the Pension office could help consolidate information. As of the 2010 Journal there were 1025 members of the annual conference listed under these categories. Assuming one tenth would be recognized each year (103) and ten districts, each district office would be asked on average to send eleven letters each year.

**Whereas,** the greater part of the Ordained, Associate, Diaconal, and Licensed Pastors are itinerant and serve on average 7 to 10 years at an appointment.

**Whereas,** the membership of the Ordained, Associate, Diaconal, and Licensed Pastors is held in the Annual Conference.

**Whereas,** many people in our local churches, both lay and other clergy, are not aware of the milestones Ordained, Associate, Diaconal, and Licensed Pastors celebrate such as anniversaries since ordination, commissioning, licensing, or the number of years under appointment,

**And whereas,** in I Thessalonians 5:13 the Apostle Paul instructs us to “hold (those who work in the Lord) in the highest regard in love because of their work.”

**Therefore be it resolved,** that the Illinois Great Rivers conference beginning in 2012 begin a program of annually celebrating the ministries of individual clergy during the session of Annual Conference. The anniversaries to be recognized shall be: 10 years, 20 years, 25 years, 30 years, 40 years and every decade of ministry thereafter. The anniversaries of ministry shall be measured from:

- a. **Members in Full Connection** – The year of their ordination as a Deacon or Elder in full Connection.
- b. **Associate and Diaconal Members** –The year of their consecration as a Diaconal Minister or admission into Associate Membership.
- c. **Local Pastors** – The year of their initial appointment.
- d. **Bishops Residing in and/or Elected out of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference** – The year of their ordination as an Elder and year of the consecration as bishop shall be celebrated.

The annual celebration of ministry shall include, but not be limited to, recognition on the floor of the Annual Conference, and presentation of a certificate signed by the Presiding Bishop and the Chairperson of the corresponding order.

1 **Be it further resolved**, that the names of those celebrating milestone anniversaries be  
 2 printed in the pre-conference edition of *The Current* so that the members of the Annual  
 3 Conference may have the opportunity, and be prepared, to offer expressions of  
 4 appreciation and encouragement

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 6 **And be it further resolved**, that each District Superintendent, on behalf of the  
 7 conference, be encouraged to write a letter to the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee  
 8 Chairperson of the churches in their districts who are celebrating a milestone anniversary  
 9 and encourage the congregation to celebrate with the pastor her/his service to Jesus  
 10 Christ and the church.

### 14 **Legislative Item 204: GC Petition: Right to Health Care**

16 **Subject:** Health Care: Individual Responsibility Rather Than Right  
 17 UMC Book of Discipline ¶162V, Right to Health Care

18 **Submitted by:** Robert Dunaway, Owaneco UMC

19 **General Church Budget Implications:** None

20 **Global Implications:** Yes

#### LI 204

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_

Amended \_\_\_\_\_

22 This petition calls for amendment to Resolution ¶162.V) of The BOOK of DISCIPLINE of  
 23 the United Methodist Church. Because of the close relationship between government as  
 24 provider and health care as a right, the entire section V) Right to Health Care, must be  
 25 addressed. Proposed changes are underlined for additions to, and strike through for  
 26 deletions from the ¶162.V) text.

### 28 **Background**

30 Health care is not a basic human right as asserted in the 2008 Book of Discipline but  
 31 rather a responsibility. Responsibility for providing health care is dependent upon what  
 32 authority has granted it and is not an inherent duty of government.

34 Rights must be granted by a higher authority, the highest authority being God. To grasp  
 35 for rights not granted is usurpation. A human right is one that is ours simply because we  
 36 are human and is granted by God who made us. God does not owe us health care but  
 37 has graciously granted it to us. God has given us antibodies on the inside of the body to  
 38 protect us from harmful agents, bacteria on the skin to protect us from outside enemies,  
 39 and has given us a nervous system to detect potential or actual injury to the body. God  
 40 has designed the body to repair small injuries itself. Because of more serious injuries and  
 41 due to the body's inability to protect from **all** diseases, we require the assistance of  
 42 others, hence, the health care system. This brings about the question of who is  
 43 responsible for providing this assistance in health care.

45 A government is a body of people or a person representing authority over the entity being  
 46 governed. A government owes only what rights it has granted to its constituents. There is  
 47 no inherent duty within any form of government that requires it to provide health care  
 48 unless that government has agreed to grant health care to its citizens.

1 The 2008 General Conference passed petition number 81011 to amend ¶162 T) Right to  
 2 Health Care. The text that was added states: “We believe it is a governmental  
 3 responsibility to provide all citizens with health care.” This petition was submitted by the  
 4 Norway Annual Conference Board of Discipleship/Church and Society of the country  
 5 Norway where its government has granted health care services to its citizens. In Norway  
 6 it **is** a governmental responsibility to provide health care, but in other countries where this  
 7 service has not been offered it **is not** governmental responsibility. Health care is a joint  
 8 **responsibility** both public and private.

