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1 **Section 3: Ministries of Advocacy**

2 **Ecumenical Korea Peace Conference**

3 **Rev. Kun Sam Cho, Planning Committee Member**

4 **Introduction:**

5 101. The resolution adopted in the 2011 New York Annual Conference titled “**Call for a Peace March on Korea**”
6 was adopted at the 2012 General Conference. In preparation for this Peace March, to be held in 2014, an
7 ecumenical body, led by The United Methodist Church, convened a peace conference in Atlanta, GA on
8 May 15-17, 2013, on this 60th anniversary of the armistice treaty of the Korean War, to discuss, network,
9 and plan a series of action steps toward achieving peace and reconciliation in the Korean Peninsula. More
10 than 500 were in attendance at the opening worship, and 150 participants registered for the conference.

11 102. Korea Peace Conference Program Summary:

- 12 • **Opening worship** at the Korean Church of Atlanta, UMC in Duluth, GA
13 (Pastor: Rev. Chongho James Kim)
- 14 • **Audio greeting by President Jimmy Carter**, Carter Center for Peace
- 15 • **Sermon and testimony by Rev. Syngman Rhee**, Former moderator of PC-USA and former president of
16 National Council of Churches, USA
- 17 • **Address by National Council of Churches of Korea, General Secretary**, Rev. Kim Young Ju
- 18 • **Keynote address** on US Policy on Korea, Global Impact and the Role of the Faith Community,
19 **Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori**, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church
- 20 • Lecture on the **road to Peace** and the role of women, **Christine Ahn**, executive director,
21 Korea Policy Institute
- 22 • **Workshops** included: 1. Building a Case for Peace Treaty: Steps for Advocacy; 2. Women and Peace;
23 3. Humanitarian Mission and Building Solidarity in North Korea; 4. The Suffering of North Korean
24 Defectors and their Survival in the South Korean Society and Church; 5. The Obama Policy and Nuclear
25 Crisis in the Korean Peninsula
- 26 • An **ecumenical panel** of representatives presented each denomination’s current work on Korea and
27 committed to working together as a coalition: Rev. Charles Robertson, Episcopal Church, USA; Derek
28 Duncan, United Church of Christ; Rev. Hun Jung Cho, National Council of Churches in Korea; Ruth
29 Clemens, Mennonite Central Committee; Rev. Chongho James Kim, United Methodist Church
- 30 • A **documentary film screening** of “Memory of Forgotten War” – produced and directed by Ramsey
31 Liem and Deann Borshay Liem (www.mufilms.org)
- 32 • Conference participants worked together on and adopted a **resolution and action plan:**

33 103. **A Call for Peace and Reconciliation on the Korean Peninsula**

34 *Adopted by the 2013 Ecumenical Korea Peace Conference - Atlanta, Georgia - May 15-17, 2013*

35 104. Christ is our peace. As our Lord Jesus Christ broke down the walls of hostility that divide God’s
36 people, we too are called to the ministry of reconciliation and peacemaking (Ephesians 2: 14-
37 16). For too long, the Korean people have been divided and suffered from political
38 brinkmanship, the wall of ideology, and the scourge of militarism. The Armistice Agreement of
39 1953 only temporarily halted the war that claimed 4 million lives and divided 10 million families.
40 This lingering state of war on the Korean peninsula is a major contributor to tension and
41 instability, both regionally and globally, and contravenes the spirit of the United Nations
42 Resolution 39/11 which recognizes a people’s right to peace.

