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INFORMATION REPORTS – REQUIRED

I. Boards and Agencies

A. Administrative

1. Council on Finance and Administration

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Patricia H. Youngquist, President

2. Board of Trustees

See “Reports of Conference Action” this *Journal* for their report.

Fred Lockard, President

3. Board of Pensions

The Board of Pensions in 2007 gave attention to several areas of responsibility. First, the board worked with the new clergy pension plan implemented January 1, 2007. The new high deductible health plan for active clergy and lay employees was initiated with a greater than expected participation. The board developed an alternative to the retirees’ Medicare Supplement Plan. Working with the conference council on finance and administration we developed an audit committee for the conference, consisting of members from both the board and the council. In addition we continue to monitor the health insurance plans for active clergy and to promote wellness within our conference. Our pension committee has

begun work to develop a funding strategy to deal with our long-term unfunded retirees medical liabilities and pension funding.

Jerry Oakland, Chairperson

4. Commission on Equitable Compensation

For the 2007-2008 year, the Equitable Compensation Commission allocated grant to 24 charges/pastors in order to bring the pastor's salary to minimum as required by *The 2004 Book of Discipline*. These grants amounted to \$173,762.

Barb Krueger, Chairperson

5. Committee on Pastoral Care and Counseling

See "Reports of Conference Action" this *Journal* for their report.

Marilyn Buchanan, Chairperson

B. Program

1. Board of Camp, Conference and Retreat Ministries

See "Reports of Conference Action" this *Journal* for their report.

Leland Webb, Chairperson

2. Board of Church and Society

The Board of Church and Society's purpose is to develop and promote programs that provide education and action on issues confronting the Church, consistent with the Social Principles and Policies adopted by the General Conference and the Iowa Annual Conference.

Advocacy and education are top priority. We worked with the Children and Poverty Task Force on the Poverty Summit held in September, 2007, gaining an understanding of what we can do to eliminate poverty. We help with Lobby Day and the Moral Witness for Children held at the State Capital. With the change of structure, the Advocacy role now is in the position of the Leadership Development Minister for Social Justice and Mission. The Board is still working on how this position relates to our advocacy role and how we educate both the local congregations and the legislature concerning the church's positions.

We are emphasizing leadership development by helping board members to attend GBCS sponsored seminars, in November 2007, such as Living Faith and Seeking Justice. Looking forward we see a need to work with the Board of Global in how to connect charity and justice.

HIV/AIDS emphasis a trained conference pastor relates to the Board. This task force promotes the Global AIDS Fund.

We are a member of a variety of coalitions and networks.

Justice Reform Consortium keeps us connected with those who work with issues that relate to prison reform and other justice issues.

Iowa Peace Network helps connect with others who work on peace issues and alternatives to war.

2007 was the second year that Peace Scholarships were awarded to three High School Juniors or Seniors for their essays relating to being peacemakers.

The Iowa Environmental Council promotes and informs on issues relating to the environment.

Peace with Justice offering (1/2 which stays in Iowa) is used for items in the budget that do not get covered by the apportionment. These are items that relate specifically to peace or justice. Among those is AMOS, A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy, which helps groups organize to make a difference in their community, often this means being a voice for those who are voiceless. The offering also includes our pledge to the Prison Congregation and the Social Witness Advocacy and Education Ministry.

A grant was given in 2007 to Justice For Our Neighbors, a program of legal assistance for low income immigrants to obtain the status to which they are entitled. Early in 2008, a grant was given to Matthew 25 Ministry Hub in Cedar Rapids in support of their ministry in the Taylor School Neighborhood.

Dorothy Higdon, Chairperson

3. Board of Discipleship

See "Reports of Conference Action" this *Journal* for their report.

Len Eberhart, Chairperson

4. Board of Global Ministries

The Board of Global Ministries of the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, in 2007, continued to fund mission in Iowa and around the world and to educate the conference members about mission and what each can do in Christ's name.

The Mission Education Standing Committee used the Rainbow Covenant to help churches develop an intentional approach to funding mission. First Mile Giving, the paying of apportionments, is the basis of our connectional church. It allows us to give 100% to state and general advance specials. The churches who give at the various levels were recognized at Annual Conference. Missionary itineration was organized and Covenant relationships between churches and missionaries were encouraged.

The Parish Development Standing Committee worked with Rev. Scott Hibben, the new Leadership Development Minister for Evangelism and New Ministry, to develop a new strategy for launching new United Methodist Churches in the Iowa Conference. Women at the Well, a new church start at the Women's Prison in Mitchellville, was off to a good start. Cross Point was a new church start in Bondurant. Work continued on church revitalization.

The Community and Institutional Ministries Standing Committee worked to not only help fund institutions across the state but to improve communication with them, to find out what ways the conference can help them in addition to funding.

The Hispanic Standing Committee started to work with a task force to implement the Iowa Conference/Rio Grande Conference Partnership. Module Training for anyone working or interested in working with Hispanics/Latinos continued. The website was being improved. Language Immersion Training continued and work was being done towards a site in Iowa. United Methodist ministries with Hispanics throughout the state grew.

The Iowa Nigerian Partnership Standing Committee was saddened by the death of the new Nigerian Bishop, Bishop Kefas Mavula. A new bishop has been chosen but the Nigerian United Methodist Church needs our prayers to continue the good work that Bishop Mavula had started. INP continued to have both individuals and groups from Iowa working in Nigeria. Nigerians itinerate here frequently.

The Volunteers in Mission Standing Committee helped with many work camps in Iowa, in the United States, and around the world. The VIM newsletter helped both report on upcoming work camps and report on previous ones. Anyone who participated in a work camp found that he/she received as well as gave, coming back a changed person.

The Mission Personnel Committee worked for financial support for two Church and Community Workers: Allison Brown, an attorney with Justice for Our Neighbors, working with immigration issues in Iowa and Nebraska, and Beverly Reddick, directing the Interfaith Economic Justice Initiative in Ames/Story County addressing issues of poverty, privilege, and the systemic root causes of poverty. Beverly Reddick retired at the end of 2007. The National Plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministries had helped provide two mission personnel, Ron Whitlatch and Jim Perdue to serve as co-coordinators for the National Plan in the Iowa Conference. Ron Whitlatch has been reassigned to another conference for 2008.

The Iowa Conference Board of Global Ministries accomplished much for Christ in 2007 but there is much more to be done to spread the word of Jesus Christ and to help his people.

Mary Morris, Chairperson

5. Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry

Dana Scopatz, Chairperson

6. Board of Laity

See "Reports of Conference Action" this *Journal* for their report.

Norma Morrison, Chairperson

7. Board of Ordained Ministry

See "Reports of Conference Action" this *Journal* for their report.

Barrie Tritle, Chairperson

8. Commission on Archives and History

The task of collecting and preserving history is a mandate of the General Conference. In Iowa, this has been the responsibility of the Commission on Archives and History. Over the years, two major accomplishments have been (1) the establishment of the Archives on the campus of Iowa Wesleyan College, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and (2) the employment of a part-time Archivist.

The major accomplishment in 2007 was the successful planning and hosting of the four-day North Central Jurisdiction Convocation on History and Archives held at the U.M. Conference Center in Des Moines, Iowa and surrounding area. Rev. Jim Morris, a member of our Commission, was the major organizer and developer of the Convocation, which was a total success in attendance, programming, local Methodist history and finances. The Commission also wishes to thank Mrs. Morris for her valuable assistance.