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 10 **Be it therefore resolved**, to amend ¶162.V) as follows:

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 12 Health is a condition of physical, mental, social and spiritual well-being. ~~John 10:10b says, “I~~  
 13 ~~came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”~~ Ezekiel 34:16a says: “I will seek that  
 14 which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was  
 15 broken, and will strengthen that which was sick...” Stewardship of health is the responsibility  
 16 of each person to whom health has been entrusted. Creating the personal, environmental,  
 17 and social conditions in which health can thrive is a joint responsibility-public and private. We  
 18 encourage individuals to pursue a healthy lifestyle and affirm the importance of preventive  
 19 health care, health education, environmental and occupational safety, good nutrition, and  
 20 secure housing in achieving health. ~~Health care is a basic human right.~~

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 22 ~~Providing the care needed to maintain health, prevent disease, and restore health after~~  
 23 ~~injury or illness is the responsibility each person owes others and government owes to all,~~  
 24 ~~a responsibility government ignores at its peril. In Ezekiel 34:4a, God points out the~~  
 25 ~~failures of the leadership of Israel to care for the weak: “You have not strengthened the~~  
 26 ~~weak, you have not healed the sick, you have not bound up the injured.” As a result all~~  
 27 ~~suffer. Like police and fire protection, health care is best funded through the government’s~~  
 28 ~~ability to tax each person equitably and directly fund the provider entities.~~

29 Countries facing a public health crisis such as HIV/AIDS must have access to generic  
 30 medicines and to patented medicines - without infringing on a pharmaceutical company's  
 31 patent/licensing rights. We affirm the right of men and women to have access to  
 32 comprehensive reproductive health/family planning information and services that will  
 33 serve as a means to prevent unplanned pregnancies, reduce abortions and prevent the  
 34 spread of HIV/AIDS. The right to responsibility of health care includes care for persons  
 35 with brain diseases, neurological conditions, or physical disabilities, who must be afforded  
 36 the same access to health care as all other persons in our communities. It is unjust to  
 37 construct or perpetuate barriers to physical or mental wholeness or full participation in  
 38 community. We believe it is a governmental responsibility to provide all citizens with  
 39 health care. We also recognize the role of governments in ensuring that each individual  
 40 has access to those elements necessary to good health.

**Report 301: Advance Specials for 2012**

**Submitted by:** Bunny Wolfe and the Specialized Ministry Committee

**Key**

- ★★ Missionary Covenant Support (\$2,500 per congregation or \$5 per member)
- ★★★ General Advance Specials
- ★★★★ UMCOR Advance Specials
- ★★★★★ IGRC Advance Specials

**Agriculture**

- ★★★ 2180 #14791T **Andean Youth Project**, Chile
- ★★★★ 3080 #982532 **Heifer Project International, Living Gifts** – Global
- ★★★★ 3010 #982188 **Sustainable Agricultural Development** – Global

**Appalachia**

- ★★★ 4060 #773365 **Henderson Settlement** – KY
- ★★★★ 4000 #773726 **Redbird Missions** – KY

**Aviation**

- ★★★ 1160 #08595A **Wings of Caring** – Congo
- ★★★ 1240 #08597A **Wings of the Morning** – Congo

**Carpentry**

- ★★★★★ 6480-IGRC **Habitat for Humanity** – Designate Local Chapter

**Disaster Response**

- ★★★★ 3160 #982450 **Disaster Response** – International
- ★★★★ 3770 #901670 **Disaster Response** – United States
- ★★★★ 3166 #901515 **UMCOR Sager Brown Depot** – Baldwin, LA
- ★★★★★ 6800-IGRC **Conference Disaster Response Assistance**
- ★★★★★ 6620-IGRC **Midwest Mission Distribution Center**

**Education**

- ★★★ 2560 #08406B **John Wesley Seminary** – Mexico
- ★★★ 4030 #773728 **Red Bird School** – Kentucky
- ★★★★★ 6700-IGRC **Alain Rocourt Endowment** – Haiti
- ★★★★★ 6610-IGRC **Project Schoolroom** – MMDC Project

**Hunger**

- ★★★ 4680 #801600 **Society of St. Andrew** – USA
- ★★★★ 3290 #982325 **Bread for the World** – Global
- ★★★★ 3040 #982380 **CROP Walks** – Global
- ★★★★ 3530 #418790 **School Hot-Lunch Program** – Haiti

**IGRC Camping**

- ★★★★★ 6810-IGRC **Beulah Institute & Camp** – Eldorado
- ★★★★★ 6910-IGRC **Camping Scholarships** – Conference Wide