- 1 105. We Christians of different communions, gathered together in the common cause of peace, are
2 deeply concerned about the growing tensions on the Korean peninsula over recent nuclear
3 testing in North Korea and U.S.-South Korea joint military exercises.
- 4 106. We join with the Korean people, both in North and South Korea in yearning for reconciliation,
5 reunification and sustainable peace. Replacing the Armistice Agreement with a Peace Treaty is
6 and should be the first step in establishing a lasting and sustainable peace on the Korean
7 peninsula.
- 8 107. In support of the Korean people and in cooperation with ecumenical partners, we call on
9 ourselves and all who desire to embrace and pursue peace to engage in the following actions to
10 achieve a just peace on the Korean peninsula:
- 11 1. Engage in prayers of penitence and petition with the Korean people, scarred and pained by
12 the division of the nation; and support the efforts of the National Council of Churches in
13 Korea (ROK), and the Korean Christian Federation (DPRK) for reconciliation, peace and
14 reunification.
 - 15 2. Urge both North and South Korea to resume talks and economic cooperation, including
16 immediate reopening of the Kaesong Industrial Complex and Kumkangsan Tourism.
 - 17 3. Urge the United States, South Korea, North Korea and all stakeholders involved to
18 immediately resume dialogue and negotiations to establish a Peace Treaty eliminating the
19 threat of nuclear and conventional war thereby establishing an enduring peace on the
20 Korean peninsula and the world.
 - 21 4. Urge the United Nations Security Council to end economic and commercial sanctions, the
22 U.S. and South Korea to cease all military exercises, and North Korea to stop hostile actions
23 in the pursuit of peace.
 - 24 5. Continue to provide humanitarian support and economic development efforts for North
25 Korea.
 - 26 6. Engage in ecumenical initiatives including the following:
 - 27 a. Pray, support and participate in the National Council of Churches in Korea's 2013 Peace
28 Train, an affiliate event of the 2013 WCC Assembly being held in Busan, South Korea.
 - 29 b. On July 27, 2013, launch a campaign to gather one million signatures for a Korea Peace
30 Treaty petition.
 - 31 c. Proclaim July 27, 2014 as "Korea Peace Sunday".
 - 32 d. Hold a Korea Peace March in Washington, DC in 2014.
 - 33 e. Bring an Ecumenical Peace Delegation to North and South Korea in 2015.
 - 34 f. Work to ensure the adoption of the Korea Peace Treaty statement and other efforts in
35 pursuit of Korea Peace are supported and affirmed by each of our respective
36 denominations and churches.
- 37 108. **Sponsoring Organizations:** Korean American National Association of the UMC Committee on the Korean
38 Reunification and Reconciliation; General Board of Global Ministries, UMC; United Methodist Women;
39 Korean Ministry Plan, UMC; National Council of Churches in Korea; National Network of Korean United
40 Methodist Women
- 41 109. **Planning Committee Members:** Chair, Bishop Hee-Soo Jung; Rev. Kun Sam Cho; Rev. Chongho James Kim;
42 Rev. Jong Sung Kim; Rev. Tong Soo Hahn; Rev. Chan Gok Kim; Sunghea Rhim; Sung-ok Lee, June Kim;
43 Myung Rae Lee; Rev. Keong-Ah Woo; Chang Hwie Lee; Yun Nam Kang; Derek Duncan; David Wildman;
44 Rebecca Asedillo; Rev. We Hyun Chang.

1 Corporate Resolutions

2 2013 NYAC Resolution C – Policy for Pastoral Moving Expenses

3 A. Active Clergy¹:

- 4 • It is the responsibility of the Staff-Parish (Pastor Parish) Relations Committee (the “Committee”) of the
5 receiving church(es) to obtain at least two bids from professional licensed moving companies. While
6 this responsibility may be delegated to the pastor, **it is the Committee that must approve the fees and**
7 **sign the moving contract.** Two stops (parsonage and church) may be included at either or both ends
8 when necessary. If the church and/or pastor are conducting the move by renting a truck and other
9 equipment, no bids are necessary.
- 10 • The receiving church(es) shall have a maximum obligation of up to \$5,500 (pro-rated for more than one
11 receiving church) for each pastoral move. Costs that exceed this amount are to be borne by the pastor.
12 When a pastor is moving to two or more churches, each church shall pay a pro-rata share of costs
13 defined by the pastor’s percentage appointment to the church divided by the pastor’s total appointment
14 percentage (unless otherwise negotiated by the receiving churches and/or district superintendent). See
15 examples below. The cost of moves from outside the boundaries of the conference will be negotiated
16 among the parties as facilitated by the district superintendent.
- 17 • Charges for packing and unpacking are to be borne by the pastor. However, each pastor may submit a
18 bill for and be reimbursed up to \$200 (amount to be included in the \$5,500 maximum noted above) for
19 the costs of packing materials including the cost of having fragile items (e.g., dishes) packed
20 professionally, if desired. Such costs are to be reimbursed based upon the methodology stated above.
21 Exceptions are permitted only if both the church and pastor agree.
- 22 • Each church that incurs move costs for the same position may apply for reimbursement from the
23 Conference based upon the following schedule. The Conference will not provide reimbursement for
24 food or lodging.

