
CORPORATE SESSION

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – PRE-CONFERENCE REPORT

Joyce Palevitz, President

It was recommended that Mr. Lawrence McGaughey continue to serve as Conference Chancellor. His work was affirmed over many years and the recommendation was approved.

Mervyn H. Richards was elected Trustee, Class of 2015.

101. The Board of Trustees represents the New York Conference in property, insurance, investment and legal matters under the authority of the Annual Conference. The members of the Board of Trustees are Joyce Palevitz, President, Rev. Virginia Carle, Vice President, Jorge Lockward, Secretary, Michael Denny, Treasurer, Rev. Dr. John E. Carrington, Assistant Treasurer, Susan Bynum, Assistant Treasurer, Arnold Jones, Rev. Koonae Lee, Rose Walker, Myers Mermel, Rev. Joseph Piccirillo, and Edmund Ruppman. Providing information and counsel have included Bishop Jeremiah Park, Ross Williams, Conference Treasurer/Director of Administrative Services, Ann Pearson, Council Director for Connectional Ministries and Rev. Jeanette Bassinger-Ishii, Cabinet Liaison to the Trustees.

Mr. Lawrence McGaughey, Esquire is our Conference Chancellor. He provides legal advice to the Trustees and the Cabinet on pending and threatened litigation, real estate transactions, and other corporate matters that affect the Conference.

102. **Investments.** The Trustees hold funds on deposit with the United Methodist Frontier Foundation of The United Methodist Church. The funds on deposit are held and managed for accounts of the New York Annual Conference as well as trust accounts for local churches and other organizations within the Conference. We work with and receive reports from the United Methodist Frontier Foundation to ensure that the fund portfolios are carefully and prudently managed for both long-term growth and fixed-income objectives. Major activity and performance for the year 2010 included (#'s 103 – 107 below):

103. **Trust Funds.** These are funds held in trust for churches and other United Methodist organizations. Local churches can now work with the Trustees and the Frontier Foundation (within the constraints of the original bequest) to specify an investment mix that best suits their needs. Opening balance for the trust portfolio was \$1,563,503 and after distributions, \$1,223,628 at the close of 2010.

104. **Trustees Conference Center Fund.** This fund contains money received from the sale of the former center at Rye, New York, as well as additional money from the Conference Center fund-raising program. This fund began the year with a balance of \$508,150 and finished with an ending balance of \$453,763.

The original Conference authorizing resolution provided that the fund was to be used to support the Conference in making its lease payments when the conference center was located on Bryant Avenue in White Plains. The authorizing resolution has never been updated, although the purpose of the fund has continued to be to support the conference center now at 20 Soundview Avenue. The Conference Trustees submit the revised authorizing resolution to the 2011 Annual Conference updating the fund's purposes.

105. **NY Conference Perkins Learning Center Fund.** The year-end balance of this fund was \$46,060.
106. **Conference Permanent Endowment Fund.** At the 2002 Annual Conference this fund was established for gifts and bequests to the Conference. The balance of this fund at year-end 2010 was \$12,939.
107. **Sessions Woods and Darling Funds.** Income from this fund provides support for Outdoor Ministries Programs. Opening balance in 2010 was \$ 140,791. At year-end 2010, \$136,181 remained available in this fund.
108. **Conference Center Repairs and Mortgage Refinance.** The Conference Center upper roof replacement was completed this year, as was the kitchen renovation project. In addition, work commenced on the replacement of the fire line.

The Conference Treasurer has determined that it is likely that a substantial savings can be obtained by the refinance of the Conference Center mortgage and current, lower interest rates. This requires the approval of the Conference, and the Trustees present a resolution authorizing the mortgage refinance on such terms and conditions as considered necessary and appropriate by the Board of Trustees. The authorizing resolution is attached (see “Corporate Resolutions” below).

109. **Insurance.** The Insurance Committee consists of four persons, including the Conference Treasurer, the Chancellor and two other persons, one of whom must be a Trustee. We are fortunate to continue to benefit from the expertise of former Trustee Chris Wilson.