1	★★★★★	6840-IGRC	<b>East Bay Camp</b> – Hudson
2	★★★★★	6830-IGRC	<b>Epworth Youth Camp</b> – Louisville
3	★★★★★	6860-IGRC	<b>Jensen Woods Camp</b> – Timewell
4	★★★★★	6820-IGRC	<b>Little Grassy Camp</b> – Carbondale
5	★★★★★	6850-IGRC	<b>Living Springs Camp</b> – Lewistown
6	★★★★★	6870-IGRC	<b>Mom and Me Camp</b> – East Bay Camp
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8			<b>IGRC Children's Agencies</b>
9	★★★★★	0043-IGRC	<b>Chaddock</b> – Quincy
10	★★★★★	6030-IGRC	<b>Cunningham Children's Home</b> – Urbana
11	★★★★★	0042-IGRC	<b>The Baby Fold</b> – Normal
12	★★★★★	0039-IGRC	<b>United Methodist Children's Home</b> – Mt. Vernon
13			
14			<b>IGRC Children – Youth – Young Adult Ministries</b>
15	★★★★★	6460-IGRC	<b>Asbury Children's Supper Hour</b> – Springfield
16	★★★★★		<b>Baby Fold Christian Life Endowment</b>
17	★★★★★	6210-IGRC	<b>Common Place</b> – Peoria
18	★★★★★	6085-IGRC	<b>Fair Hope Children's Ministry</b> – Danville
19	★★★★★	6090-IGRC	<b>Family Mission Fund (Bridge to the Ridge)</b> – Manito
20	★★★★★	6240-IGRC	<b>Grace Urban Ministries</b> – Springfield
21	★★★★★	6190-IGRC	<b>Gum Park Ministries</b> - Decatur
22	★★★★★	6340-IGRC	<b>Harvest Ministry Team</b> - Troy
23	★★★★★		<b>Kids for Christ</b> – Silvis
24	★★★★★	6365-IGRC	<b>Living the Adventure Ministries</b> - Waterloo
25	★★★★★	6125-IGRC	<b>Love Life Ministries</b> – Moline
26	★★★★★	6055-IGRC	<b>Macon County CASA</b>
27	★★★★★	6105 -IGRC	<b>Madison Avenue Children's Ministry</b> – Peoria
28	★★★★★	6080-IGRC	<b>Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery</b> – Springfield
29	★★★★★	6065-IGRC	<b>Patoka Church Youth</b>
30	★★★★★	6095-IGRC	<b>Safe Harbor Academy</b> – Washington Park
31	★★★★★		<b>St. Clair CASA</b> - Belleville
32	★★★★★	6135-IGRC	<b>Sandoval Kids for Christ</b>
33	★★★★★	6060-IGRC	<b>Trinity UMC Outreach Center</b> – Washington Park
34	★★★★★	6180-IGRC	<b>Webster Cantrell Hall</b> – Decatur
35			
36			<b>IGRC College Campus Ministries</b>
37	★★★★★	0050-IGRC	<b>Eastern Illinois University</b> - Charleston
38	★★★★★	0048-IGRC	<b>Illinois State University</b> – Normal
39	★★★★★	6390-IGRC	<b>IWU Student Fellowship</b> – Bloomington
40	★★★★★	6330-IGRC	<b>M &amp; M Ministry</b> – Edwardsville
41	★★★★★	0059-IGRC	<b>McKendree University</b> – Lebanon
42	★★★★★	0053-IGRC	<b>MacMurray College</b> -- Jacksonville
43	★★★★★	0056-IGRC	<b>Southern Illinois University</b> – Carbondale
44	★★★★★	0051-IGRC	<b>University of Illinois</b> – Champaign
45	★★★★★	0049-IGRC	<b>Western Illinois University</b> – Macomb
46			
47			<b>IGRC Domestic Violence Ministries</b>
48	★★★★★	6041-IGRC	<b>Anna Bixby Center</b> – Harrisburg