The Commission met twice in 2007, as is custom, at Iowa Wesleyan College in April and the U.M. Conference Center in Des Moines in October, with quorums present at both meetings.

We appreciate the continued excellent work of part-time Archivist Esther Wonderlich. She reports and updates types of requests and materials sent to the Archives. As might be expected, requests for information about past ministers, baptismal records and obituaries are most common. She also reported this year that information about past Methodist minister's wives was also requested.

Also as expected, the redistricting within the Iowa Conference of the U.M. Church led to questions to the Archivist about proper placement of UMW and other records from the older historic district sites.

In 2007, we identified two major needs in our budget for 2008 and 2009. The first is to begin continued funding for the writing and publishing of the updated history of the United Methodist Church in Iowa. This history will cover the period of time between John Nye's book *Between The Rivers* (1986) to the present time. The second is to provide training workshops for local Methodist Church historians to help them identify and care for historically meaningful material. These workshops would hopefully cause more people to become aware of historically significant items and information that should be passed on to our Archives.

The Archives and History Commission continues to struggle with limited financial resources to expand space for our collection and to preserve it.

The Commission sincerely appreciates the great knowledge, experience, and love of Methodist history by members Rev. Donald Frank and Rev. Jim Morris.

Steve Story, Chairperson

9. Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns

No report received.

10. Commission on Religion and Race

No report received.

Lilian Gallo Seagren, Chairperson

11. Commission on Status and Role of Women

The Commission continues to encourage full and equal participation of women in the church through advocacy, monitoring and acting as catalysts. Formal monitoring/reporting in cooperation with the Commission on Religion and Race (CORR) and the youth group at the Iowa Annual Conference was done in 2007. A display table with informational materials was available during the Conference. The Commission honored Kathryn Fisher Moore with the Ambassador Award, an award which is given to one whose efforts exemplify the values that shape the Commission. The presentation was made at the 2007 Annual Conference Awards Ceremony.

We have developed an insert for inclusion in the General COSROW brochure explaining our purposes and program; we are developing a link website, monitoring changes needed for *The Guide*, monitoring the Camp Programs for children, broadening distribution of *The Flyer* (General COSROW's publication), and planning an inclusive language workbook for local churches. Our work in supporting district representatives in their work with district superintendents and local churches continues.

Ione G. Shadduck, Co-Chair

12. Commission on Ministry with Persons with Disabilities

See "Reports of Conference Action" this *Journal* for their report.

Trish Burket, Chairperson

13. Conference Connectional Ministries Council

The Conference Connectional Ministries Council (CCMC) is charged with envisioning the ministries necessary to live out the mission of the church in and through the annual conference; nurturing connections among and between local, district, annual conference and general church ministries; providing support for districts and congregations in developing transformational ministries; aligning the resources of the annual conference to its mission; developing and strengthening ethnic ministries; providing monitoring to ensure that the church's work is consistent with its stated values; receiving program recommendations from multiple entities within the annual conference; developing program recommendations into a coordinated program for consideration at annual conference session; implementing and administering the program adopted by the annual conference session; and evaluating annual conference programming.

The CCMC is comprised of representatives from all of the programming boards, agencies, commissions and councils of the annual conference. We meet three times a year to equip members of the CCMC for their work, receive reports, adopt programming and budget proposals, and coordinate the work of conference programming agencies.

Each fall we hold a retreat—an overnight meeting which allows us time to do developmental work as conference leaders. In September 2007, the Rev. Dr. Thomas Hawkins, a UMC Elder and professor at Eastern Illinois University in the School of Technology, led us in a process of developing a common understanding of what it means to live out our mission and vision as an annual conference. We developed timelines of personal, annual conference, national and global events over the last four decades; identified issues and trends from those timelines; and began to "vision" what the annual conference would/could be like in 3-5 years. In the fall of 2008, Dr. Hawkins will return to lead us in "next steps"—learning how to move from vision to planning, and how to determine and evaluate expected outcomes from our work.

This year was a "program" year—agencies were asked to submit ministry plans for the next two years and make budget requests based on those plans. The Program Review Committee of CCMC met in late January to review all of those requests, interview the groups making the requests, and submit a proposed programming budget to CCMC for approval. Prior to the interviewing time, all agencies were asked to submit a 2-3 page response to the following questions:

1. What fruits have you seen from your ministries in the past year?

2. Our Annual Conference's Mission Statement focuses on Making Disciples, Developing Leaders and Transforming the World. How does your 2009-2010 Ministry Plan work toward fulfilling these missional purposes?
3. As you have reflected on the ministries you are funding, what have you learned? How has that learning informed your new Ministry Plan?
4. What are the priorities in your Ministry Plan? If you do not receive your full funding request, what will you change in your Ministry Plan?

These questions guided the "interviewing" time and assisted the committee in its deliberations. Program Review submitted their recommendations to CCMC at its February 2008 meeting; the CCMC's action on those recommendations became part of the CCMC budget request to the 2008 Annual Conference Session.

There is much exciting ministry happening in the life of our annual conference and through our wider connective work. CCMC is committed to doing all we can to strengthen and support our annual conference's witness to the work of Jesus Christ in our world.

Beverly Spencer, Chairperson

14. Conference Council on Youth Ministries

See "Reports of Conference Action" this *Journal* for their report.

Eric Guy, LDM, Young Adult and Generational Ministries

C. Conference Lay Organizations

1. United Methodist Women

No report received.

Marcia Young, President

2. United Methodist Men

No report received.

Christian Nygaard, President

D. Other Organizations

1. Children and Family Urban Ministries

No report received.

Carmen Lampe Zeitler, Director

2. Hawthorn Hill Ministries

Our mission is to establish and operate housing programs for homeless families with children that help them obtain permanent housing and to provide services to help families achieve economic self-sufficiency. Hawthorn Hill has been in existence since 1978. We predominately serve very low-income mothers with children, and over 40% of those we serve are of ethnic status. We serve the community through two programs: New Directions Shelter (emergency shelter for homeless mothers with children) and The Home Connection (transitional housing for homeless families with children).

During 2006, Hawthorn Hill Ministries' New Directions Shelter program became a National Mission Institution of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

Hawthorn Hill Ministries is active in the Polk County Housing Continuum, the United Methodist Conference Umbrella Group, United Way of Central Iowa and many other human service advocacy endeavors.

New Directions Shelter- Since opening in February of 1990, New Directions Shelter has provided free, temporary, emergency shelter and services for homeless mothers and their children. The primary goal of New Directions Shelter is to offer all guests an atmosphere of

hospitality which emphasizes dignity and respect for others, encouragement for positive change, and the emotional and physical space necessary to make responsible, informed decisions for securing housing for their families. During their stay at New Directions Shelter, women are assisted by staff and volunteers in locating more permanent housing for their families, acquiring employment and childcare services if needed and in accessing available community resources such as health care.

We served 337 homeless mothers and children (114 families) during 2007. Approximately two-thirds (223) of our clients were children. Approximately 79% of our families moved into more permanent housing, and 21% of our clients found employment while staying at the Shelter. Approximately 50% of our families increased their household income by over 10% during their stay at new Directions Shelter.