25 Time period from last move for same clergy position:

- 26 1. One year or less: 100% reimbursement of actual costs
- 27 2. Two years or less: 75% reimbursement of actual costs
- 28 3. Three years or less: 50% reimbursement of actual costs
- 29 4. Four years or less: 25% reimbursement of actual costs
- 30 5. More than four years: \$750 or actual costs, whichever is less

31 The district superintendent of the receiving church(es) is responsible for resolving any disagreements that
32 may arise with regard to the amount of, or allocation of moving costs.

33 Churches are strongly urged to budget annually for or establish escrow funds to provide for pastoral moves.

34 B. Retiring Clergy:

35 Full-time pastors entering the retiree relationship or going on incapacity leave are entitled to a one-time
36 move grant of the lesser of: a) \$1,500 or b) the actual cost of the move. Married clergy will be eligible for
37 only one grant unless they are moving from two separate residences based upon two separate
38 appointments.

¹ Applies to both active clergy and retired clergy that continue to serve.

1 **C. Reimbursements**

2 No grants will be issued in advance of the move or without supporting documentation.

3 **To receive reimbursement for move costs, a cover letter and supporting documentation should be**
4 **mailed to:** New York Annual Conference, **Attn: Accounts Payable**, 20 Soundview Ave, White Plains, NY 10606

5 **D. Examples:**

6 **Example 1:** Pastor is appointed 50% to Church "A" and 50% to Church "B" and incurs costs of \$6,000.

- 7 • *Both Church "A" and "B" pay 50% of the \$5,500 limit or \$2,750 (50% calculated as 50% appointment*
8 *divided by 100% total appointment).*
- 9 • *The pastor is responsible for incurring the excess of \$500 over the limit.*
- 10 • *Both churches apply to the Conference for their share of reimbursement depending upon schedule in*
11 *"A" above.*

12 **Example 2:** Pastor is appointed 50% to Church "A" and 25% to Church "B" and incurs costs of \$6,000.

- 13 • *Church "A" pays 67% of the \$5,500 limit or \$3,685 (67% calculated as 50% appointment divided by*
14 *75% total appointment)*
- 15 • *Church "B" pays 33% of the \$5,500 limit or \$1,815 (33% calculated as 25% appointment divided by*
16 *75% total appointment)*
- 17 • *Pastor pays excess of \$500 over \$5,500 limit.*
- 18 • *Both churches apply to the conference for their share of reimbursement depending upon schedule in*
19 *"A" above.*

20 **E. Effective Date:**

21 This resolution applies to appointment changes or retirements that are announced after the June 2013
22 Annual Conference.

23 **2013 NYAC Resolution D – For the Transfer of Title of 48 St. Mark’s Place, New York,**
24 **NY to BrokenBuilders United Methodist Church**

25 WHEREAS title to the property located at 48 St. Mark’s Place, New York, NY 10003, was acquired in 1900 by the
26 former First German United Methodist Church, formerly known as the First German Methodist Episcopal Church
27 as part of the German Conference of the Methodist Church to provide ministry and mission to German
28 Americans on the Lower East Side, and
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30 WHEREAS, in 1943, the East German Annual Conference was dissolved and the First German Methodist Church
31 was transferred to the New York Annual Conference which assumed judicatory jurisdiction over the property of
32 what became known as the First German United Methodist Church, and
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34 WHEREAS, in 1975, the First German United Methodist Church was declared abandoned by the New York
35 Annual Conference with the provision that, "The property at St. Mark’s Place to be turned over to the
36 Conference Trustees with the understanding that it will not be disposed of until it is determined that it will not
37 be required for church work as approved by the Metropolitan District Board of Church Locations and Buildings.
38 When it shall no longer be required for church use the building shall be sold or leased and the net proceeds
39 divided 50% to the Pension Fund and 50% to be added to the 'German Church Fund,'" and
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41 WHEREAS the Church of All Nations, having begun on Second Avenue in 1905 under the ministry of the New
42 York City Mission Society had English, Chinese, Italian, and Russian congregations through its first 20 years of
43 existence. At the site at 9 Second Avenue a large complex included a gym, assembly hall, classrooms, dorms,
44 swimming pool, and a rooftop playground. There was a medical clinic, a vocational school, and great ministry to
45 the community. During the Depression, government food tickets were handed out in the church’s halls. As the

