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**INFORMATION REPORTS – REQUIRED**

**I. Boards and Agencies**

**A. Administrative**

**1. Council on Finance and Administration**

The Council on Finance and Administration is responsible for the budgeting and fiscal matters of all Iowa Conference administrative agencies and offices. In that role, the Council reviews and evaluates proposals from agencies, boards and offices and recommends to the Annual Conference budgets reflecting anticipated income and proposed expenditures.

Although always sensitive to the conditions of local congregations, economic challenges of the past few years have placed even more emphasis on the Council’s role in responsible stewardship of the Conference’s financial resources. During the past year, special attention was placed on creating alternative, emergency budget adjustments to address unfunded liabilities in Conference pension plans if necessary. Another emphasis of the Council was the commitment to lead by example to pay General Conference apportionments at 100% and creating budgets that made that possible. The Council continued to encourage boards and agencies to develop realistic outcome based budget proposals. Through this process, the budgets developed and proposed for 2011 and 2012 resulted in overall decreases to apportionment requests. To assure the Conference has the most comprehensive examination of its financial practices, the Council approved selection of auditing firm Crowe-Horwath beginning with the 2010 audit.

In 2010 the Council approved a capital fundraising project for renovation of Trinity UMC in Des Moines. The Council also approved the forgiveness of unpaid prior year apportionments for five qualifying congregations. Additionally, the Council began the process to review our banking relationships and anticipates making recommendations by Fall, 2011.

An ongoing priority for the Council is to support staff efforts to fully integrate all components of the Blackbaud software system installed in 2009, a major project that required substantial administrative staff focus. Ongoing work also continues in restructuring of administrative staff responsibilities, particularly in benefit administration, due to the addition of the Director of Human Resources in 2009.

As we look to the future, the Council anticipates completing a comprehensive analysis of the Treasurer's office responsibilities reflecting the functional evolution caused by technological advancements and the human resources department. The Council also anticipates playing a role in addressing current financial realities, not just within the Iowa Annual Conference but throughout the denomination, and developing pragmatic strategies to address those realities. A step in that process will include analysis of the current budgeting process.

More specific information about the Council's work is found in Action Item 506 of the pre-conference manual.

Betty Stone, President

## **2. Board of Trustees**

See "Reports of Conference Action," Action Item 503 this *Conference Journal*.

Douglas Harding, President

## **3. Board of Pensions**

See "Reports of Conference Action," Action Item 410 this *Conference Journal*.

Mark Eckman, Chairperson

## **4. Commission on Equitable Compensation**

2008 *Book of Discipline* requires the Commission on Equitable Compensation to support clergy serving as pastors in the charges of the annual conference by recommending conference standards for pastoral support; administering funds to be used in base compensation supplementation; providing counsel and advisory material on pastoral support to district superintendents and committees on pastor-parish relations.

The Commission on Equitable Compensation helps congregations provide a minimum salary amount, which is set by the Annual Conference, for their pastor. This assistance is available for five successive years as they work on a financial plan to reduce the need for Equitable Compensation support.

For the 2010-2011 year, the Commission allocated grants to 18 clergy which represented 38 congregations in order to bring the pastor's salary to minimum. These grants amounted to \$121,242. The Commission will continue to work with the Bishop and the Cabinet, The Council on Finance and Administration, pastors and congregations to help support clergy compensation.

Barb Krueger, Chairperson

## **5. Committee on Pastoral Care and Counseling**

See "Reports of Conference Action," Action Item 406 this *Conference Journal*.

Dr. Mary Fraser, Director, and Rev. Marilyn Buchanan, Chair of the Committee

## B. Program

### 1. Board of Camp, Conference and Retreat Ministries

See "Reports of Conference Action," Action Item 101 this *Conference Journal*.

James Buckhahn, Chairperson

### 2. Board of Church and Society

See "Reports of Conference Action," Action Item 103 this *Conference Journal*.

Clint Twedt-Ball, Chairperson

### 3. Board of Discipleship

See "Reports of Conference Action," Action Item 105 this *Conference Journal*.

Carol E. Myers, Chairperson

### 4. Board of Global Ministries

**Standing Committee on Hispanic Ministries** supported and coordinated activities in the Conference through grants and expertise. We also provided 6 on-going leadership development opportunities through the Instituto Latino. In October we held a Conference-wide bilingual worship event in West Des Moines.

**Standing Committee on Iowa Nigeria Partnership** sponsored the first School of Mission with the theme "Living the United Methodist Way" held in Nigeria for 60 UM District Superintendents led by Bishop Trimble, Rev. Karen Dungan and Beverly Nolte in June. A goat project was started at the Junior Secondary School.

The micro-loan program EmpowHer was initiated by training the Women's Leadership Training Directors who then organized groups of 10 church women who wrote business loans, were interviewed and then loaned \$64 in naira. At the end of 2010, over 20 groups or 200 women were involved in the program, paying back their loans on time and excited to be moving from poverty to productivity.

Village well sites were visited with a well drilling company hired to begin the digging of 5 boreholes. The sea container that arrived in Jalingo was unloaded on June 18 with items/kits distributed. Nigerian church leaders express their grateful thanks for the support offered them by their colleagues in Iowa.