Financial Report for the Period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006

Revenue & Support: \$343,965 Expenses: \$269,132 Change in Net Assets: \$66,798

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3. Iowa United Methodist Foundation

The Iowa United Methodist Foundation's focus is totally on service to Iowa United Methodist individuals, churches, the Annual Conference and related agencies. Services are concentrated in two basic areas: fund development and investment management.

Fund development services include: working with individuals in planning charitable gifts; assisting local churches with planned giving programs and special campaigns; and, providing fund-raising services for the churches and related agencies of the Iowa Annual Conference.

Individual United Methodists made **gift commitments totaling more than \$1,200,000** using the Foundation's services. A few examples of ministries funded are: many Iowa United Methodist churches, Heifer Project International, UMCOR International Disaster Relief, UMCOR USA Disaster Response, Rust College, Iowa Methodist Health Foundation, more than 150 scholarships (undergraduate, graduate and seminary), Redbird Mission, Florida United Methodist Children's Home, Henderson Settlement, Salvation Army, international missionaries, World Hunger/Poverty, Spiritual Formation, Children and Family Urban Ministries, and more.

Investment management services include: providing investment options within the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church for local churches, the Conference and related agencies; and, investing and managing charitable trusts and endowments from United Methodist individuals. The Foundation offers three investment pools for churches and agencies: the Main Fund (60% stocks & 40% bonds), the Growth Fund (100% stock) and the Fixed-rate Fund.

The Foundation's **asset base grew 4.7% in 2007**, and Foundation **staff now manages more than \$27.5million** (including the Iowa United Methodist Church Building Fund Trust). This growth is remarkable when you consider the Foundation **distributed more than \$3.6 million in grants and income to United Methodist ministries and individuals.**

The Iowa United Methodist Church Building Fund Trust (which the Foundation started) is now managed by 5 Trustees and Foundation staff. Individual and church investments in the fund increased **33.5%** this year as did the number of churches taking mortgages. **If your church needs a loan, please contact us.**

Foundation staff continues to assist local churches in forming Endowment committees, enhancing stewardship, conducting capital campaigns, making investments and by providing seminars dealing with estate planning, investment and retirement planning, and personal finances.

The Board and the staff of the Foundation continue to be grateful for being able to serve United Methodist ministries.

David P. Harner, PhD
Executive Director

4. Wesley Foundations

The Wesley Foundations at Drake University, Iowa State University, University of Iowa and University of Northern Iowa seek to faithfully serve university students and staff as mission outposts of the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

We believe that we offer the students and churches of the conference four important gifts.

Gift One: Nurturing Church Leaders...

Leaders in our churches share something in common. Sophisticated research and personal anecdote point to the fact that the people leading the church into the future were helped by the church in their past. The circumstances may be as different as a wedding is from a funeral but the common thread is this: they received grace from the institution bold enough to call itself the body of Christ. When the church intentionally addresses the important seasons of people's lives it is developing new leaders.

Drake Wesley Foundation, like all campus ministries, is constantly engaged in the development of church leaders. The season of life that follows High School is fraught with challenges that come from new-found freedom, social pressure and an emerging identity. Campus ministry is uniquely positioned to offer mature, Christ-centered leadership to this critical time in life. The fruits of our work can be seen in nearly every church as participants in campus ministry move to the next phase in life but continue to relate to and help lead the church into a future with hope.

Story from the Wesley Foundation at Drake University

Gift Two: A Faith Home for Students...

Our Wesley Foundation is a faith home to me because it is a place I can go and be accepted. When I first arrived in Ames I didn't know anyone because I am from Knoxville Tennessee. I was instantly greeted and welcomed when I stepped into the building. Jenny

The Wesley Foundation is a place where I feel at home while attending college. It is a great place for me to worship and get involved in activities like a handbell choir. Evan

Wesley Foundation is a faith home to me, because it allows me to share and express my faith and love of God in my own way. Prior to coming out to Ames I was having difficulties with this, I always felt pressured about my faith in the church back home. Coming here it just felt like I belonged and allowed me to gain friends that share similar beliefs and feel like I belonged. Leigh

The Wesley Foundation is a place where I can be fully myself, give my full attention to God, and where I can work on my relationship with God through various opportunities. I know that the Foundation (and its members) will always be there to support me and to help me out on my journey with God. To me, all of these functions make it my "Faith Home." Cathy

The Wesley Foundation allows me to worship and discover God without the judgment of others or the questioning of my beliefs. Mark

The Wesley Foundation provides me with an opportunity to nurture my faith in a familiar, yet still challenging setting. I value the study groups, fellowship opportunities, and meaningful worship settings.

College students spend the majority of their time with peers between the ages of 18 and 24. Sometimes I would like to connect with other generations. The church gives me an opportunity to stay connected to the community outside my campus; I enjoy worshipping with all generations.

As a lifelong United Methodist, having a church home means a lot to me. The experience of sitting in worship with young folks and old folks is very familiar to me. The experience of walking into a fellowship hall and smelling the aromas of decades of potlucks is mysteriously cathartic. The Iowa State Wesley foundation and its parent church, Collegiate United

Methodist honor the history and tradition of the church while looking forward to new ministries. Sam

The Wesley Foundation is a "Faith Home" to me for two reasons. The first reason, is it is a physical place, away from the pressures, drama and chaos of dormitories. It is a place where I can feel comfortable walking around in socks. The second reason the Wesley Foundation is a "Faith Home" to me is because I meet several caring adults that are interested in what I do, and who I am; creating a surrogate family, where I can discuss dilemmas and issues comfortably. Michael

Story from the Wesley Foundation at Iowa State University

Gift Three: Seedbed for Service and Outreach...

Nine wesley-ites packed our luggage, miscellaneous food items, a Beatles mix or two, and our sleepy selves into a fifteen passenger van in the wee hours of the morning one day this winter break. Destination: New Orleans, LA!!! A day and a few naps later, we found ourselves singing along with Marc Cohn as we were "Walking in Memphis" (ha) down Bourbon St., enjoying the sites. We took a morning to visit the National Civil Rights Museum, which was created out of the Lorraine Motel—the site where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated. However, ser vice work was calling our name, so forward we drove to New Orleans!

We arrived at North Rampart Community Center to find welcoming arms and a great community. We worked for the following four days, including volunteering with an after school program, painting various houses, participating in worship, and serving a free meal to the community. During our free time, we wandered around the French Quarter, poking our noses into voodoo shops and visiting flea markets. We also experienced the spirit of New Orleans via a jazz ensemble at Preservation Hall. However, all fun must come to an end, and again, we found ourselves sleepily packing up the good ol' fifteen passenger and heading home.

Upon reflecting, our group found that the impact of the trip was mutual. We helped finish homes, served food, and created friends among the community. We found, however, that New Orleans helped us as well. Many comments were made during the trip how strong the spirit was in New Orleans, and how incredibly nice and genuine the people were. This mutual contribution strengthened and embraced our relationship with our brothers and sisters in New Orleans. We were grateful for our time spent there!

Student, Sara Parker

Story from the Wesley Foundation at the University of Iowa

Gift Four: Relevant Christian Witness...