1	★★★★★	6290-IGRC	<b>Dove, Inc. – Decatur</b>
2	★★★★★	6043-IGRC	<b>Violence Prevention of SW IL - Belleville</b>
3			
4			<b>IGRC Hunger Ministries</b>
5	★★★★★	6070-IGRC	<b>All God's Children – Decatur</b>
6	★★★★★	6100-IGRC	<b>Angels on Assignment – Mt. Vernon</b>
7	★★★★★	6050-IGRC	<b>Bethel UMC Outreach – Peoria</b>
8	★★★★★	6370-IGRC	<b>Central Illinois Foodbank – Springfield</b>
9	★★★★★	6140-IGRC	<b>Friends of Jesus Food Pantry – Equality</b>
10	★★★★★	6410-IGRC	<b>Good Samaritan House - Carbondale</b>
11	★★★★★	6170-IGRC	<b>Good Samaritan Inn – Decatur</b>
12	★★★★★	6420-IGRC	<b>H.E.L.P.S. Ministry Outreach – Jacksonville</b>
13	★★★★★	6120-IGRC	<b>Hunger Ministry Churches United – Quad City Area</b>
14	★★★★★	6270-IGRC	<b>Kumler Neighborhood Ministries –Springfield</b>
15	★★★★★	6450-IGRC	<b>Quanada – Quincy</b>
16	★★★★★	6430-IGRC	<b>Salt Creek Parish Resource Center, Farmer City</b>
17	★★★★★	6130-IGRC	<b>Summer Lunch Program – Sandoval Shalom Zone</b>
18	★★★★★	6310-IGRC	<b>Summer Meals for Children – Carbon Cliff</b>
19			
20			<b>IGRC Methodist Hospital Chaplaincy Programs</b>
21	★★★★★	0040-IGRC	<b>Memorial Hospital – Alton</b>
22	★★★★★	0041-IGRC	<b>Methodist Medical Center – Peoria</b>
23			
24			<b>IGRC Inner City Ministries</b>
25	★★★★★	6280-IGRC	<b>Community Resource &amp; Learning Center – Moline</b>
26	★★★★★	6150-IGRC	<b>Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House – E. St. Louis</b>
27			
28	★★★★★	6110-IGRC	<b>Madison Avenue Neighborhood Ministries – Peoria</b>
29			
30			<b>IGRC Liberia Partnership</b>
31	★★★	2681 #11820A	<b>Bishop Judith Craig Children's Home – Monrovia</b>
32	★★★	2327 #12548A	<b>Camphor United Methodist School</b>
33	★★★	2978 #15080N	<b>Ganta United Methodist Hospital</b>
34	★★★	2217 #15124A	<b>Pastor Salary Support – General</b>
35	★★★	2213 #15125B	<b>Scholarships – Designate What Level of School</b>
36	★★★★★	6660-IGRC	<b>Building Materials for IGRC Mission Team Projects</b>
37	★★★★★	6990-IGRC	<b>Kofi Asmah United Methodist School</b>
38	★★★★★	6670-IGRC	<b>Vehicles for Volunteer Mission Teams</b>
39			
40			<b>IGRC New Church Starts</b>
41	★★★★★	6470-IGRC	<b>Dayspring/ Native American Fellowship – East Peoria</b>
42			
43	★★★★★		<b>Fairview Heights Christ Multisite</b>
44	★★★★★	6760-IGRC	<b>Fusion – Flanagan</b>
45	★★★★★	6200-IGRC	<b>Jesus Es El Senor – Cobden</b>
46	★★★★★	6580-IGRC	<b>Korean United Methodist Fellowship - Macomb</b>
47	★★★★★	6750-IGRC	<b>Manatial De Vida – Moline</b>
48	★★★★★	6275-IGRC	<b>Nueva Esperanza – East St. Louis</b>

1	★★★★★	6255-IGRC	<b>Nueva Vida – Beardstown</b>
2	★★★★★	6490-IGRC	<b>Rey de Reyes – Momence</b>
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4			<b>IGRC Other Outreach Ministries</b>
5	★★★★★	6220-IGRC	<b>Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministries – Interpreter Service</b>
6			
7	★★★★★	6230-IGRC	<b>Deaf Faith Community – Jacksonville</b>
8	★★★★★	6020-IGRC	<b>Eagle House Ministries – Vienna</b>
9	★★★★★	6160-IGRC	<b>empty tomb. inc. – Champaign</b>
10	★★★★★	0076-IGRC	<b>ILLCAAP – Springfield</b>
11	★★★★★	6565-IGRC	<b>Seven Circles Heritage Center – Peoria</b>
12	★★★★★	6075-IGRC	<b>Shalom Zone Community Activity Service Partners</b>
13	★★★★★	6380-IGRC	<b>Volunteer Mission Teams Scholarship</b>
14	★★★★★	6440-IGRC	<b>Women in Ministry Scholarship Fund</b>
15	★★★★★	6320-IGRC	<b>UM Motorsport Ministry—Streator</b>
16			
17			<b>IGRC Senior Citizens Agencies</b>
18	★★★★★	0044-IGRC	<b>Evenglow Lodge – Pontiac</b>
19	★★★★★	0045-IGRC	<b>Sunset Home – Quincy</b>
20	★★★★★	0047-IGRC	<b>UM Village – Lawrenceville</b>
21	★★★★★	6710-IGRC	<b>UM Village Benevolent Endowment – Godfrey</b>
22	★★★★★	0046-IGRC	<b>Wesley Village – Macomb</b>
23			
24			<b>Medical Missions</b>
25	★★★	3020 #982345	<b>Global Aids Fund</b>
26	★★★	7015 #3021190	<b>Imagine No More Malaria</b>
27	★★★	2211 #14536A	<b>Kissy Hospital – Sierra Leone</b>
28	★★★	4100 #773724	<b>Red Bird Clinic – KY</b>
29	★★★★	3760 #418520	<b>Grace Children's Hospital – Haiti</b>
30			
31			<b>Missionaries Serving in Liberia</b>
32	★★	2425 #13911Z	<b>Nancy Carew – Women's Training Center – Monrovia</b>
33	★★	2420 #13035Z	<b>Priscilla Jaiah – School Superintendent – Ganta</b>
34	★★	1090 #13980Z	<b>Elma Jocson – Surgeon – Ganta Hospital</b>
35	★★	2429 #13929Z	<b>Sue Porter – Nurse Instructor – Ganta Hospital</b>
36	★★	2432 #3021129	<b>Helen Roberts – Director of Education – Conference</b>
37	★★	2427 #3019571	<b>Victor Taryor – Hospital Administrator – Ganta</b>
38	★★	2428 #15151Z	<b>Dr. Albert Willicor – Surgeon – Ganta Hospital</b>
39			
40			<b>Missionaries Supported by IGRC</b>
41	★★	1850 #14286Z	<b>Miquel Arenas Herrea – Teacher – Uruguay</b>
42	★★	2401 #10739Z	<b>Jane Kies – Teacher – Africa U – Zimbabwe</b>
43	★★	2400 #09572Z	<b>Larry Kies – Agriculturalist – Africa U Zimbabwe</b>
44	★★	2212 #05218Z	<b>Janet May – Teacher – Costa Rica</b>
45	★★	2210 #05217Z	<b>Roy May – Teacher – Costa Rica</b>
46	★★	1070 #13028A	<b>Janet McCarty – University Director – Philippines</b>
47	★★	4070 #773782	<b>Dennis &amp; June Sparenberg – Redbird</b>
48	★★	4360 #982966	<b>Sally Wisner Ott – Community Worker – PA</b>