We have continued to be challenged by unpaid premiums from churches that are part of the Conference wide program. In an effort to make insurance coverage as cost effective as possible, the Trustees approved increasing the deductible to \$100,000 for any church that is less than 75% paid up on property & casualty premiums.

110. **Sale of Property.**
1. Chelsea UMC vacant lot property was sold for the gross sales price of \$5,100
 2. Livingstonville Community Church property was sold for gross sales price of \$800
111. **Legal matters. The following litigation is active for the Annual Conference:**
1. Thompson v. Grace UMC (Queens) – The plaintiff, who was a secretary of a local church in the Long Island West District and who was terminated for cause in April, 2007, brought a human rights discrimination case against the pastor and local church. That case was dismissed. However, in October, 2007, the plaintiff commenced a lawsuit alleging defamation and intentional infliction of emotional distress. This lawsuit names not only the pastor and local church, but also the Long Island West District as defendants. Following discovery, at a pre-trial conference with the judge, the parties reached a settlement. As previously reported, the case was not covered by insurance, and the parties have agreed on the allocation of all amounts incurred in the litigation.
 2. Lyons v. Grace UMC (Queens) – In this case the plaintiff alleges defamation, intentional emotional distress and conversion arising out of a report of suspected physical abuse of a child. The church defendants include the Grace UMC, the former pastor, several lay church members and the Long Island West District. In addition to the church defendants, also named are

the NYC Administration for Children's Services and a City social worker. The insurance company is providing a defense to the District and pastor, and it is expected that in the unlikely event a judgment is entered against church defendants, it will be well within the insurance limits. The court has dismissed all the allegations except the defamation claim.

3. **Matter of Application of Methodist Episcopal Church Second Society (West Settlement)** – This church has been abandoned at least back to 1980, and in a deed dated February 7, 2003, from Roberta Zegel, Trustee, to the Ashland Historical Society, Inc., and subsequently recorded, the historical society took over the property. The deed had no District Superintendent consent and no Supreme Court approval and thus was void. When the Annual Conference Trustees asserted their title to the historical society's attorney, in August, 2009, he filed a petition in Greene County Supreme Court, in the name of the non-existent local church's trustees, seeking court approval. While the Conference's title is paramount, negotiations are ongoing and settlement has not been reached.
 4. **Hill v. Grace UMC (Queens) & NYAC** – A lawsuit was brought against a local church, which also named the Conference as a defendant, on account of a sidewalk slip and fall that occurred on June 23, 2006. The insurer at the time of the injury, GuideOne, has provided a defense, and insurance counsel has reported that the case has been settled within the limits of the insurance coverage.
 5. **Hilario v. Christ UMC (Brooklyn) & NYAC** – A lawsuit has been brought against a local church, which also names the Conference as a defendant, on account of a playground injury to a child of the Head Start program that occurred on April 23, 2009. NYAC was insured at the time under the PACT program which is defending, and insurance counsel has been appointed. The insurance attorney has moved to discontinue the action against the Conference which has no ownership interest in the property. In the unlikely event of a recovery against the Conference, it is expected to be within the limits of the insurance coverage. The local church has separate insurance and is not part of the Conference insurance program.
 6. **Garcia v. NYAC a/k/a United Methodist City Society** – A sidewalk slip and fall case has occurred outside Trinity: Morrisania church in the Bronx, title to which is held by the United Methodist City Society. The case also names the Conference as a defendant. The case has been reported to the insurer. The Conference has no ownership interest in the property, and it is expected that the case will be discontinued against the Conference.
 7. **NYAC (Camps Governing Board) v. JHM & Associates** – Suit brought by Camps Governing Board for breach of contract and related causes arising out of a contract for consulting on a fundraising program. The case is in the preliminary discovery stages.
112. **Conference Properties List:** The following is a list of known properties in which title is in NYAC, or abandoned or discontinued properties in which NYAC may have a real property interest:
- Properties with title in NYAC:
- Conference Center, 20 Soundview Avenue, White Plains, NY
 - Episcopal Residence, New Rochelle, NY
 - Epworth Camp, Marbletown & Rochester, NY