From book studies such as *Phoenix Affirmations*, *Misquoting Jesus*, *Everything Must Change*, to topical studies such as "Claiming the Promise" and the "Living the Questions" DVD series to the process of drafting and adopting our Statement of Inclusion to seminars sponsored by the United Methodist Seminar Program in both Washington DC and New York City to the ongoing witness of offering ministry that is genuinely diverse amongst a campus that is not very diverse, one of the gifts that the Wesley Foundation at Cedar Falls offers is a Relevant Christian Witness.

For several years we have sought to combine both the action component of ministry and the reflection. The university community is full of opportunities to be told what to do and what to believe and with whom to associate and what church to attend. A vital ministry that authentically seeks to be in ministry with young adults must offer a relevant Christian Witness. We offer the chance for the students to make a witness that is relevant and faith driven as well through events such as Blood Drives, Community Meals, New City Ministry meal service, Furniture Loan Closet, Conversation Partners program, Chinese Mandarin worship, Chinese Language school.

"...have patience with everything unresolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves as if they were locked rooms or books written in a very foreign language..." – Rainer Maria Rilke, *Letters to a Young Poet*

"The yearning we feel is an echo of our future." – Sam Keen

"Asking the questions for which there are no answers is the beginning of wisdom." – Harrell Beck

Story from the Wesley Foundation at the University of Northern Iowa

Financial Statement from the
Wesley Foundation at Drake
University

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense</u>	
Annual Conference	\$88,786	Staff Support	\$73,758
Pledges		Office Expense	\$2,975
EIST Grant		Property Maint.	\$9,620
Other	8,500	Administration	\$2,405
	<hr/>	Program	<u>\$7,350</u>
TOTAL	\$97,286	TOTAL	\$96,108

Financial Statement from the
Wesley Foundation at Iowa
State University

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense</u>	
Annual Conference	\$185,598	Staff	\$154,232
Annuity and Savings Interest	\$3,253	Programming	\$14,678
Gifts and Contributions	\$14,308	Office Expense	\$15,447
Collegiate UMC Support	<u>\$13,951</u>	Building and Grounds	<u>\$32,753</u>
TOTAL	\$217,110	TOTAL	\$217,110

Financial Statement from the
Wesley Foundation at the
University of Iowa

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense</u>	
Annual Conference	\$192,160	Programming	\$17,814
Building Income	\$102,303	Staff	\$205,736
Contributions	\$5,885	Building	\$71,041
Interest and Other	<u>\$1,975</u>	Administrative	<u>\$7,837</u>
TOTAL	\$302,323	TOTAL	\$302,428

Financial Statement from the
Wesley Foundation at the
University of Northern Iowa

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense</u>	
Annual Conference	\$146,626	Staff Support	\$113,909
Maintenance Reimb.	\$6,837	Office Expense	\$4,496

Alumni Art Purchase Fund	\$3,500	Administration	\$5,710
Miscellaneous Income	\$14,336	Property	\$29,735
Alumni Donations	\$1,010	Program	\$7,728
Auto Monthly Donation	<u>\$550</u>	Loan Payment	<u>\$3,600</u>
TOTAL	\$172,859	TOTAL	\$165,178

E. Urban Ministries

1. Churches United of the Quad City Area

No report received.

2. New City Ministries, Waterloo

No report.

INFORMATION REPORTS – NOT REQUIRED BUT REQUESTED

II. Related Organizations

A. Colleges

1. Cornell

Cornell is grateful for its ongoing partnership with the United Methodist Church, and is pleased to report the following highlights for the 2007-08 academic year:

- Launch of a \$92 million capital campaign with \$78 million already pledged for endowment, faculty, and renovation of King Chapel, residence halls, and The Commons.
- Strong spiritual life programming including devotional practices and exploration, interfaith dialogue, NothingButNets as a campus wide effort (including Women's Basketball team); launch of Sustained Dialogue Campus Network program on race relations; Immigration and Human Rights education and petition w/UMC General Board of Church and Society guest speaker; and The Small-Thomas Lecture featuring The Rev. Warnock of MLK's Ebenezer Baptist Church addressing the continuing role of the Black Church in modern social justice movements.
- Establish campus wide sustainability plan for campus building projects and curriculum.
- President Garner selected as Chair of the Board for The National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.
- Our third Fulbright Scholar and second Goldwater Scholar selected from among our students in recent years.
- Exceeding our Annual Fund goal.
- Enrollment at 1069.

Catherine Quehl-Engel, Chaplain and Director of Church Relations

2. Iowa Wesleyan

Iowa Wesleyan College continues to strengthen its relationship with the United Methodist Church. During 2006-07:

Approved a new mission statement in May 2007 which states, "The College is affiliated with the United Methodist Church with which it shares a commitment to spiritual values, social justice, and human welfare."

New Religion Programs, established in 2005 and offering majors in Christian Studies, Philosophy of Religion, and Church Leadership, awarded the first 5 bachelors degrees in 2007.

New student enrollment increased by 7% for fall 2007.

Over 125 students regularly participate in campus worship, FCA, and religious activities. The Campus Minister preached in 10 churches and the choir performed in 9 churches during the year.

Hosted over 300 United Methodist youth for the Summer Games University for the third year on campus and the annual Ingathering each November.

The fifth Clifford and Maxine Manning Annual Speakers Series, held in March 2008, featured Mike Slaughter, pastor of Ohio's Ginghamburg Church and the 2003 Distinguished Evangelist of the United Methodist Foundation.

Dr. Stanley Howe, Life Trustee, received the Stanley S. Kresge Award in May 2007 from the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation for outstanding church leadership and support of higher education.

Bishop Gregory Palmer delivered a stirring and inspiration commencement address in 2007 and exhorted nearly 200 graduates to seize their personal power and change the world.

The \$35 million Campaign for Iowa Wesleyan: *Transforming Our Future* that began in 2005 has raised \$24 million with two years remaining.

More than \$10 million has been invested in upgrading facilities including \$5.6 million for the renovation of the 1893 Chapel with construction beginning in February 2008.

Dr. William N. Johnston, President

3. Morningside College

Morningside College continues to celebrate and encourage its relationship with The United Methodist Church. During 2007-08:

- The Iowa School of Lay Ministry has continued to meet on the Morningside College campus.
- Morningside College will be the host site for the Upper Midwest Extension Course of Study School beginning in the Fall of 2008, in cooperation with Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary.
- Several students and our Campus Pastor have participated in the annual CROP Walk for Hunger and Youth Strike for Christ.
- Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to explore their faith through Bible and book studies, chapel worship services, peace and social justice ministries, community outreach, and mission trips.
- Continuing to respond to the devastation that took place in the southern states of our country during Hurricanes Rita and Katrina, a Volunteers in Mission (VIM) team of 18 students, our Campus Pastor, and two staff members spent their Christmas Break in Beaumont, Texas, working through UMCOR in recovery efforts. A VIM team of 22 students, our Campus Pastor, and two staff members, spent the Spring Break of 2008 working in Hurricane Relief in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Students participated in the Siouxland Sleep-out for the Homeless to raise awareness of homelessness in Siouxland.
- Students are encouraged to participate in the life and ministries of local churches with many serving as youth group leaders, Sunday school teachers, music and worship team members.
- Our college Mime Team continues to share the good news about Jesus Christ in pantomime and music both on campus and at churches in the area.
- On-campus lectures by well-known religious scholars have provided additional opportunities for learning beyond the classroom.