1	★★	4003	#542635	<b>Hector Sanchez</b> – Pastor – KS
2	★★	4390	#773777	<b>Mark &amp; Rebecca Smallwood</b> – Teachers – Redbird
3	★★	1120	#14020Z	<b>Jacques Akasa Umembudi</b> – Pilot – Congo
4	★★	2226	#10672Z	<b>Connie Wieck</b> – Teacher – China
5	★★	4010	#773993	<b>Ruth Wiertzema</b> – Council Director - Redbird

**Report 302: United Methodist Foundation**

**Subject:** Report of the United Methodist Foundation

**Submitted by:** Rev. Ted Frost, Executive Director

The United Methodist Foundation of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference, Inc. is a resource to our local churches, service agencies and individuals of the Conference in respect to developing financial resources to do ministry.

The Foundation believes we can help in four main areas: 1) develop strategies with local churches and service agencies to develop strategies to encourage people to financially support their ministries, 2) develop strategies with local churches and services agencies develop investment strategies to raise financial support for their ministries, 3) develop strategies with local churches and service agencies to develop strategies to raise financial support for capital improvements, and 4) develop strategies with individuals to develop estate plans that will help them today, help their children and ultimately help their local church or favorite United Methodist Service Agency or Committee.

The investments at the Foundation did grow in 2010. January 1, 2010 the market value of funds under investment were \$9,163,584 and on December 31, 2010 the market value of funds under investment were \$10,008,450. This includes new investments throughout the year of \$246,299.81 and disbursements of \$432,015.87.

The disbursements of funds went to a variety of ministry opportunities. The majority of disbursements went to local churches to do ministry in their community. The disbursed funds were also in the form of scholarships for college students, financial support for pastors in Chile, financial support for Methodist Schools in Haiti, and funds disbursed to Conference Service Agencies.

The Foundation Board considers it a privilege to play a small part in developing financial resources for ministry within the Conference. We look forward to playing a larger part in the future as the Foundation grows.

Please contact the Foundation if we can be of service to your local church or service agency, P.O. Box 3487, Springfield, IL 62708-3487, (217) 529-3217 or [tfrost@igrc.org](mailto:tfrost@igrc.org).

**Report 303: Preacher's Aid Society**

**Subject:** Report of the Preachers' Aid Society and Benefit Fund

**Submitted by:** Rev. Keith Anderson, Executive Director PASBF

The Preachers' Aid Society and Benefit Fund (PASBF) was established in the Civil War Era and its sole purpose has been to care for the retired clergy and their spouses from our Conference.

Over the many years of our existence, we have accomplished this mission in a variety of ways which include, but not limited to: being the pension fund, making contributions to the Pre-82 Plan, paying for monthly health insurance premiums, contributing millions to help pay for the Medicare Supplement Insurance. It is our joy to serve those who have served us.

**Financial Status**

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce at the end of 2010, the fund was approximately \$1.8 million above the corpus level, even after making our 2010 contribution of \$2.5 million toward the Medicare Supplement Insurance. With the overall markets recovering, PASBF has been able to see a recovery as well.

Unfortunately the fund is not in a position to resume paying the monthly health insurance premiums for retirees and spouses. They will be responsible for the premiums again for this year.

**Financial Support**

In 2010, the corpus of PASBF grew by approximately \$836,000 or 1.98% increase. The majority of the gifts received are from individuals and churches. PASBF is very grateful for the sacrifice and generosity of all who continue to support us.

In terms of dollars, the majority comes from estate plans. Several individuals have remembered PASBF in their wills, trusts, and/or charitable gift annuities. We thank these individuals for helping to ensure PASBF can serve those who have served us.

**Increase in Financial Commitment**

The Board of Directors has recommended an increase to our contribution to the Conference Health Insurance for the Medicare Supplement. Even though the cost of the coverage has increased, we have been able to not increase our contribution for several years. In order for the Conference to continue with this coverage, the Board felt it necessary to increase our support to \$3 million for 2011. This represents a 20% increase in our level of support to our retirees and spouses.

**Continued Need for Fund Raising**

IGRC is able to offer the benefits to our retirees and spouses because of PASBF. We are seeing several conferences in The United Methodist Church withdrawing benefits due to the lack of funds.