- Camp Quinipet, Shelter Island, NY
- Camp Kingswood, Tompkins, NY

Properties which have been declared abandoned and in which NYAC has a trust interest but not covered by NYAC insurance policy (there are active local churches that carry own insurance):

- Church Of All Nations, NYC (1/01)
- (Greenpoint) Polish United Methodist Church, Brooklyn, NY (1/01)

Abandoned/Discontinued and vacant Properties with title not in NYAC name in which NYAC has a trust clause / real property interest:

- West Settlement Church & vacant parcel, Windham, NY
- Smithtown Landing UMC, Smithtown, NY
- King Hill vacant land, Town of Greenville, NY
- Livingstonville Community Church, Livingstonville, NY
- Chelsea, Town of Wappinger, NY
- First Norwalk, S. Norwalk, CT
- Lexington UMC, Manhattan, NY

District Properties (Title Held by District Trustees, not necessarily in current District name):

- Connecticut, Hamden, CT
- New York/Connecticut, Stamford, CT
- Catskill Hudson, Woodstock, NY
- Long Island East, Hauppauge, NY
- Long Island West, East Williston, NY
- Metropolitan, Scarsdale, NY

Properties in which NYAC holds a legal reverter (renewal date):

- Cohecton Center, NY (October 28, 2023 -2026)

Property in which NYAC may hold mineral rights:

- Morehouse Parish, LA

Properties owned by separate legal entities in which the Conference has a controlling interest:

- Asbury Cemetery, Saugerties, NY; title held by “NYAC Asbury Cemetery, Inc.” (insurance provided by Conference)

113. **Camp Properties Review.** We continue to work with the Camps Governing Board and the Conference Task Force to develop and implement a long-range plan for the development of our camps. Please refer to the report of the Camps Governing Board for details.
114. **Conference Chancellor.** We enthusiastically recommend, on nomination from the Bishop, the continuation of Mr. Lawrence McGaughey for his fourteenth year as Conference Chancellor. ***NYAC Conference Session: Adopted***

THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

¹ So a person should think about us this way—as servants of Christ and managers of God’s secrets. ² In this kind of situation, what is expected of a manager is that they prove to be faithful. — 1 Corinthians 4:1 (Common English Bible)

101. It is an honor and privilege for me to present the slate of nominees to be elected at the Annual Conference of 2011. We have sought to ensure that all Conference-

wide ministries function at optimal capacity by the selection of persons being nominated. We have been concerned where it seems that certain ministries are not as strongly supported as they ought to be and we have made an effort to correct such situations.

102. We spent much time and effort on The Commission on Native American Ministry and would welcome volunteers from across the Annual Conference to work with this ministry.
103. Similarly we have nominated persons for the Committee of Accessibility and for the Cross Racial and Cross Cultural Committee. These committees will educate and guide our Annual Conference, and by extension, our local churches as we seek to become more responsive to the issues under their purview.
104. As in previous years we have had the whole-hearted support of the Bishop and Cabinet and we wish to thank the outgoing Dean of the Cabinet and District Superintendent of the Metropolitan District, Rev. Noel Chin, for diligently and tirelessly working with us.
105. We thank all persons who have served and whose terms are ending with this year's Conference and we welcome all newly appointed or elected persons. Special thanks to those who are continuing.

On behalf of the Committee on Nominations, Patrick Perrin, Chair

THE UNITED METHODIST FRONTIER FOUNDATION, INC.