Kathy Olson
Campus Pastor and Director of Church Relations
Morningside College

4. Simpson College

Simpson College is a liberal arts college related to the UMC and committed to:

1. an innovative teaching and learning process enabling students of all ages to develop critical intellectual skills;
2. nurturing those values which foster personal worth and individuality within a creative, diverse and just community;
3. graduating students who will continue as the college's alumni to grow as free, responsible, fulfilled individuals in the world of family, work, service and scholarship;
4. those standards of the Judeo-Christian tradition and the United Methodist Church which guide members of the Simpson College community on issues of personal integrity, moral responsibility, social justice and citizenship.

Simpson continues its tradition of nurturing students who are considering ordained ministry as a vocation. Currently 33 students are participating in our pre-ministry program which offers retreats, seminary visits, scholarships, internships, and fellowship opportunities to students considering ordained ministry as a vocation.

In order to strengthen our commitment to inspire and support young ministers in the UMC, this year, Simpson is making a forgivable loan worth up to \$8000 available to entering UM students who are considering ordained ministry as a vocation.

Chris Waddle

Chaplain and Director of Church Relations

B. Hospitals and Retirement Homes

1. Iowa Methodist, Iowa Lutheran, Blank Children's Hospital, Des Moines

2007 Summary Report for the United Methodist Church, Iowa

Iowa Health – Des Moines is Iowa Methodist Medical Center, Blank Children's Hospital, Iowa Lutheran Hospital, the John Stoddard Cancer Center and our physicians and clinics in central Iowa. We serve the Des Moines and the central Iowa community with high-quality, family-centered and compassionate healthcare.

Serving Our Community

Over the past year, the hospitals and clinics of Iowa Health – Des Moines provided an estimated **\$23.8 million** in charity care and uncompensated Medicaid care for residents of our communities.

We meet the needs of the under-served by maintaining our strong commitment to providing care regardless of a patient's ability to pay. We remain committed to openly communicating quality and safety information, patient satisfaction scores and billing and financial assistance policies. Patient safety and quality care remain top organization priorities.

2007 Highlights for Iowa Methodist Medical Center and Iowa Health – Des Moines

- Broke ground for the new Michael R. Myers Hospital, scheduled to open in the first quarter of 2010
- Renovated the Powell 3 oncology unit and completed a three-year renovation and redesign of Iowa Methodist's surgery center and cardiovascular care center
- Formed a Board of Directors for the John Stoddard Cancer Center and hired a colon cancer care coordinator
- Opened a second Ankeny clinic and began to provide walk-in care
- Continued to collaborate with Broadlawns Medical Center on facility issues, medical education, and mental health provider issues
- Lobbied for mental health parity and funding for additional psychiatry support for Iowans
- Planned for future needs and enhancements for medical education

- Maintained strong patient satisfaction rankings (in the top quintile of peer group hospitals nationwide)
- Became the first hospital to publish key Medicare clinical quality indicators, infection rates and patient satisfaction rates
- Received national quality designations for cardiac care, orthopaedic total joint surgery and spine surgery
- Recruited additional key medical specialists to our market
- Expanded use of hospitalists for inpatient care; improved palliative (end of life) care and resources

2007 Statistics in Brief

Iowa Health – Des Moines had 33,209 patient admissions; 4,498 births took place in our maternity centers; we performed 32,136 surgeries; 77,945 emergency and trauma cases were seen; and, in all, we served more than 300,000 Iowans during 2007.

Iowa Health – Des Moines employs more than 5,700 central Iowans and helps create approximately 4,000 additional jobs in our community. There are 1,017 physicians currently on our medical staff, and we greatly benefit from more than 2,600 hospital volunteers who help us fulfill our mission.

Joseph E. Smith II, Director of Corporate Communications

2. St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, Sioux City

St. Luke's History Highlights:

2006

- St. Luke's announces three, new state-of-the-art technologies including a new 1.5 tesla short bore MRI, one of the strongest magnets in Siouxland, computer-aided detection which allows radiologists a second look and PACS, a digital imaging storage solution which replaces traditional radiology film.
- Work is completed on the \$10 million project to expand and refurbish The Birth Center at
- St. Luke's including St. Luke's Auxiliary Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, The Gleeson Center for Mother and Baby Care and The Ann and Ray Greenberg Family Center for Labor and Delivery
- St. Luke's sets a new birth record with 2,058 babies born in The Birth Center. The previous record—set in 2004—was 1,994 babies.
- St. Luke's made patients' stays a little more convenient by adding wireless internet access to our list of amenities.
- St. Luke's launched an animal assisted therapy program in its Acute Rehab Center. K-9 S.T.A.R.S., a non-profit organization of the Special Troopers Adaptive Riding School, has been utilizing animals in therapy to help people through the rehabilitation process.
- The Patient Ambassador program was expanded to the hospital's post-surgery and medical telemetry areas to ensure more patients receive personalized care.
- Spirit of Women held its kick-off event, Runway Review Siouxland Style at the Marina Inn. More than 700 women joined in the glitz and glam of the catwalk and browsed a variety of vendor booths at the event.
- St. Luke's College not only celebrated record enrollment for the fifth consecutive year, but the College was also awarded re-accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.
- Clinical Pastoral Education Summer Unit June – August, and Extended Unit September 2006 – April 2007

2007

- New Cardiac Catheterization Lab, featuring an all-digital cardiovascular imaging system, is unveiled in the Center for Heart and Vascular Health.

- St. Luke's Nuclear Medicine acquired cutting-edge imaging technology, shortening exam times and enabling physicians to diagnose diseases sooner than ever before.
- Gabby's Room, a kid-friendly sanctuary in the Ambulatory Service Infusion Center named after former patient Gabby Benson, was unveiled, providing a peaceful escape for pediatric patients.
- St. Luke's College celebrated their new masterpiece, a mural depicting the real-life faces of students and faculty who are making an impact on the future of healthcare, at the corner of Pierce and 27th Street.
- St. Luke's College's Medical Technology program received continued accreditation from The National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences.
- St. Luke's introduced a new Hospitalist Program, a group which includes doctors Mark Carlson, Aroon Kalakunja, Maria-Dana Tudor and Jolynn Bugbee.
- St. Luke's Children's Miracle Network continued to enhance children's healthcare by raising over \$4.5 million since it began in 1989.
- St. Luke's Home Care is named one of top 100 home health agencies in the nation, from approximately 7,500, based on quality of care, quality improvement and financial performance.
- St. Luke's Clinic Network begins the conversion to electronic medical records at the Sergeant Bluff Family Medicine Clinic, Midwest Health and Wellness Center in Mapleton.
- St. Luke's Center for Occupational Health Excellence officially the doors at its new Riverside location, offering patients one stop for medical, laboratory, x-ray, physical therapy rehabilitation services, testing and on-site services. The new location combines clinics previously located in South Sioux City and North Sioux City.
- St. Luke's Home Care unveils its new SKIP program, a free service geared toward helping people with chronic diseases such as chronic heart failure and emphysema.
- St. Luke's announced the beginning of the Pierce Street Same Day Surgery joint venture.
- Over 700 Siouxlanders two-stepped toward heart health during
- St. Luke's Spirit of Women's first annual Day of Dance, held in February at the Marina Inn.
- Clinical Pastoral Education Extended Unit October 2007 – April 2008

John L. McKinley, M.Div.
 Manager of Chaplaincy Services

3. St. Luke's Methodist Hospital, Cedar Rapids No report received.

4. Friendship Haven, Fort Dodge

Julie Thorson, Friendship Haven Development Director

5. Methodist Manor Retirement Community No report received.

6. The Meth-Wick Community, Inc., Cedar Rapids

The Meth-Wick Community has been providing continuing care retirement community services in Cedar Rapids for over 46 years. The campus includes over 65 wooded acres in a park-like setting, and is home to nearly 400 residents. This not-for-profit organization is lead by a volunteer board of directors.