1 neighborhood changed the City of New York acquired the property through the process of eminent domain to
2 build a housing complex that was never built. As the neighborhood changed the congregations changed, the
3 church declined. In 1975, the church—by then it had become two congregations, English and Hispanic—moved
4 to the former First German Methodist Church building at 48 St. Mark’s Place in the East Village. In the early
5 1980s the English congregation ceased to exist, and
6

7 WHEREAS the Church of All Nations provided ministry to the Hispanic community on the Lower East Side when
8 in 2005, a merger took place between three United Methodist churches in the Village—Church of All Nations,
9 Washington Square, and Metropolitan Duane—to form the Church of the Village, located in the former
10 Metropolitan-Duane Church on 13th Street at Seventh Avenue. The Church of the Village continued the Hispanic
11 Ministry at 48 St. Mark’s Place and used the building to house an associate pastor,
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13 WHEREAS by letter dated November 13, 2012, the Church of the Village informed the Conference Trustees that
14 it no longer wished to continue its ministry at and responsibility for the property, and
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16 WHEREAS BrokenBuilders United Methodist Church is a faith community based in New York City, dedicated to
17 reaching out to young multiethnic, multicultural population, inviting them to experience redemption, salvation,
18 healing, and restoration by the grace of God, making them disciples of Jesus Christ, and strengthening the
19 community in which they can start and continue on their faith journey in intimate relationship with the Holy
20 Spirit and the fellow believers. It has been renting worship, meeting and office space, and has determined that
21 the 48 St. Mark’s property will be suitable for its purposes of growing and serving its members and the
22 community, and
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24 WHEREAS the resident bishop, a majority of the district superintendents and the Metropolitan District Board of
25 Church Location and Building have consented to the transfer of title to the property at 48 St. Mark’s property to
26 BrokenBuilders United Methodist Church.
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28 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 214th session of the New York Annual Conference of The United
29 Methodist Church, the corporate body which is the successor by abandonment of the extinct church known as
30 First German United Methodist Church, does hereby authorize and direct its Trustees to transfer title to the 48
31 St. Mark’s property to BrokenBuilders United Methodist Church with the restriction that should BrokenBuilders
32 United Methodist Church cease to be affiliated with the New York Annual Conference or in the event of transfer
33 of title, the property will revert to the Trustees of the New York Annual Conference.

1 **Addendum to Draft Conference Organizations – Delegates/Members**

2 Note: Lay persons’ names are listed in capital letters throughout this section. Clergy persons’ names are in upper
3 and lower-case letters.

4 **13. Equitable Compensation, Commission on [¶625]**

5 At large 2015: DIANNE HORNADAY

6 **15. Council on Finance and Administration, Council on [¶¶611-619]**

7 Clergy Persons:

8 2016: (08) Marjorie Nunes - LE (change district)

9 Lay Men:

10 (13) KEVIN SMITH

11 (13) JERRY EYSTER

12 **32. Committee on Parish Development, Committee on [¶633.5]**

13 District Representatives: (year on committee)

14 CT: ~~(09) Marjorie Nunes~~

15 **District Committees:**

16 **4. District Boards of the Superintendency**

17 Long island West: ~~THELMA FORTUNE LITTLE~~

18 **8. Members of Annual Conference - At Large**

19 Long island West: ~~THELMA FORTUNE LITTLE~~

20 **9. Committees on Parish Development**

21 Connecticut: ~~Marjorie Nunes, Chair~~