Rev. Dr. Keith A. Muhleman, President and Executive Director

101. The year 2010 proved memorable for the return of a fiscally conservative Republican majority to the US House of Representatives and increased rhetoric about social justice and its meaning. Economically, the DOW (industrial companies) was on the rise at 10,800 in January but by the beginning of July had dropped 1100 points to 9700 and had shown a slow and erratic recovery until December when it returned to the 11,000 range. Similarly, the NASDAQ stocks (technology stocks) went from 2250 in late January to a low of 2100 in July staying in the neighborhood of 2150 for most of the year. Hence, for most of 2010, the market was below the late January level of performance. The Foundation's performance reflected the yearlong doldrums of the marketplace but showed an encouraging reasonable year-end return in all of our funds.
102. The UMFF currently manages funds for nearly 500 churches and institutions from throughout New York and western Connecticut. In 2010 churches and conferences placed 13 new accounts totaling \$772,285. We paid out \$3,171,135 to churches and conferences for their use in ministry and capital projects including roof repairs and boiler replacement. At year-end the Foundation was managing over \$31.2 million for ministries and individual trusts. Individual charitable gift annuities managed for UMFF at year end totaled \$704,560.
103. In 2007 the UM Frontier Foundation invested funds given by local churches to the New York-Connecticut Conference for the Integrity in Pensions program to be paid in January of 2013. These funds will be sent to churches with the gratitude of the Conference and the Board of Pensions.
104. We currently utilize the professional fund management services of John G. Ullman and Associates in Corning, New York. All our investments are socially

screened to comply with the United Methodist Social Principles by following the guidelines set by the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits. We continue to support the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits in its advocacy with those corporations involved in the Middle East and encourage the efforts of the General Board in seeking peace and justice in that region.

105. The UM Frontier Foundation continues to work with local churches to raise capital funds with long- and short-term programs for needed repairs and expansion of facilities. We assist them with stewardship planning for annual campaigns, planned-giving seminars and endowment development. This work is provided by our Executive Director and our very able and knowledgeable team of consultants. These individuals are the first line of contact with local churches. We are indebted to the ministry they carry out for the Frontier Foundation. Consultants serving include: Ms. Susan Ezrati, Rev. Fred Kelsey, Ms. Heather Brown, Mr. Joe Andreana, Rev. Vernon Lee, Mr. Lum Lee, Mr. Tom Nichols, Rev. David Nicholls and Mr. Ronald Salyer.
106. A major focus of our ministry is to develop stewardship leaders and create a stewardship culture in the local church. We participate in the seminars offered in district settings and in local churches dealing with annual campaigns, memorial funds, endowment development and the promotion of planned giving. We also participated with the Board of Ordained Ministries in the mandatory pastoral education program regarding local church stewardship and personal finance. This annual three-day event for new clergy has been joined by a series of annual tax seminars for all clergy.
107. Nearly all of the services we provide to local churches and individuals are provided at no charge to the individual or the church. Although we cannot provide legal or accounting services, we help individuals get ready to speak with their own advisors and then work with those advisors to put in place the plans the individuals want to set up. For local churches, we provide stewardship consultation where we evaluate what they are doing and make recommendations for changes, including creative and successful ways to conduct their annual campaign and developing alternative income streams. We offer an initial conversation about getting ready for a capital campaign and provide a fee-related proposal for services for the church to consider. We meet with the financial leadership of a church to help them set up an endowment program. We offer seminars on planned giving and preach in local churches in conjunction with the planned-giving and stewardship issues.
108. Ministry costs money, and that is true of the work of the United Methodist Frontier Foundation. We receive a small stewardship consulting payment from the Conference. We charge only 1.25% per year for funds that we manage up to \$250,000 and 1% for any amount over that cumulative total. There are no processing fees or transaction fees charged to our partners nor is there normally a delay in the payout of requested funds. We conduct annual and capital campaigns for a negotiated fee, not a percentage of the monies raised.
109. Our office is staffed by Ms. Sally Evans, our office manager who performs data entry on our accounting system for funds we manage for two conferences, three districts, and 500 churches. Mr. Charles Rhuda, our accountant, balances our books and ensures we operate in compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

110. Members of the Board of Directors are the backbone of the United Methodist Frontier Foundation. Their enthusiastic participation and involvement guides our ministry and provides the stability required to keep the UM Frontier Foundation steady.
111. It is my privilege to be the Executive Director and President of the United Methodist Frontier Foundation. I look forward to the future of our ministry together as we as Christians use the gifts that God has placed in our keeping find new ways to serve and make disciples of the world.