1 We are very fortunate for those who have gone before us, and who sacrificially gave to  
2 make PASBF what it is today. Their sacrifices and hard work are paying huge dividends  
3 to us today.  
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5 However, if we are going to continue to support our retirees and spouses, PASBF must  
6 continue to raise funds. Our \$3 million contribution to the health plan represents 6.7% of  
7 the value of the entire fund. This year alone over 20 clergy members will retire.  
8 Approximately two-thirds of our active clergy are over the age of 50. We will continue to  
9 see an increase in the number of retirees for the next several years. If PASBF is going to  
10 remain relevant, we must continue to raise new funds.  
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12 Because of this reality, PASBF will continue to work in the area of fundraising. We  
13 launched a new fundraising program with donor recognition societies this year. Online  
14 giving is now available through our webpage – [www.pasbf.org](http://www.pasbf.org). We continue to offer  
15 charitable gift annuities and other estate plan options. In the coming year, a new program  
16 targeting local church support will begin.  
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18 With new funds, PASBF can continue to be as strong as ever as we support and care for  
19 our retirees, spouses, and any dependent children.  
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### 21 **Proposed Change in Medicare D Plan**

22 This year the Annual Conference will consider a change in our Health Insurance Plan by  
23 no longer offering a Medicare D Plan (Prescription Plan). Each retiree and spouse will  
24 need to enroll in an individual plan.  
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26 PASBF has been kept in the loop with every step along the way with this proposal. The  
27 Board of Directors has reaffirmed our commitment to retirees and spouses. If this  
28 proposed change does pass, we are committed to: 1) assist with the education of the  
29 change and how to enroll in a plan, and 2) be a safety net to any retiree and/or spouse if  
30 there is financial need.  
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32 We will continue to work with the Conference to provide benefits to retirees and spouses.  
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### 34 **New Staff Member**

35 A new staff member was added earlier this year. Sarah Cooper is a part-time  
36 Administrative Assistant for PASBF. Her office hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. –  
37 12:00 noon. Sarah's direct phone line is 217-529-3215  
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39 Originally from the Chicago-land area, Sarah played 4 years of volleyball at University of  
40 Illinois at Springfield and has stayed in the area. She will be answering phones and  
41 dealing with the day-to-day office duties. We are excited to have Sarah and invite you to  
42 get to know her.  
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### 44 **Conclusion**

45 The Board of Directors would like to thank our 3 Assistants – Rev. Sam Totten, Rev.  
46 Floyd Blackard, and Rev. Raydean Davis – for their excellent work this past year. The  
47 Assistants have ministered, cared, and supported our retirees and spouses in many  
48 different ways. We could not accomplish near the work we do without their help!

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2 The Board of Directors is committed to protecting the corpus, supporting retired clergy  
3 and spouses, and representing retirees in the Conference. We look forward to another  
4 strong year this year.

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6 **Nominations for the Board of Directors**  
7 **Preachers' Aid Society and Benefit Fund**  
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9 **Class of 2012**

10	Rev. Joseph Scheets	302 East Grove Ave	Effingham IL 62401
11	Rev. Ken Hogren	304 E Far Hills Dr	East Peoria IL 61611
12	Ms. Nancy Frazier	732 E. Wesley Dr	O'Fallon IL 62269
13	Rev. Clyde Snyder	801 Timber Ridge	Mahomet IL 61853
14	Ms. Beverly Sywassink	109 Centennial Ave	Normal IL 61761

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18 **Class of 2013**

19	Rev. John Woodruff	20 Brompton Court	Bloomington IL 61704
20	Rev. Shelly Forrest	PO Box 25	El Paso IL 61738
21	Mr. E. Ted Graham, Jr	PO Box 320	Taylorville IL 62568
22	Mr. Randy O'Brien	4341 Acer Grove Rd C300	Springfield IL 62711

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27 **Class of 2014**

28	Mr. Larry Phillips	1322 Crown Court	Bloomington IL 61704
29	Mr. Chuck Hunt	128 Manor Hill	Chatham IL 62629
30	Rev. David Gaffron	31 Chiswick Circle	Bloomington IL 61704
31	Mr. John Payne	6408 Roberts Rd.	Marion IL 62959
32	Rev. Kathy Sweet	1200 W Calista St	Kankakee IL 60901

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37 **Report 304: Central Conference Pension Initiative**

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39 **Subject:** Report of the Central Conference Pension Initiative (CCPI)

40 **Submitted by:** Bishop's Task Force on CCPI

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42 Central Conference Pension Initiative (CCPI) is a long-term solution that provides  
43 retirement financial security  
44 y for dedicated church leaders and surviving spouses in the Central Conferences. These  
45 conferences are located outside the United States where retirees receive little or nothing  
46 in terms of a pension. CCPI is working to bring equitable and justice pensions to these  
47 dedicated leaders and servants of The United Methodist Church.  
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1 Currently there are 7 Central Conferences in three regions (Asia, Africa, and Europe).  
 2 There are 72 annual and provisional conferences in 42 countries with over 6,900  
 3 organized churches. Over 9,300 clergy are serving more than 3.5 million lay members in  
 4 this rapidly increasing population in our church.

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 6 The overall goal for CCPI is \$25 million. As of February of 2011, CCPI has raised \$21.5  
 7 million – they have reached 86% of the goal!