Independent living is offered in three areas on campus... Greenwood Terrace and Deer Ridge offer condominium-style living with common areas and Brendelwood Village includes 25 spacious town homes with attached garages.

The Manor, the original building, offers Independence-Plus as well as Assisted Living. Arbor Place is a social model for Assisted Living – a homelike setting for residents in the

early to mid stages of dementia with respite services also available.

The Woodlands, our skilled nursing facility, is located in the heart of the campus. The Woodlands has a unit specializing in the care of individuals that are chronically confused as well as two other wings offering 37 private rooms and 6 semi-private beds. Meth-Wick's mission is to provide a secure and caring living environment, allowing residents to maintain their dignity and enrich the quality of their lives as they age. A \$2.5 million capital campaign is about to begin. The renovation and addition to The Manor will enhance the facilities and the ability to provide the array of health services offered at Meth-Wick as well as the variety and quality of wellness programming, chaplaincy services and educational opportunities.

Robin Mixdorf, President/CEO

7. Wesley Retirement Services, Inc., Des Moines

Wesley Retirement Services, Inc. is a faith-based, nonprofit organization with a mission of providing services and care to people of all faiths in a Christian, caring way, promoting independence and an active lifestyle.

Founded in 1947 by the Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Wesley Acres served its first five residents in the historic Chamberlain Mansion, a 14-acre campus in Des Moines. Sixty years later, the organization serves nearly 4,000 older adults and employs 900 full and part-time employees.

The Wesley family includes five retirement communities: Wesley Heritage House in Atlantic; Wesley Acres in Des Moines; Wesley the Village in Indianola; Wesley Park Centre, in Newton, and Wesley Halcyon House in Washington. A sixth Active Life community – Edgewater, is scheduled to open in West Des Moines in the summer of 2009.

Home and community based services, through Wesley Community Services, rounds out the continuum offered to older Iowans and includes at-home health care and personal assistance, hospice and palliative care, Meals on Wheels, and adult day services.

Wesley Retirement Services is committed to redefining aging in Iowa with an unwavering focus on a person's abilities, rather than disabilities. Our person-centered approach coupled with a dedication to wellness in mind, body and spirit helps to foster healthy living for the whole person.

Janel D. Wells, VP Marketing/Corporate Communication

8. Western Home Communities, Cedar Falls

The Western Old People's Home, begun in 1912 by the Evangelical United Brethren Church, welcomed 17 aged pilgrims in September of that year. From those humble beginnings, Western Home Communities now encompasses three campuses. Elizabeth E. Martin Health Center, a 100 bed skilled nursing facility constructed in 1990, the main Western Home building, recently renamed Stanard Family Assisted Living Center, that houses administrative offices as well as 121 certified assisted living units, and Willowwood Retirement Community built in 1988 with 34 units, occupy the main campus. Walnut Court, built in 1922 in Waterloo, has 87 units of retirement living with services.

At our South Campus location in Cedar Falls, Windgrace and Windermere Retirement Communities, built in 1991 and 1992 respectively, house 33 and 34 units of retirement living with services. Construction of Windcrest Villas at our South Campus commenced in 2001 with 17 villas (34 units) and continued in 2004 with Phase II that consisted of 12 more villas (24 units). Construction of Phase III of Windcrest Villas began in the spring of 2006 and includes another 17 villas (34 units). As we enter 2008, construction of Phase III is finished and work will begin on Phase IV which will include an additional 17 villas (34 units). Completion of Windcove, a retirement community at the South Campus site, occurred in October 2004. Modeled after our three previous projects, Windcove has 70 units ranging from 950 to 1450 square feet in size. Opened in October 2006, Windhaven Assisted Living Center houses 48 assisted living units and 32 units of memory enhanced services in Thalman Square. Windridge, our newest 70-unit retirement community at South Campus featuring units ranging from 1080 to 1420 square feet in size, opened March 1, 2008.

SureCare Services of Western Home Communities delivers 1500 hours of care per week

including companion care, housekeeping/laundry services, and transportation services. Western Home Foundation is a benevolent fundraising arm of our organization as well as a tax planning entity for Western Home Communities. Our organization currently serves approximately 800 residents throughout the Cedar Valley and employs 400 individuals.

Jerry L. Harris, President

C. Other Organizations

1. Bidwell Riverside Community Center

Bidwell Riverside Center builds hope and opportunity by providing food, clothing, childcare and education to people in need.

Bidwell provides services to individuals and families living in poverty, which will help meet immediate needs. It also works in cooperation with those persons and the community to develop programs and policies which will promote continual improvement in their lives. Bidwell seeks to be not only an institution of charity in the Christian tradition, but to work with others to promote justice. This means being an advocate for solutions that will bring us closer to the world that Jesus envisioned. Jesus sought a world in which persons experience a life where everyone will be treated with dignity and respect, and have available those resources that are necessary for the enjoyment of life.

In 2007 Bidwell served 525 homeless individuals. 6368 children were served for clothing. 6692 adults were served for clothing. The total number of families served for food was 7862. 45,352 individuals were served through the Food Pantry, distributing 261,089 items of food. Bidwell served 1047 families that were new to our services in 2007.

We are proud of our 114 year history as a mission agency of The United Methodist Church.

Robert S. Crandall, Executive Director

2. Chaplains' Fellowship

The Chaplains' Fellowship provides an informal opportunity for all Iowa Annual Conference Chaplains (full-time or part-time, in all types and settings for ministry) to come together easily at Annual Conference time for mutual support and for discussion of issues of mutual concern. All chaplains and friends of chaplaincy are invited to attend an annual, non-host breakfast.

3. Church World Service/CROP

The Iowa Church World Service/CROP Hunger Walk office is grateful for the on-going generosity of the United Methodist clergy and laity throughout Iowa. During 2007, Iowa volunteers gave almost 1 Million dollars to the various ministries of Church World Service, including CROP Hunger Walks and Tools and Blanket Offerings. United Methodist Congregations contributed more than half of all funds donated to the Tools and Blanket Offering throughout Iowa in 2007. United Methodist lay and clergy assume leadership roles in CROP Hunger Walk organizing and, in almost every community where there is a CROP Walk, one will find United Methodist participants. Our top 5 contributing CROP Walk congregations in 2007 included 3 from the Iowa Conference.

The Iowa Director of Church World Service is privileged to serve on the annual Ingathering Team. Russ accepts invitations to interpret the ministry of Church World Service as his schedule allows. In 2007, he was privileged to speak at the Cedar Falls Ingathering site and has accepted the invitation to speak in Cherokee at the 2008 Ingathering.