**Standing Committee on Justice For Our Neighbors** became a standing committee of the Board in 2010 and promptly went to work organizing and fundraising. District Members of the Iowa Justice For Our Neighbors Standing Committee oversaw the provision of free legal services for low-income immigrants in their immigration process by Iowa JFON immigration attorneys. Volunteers coordinated four legal clinic sites in Iowa.

**Standing Committee on Disaster Preparedness and Response** worked on the Conference Disaster Plan for submission to the Board of Global Ministries in January, 2011.

**Standing Committee on Parish Development** laid the groundwork for engaging with Path 1 efforts of the General Church to develop new communities of faith and developing a new Healthy Church Initiative for church renewal, revitalization, and redevelopment. We also continued our efforts with the Academy for New Ministry Development and other teaching and informational workshops. We began funding newly designated "Mission Congregations".

**Standing Committee on Community and Institutional Ministries** provided funding to those ministries of the conference that reach out to those living on the fringes of society. We

also administer the Golden Cross and Rural Life Offerings assisting with health-related ministries and rural ministries in the conference which are granted in the Coordinated Funding process.

**Standing Committee on Mission Education** promoted the work of the General Board of Global Ministries through missionary support offered through our Rainbow Covenant planned mission support. We worked on strengthening the ministry of our District Mission Secretaries. Our Rainbow Covenant became an interactive, adaptive web-based tool through which individual disciples and local congregations may access and participate in the mission ministry of our conference and the United Methodist Church.

**Standing Committee on Volunteers in Mission** sought local church and district involvement in Volunteers in Mission projects. A Conference VIM team went to Haiti following the Earthquake and several were inspired and trained to return in future years as teams are needed. We hosted our Roundup in August. We encouraged mission volunteers to support disaster recovery in Iowa, the nation and throughout the world.

**Standing Committee on Mission Personnel** interviewed candidates for the Church and Community Worker position that became available in 2010. We advocated strongly for the required financial support of the Iowa Annual Conference Field Share and housing/utilities for our Commissioned Church and Community Worker who is in service in our Conference.

Mark Young, Chairperson

#### **5. Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry**

See "Reports of Conference Action," Action Item 117 this *Conference Journal*.

Janet Stephenson, Chairperson

#### **6. Board of Laity**

See "Reports of Conference Action," Action Item 119 this *Conference Journal*.

Norma Morrison, Chairperson

#### **7. Board of Ordained Ministry**

See "Reports of Conference Action," Action Item 401 this *Conference Journal*.

Barrie Tritle, Chairperson

#### **8. Commission on Archives and History**

The commission met twice since the 2010 Annual Conference.

Two board members attended the 2010 North Central Jurisdiction Archives and History Convocation in Adrian, Michigan.

Archivist, Esther Wonderlich continues to encourage complete annual reports from church historians as required by the *Discipline*. Every church has a history that needs to be placed in the archives. She has forwarded to a number of churches a copy of the Iowa Conference Methodist archives brochure to encourage detailed reports.

The archives receive an average of 80 inquiries per month. The bulk of these are requests for biographies of deceased pastors and baptismal records of closed churches.

During the past year an inventory of conference minutes on file at the Conference Center was completed and forwarded to the archives. The inventory also included an inventory of those records of the Evangelical, United Brethren and Methodist churches housed in the state historical building in Des Moines.

Preservation of artifacts and records exposed to possible damage by humidity, water or fire is a concern. Consideration of placing some material now in fire resistant storage is being explored.

In April, the Wesley table in the atrium of the Conference Center was secured in a

sealed cabinet thanks to a gift from the estate of former commission member John Witmer.

Introductory manuscript revision of the conference history "Between the Rivers" has been completed and the goal of 2016 publication is realistic.

Robert Simon, Chairperson

### **9. Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns**

See "Reports of Conference Action," Action Item 203 this *Conference Journal*.

Emmanuel Dass, Chairperson

### **10. Commission on Religion and Race**

See "Reports of Conference Action," Action Item 207 this *Conference Journal*.

Curtis DeVance, Chairperson

### **11. Commission on Status and Role of Women**

The Commission on the Status and Role of Women (COSROW) is mandated by the General Church to encourage full and equal participation of women in the church through advocacy, monitoring and acting as catalysts.

Formal monitoring in cooperation with the Commission on Religion and Race (CORR) and the Young Adult and Generational Ministries is reported annually at the Iowa Annual Conference. Representatives are encouraged to monitor all Conference related meetings, worship services, and written materials for use of inclusive language and equal participation of all. A display table with informational materials is available during Annual Conference.

The Commission honored Ione Shadduck with the Ambassador Award in 2010. The Ambassador Award is given to one whose efforts exemplify the values that shape the Commission. The presentation is made at the Annual Conference Awards Ceremony.

Recently the Commission began seeking baseline information on two central and current issues that face our church communities: the use of inclusive language in worship, and sexual misconduct, abuse, & harassment. The results of the survey, collected online and at Annual Conference, will be made available when tabulated.

We continue to support our district superintendents and local churches through our local representatives as we strive for full and equal participation for all in God's Kingdom.

Rita Ferneau and Betsy Piette, Co-Chairs

### **12. Commission on Ministry with Persons with Disabilities**

See "Reports of Conference Action," Action Item 205' this *Conference Journal*.