CORPORATE RESOLUTIONS

2010 NYAC RESOLUTION G – MERGER OF CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND ST. LUKE’S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Presented June 11, 2010 and adopted by voice vote (Daily Proceedings, p. 54); Inadvertently not published in 2010 Conference Journal

WHEREAS the congregations of Christ United Methodist Church (Christ UMC) and St. Luke’s United Methodist Church (St. Luke’s UMC), located in the city of New Rochelle, NY, have been engaged in dialogue and reflection since the summer of 2009

WHEREAS the Administrative Boards of Christ UMC and St. Luke’s UMC agreed on January 25, 2010 to support the merger of their two congregations

WHEREAS the church conferences of Christ United Methodist Church and St. Luke’s United Methodist Church agreed, in separate votes, on February 17, 2010, to merge their two churches in a single congregation to be known as New Rochelle United Methodist Church

WHEREAS the Bishop and the Cabinet of the New York Annual Conference are in support of this action

WHEREAS the Board of Church Location and Building of the Metropolitan District approved of the merger on June 1, 2010

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the New York Annual Conference in its 211th session at Hofstra University, Hempstead New York, hereby grants its approval of the merger of Christ United Methodist Church and St. Luke’s United Methodist Church to be known as New Rochelle United Methodist Church in accordance with the provisions of the United Methodist Book of Discipline (2008) and the laws of the state of New York.

*Noel N. Chin, District Superintendent
Metropolitan District, New York Annual Conference*

Resolution presented this 9th day of June, 2011 for publication in 2011 Conference Journal with 2011 Corporate Resolutions.

Joyce Palevitz, President, Conference Board of Trustees

2011 NYAC RESOLUTION A – REVISED AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION FOR THE CONFERENCE CENTER FUND

NYAC Conference Session: Adopted

WHEREAS the Conference Center Fund was created with the proceeds of the sale of the former conference center at Rye, New York in 1982, and

WHEREAS the original Conference authorizing resolution provided that the fund was to be used to support the Conference in making its lease payments when the conference center was located on Bryant Avenue in White Plains, and

WHEREAS the New York Annual Conference now owns its conference center located at 20 Soundview Avenue, White Plains, New York, and adopts this resolution to formalize the purpose and intent of the Conference in the purpose of the fund.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Conference Center Fund be maintained by and be subject to the direction and discretion of the Conference Trustees for the purpose of the maintenance, repair and replacement of its New York Annual Conference United Methodist Conference Center, and that the Trustees may accept gifts for, add funds to, and make Conference interagency/fund borrowings with the fund.

As approved and recommended by the Conference Board of Trustees, January 11, 2011

2011 NYAC RESOLUTION B – REFINANCING THE CONFERENCE CENTER

NYAC Conference Session: Adopted

WHEREAS the New York Annual Conference financed its purchase and renovation of the Conference Center building and property located at 20 Soundview Avenue, White Plains, New York (the “Property”) in 2001 with a mortgage loan from the United Methodist Development Fund (“Lender”) of \$1,000,000.00 for a term of 20 years adjustable in four-year increments to the bank’s then current rate (“UMDF Loan”), and

WHEREAS the UMDF Loan has a principal balance as of March 1, 2011, of \$671,223.59, and the Conference Treasurer seeks to refinance the UMDF Loan with the Lender, and

WHEREAS *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*, Paragraph 2515, indicates that Annual Conference consent is necessary to execute a mortgage on the Property, and Paragraph 2512.3(d) indicates that the Annual Conference may designate any two of the officers of the Board of Trustees to mortgage the Property.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the New York Annual Conference, meeting in its 212th Session at Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York, does hereby consent to the refinance of the UMDF Loan on such terms, timing and conditions as considered necessary and appropriate by the Board of Trustees to fund the purchase of the Property, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any two of the officers of the New York Annual Conference Board of Trustees be authorized to execute the mortgage or loan agreements to be negotiated.