Our office staff oc Connie Daiker, Program Assistan,t Christine Gillespie, part-time Secreatry, and Russ Melby, Director, welcome your calls and e-mail communication. Please let us know how we may be of assistance. You may reach us at 1-888-297-2767 or at rmelby@churchworldservice.org

The Rev. Russell Melby, Iowa Director, Church World Service/CROP

4. Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts

As a member, I am aware of continued positive influence on area churches as they seek advice on organists, choir director, and musical styles. Top quality seminars on a regional and local level have kept members informed and made them aware of new musical styles for worship, worship styles, composers, liturgical dance, organ, plus use of brass and hand bells. Visuals in the service and drama are also part of the ongoing activities. We then have the opportunity to bring these ideas to our home congregations as we continue to lead the worship in new and exciting ways. The Fellowship is open to all who participate in leading worship. A very informative magazine, "*Worship Arts*," shares ideas throughout the year from leaders in their field.

Thank you for keeping us on the list.

Bloyce Johnson, Past President, Iowa Chapter FUMMA

5. Hillcrest Family Services

This past year, our mission in serving over 17,000 people throughout Iowa, has been greatly enhanced through the generous partnership of the Conference and faithful members of the church. This partnership continues to allow us to deliver on Six Promises, which now evaluates our success.

There are 5 Promises developed through the America's Promise Initiative. These promises are: A Healthy Start, Effective Education, Caring Adults, Safe Places and Opportunities to Serve, promises we are to make to all children. When we deliver on these 5 Promises, we are doing our part to make sure all children have opportunity for success in life.

We, at Hillcrest, have added a sixth promise, *An Opportunity for a Spiritual Connection*, to assure that those we serve are properly loved. We are holding ourselves accountable to delivering all Six Promises in our ministries located in Washington, Ottumwa, Iowa City, Tipton, DeWitt, Clinton, Maquoketa, Anamosa, Monticello, Dyersville, Manchester, Cedar Rapids and Dubuque.

Please watch in the year ahead as we launch a capital campaign that will add much needed classrooms, a gymnasium and most importantly, a Chapel to advance our mission.

We thank all who continue to partner with us in this valued mission of the Church as we deliver these Six Promises to all those God sends to us as clients.

Rev. Ken Gibson, VP of Mission Advancement

6. Iowa Christian Educator Fellowship

Iowa Christian Educator Fellowship is a part of the National C.E.F. Every other year there is a national conference and the next conference will be Oct. 24-27, 2008 in Albuquerque, NM. This group has a state spring and fall retreat in the years when there is no national meeting planned. This spring (May 5&6, 2008) we will meet at Wesley Woods in Indianola. Jo Hoover, spiritual director, retreat leader and retired U. M. pastor, will be leading our retreat on the topic of "Being Transformed".

There are cluster group meetings in most of the districts for support, networking, and sharing of ideas. This year we have been working with Kevin Gowdy, LDM: Camping and Christain Formation on updating our list of Christian Educators (paid and unpaid) in the conference. If you work in the area of Christian Education in either a paid or volunteer capacity, working with children, youth and/or adults, ordained or clergy, this group is for you. If you feel the need to link with others for support, ideas, and fellowship, please contact LuAnne Postel, President at 515-278-0466 or email Lmpostel@aol.com.

LuAnne Postel, President

7. Iowa School for Ministry Commission

The 2008 Iowa School for Ministry met March 25, 26 and 27, 2008, at the Des Moines Downtown Marriott. Our theme was "Practices of Ministry: Leading, Praying, Seeking Justice." Our guiding scripture was Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." Our distinguished presenters included Lovett Weems, Distinguished

Professor of Church Leadership at Wesley Theological Seminary and Director of the G. Douglas Lewis Center for Church Leadership; Roberta Bondi, Professor Emeritus at Candler School of Theology; and, Tex Sample, the Robert and Kathy Rogers Professor of Church Leadership, emeritus, at Saint Paul School of Theology. We enjoyed listening to Bishop Palmer preach, and we shared communion and fellowship together. The members of the School for Ministry Commission encourage all pastors and laity of the Iowa Conference to attend our 2009 School, and assure you that we do everything in our power to keep quality high and costs low to the glory of God.

Medea Saunders, Chairperson

8. UMISO

2007 was extremely busy for the Iowa United Methodist Secretarial Organization. We have been working on the 2009 PAUMCS (Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries) Annual Conference which we are hosting. The PAUMCS Conference will be held at the Embassy Suites on the River in Des Moines April 29th – May 3rd, 2009. We held a continuing education workshop at the Conference Center on November 2nd, 2007 featuring Rev. Karen Dungan and Rev. Dr. J. Robert Burkhart, entitled, "Working for the Church Without Losing Your Religion" with over 50 in attendance. We have six members who will be attending the 2008 PAUMCS Conference in Dayton, OH. We will be learning with "hands on experience" what is involved in hosting a conference. We continue to grow and we encourage all Iowa Administrative Secretaries to come and join us. This is a wonderful arena for shared ministry and support, and we have fun also. Remember that laughter and tears are best shared, for who else understands this job better than another United Methodist Administrative Secretary?

Charolotte Williams, President

9. Iowa Women in Ministry

No report received.

10. Shesler Hall

Last year brought significant challenges to our mission work, but they were met and overcome with the hard work and loving spirit of the Shesler Hall Team – the staff, Board of Directors, and especially the United Methodist Church. As always, our primary goal was to improve the quality of the services we offer in fulfilling our mission which is to provide a caring home for women with special needs in a supportive Christian environment. Most residents have a form of chronic mental illness, usually combined with another disability, recovery from abuse of one form or another, or even homelessness. Some special achievements of the year are as follows:

1) Shesler served 30 women in 2007, providing 5000 nights of housing, nearly 6300 meals and 6900 hours of contact between clients and staff who lent assistance with the Life Skills Program, emotional support, and guidance; 2) our three-year campaign to raise money for a badly needed new roof (while still paying monthly bills) was successfully completed and the roof is now in place – thanks to all who bought a "Shingle for Shesler"; 3) a new sliding scale fee structure was implemented that is based on the individual resident's ability to pay. The remainder of the fee is handled in the form of a "scholarship" awarded to deserving women. The Shesler Scholarship Program is now the focus of our fund-raising efforts.

Shesler Hall is a General Advance Special, Conference Advance Special, and one of the women's residence mission institutions under the General Board of Global Ministries umbrella. The Iowa Conference UMW also own our building (complete with new roof) and property. The partnership we share with the United Methodist Church is the reason Shesler can continue and improve the very important care we give our residents. We thank God for this partnership and pray for its continued success.

Meg Armstrong, Executive Director

11. The Methodist Federation for Social Action

Our two statewide meetings were led by Mark Kresowik on policy issues relating to global warming and Phil Carver on General Conference issues. The two sets of regional meetings around the state discussed “The Church and Economics in a Time of Crisis” in the Fall and “Policy Issues Relating to Immigration” in the Spring. Our Conference banquet speaker was Bishop Minerva G. Carcano of the Desert Southwest Conference. Social Action awards were given to Angela Campbell and Ed McIntosh. Our 225 member chapter continues monthly email news and quarterly newsletters. Chapter communication and planning continues to be well facilitates by our organizer/coordinator Eloise Cranke.