Jud Stover, 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 2010, Rev. Paul Smith, Field Outreach Minister for the South Central District, led us in discussion of Church as Sign, Preview and Instrument of the Reign of God, using the definitions shared with the Annual Conference Session by Rev. Doug Ruffle. We discussed our values (what makes us unique), our vision (our picture of the Reign of God) and our mission (what we are to do).

This year, when agencies were asked to review their ministry plans and make budget requests for 2011, they were asked to submit a 2-3 page response to the following questions to the Program Review Committee:

1. What have been your activities/programs in the past year? What fruits are being borne as the result of your efforts?
2. What have you learned? How has that learning affected your plans for the future?
3. What partnerships are you building with other agencies/organizations/individuals for the sake of the mission?
4. What obstacles/challenges are you encountering? What are you doing in order to address them?
5. How are you telling the story of your ministry—to participants, partners, local churches and the annual conference? Has your work in this area changed since last year?
6. How has the understanding of Church as Sign, Preview and Instrument of the Kingdom/Reign of God informed your work and your future ministry plans?

When CCMC met in February 2011 to approve program budget recommendations, we discussed the reality that our budget requests will not be able to increase so that agency programming can continue at the present level. An additional meeting was scheduled in April 2011; in that meeting, a collaborative process for developing, reviewing and funding ministry plans was developed. The new process will be utilized in the next budgeting cycle, in preparation for the 2012 Annual Conference Session.

There is much exciting ministry happening in the life of our annual conference and through our wider connectional work. Though we can no longer sustain current programming with the apportionment funding available for agency work, CCMC remains committed to doing all we can to strengthen and support our annual conference's witness to the work of Jesus Christ in our world.

Karen Dungan, Assistant to the Bishop for Conference Connectional Ministries

#### **14. Conference Council on Youth Ministries**

See "Reports of Conference Action," Action Item 215 this *Conference Journal*.

Maria Wiblin, Conference Youth Coordinator

#### **15. Older Adult Council**

See "Reports of Conference Action," Action Item 211 this *Conference Journal*.

Christine Anders, Chairperson

### **C. Conference Lay Organizations**

#### **1. United Methodist Women**

Local groups of United Methodist Women in Iowa continue to organize around their intention to "be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience

*freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.”* They are also demonstrating the VISION STATEMENT for the decade, 2010-2020, “Turning faith hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.”

United Methodist women members draw inspiration from the Word and spiritual growth underlies all UMW activities. Over 100 Iowa members attended the quadrennial Assembly in St. Louis in April 2010 for inspiration, education, fellowship and service and focusing on ways to share love in action.

The yearly mission education events, the *School of Christian Mission*, in July 2010 and the *Mission Education Event (MEE)*, held in July 2010 were held at Iowa Valley Continuing Education Center in Marshalltown. A group of Korean United Methodist Women joined us in studying “Joy to the World, mission and evangelism.” Spiritual Growth study was on Epistles of John, and the geographical study was Sudan.

A special highlight was the display prepared by those who had received a “Talent” of \$50 which they multiplied in different ways to raise funds for development projects in Sudan benefiting women, children, and youth. A description of these efforts was featured in the April 2011 issue of the national magazine, *response*. Iowan Ollie Pleggenkuhle, a national director of Women’s Division, recently was invited to visit Sudan with staff members of the Women’s Division.

United Methodist Women around the state are supporters of Iowa’s National Mission Institutions, Bidwell Riverside and Hawthorn Hill in Des Moines, and Shesler Hall in Sioux City, through per member askings, needed items, and volunteer time. In 2010, units and individuals responded with amazing challenge gifts for Bidwell Riverside flood repair as well as special needs at Shesler Hall.

Leaders had opportunity to share a time with Shesler Hall residents preceding the Annual Meeting in October. Bishop and Mrs. Trimble attended the Annual Meeting and Racelder Grandberry-Trimble was the speaker and installed new Conference leaders.

“Welcoming the Stranger” events in March 2010 was sponsored by the Charter for Racial Justice Committee and featured issues and actions relating to immigrants, refugees, ethnic inclusion, actions churches are taking to be a welcoming neighbor were shared.

Linda Nicholson, President

## 2. United Methodist Men

No Information Report received.

Christian Nygaard, President

## D. Other Organizations

### 1. Children and Family Urban Ministries

#### **Mission Statement**

Children and Family Urban Ministries creates a community within a community to support the potential of children, youth, and families through educational success, healthy living, and community engagement.

#### **Children and Family Urban Ministries Programs**

**The Breakfast Club** offers a nutritious meal and a safe, nurturing place for school-aged children and youth before school. In 2010 the Breakfast Club began its 42nd year.

**The Supper Club** provides an evening meal six days a week, Monday through Saturday, serving adults and children. In 2010, the average number of guests increased to 120 Monday through Friday evenings; 50 on Saturday.

**The Haven** is an academically-based after school program offered daily during the school

year for students in grades K-5. Close relationships are maintained with parents and teachers in order to offer specific academic supports and connect learning beyond school. Early dismissal from school every Wednesday affords time for club participation—giving students opportunities for creative self-expression, career exploration, and healthy self-development.

**Awesome Days** is an academically-based program offered during school breaks in the summer, fall and spring. Using a project learning model; educational enrichment, arts workshops, field trips, sports and community engagement are offered around a theme.