2011 NYAC RESOLUTION C – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND REIMBURSEMENT MORTGAGE RESOLUTION

NYAC Conference Session: Adopted

WHEREAS the New York Annual Conference in recent years has advanced funds for the capital needs of its camps totaling approximately \$1,120,000 of the \$2,127,000 in capital expenditures by the camps since 2006, and

WHEREAS the Bishop's Camping Task Force, composed of representatives of the following Conference organizations: Camps Governing Board, Cabinet, Board of Trustees and CF&A, has reviewed the currently outstanding advances and business activities of the camps and the Task Force has recommended the mortgage of the lands and buildings of Quinipet Camp and Retreat Center, located at 99 Shore Road, Shelter Island Heights, NY 11965, and

WHEREAS the Task Force has approached lenders seeking a commitment letter in the amount of \$1,100,000 and such sum will be paid to the Conference and to Bridgehampton National Bank to close an open line of credit in the amount of \$248,000, in partial satisfaction of prior advances to the camps from the Annual Conference.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the New York Annual Conference Board of Trustees be authorized to accept a loan commitment from an institutional lender in the amount of \$1,100,000 secured by a mortgage on the Property, on such terms and conditions as the Trustees shall consider necessary and appropriate, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any two of the officers of the New York Annual Conference Board of Trustees be authorized to execute the mortgage or loan agreements and all related instruments necessary and convenient to enter into such mortgage loan.

2011 NYAC RESOLUTION D – TASK FORCE FREEDOM OF ACTION RESOLUTION FOR EPWORTH CENTER

NYAC Conference Session: Adopted

WHEREAS the Bishop's Camping Task Force, composed of representatives of the following Conference organizations: Camps Governing Board, Cabinet, Board of Trustees and CF&A, has reviewed the current programs, uses of camp properties and the business plans of the three Conference camps, and

WHEREAS particular attention has been given to the future of Camp Epworth, and the Task Force has unanimously recommended that the future of Camp Epworth after the 2011 camping season be further studied, taking into consideration the Conference's camping ministry at Epworth and as a whole, and

WHEREAS for both programmatic and fiscal reasons, a decision about the future program at Epworth in particular needs to be made before the 2012 Annual Conference.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, as an alternative to operating Epworth as a traditional Methodist Camp and Retreat center, the NYAC Board of Trustees are

hereby authorized to act upon the recommendation of the Task Force, with the prior consent of the Bishop, the Cabinet, the Camps Governing Board and the CF&A, to do any of the following actions without further approval from the Annual Conference:

1. Lease all or part of the property for the joint or exclusive use of groups not affiliated with The United Methodist Church
2. Utilize the property in non-traditional income-producing ways, e.g. Timbering; and/or
3. Sell the property in whole or in part; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any two of the officers of the New York Annual Conference Board of Trustees be authorized to execute any agreements, leases, deeds, instruments and documents necessary and convenient that are so authorized by the Trustees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any two of the officers of the New York Annual Conference Board of Trustees be authorized to execute the mortgage or loan agreements and all related instruments necessary and convenient to enter into such mortgage loan.

2011 NYAC RESOLUTION E – CONFERENCE INSURANCE RESOLUTION

NYAC Conference Session: Adopted

WHEREAS the New York Annual Conference currently offers a voluntary program whereby member churches can obtain automobile and property & casualty insurance through the Conference, and

WHEREAS only 104 of the approximately 475 churches of the New York Annual Conference currently participate in the program, which adversely impacts its financial viability, and

WHEREAS the New York Annual Conference has for several years incurred significant unbudgeted costs to run the program due to shortfalls of collections from participating churches, and

WHEREAS such unbudgeted costs have negatively impacted the Conference's ability to carry out the programs and ministries that have been budgeted.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conference Treasurer is authorized to make modifications to the program, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees, up to and including terminating the Conference-sponsored insurance program for local churches and any other properties participating in the program.