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 9 At the 2009 Annual Conference, IGRC committed to raise \$500,000 in 3 years for CCPI.  
 10 As of February of 2011, IGRC has contributed approximately \$360,000! We are 72% of  
 11 the way toward our goal!

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 13 Three Pilot Pension Projects have been launched in 2011 with one more to begin in April.  
 14 Pilot Projects began in *Cote d'Ivoire* and for the two annual conferences in *Zimbabwe* on  
 15 January 1, 2011. The fourth project begins on April 1, 2011, in *Sierra Leone*.

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 17 All of us can help retirees around the world by getting involved with CCPI. Go to  
 18 [www.ccpi-umc.org](http://www.ccpi-umc.org) or visit the display table to find out how to get involved. Enable us to  
 19 reach our goal by next annual conference!

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 21 Specific countries with Conferences that CCPI serves are as follows:

22 **Africa**

23 Angola, Burundi, Congo, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Liberia, Mozambique, Nigeria,  
 24 Rwanda, Sudan, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

25 **Europe**

26 Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania,  
 27 Macedonia, Poland, Russia, Slovak Republic, Ukraine, Yugoslavia

28 **The Philippines**

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 33 **Report 305: Conference Treasurer**

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 35 **Subject:** Report of budgetary income and expenses

36 **Submitted by:** Rev. Richard A. VanGiesen, Conference Treasurer

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 38 The Conference had an excellent year in 2010 in terms of budget cash income and  
 39 expenditures. I am awed and amazed and most appreciative of the faithfulness in  
 40 payment of apportionments by our local churches. At a receipt rate of 93.14%, we see the  
 41 highest percentage of apportionment payment since 1999. And to think that this took  
 42 place in an economic environment of uncertainty, job losses and rapidly escalating energy  
 43 and food prices – well, it's just awesome!

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**Illinois Great Rivers Conference  
2010 - Actual to Budget (Preliminary as of 1/21/2011)**

	<b>Illinois Great Rivers Conference</b>	<b>2010 Budget</b>	<b>2010 Actual</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
1				
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4	<b>Apportionments Received</b>	<b>11,880,647</b>	<b>11,065,867</b>	<b>93.14%</b>
5	<b>Clergy Support</b>			
6	Equitable Compensation	50,000	35,506	71.01%
7	SA&E/Dist. Mission Fund	192,000	131,245	68.36%
8	Moving Expenses for Retirees	40,000	20,238	50.59%
9	District Supt. Fund	1,344,400	1,324,485	98.52%
10	Episcopal Fund	425,980	425,980	100.00%
11				
12	<b>Total Clergy Support</b>	<b>2,052,380</b>	<b>1,937,454</b>	<b>94.40%</b>
13				
14	<b>Administration</b>			
15	Conference Offices and CCFA	956,000	900,465	94.19%
16	Archives	57,290	57,291	100.00%
17	Trustees	320,000	237,241	74.14%
18	Communications	471,490	429,615	91.12%
19	CMT Program & Administration	1,262,471	1,079,842	85.53%
20	COSROW -- Administration	4,000	1,926	48.15%
21	Religion and Race -- Administration	8,000	6,161	77.01%
22	Board of Ordained Ministry -- Adm.	50,000	46,890	93.78%
23	Dist. Admin. And Program	474,500	313,417	66.05%
24	Annual Conference Session	85,000	81,396	95.76%
25	Conference Secretary	10,350	7,530	72.76%
26	Journal & Yearbook	22,525	17,011	75.52%
27	Legal Expense Fund	45,000	41,951	93.22%
28	Conference Foundation -- Admin.	70,000	70,000	100.00%
29	Unallocated Travel and Expense	14,000	2,746	19.61%
30	Clergy Sexual Misconduct Resp. Team	7,300	6,846	93.79%
31	Illinois Area Office	170,000	170,000	100.00%
32	IGRC Pastoral Care Office	155,000	140,135	90.41%
33	Committee on Episcopacy	2,000	557	27.86%
34	Episcopal Residence Committee	1,000	0	0.00%
35	Conference Center	500,000	467,914	93.58%
36	Prior claims excess of apportionment receipts	105,000	0	0.00%
37	Contingency	100,000	1,777	1.78%
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39	Post-Retirement Benefits Reserve	50,000	46,894	93.79%
40	General Administration Fund	167,801	167,801	100.00%
41	Interdenominational Coop. Fund	41,261	41,261	100.00%
42	Jurisdictional Conf. Fund	26,110	27,115	103.85%