In the fall of 2010 a record 30 girls in grades 6-8 registered for the **Whyld Girls** gender specific program for adolescent girls. Six Whyld Girls high school student mentors continued to work in the program and operate their successful jewelry making and selling business, Product with Purpose. Revenue from the business goes to an educational fund for the girls. The **Backyard Boyz**, enrolled 15 boys in grades 6-8. Four high school student mentors worked in the program as well. Both gender specific programs for adolescents include highly regarded and effective Summer Literacy Programs. Also in 2010 the Whyld Girls and Backyard Boyz joined together to launch a peer-led pregnancy prevention campaign in the neighborhood. The **Wonder Girlz**, a program for girls in grades 4 and 5, continued their one day a week program with 15 girls participating regularly.

The **Back-School Health Fair**, Is held in conjunction with the back-to-school event at Moulton Extended Learning Center. A full complement of school supplies were provided for each student and each classroom in the building along with school physicals, eye exams and fun family activities.

CFUM continues to share spaced at Trinity United Methodist Church, contributing significantly to the cost of building expenses and maintenance.

Carmen Lampe Zeitler, Executive Director

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## 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 homeless single mothers with children, and over 50% 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).

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 359 homeless mothers and children (120 families) during 2010. Approximately 67% (239) of our clients were children. Approximately 68% of our families moved into more permanent housing, and 70% of our mothers gained short or long-term employment that looked for employment. Forty-eight percent (48%) of our families increased their household

income by over 10% during their stay at New Directions Shelter and 95% of the families obtained free or reduced cost childcare that needed the service.

Hawthorn is very grateful for the support from the Iowa Annual Conference, the UMW and all the churches and individuals for our efforts to provide a helping hand to homeless families.

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[www.hawthorn-hill.org](http://www.hawthorn-hill.org)

### 3. Iowa United Methodist Foundation

See "Reports of Conference Action," Action Item 501 this *Conference Journal*.

Kevin Gowdy, 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 aspects of mission.

#### **Mission Focus One: Developing Spiritual Leaders...**

In 2011, the Board of Directors of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Iowa will recommend two candidates for ordained ministry. This is a first for the Wesley Foundation. In 2008 the *Discipline* of the United Methodist Church was amended, and ¶311 allows campus ministries as well as churches to recommend candidates to the District Committee of Ordained Ministry for certification.

This change recognizes the long history of Wesley Foundations and United Methodist colleges in calling and preparing students for professional and lay ministry. Of the fifteen elders ordained in the Iowa Annual Conference in 2010, ten participated in campus ministry in the Iowa Annual Conference. The students the Wesley Foundation Board of Directors are recommending for ministry will join a long line of others who have answered the call to ordained ministry through campus ministry.

The first student to be recommended by the Board is Heather Streicher. Heather came to Wesley four years ago, as a freshman at the University. She has lived in the student house at Wesley for two years, participating in Wesley activities, and graduates with a degree on May 14, 2011, with a double major in theatre and psychology and a minor in religious studies. In the fall she will attend Garrett Seminary in Evanston, IL, and would like to eventually serve as pastor in a United Methodist church.

*Story from the Wesley Foundation at the University of Iowa*

#### **Mission Focus Two: ...in a community of faith...**

Some became part of the Wesley community as freshmen in a Chinese class taught by a Wesley staff person. Some started after transferring from Ellsworth Community College at the recommendation of a friend. Some began because a bunch of their friends from Marshalltown were involved and it seemed cool. Some came to know about Wesley because of the International Student Furniture Loan Program. Another got a work study job at Wesley and started being part of the community. A couple more, because their pastor at home suggested they check out the Wesley Foundation. Several come through the cooperative ministry with the Episcopal Campus ministry. Some also participate in other groups, like the Free Thinkers and Inquirers, or Navigators or the Catholic Student Center.

The common thread is that they are formed into a Community of Faith at the Wesley Foundation through worship, service, study, fellowship, friendship, food and many more little

ways. Are we all alike? Not even close. All are welcome.

*Story from the Wesley Foundation at the University of Northern Iowa*

**Mission Focus Three: ...focused on transforming the world...**

The scope and range of what we do at our Wesley Foundation at Iowa State is wide and deep. There are Bible studies, Covenant Discipleship groups, worship planning and leadership, service projects, fellowship activities and so much more.

Everything we do, in one way or another, is planned and carried out with the ultimate goal of helping students “find their path and share the journey” toward a deeper understanding of and relationship with God.

It is our belief and our experience that these understandings and this relationship help them see the world and themselves in new ways and help open their hearts and minds to the needs of others and to God’s power, hope, forgiveness and healing which they need to become world changers.

*faithspring* is our weekly, alternative worship experience at Collegiate/Wesley. Students are central in the planning and leadership of *faithspring* and it seemed appropriate to invite graduating students to share the message at our last worship experience of the semester.

Many wonderful things were shared but one comment seemed particularly apt. A student who has been a part of our community of faith for six years talked about how inviting and welcoming he has found the Wesley Foundation but his time here has left him with one big rhetorical question...“I wish someone would explain to me the economics of “Free Midnight Breakfasts”!