2011 NYAC RESOLUTION F – CHARTERING OF MORNINGSIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NYAC Conference Session: Adopted

WHEREAS the members of Morningside Ministry of the Korean Methodist Church & Institute voted to become an independent, chartered church of the United Methodist Church in September of 2010 in the presence of our District Superintendent Noel Chin and with the blessing of our Bishop Jeremiah Park, and held its first official Church Conference in December of 2010 in the presence of said District Superintendent, and

WHEREAS the church Council of Morningside Ministry of the Korean Methodist Church & Institute voted to change the name to Morningside United Methodist Church in March of 2011, and

WHEREAS Morningside United Methodist Church has followed all the appropriate steps in becoming an independent church of the United Methodist Church, including receiving articles of incorporation by the State of New York in June 2011, and

WHEREAS Morningside United Methodist Church has over 70 active members affirming their faith in Jesus Christ and committed to the Church, and

WHEREAS the operating budget of Morningside United Methodist Church is financially sound and can support its own pastor and apportionments to this New York annual Conference.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the New York Annual Conference in its 212th session at Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York, hereby grants its approval to charter Morningside United Methodist Church as an independent congregation in accordance with the provisions of *The United Methodist Book of Discipline (2008)* and the laws of the State of New York.

Presented this 9th day of June, 2011

Church Council, Morningside United Methodist Church, Metropolitan District, New York Annual Conference

2011 NYAC RESOLUTION G – CHARTERING OF BROKENBUILDERS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NYAC Conference Session: Adopted

WHEREAS the constituting church conference held on May 1, 2011, under the leadership of the district superintendent, Noel Chin, declared Brokenbuilders United Methodist Church properly constituted, and

WHEREAS the church conference of the pastoral charge was held immediately thereafter by the district superintendent, at which time its members affirmed Jesus Christ as Lord, pledged their loyalty to God and the upholding of the principles of The United Methodist Church, and elected such officers of the church as *The Discipline* requires, and

WHEREAS BrokenBuilders United Methodist Church received its articles of incorporation by the State of New York on March 8, 2007, and

WHEREAS the Bishop and the Cabinet of the New York Annual Conference approved of the chartering of this new congregation on March 31, 2011, and

WHEREAS the Board of Church Location and Building of the Metropolitan District approved of the chartering of this new congregation on April 20, 2011.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the New York Annual Conference in its 212th session at Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York, hereby grants its approval of BrokenBuilders United Methodist Church as a chartered congregation in accordance with the provisions of *The United Methodist Book of Discipline (2008)* and the laws of the State of New York.

Presented this 9th day of June, 2011

Noel N. Chin, District Superintendent, Metropolitan District, New York Annual Conference

2011 NYAC RESOLUTION H- A REQUEST BY NEW ROCHELLE UMC TO USE PROCEEDS FROM A PROPERTY SALE FOR MINISTRY

NYAC Conference Session: Adopted

WHEREAS the members of New Rochelle United Methodist Church of 1200 North Avenue in New Rochelle, New York desire to use \$300,000.00 of the proceeds of the sale of 108 Guion Place (formerly known as St. Luke's UMC), and

WHEREAS New Rochelle UMC is in the process of selling the property at 108 Guion place, and

WHEREAS Paragraph 2542 in *The United Methodist Book of Discipline* outlines protocol for use of proceeds for other than capital expenses, and

WHEREAS the members of the Church Council would like to request this sum to fulfill a Parish Development loan from the New York Annual Conference, in the amount of \$40,000.00 and to reimburse the United Methodist City Society for an ecclesiastical loan of 45,200.00; and to help fulfill past conference obligations, and

WHEREAS the remainder of the funds requested would be used to enhance "A Place of Peace," an after-school program for children ages 5-10, - a program geared toward children who are ethnically diverse to inspire them to become advocates for peace, justice, and mutual respect, and

WHEREAS the church council plans to develop a multi-media ministry, and

WHEREAS the development of these ministries would be implemented in the next three years and will strengthen the overall ministry of the church, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the 212th session of the New York Annual Conference will grant permission for the New Rochelle UMC to use \$200,000.00 for its ministries.