Jim Pemble and Kathleen Clark, Co-Chairs

12. United Service Credit Union

The year 2007 was an exciting one for the Credit Union. We had good income and kept our expenses low, dividends paid to members was \$380,624.90 with retained earning of \$142,480.28.

We introduced a number of new or enhanced products and services during the year. The two major ones are Shared Branching and e-statements. Shared Branching went live mid-June, now members can access there account (including deposits) at over 2900 locations across the United States with no fees.

Another exciting addition to our line of products was e-statements. If you haven't signed up you can do so in Virtual Branch and we will send you an e-mail every month as a reminder to go get your statement. If you want more information or help with either the e-statements or signing up for Virtual Branch just give us a call. It's safe, easy and convenient and there are NO fees!

The board and staff are committed to provide excellence in financial service and products to the member and we all work very hard to try to make your credit union the best it can be! Thank you for you support over the last 53 years.

Mariann Peterson, President/CEO

**2007 Statement
Of Income and Expense
% of
Income**

Loan Interest Income

Personal Loans	\$389,094.08	25.12%
Mortgage Loans	\$170,298.04	10.99%
Home Equity Loans	\$87,849.93	5.67%
Participation Loans	\$47,966.84	3.10%
Student Loans	\$1,503.86	0.10%
MasterCard	\$104,564.47	6.75%

**Investment Interest
Income**

Corporate Central CU	\$87,334.99	5.64%
Commercial Banks	\$327,079.62	21.12%
Other Investments	\$29,925.54	1.93%

Non Interest Income

Fees	\$281,519.24	18.18%
Other Income	\$21,753.62	1.40%

Total Revenues	\$1,548,890.23	100.00%
Non-Interest Expense		
Employee Compensation	\$330,834.34	21.36%
Employee Benefits	\$82,595.38	5.33%
Travel & Conference	\$9,404.74	0.61%
Association Dues	\$13,225.13	0.85%
Office Occupancy	\$53,847.06	3.48%
Office Operations	\$104,307.44	6.73%
Marketing	\$37,810.00	2.44%
Loan Servicing	\$25,572.55	1.65%
Professional Services	\$312,890.57	20.20%
Interest on Borrowed Money	\$1,028.72	0.07%
Provision for Losses	\$48,400.00	3.12%
Misc. Operating Expense	\$5,869.15	0.38%
Total Operating Expenses	\$1,025,785.08	66.23%

2007 Financial Condition

	2006	2007
Assets		
Personal Loans	\$6,556,195.68	\$6,554,880.46
Student Loans	\$58,046.61	\$42,251.37
Mortgage Loans	\$3,281,411.58	\$2,900,769.82
Home Equity	\$1,318,275.70	\$1,260,880.43
Participation Lns	\$644,662.63	\$731,018.48
MasterCard	\$1,104,930.61	\$1,209,646.10
Loss Allowance	(\$157,728.15)	(\$174,853.28)
Cash in Banks	\$1,713,035.80	\$1,734,570.30
Investments	\$7,534,944.52	\$8,159,919.90
Fixed Assets	\$21,585.33	\$9,381.54
Other Assets	\$315,439.59	\$463,765.85
Total	\$22,390,799.90	\$22,892,230.97

Liabilities and Capital

Regular Shares	\$6,530,609.12	\$6,456,657.18
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Christmas Club	\$41,852.01	\$41,006.74
Share Draft	\$3,534,684.21	\$3,512,251.59
Money Market	\$5,559,313.71	\$4,731,874.03
Certificates	\$1,999,298.97	\$3,254,521.19
IRA	\$1,676,517.99	\$1,643,237.22
Accounts Payable	\$157,246.37	\$218,924.73
Notes Payable	\$0.00	
Regular Reserves	\$711,035.51	\$711,035.51
Other Reserves	\$110,000.00	\$110,000.00
Retained Earnings	\$2,070,242.01	\$2,212,722.78
Total	\$22,390,799.90	\$22,892,230.97

13. Wall Street Mission/Goodwill Industries

Goodwill Industries/Wall Street Mission has a storied history which dates back to 1890. "Building Independence, Quality of Life and Work Opportunities", is our mission.

Programs:

Vocational Success Programs-VSP, (Both Sioux City and Sioux Falls) Managed Work Site-TANF (Sioux Falls), Work Evaluation-Status 10, Work Adjustment-Status 20, (Sioux City and Sioux Falls) Work Services, Youth Employment Services-(YES), Goodwill Support Services-(GSS), Adult Rehabilitation Option-(ARO). A new program is YouthBuild. These are all services of Goodwill. Programs are also expanding in the Sioux Falls area. Collaborations with Southeastern Vocational Services have proven to be a good expansion of programming.

Goodwill Industries of Sioux City, Iowa operates retail stores in the following communities: Marshall Minnesota, Norfolk & South Sioux City Nebraska, Yankton, Mitchell, Brookings and Sioux Fall, South Dakota (3), Mason City, Fort Dodge, Spencer, Storm Lake, Le Mars and Sioux City Iowa (2). Each store gives Goodwill a presence and ownership component in each community. We will be opening a new store in Sioux Falls in March of 2008.

Starting with our Annual Dinner and ending with our Summer Camp, I will explain each program in synopsis form. Our Annual Dinner is based on selecting a very special guest speaker who has qualities that can be displayed with enthusiasm and spirit. Over 1000 guests come to hear their message and enjoy an evening with Goodwill Industries and the people who make up our work force, volunteers, and donor base.

Thanksgiving Dinners are provided at both Sioux City, Iowa and Sioux Falls South Dakota Goodwills. 1650 people become our distinguished guests for the Sunday before Thanksgiving. We greet, seat, feed and become hosts and hostesses for the individuals and families we serve. This is a way to share the bounty and give thanks for all the blessings we enjoy.

Goodwill Christmas Shoe & Mitten parties were held in 9 cities in which we currently operate retail stores. Each of our member Goodwill locations facilitates their own shoe party with the help of many dedicated employees and community volunteers. New shoes were provided to over 2650 children in grades K-6 in 2007. Along with new shoes, mittens, socks, hats and treats for each child, the community spirit of giving shines, making this a very special time of the year.

Goodwill Summer Camp is an exciting time to be an 8-12 year old boy or girl. Underprivileged children should be offered the same quality of life as the children who have so many luxuries. From June 25th, 2007 through July 26th, 500 children enjoyed the five weekly camping sessions offered by Goodwill Industries. Our camp director along with his counselors provided a mission driven camp to challenge the children to be good citizens and learn social skills along the way. Many of these children are away from home for the very

first time in their young lives. From arts and crafts, Bible Study, to toasting marshmallows on an open fire, children enjoyed days filled with adventure and challenges. Swimming and enjoying long walks through our nature trails are all activities children looked forward to each day. Good food, good friends and good times are the model for our summer camp at Camp Goodwill. Camp unveiled a new computer lab on June 28th of 2007. This addition combined with remodeling of our office and Asst. Directors cabin marks another chapter in the continual updating of the facility. Thanks to the United Methodist Church and their grant program, we were able to offer scholarships to children attending camp.

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