He probably knows the answer, but we “get” his question. It probably doesn’t make much sense to many people why a campus ministry would throw open its doors once a month or why dozens of Wesley Foundation students would sacrifice their own free time to break eggs, serve orange juice, cook pancakes, wash dishes, scrub tables and clean gooey waffle-makers until 2 a.m. just so a bunch of “strangers”, hundreds of Iowa State students we may never have seen before (and may never see again), can enjoy a free meal very late at night. But the “economics of a Free Midnight Breakfast” make sense to us and, we believe, it makes sense to the one we’re called to follow, Jesus Christ.

Someday, somewhere, one of our guests may find themselves experiencing a “dark night of the soul” or feeling a great emptiness inside. They may be faced with a decision about making a small (or large!) sacrifice so others may find comfort or support. They may be filled with joy and wondering about the ultimate source of that joy. They may decide it’s time to connect, to make a difference, to seek understanding.

When they do they may remember a wonderfully welcoming, joyously enthusiastic place and people who invited them in once before. When they do, the “economics of a Free Midnight Breakfast” has moved us one step closer to transforming the world.

*Story from the Wesley Foundation at Iowa State University*

**Mission Focus Four: ...through relevant Christian witness.**

This is what relevant Christian witness looks like at the Wesley Foundation at Drake University.



*Story from the Wesley Foundation at Drake University*

Financial Statement from the Wesley Foundation at Drake University

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense</u>	
Annual Conference	\$107,015	Staff Support	\$66,696
Miscellaneous	\$11,359	Office Expense	\$1,108
		Property Maint.	\$13,915
		Administration	\$2,818
		Program	\$1,843
TOTAL	\$118,375	TOTAL	\$86,380

Financial Statement from the Wesley Foundation at Iowa State University

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense</u>	
Annual Conference	\$218,372	Staff	\$187,139
Annuity and Savings Interest	\$1,376	Programming	\$14,894
Gifts and Contributions	\$6,900	Office Expense	\$5,129
		Building and Grounds	\$40,323
TOTAL	\$226,648	TOTAL	\$247,484

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

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense</u>	
Annual Conference	\$240,803	Programming	\$29,484
Building Income	\$135,400	Staff	\$267,713
Contributions	\$3,840	Building	\$74,476
Interest and Other	<u>\$8,438</u>	Administrative	<u>\$5,622</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$388,481</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$377,295</b>

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

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense</u>	
Annual Conference	\$172,518	Staff Support	\$124,865
Maintenance Reimb.	\$3,850	Office Expense	\$4,510
Miscellaneous Income	\$2,584	Administration	\$3,259
Donations	\$1,485	Property	\$44,120
Grants	<u>\$1,500</u>	Program	<u>\$8,931</u>
<b>TOTAL (budget)</b>	<b>\$181,937</b>	<b>TOTAL (budget)</b>	<b>\$185,685</b>

**E. Urban Ministries****1. Churches United of the Quad City Area**

No report received.

**2. New City Ministries, Waterloo**

No report received.

**INFORMATION REPORTS – NOT REQUIRED BUT REQUESTED****II. Related Organizations****A. Colleges****1. Cornell, Mount Vernon**

Cornell is grateful for our ongoing partnership with the United Methodist Church. Points to note concerning the wellbeing of the College and Cornell's Chaplain & Spiritual Life programs:

- Cornell has named Doane College President Jonathan Brand its 15th President, effective July 1, 2011. Brand succeeds Les Garner, who served as President of Cornell for 16 years before leaving in June to become President and CEO of the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation.
- Student enrollment increased from 1,100 to 1,200 over the past three years and continues to grow.
- Though Annual Fund giving to colleges has taken a hit nationally due to the economy, Cornell is considerably ahead of last year.

- Cornell's capital campaign goal of \$92 million reached \$105.8 million in pledges with funds designated toward endowment and facilities. Phase one of King Chapel renovation is complete.
- Faculty approved an academic calendar change to Cornell's distinctive One-Course-At-A-Time program. Switching from nine to eight terms will improve Cornell's competitiveness by increasing programs, reinvesting funds into dynamic learning opportunities such as off-campus study and summer internships, and correct lagging faculty and staff compensation in an effort to catch up with peer institutions.
- Student activism through service and other civic engagement remains strong including Alternative Spring Break trips to work with at-risk youth in Atlanta, build homes and work with impoverished community members at Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, and build public hiking trails in one of Florida national forests.
- Cornell Spiritual Life highlights include: Strong involvement in campus fundraising and healing peace vigil for Japan disaster recovery; White House gathering for students via Inter-faith Youth Corps; assemble of 4,000 food packs through Kids Against Hunger and walk in CROP Walk for hunger relief; 25 highly engaged student leaders assisting the chaplain with both Christian and multi-faith programming; numerous students discerning ministry as vocation and/or currently attending seminary; weekly Chapel and Contemplative Prayer/Meditation, as well as Interfaith Dialogue Circles of Trust, and monthly Inter-Spiritual Healing Wisdom Series.
- Chaplain led inter-spiritual contemplative wisdom course in India on Meditation, Mysticism and Servant Leadership.
- Cornell's ongoing partnership with the UMC via student engagement in Matthew 25 Block by Block with Music Mentoring Program and refurbishment of flooded damaged homes. Cornell also hosts the UMC Lay Ministry School, the CR-District Christmas Clergy Dinner/concert by Cornell's Chamber Choir, and a local ecumenical clergy luncheon including with the Cedar Rapids District Superintendent.