Done by order of the New Rochelle United Methodist Church Council, on this the 6th day of June in the year of our Lord 2011.

2011 NYAC RESOLUTION I – FOR THE DISCONTINUANCE OF TOMPKINS CORNERS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NYAC Conference Session: Adopted

WHEREAS the Tompkins Corners United Methodist Church located in Putnam County, NY, was founded in 1835 and has had a long and proud history, and

WHEREAS the Charge Conference of the Tompkins Corners United Methodist Church voted on February 12, 2011 to discontinue the church, and

WHEREAS the consent of the presiding bishop, a majority of the district superintendents, and the District Board of Church Location and Building has been granted.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tompkins Corners United Methodist Church be discontinued effective as of June 30, 2011 and that the Trustees of the NYAC of the United Methodist Church be authorized to dispose of all property, including real estate, and settle all outstanding debts of the church with the remainder of any funds to be given to the Conference New Church Growth and Development Fund.

Submitted by:

Rev. Jeannette Bassinger-Ishii, NY/CT District Superintendent

2011 NYAC RESOLUTION J – IN SUPPORT OF THE “BROOKFIELDS DECLARATION” AND UNITED METHODIST WOMEN IN SIERRA LEONE

NYAC Conference Session: Adopted

Meeting in the same week as the 212th session of the New York Annual Conference, the United Methodist Women of the Sierra Leone Annual Conference conducted their first School of Christian Mission in Brookfields, Sierra Leone. They concentrated their study on the United Methodist Women’s spiritual growth study, Jesus and Courageous Women. They saw in the Scripture account of the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4) direct correlations between the divisions that Jesus overcame as a Jewish man talking with a Samaritan woman and their own tribal divisions within the country of Sierra Leone. They were encouraged by the Scripture to believe that they too could impact their society, just as the Samaritan woman’s witness brought about a transformation in her community.

On June 8, 2011, the United Methodist Women of Sierra Leone created the “Brookfields Declaration,” a two-page resolution that condemned the unjust and divisive nature of tribalism in their country. They stated: “The matter of tribalism is a serious negative factor against the peaceful existence of our country as a united nation.” All 71 participants in the School of Christian Mission signed the declaration.

WHEREAS the country of Sierra Leone was violently and brutally torn apart just a decade ago by civil strife that was fueled, in part, by tribal differences in the country, and national statistics have shown that people continue to vote mainly along tribal lines, and

WHEREAS the women of Sierra Leone have taken a stand on the matter of tribalism and demanded that politicians during the upcoming 2012 local, regional, and national elections refrain from drawing upon their tribal affiliations to fuel division and

sectarian violence across their nation, and demonstrate instead how they will serve and benefit the whole country, and

WHEREAS the signers of the “Brookfields Declaration” have pledged to take their concerns to the Women’s Forum in Sierra Leone to reach their elected officials, politicians, and other government leaders, and also to present the document at the next meeting of the Sierra Leone Annual Conference to petition for it to become a legal instrument of the church.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the New York Annual Conference commends the women of the Sierra Leone School of Christian Mission and recognizes their courageous efforts to identify and expose the disruptive influence of tribalism in their national and local governance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New York Annual Conference expresses its solidarity with the women who signed the “Brookfields Declaration” and will send this resolution to Bishop John Yambasu of Sierra Leone to urge our sister conference to support the women in their efforts. We urge United Methodists in Sierra Leone to follow in the steps that these courageous women have taken and to do all in their power to support them as they work to transform their society.