1	<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>5,176,098</b>	<b>4,363,783</b>	<b>84.31%</b>
2	<b>Total Clergy Support and Administration</b>	<b>7,228,478</b>	<b>6,301,236</b>	<b>87.17%</b>
3				
4	<b>Benevolences &amp; Connectional Ministries</b>			
5	Congregational Development	1,026,000	627,435	<b>61.15%</b>
6	Conference Benevolences	1,023,500	957,292	<b>93.53%</b>
7	World Service*	1,548,679	1,548,679	<b>100.00%</b>
8	Ministerial Education Fund	530,155	519,747	<b>98.04%</b>
9	Africa University Fund	47,335	47,335	<b>100.00%</b>
10	Black College Fund	211,500	211,500	<b>100.00%</b>
11	General Church Apportionments in excess of receipts	265,000	0	<b>0.00%</b>
12	<b>Total Benevolences &amp; Connectional Ministries</b>	<b>4,652,169</b>	<b>3,911,988</b>	<b>84.09%</b>
13	<b>Total All Apportionments</b>	<b>11,880,647</b>	<b>10,213,225</b>	<b>85.97%</b>
14	<b>NET YTD SURPLUS(DEFICIT)</b>		<b>852,643<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>0.00%</b>

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16 <sup>a</sup> = This \$852,643 represents positive cash flow for the year 2010. It is the result of 1) an  
 17 excellent year of apportionment payments by our local churches and 2) expenditures by  
 18 various entities that were less than budgeted. The Congregational Development Team  
 19 (CDT), in particular, came in at almost \$400,000 under budget. Because unspent CDT  
 20 funds roll over into the next year, the actual "surplus" figure is closer to \$454,078 or 3.8%  
 21 of budget. It is very important to understand, however, that we don't really have a surplus.  
 22 Because of the retiree health liability (which does not show up on this report), our balance  
 23 sheet reveals that we are over 15 million dollars in the hole. In other words, if we had to  
 24 satisfy all of our liabilities today – even with the liquidation of all of our investments and  
 25 properties – we would still come up \$15 million short. Fortunately, our retiree health  
 26 liability is long-term. We don't have to pay it all at once. Since the cash surplus represents  
 27 a tiny part of our overall assets and liabilities, it is not a great concern when we end the  
 28 year ahead of budget – just as it was not a great concern in most of the previous years  
 29 when we ended the year with a cash deficit. Having this cash merely means that we have  
 30 a little more of an asset to book against our huge liability. It also means that there is  
 31 enough cash in our bank account to pay our bills on time.

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**Report 306: Board of Trustees**

**Subject:** Report of IGRC Board of Trustees activities

**Submitted by:** Conference Board of Trustees, Bob Homan, President

**Estimated Financial Impact on the Conference:** As per budget items

**Staff Resource Time:** Board members' time

**Source of Funding:** Annual Conference budget

**Council on Finance and Administration Comment:** Review not required by Standing Rules

**A. Historical Information:**

The former Illinois River District parsonage in Peoria, a tri-level floor plan, has been sold. The Trustees replaced the parsonage with a new home in Dunlap last year. Peoria First UMC needed a parsonage for their newly assigned associate pastor and leased the house until January.

The former parsonage in the Mississippi River District was replaced due to mold that was affecting the Superintendents family health. At long last, that house has now been sold in an "as-is" condition so that the Conference did not need to bear the cost of remodeling the structure after the mold was abated.

The parsonage in the LaMoine River District in Jacksonville had many issues and was an aging structure that needed more than routine maintenance. This was the oldest of the District Superintendent's parsonages owned by the conference and not handicap accessible. A newer house was located a few blocks away that was priced well below the prevailing market. An inspection by the District Board of Church and Location supported our decision to purchase the new property. It will be available for the Superintendent Rorex to move in this month. The former house is available for sale to offset the cost of the new home.

The parsonage in the Vermillion River District in Pontiac needed significant updates prior to Superintendent Pogemiller's arrival. The updates included new flooring, water damage repairs and waterproofing. These repairs have been made.

The parsonage in Sangamon River District had little maintenance over the years and had reached a state that immediate repairs were needed when Superintendent Harter moved in last year. At the top of that list was a new furnace that failed and was not economically repairable just prior to his arrival. New flooring, paint, and window treatments brought the home to an excellent condition.

The site of the former Mattoon Faith UMC was sold this year. We were fortunate that we did not have to engage an auctioneer for the sale.

We were surprised once again that we owned the Oak Hill Cemetery near East Peoria. We were asked to transfer ownership of the property to the Cemetery Association that had been maintaining the property since 1949. We gladly complied.

While trying to dispose of the former Mt Etna UMC church and parsonage, we discovered there was a cemetery associated with that property. Again, there was an association

1 maintaining the property thinking it was theirs. We helped them become owners of the  
2 property. The rest of the property was auctioned and brought more than we had  
3 expected.

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5 **B. Ongoing Activities:**

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7 The Trustees continue to maintain the UM Center in Springfield as a central place of  
8 meeting for a large varieties of groups and ministries. The mortgage payments are  
9 current. The interest on the bonds is very low, which causes the Conference to pay a fee  
10 to offset the costs the bank incurs as a result. Fortunately that fee is staying fairly low  
11 and we are remaining within the expected budget.

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13 **C. Churches that have closed or will close by July 1, 2011.**

14 Annapolis UMC, Embarras River District  
15 Flanagan UMC, Iroquois River District  
16 Goodwine UMC, Iroquois River District  
17 Johnstown UMC, Embarras River District  
18 Ramsey UMC, Embarras River District  
19 South Shores UMC, Sangamon River District  
20 Westervelt UMC, Embarras River District

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