Catherine Quehl-Engel, Chaplain and Director of Church Relations

## **2. Iowa Wesleyan, Mount Pleasant**

- Rev. David Bracht-Wagner was named college chaplain September 1, 2010. He also serves as associate pastor at the First United Methodist Church in Mt. Pleasant
- Two Iowa Wesleyan students and Chaplain David Bracht-Wager attended the national Interfaith Leadership Institute in Washington, D.C. in October. The program, organized by the Interfaith Youth Core, focused on building dialogue between members of different faiths through service and sharing.
- United Methodist minister and artist Jan Richardson of Orlando, Florida, presented two programs on faith and creativity during the 2011 Clifford and Maxine Manning Annual Lecture Series. In addition, she did workshops with students and with area clergy members.
- Twenty-two students took part in an alternative spring break project with Habitat for Humanity. The students travelled to Nashville, Tennessee, where they worked on repairing flood damage at a church youth center. The project was done in conjunction with UMCOR.
- Iowa Wesleyan continues its commitment to service-learning with service opportunities for students both in and out of the classroom. Two major campus-wide projects this year were World Water Day, involving students, faculty and staff in efforts to support Water: Out Thirsty World, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, when students and staff baked loaves of bread and delivered them to area care centers.

David Bracht-Wagner, Campus Minister/Chaplain

### 3. Morningside College, Sioux City

Morningside College continues to celebrate and encourage its relationship with The United Methodist Church. During 2010-11:

- The Iowa School of Lay Ministry has continued to meet on the Morningside College campus.
- Morningside College is the host site for the Upper Midwest Extension Course of Study School which began in the Fall of 2008, in cooperation with Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. Two classes were offered during the Fall semester and two during the Spring semester. Enrollment continues to grow.
- 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. A Sunday evening "Oasis" opportunity at Grace United Methodist Church has provided fellowship, worship, and study spaces for students.
- A Disciple Bible Study group composed of Morningside College students and adult members of Grace United Methodist Church have discovered new friendships as they've completed nine months of Bible study together.
- A Morningside College VIM team helped in the ongoing flood relief efforts in Cedar Rapids, working with the Block by Block program during our Fall Break of 2010.
- Our Morningside College VIM team traveled to Shiprock, New Mexico to work with the Four Corners Native American Ministry during the Spring Break of 2011.
- Members of the Morningside College faculty, staff and students participated in a "Morningside to Mapleton (M2M)" relief effort following the tornado that struck that community in April.
- Students participated in the Siouland Sleep-out for the Homeless to raise awareness of and funds to address homelessness in Siouland.
- 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.
- Members of the Morningside College community regularly participate in the Backpack/Food for Kids program sponsored by the Food Bank of Siouland.
- Our Oasis Praise Team provided music leadership at a worship service for the Sioux City Gospel Mission, Grace United Methodist Church (Sioux City), and the Missouri Valley UMC, and a Christmas service for senior citizens at a nearby senior living complex.
- On-campus lectures by well-known religious scholars have provided additional opportunities for learning beyond the classroom.
- Several students are continuing to discern a call to ministry, even as several alumni are already attending seminary.

Kathy Martin, Campus Pastor and Director of Church Relations

### 4. Simpson College, Indianola

Sesquicentennial Celebration marked this past year at Simpson College. 150 years ago First United Methodist Church of Indianola and the Iowa Conference established the Indianola Male and Female Seminary, within 18 years the name had changed to Simpson after the renowned Methodist preacher, Matthew Simpson. Several significant events have marked this 150<sup>th</sup> birthday year.

In June, 2010, ground was broken for an addition to Blank Performing Arts Center. Simpson continues to partner with the Des Moines Metro Opera to offer a unique and progressive setting for students throughout the year and the DMMO each summer.

As we celebrated the birth of Simpson in September, President John Byrd announced one of the largest gifts in Simpson history. This gift is the cornerstone for the college's new campus center. The remainder of the year was spent in finalizing the design and receiving

the approval of the Board of Directors. A ground breaking ceremony is scheduled for summer, 2011.

Third, Simpson College was named one of the top 25 Do-Gooder institutions of higher learning in the country by *Newsweek* magazine. We also received a presidential award for the service offered by the entire Simpson community. Over 50,000 hours of recorded service was given in the academic year, 2009 – 10.

The John C. Culver Center for Public Policy opened in November, 2010. The Center will continue Sen. Culver's work in civic education and engagement, promoting the importance of civic engagement and public service while enriching the educational experience of Simpson students.

Fifth, the faculty voted to establish a new curriculum: Engaged Citizenship. It is innovative and puts Simpson on the leading edge of service learning and an more integrated experience for students as we seek to connect classroom and the rest of the undergraduate student's life in the residence halls, in extracurricular activity, in service, and in relationships with the world.

Simpson College continues to offer a significant and full religious expression. The Wesley Service Scholars give 80 hours of service throughout the academic year and reflect on this through journals and small groups. We had 6 United Methodist Service to the Community grant recipients; this grant is for students who have been active in their home Methodist congregation. The students give 300 hours of service and reflect on the experience with one of the chaplains and receive grants of \$12,000 to \$15,000. Our Pre-Ministry program with 37 students involved continues to bring in speakers and provide meals and conversation for those investigating their own sense of call and vocation. Simpson College remains committed to seek, inspire, and support future ministers by offering forgivable loans of up to \$4,000 annually to students heading towards seminary. These loans are available in the junior and senior years at Simpson and forgiven with the successful completion of the first year of seminary.

Finally, the Religious Life Community remains a vital expression of faithful life. Over 300 students weekly are worshiping, serving, in Bible study, and gathering in fellowship through the various RLC activities. We added a chapel intern position for welcome this past year and have seen an increase in the number of students involved as well as a greater sense of openness to all around us as we intentionally seek to interact with the whole Simpson community. We added Bible studies in two of the four fraternities this past year, offering a total of 9 weekly Bible studies. 77 students participated in alternative fall and spring break mission/servant trips.

Fritz Wehrenberg, Chaplain

### **5. Rust College, Holly Springs, Mississippi**

Established in 1866 by the Freedmen's Aid Society of the Methodist Church on a former slave auction site, Rust College reached another milestone in the 2010-2011 academic year – the 144<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding. This achievement in and of itself is one that alumni, students, faculty, staff, and supporters from every arena can be particularly proud. Rust is the oldest one of 11 Historically Black Colleges and Universities established after the Civil War by the Methodist Church still in existence today serving more than 1,000 students annually from Mississippi, 27 states, and several foreign countries. Rust mission continues to be in tune with the church's overall philosophy - doing no harm, doing good and staying in love with Jesus Christ - as we serve the young people who look to Rust as their bridge to a better tomorrow through education.

*Religious Life Mission as a United Methodist Institution:*

To enhance the spiritual mindset of the campus by providing a healthy and fulfilling environment in which the members of the Rust College community may embark upon their personal spiritual journey.

*Our Mission as a United Methodist Institution through our Chaplaincy Program:*

To serve as the ambassador of Jesus Christ by

- serving as the Spiritual Leader for the campus;
- functioning as a resource for equipping the Rust College community for effective spiritual living and productive community relationship;
- providing ministry connection beyond the campus community through outreach activities; and
- Improve chaplaincy program working with United Methodist and non-United Methodist students.

*Reach New People:*

Connecting students of other denominations and the community to the United Methodist Church mission.

*Mission Challenges:*

- Giving attention to local and larger community ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy.
- Giving attention to Christian unity and inter-religious concerns.
- Resource ministry giving attention to the on-going preparation and development of lay and clergy leaders for the ministry of the United Methodist Church.

*Highlights for 2010-2011 year include:*

- Rust College continues to demonstrate a local commitment in addressing the housing improvement needs in Holly Springs, Mississippi. The Rust College Community Development Corporation is building new homes in the community using funds from the Home Investment Partnership Program in the amount of \$305,000. The grant is being used to improve the quality of life in the community adjoining the Rust campus working with low to moderate income citizens.
- Rust College received national recognition for community service and was named to the 2010 President's Higher Education Honor Roll.
- The Rust College Community Development Corporation helped change the lives of two local families by presenting keys to two new homes.
- Rust College's major donors, Dr. Ralph and Barbara Hamilton, received the Stanley S. Kresge Award for leading the Rust College National Development Program. The United Methodist Higher Education Foundation established a \$20,000 endowed scholarship in honor of the Hamiltons.
- First Lady, Dr. Gemma Beckley, was awarded another Fulbright-Hays Grant and led 14 scholars from institutions across the country on a four week educational seminar and study abroad in Mexico.
- Stephan White, a senior from Knoxville, Tennessee, placed 7<sup>th</sup> in a National Writing Competition.
- Rust received a \$100,000 National Endowment for the Humanities Grant to establish a Center for the Study of Ida B. Wells and the African American Heritage in North Mississippi.
- Rust College received a grant for \$145,000 from the Hearin Foundation to support needy students seeking financial aid.
- The College ended the 2009-10 Fiscal Year with a balanced budget, making it the 42<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year for balanced operations.

As you, our friends of the United Methodist Church continue to uphold your promise of educational opportunity established many years ago, we the members of the Rust College family will uphold the promise made by our founder, Rev. A. C. McDonald, in 1866 "to do not

hothouse work” but will work to build men and women morally, spiritually and academically sound. We are thankful to you for your prayers and financial support. Without it we would not have been able to sustain quality academic programs or offer scholarship assistance to needy students. Again, thank you for your commitment to “our” legacy established 144 years ago. Your continued support is essential as we endeavor to build a stronger legacy for this generation and those in years to come who will look to Rust and our great Church for higher educational opportunities.

The College expresses thanks for the dedication and leadership of the following Trustees from the Iowa Annual Conference: Bishop Julius C. Trimble, Mr. Thomas Brown, and Dr. David Swinton.

David L. Beckley, President

## **B. Hospitals and Retirement Homes**

### **1. Iowa Methodist, Iowa Lutheran, Blank Children’s Hospital, Des Moines**

No report received.

### **2. St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center, Sioux City**

No report received.

### **3. St. Luke’s Methodist Hospital, Cedar Rapids**

No report received.

### **4. Friendship Haven, Fort Dodge**

No report received.

### **5. Methodist Manor Retirement Community, Storm Lake**

No report received.

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

No report received.

### **7. Wesley Life, Des Moines**

No report received.

### **8. Western Home Communities, Cedar Falls**

No report received.

## **C. Other Organizations**

### **1. Bidwell Riverside Community Center, Des Moines**

In 2010, our Executive Director, Reverend Robert S. Crandall, wrapped up seventeen years of service at Bidwell. He became a familiar face all around Iowa presenting the ongoing story of the mission work done at Bidwell. We are grateful for his faithful service.

Our quality Child Development Center continues its work with an average of 53 children 18 months to five years of age. It is staffed with 12 full-time and two part-time people with lead teachers assigned to each of four class rooms. We work in conjunction with the State of Iowa, United Way and businesses to make it possible for those who cannot afford this kind of high quality program to send their children to Bidwell.

Our Distribution Center supervised by Joshua Crandall is very busy. In 2010, food was given to 7,639 families including 21,190 individuals. Faithful volunteers from many of our congregations help staff the distribution of 13,000 pieces of clothing each month. In addition

to these areas a special program allows us to help some families with rent and utility assistance.

We are grateful to the UM Women's Division, the Iowa Annual Conference and local churches and individuals who support this ministry in the name of Jesus Christ.

James R. Pemble, Interim Director

## **2. Church World Service/CROP, Des Moines**

No report received.

## **3. Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts**

No report received.

## **4. Hillcrest Family Services, Dubuque**

In 2010, the generous partnership of the Conference and faithful members of the church assisted us in serving 22,000 people from 73 Iowa Counties and 26 states. Our focus is on two key areas: health and education offering twenty programs providing services to thousands of troubled and hurting people from birth to adulthood. Services are offered in Washington, Ottumwa, Iowa City, Cedar Rapids, Clinton, Maquoketa, Monticello, Dubuque, IA and Thompson, IL.

It is with excitement we announce planned groundbreaking festivities for our new Chapel and Fellowship Hall furthering our long-standing commitment as a faith-centered family service agency and honoring our commitment to our sixth promise, *an Opportunity for a Spiritual Connection*. Last year, we had 110 + youth enrolled weekly in a bible study and/or evening vespers. Grant funding is currently being sought to expand our Chaplaincy Program allowing for more options to mentor and provide spiritual guidance.

It is our goal to eventually have our Chaplain serve Hillcrest fulltime, making her available for clients and staff on an ongoing basis.

With the continued help of the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and its faithful members and those beyond, we anticipate a future full of hope for the people served by Hillcrest Family Services.

Carol Jefferson, Vice President of Mission Advancement

## **5. Iowa Christian Educator Fellowship**

No report received.

## **6. Iowa School for Ministry Commission**

No report received.

## **7. Iowa Chapter of Professional Association U.M. Church Secretaries (PAUMCS)**

No report received.

## **8. Iowa Women in Ministry**

No report received.

## **9. Shesler Hall**

No report received.

## **10. The Methodist Federation for Social Action**

Our Fall Statewide Gathering featured Bill Mefford, Director of Civil and Human Rights, General Board of Church and Society, speaking on immigration, under the title, "Our Missional Call to Justice." In the Spring, Dr. Tyler Roberts, Professor of Religious Studies at Grinnell, spoke to the gathering about church/state issues in America. Fall Regional

Gatherings on the topic, "Hope and Action for God's Good Creation," was based on the UM Council of Bishops' Pastoral Letter and Study Guide on that topic. In the Spring, there was an excellent turnout at all four locations to learn more about "Understanding Our Muslim Brothers and Sisters." Our Conference Banquet speaker was Dr. Mark Braverman, charter member of American Jews for a Just Peace, speaking on the topic, "A Kairos Time: The Role of the Church in Achieving Peace in the Holy Land." Social Action Awards were given to the Rev. Darrell Mitchell, of Marshalltown, and to Marian Solomon of Ames. In addition, on Monday of Conference, MFSA co-sponsored the Second Annual March for Peace and Social Justice with the Conference UMW, and the Conference Boards of Church and Society and Global Missions. Our Chapter membership stands at over 200, and we continue to reach out to young adult UMs. Our active communication tools are a monthly e-mail newsletter, a quarterly publication of the Social Questions Bulletin (SQB), as well as a growing website at [www.mfsaiowa.org](http://www.mfsaiowa.org). MFSA can also now be found on Facebook. Eloise Cranke continues to assist the Chapter as Coordinator for the various meeting and events of the organization.

Inez Dawes and Dick Clark, Co-Presidents

**11. United Service Credit Union**

No report received.

**12. Wall Street Mission/Goodwill Industries**

No report received.

**AUDIT REPORT  
CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL REPORT  
For the**

**Iowa Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church and Affiliate**

The 2010 audit report for the Iowa Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church as completed by Crowe-Horwath Certified Public Accountants, has not been approved by the Council on Finance and Administration in time for printing in this conference journal. Once it is approved it will be available on the Conference's website [www.iaumc.org](http://www.iaumc.org) and will be printed in the 2012 Conference Journal.

The 2009 audit report as approved by the Conference Council on Finance and Administration appears in the back of this Journal as an appendix.