

Resolution No. 2

WHEREAS the congregation of Trinity United Methodist Church, Fort Worth West District, has declared its intention to close as a church, and

WHEREAS, the Fort Worth West District has surveyed the needs of ministry in the area, and believe it can adequately be served by existing nearby congregations; and

WHEREAS, the discontinuation of the church and the abandonment of its property has been recommended by the district superintendent and approved by the Bishop, a majority of the district superintendents and the district Board of Church Location and Building; and

WHEREAS, all steps required by the Discipline except for the approval of the conference have been taken;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Trinity United Methodist Church be discontinued and all of its property declared abandoned and transferred to the Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church for sale, distribution, or other disposition as the conference Board of Trustees may deem in the best interest of the conference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Central Texas Conference Board of Trustees be authorized, in its discretion, to distribute the item of property which may best be used by other churches to such churches or to the Commission on Church Growth and Development and to sell all other property with the net proceeds first applied to the retirement of any pension deficits of that church and the remainder given to the Commission on Church Growth and Development for congregational development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any remaining members of this Church at the time of this action be attached to River Oaks United Methodist Church of Fort Worth and that all official records of the discontinued church be forwarded to the conference archives.

VIII. MEMOIRS

BISHOP

Lance Webb

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Charles Joseph McAfee

ORDAINED MINISTERS' SPOUSES

Rose Massman Bartos

Vera Mae Moore Bowman

Elizabeth (Betty) Shores Granger

Marie Cox Jarvis

Lula Mae Gregory Prather

Mary Lee Richardson

LANCE WEBB

December 10, 1909 - September 9, 1995

Lance Webb, a bishop since 1964, was born in Boaz, New Mexico, to a Methodist circuit rider preacher, John Newton Shields Webb, and his wife, Delia Lance Webb, who were pioneer homesteaders in the New Mexico desert.

Bishop Webb's call to Christian service in ordained ministry came while he was at McMurry College in Abilene. There, at 18, he "experienced the call to help bring about spiritual awakening," as taken from his journal records. He spent summers preaching at camp meetings and revivals. He completed his Bachelor of Divinity and master's degrees at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas in 1934. He married Elizabeth Hunt, daughter of James Winfred Hunt, founding president of McMurry College. Elizabeth shared in his long and fulfilling career as a pastor and spiritual leader in the church until her death in 1990.

In Texas, Bishop Webb served churches in Pampa, Abilene, Shamrock and Eastland before he was appointed to a new congregation at University Park in Dallas in 1941. He remained there for 12 years, seeing the congregation grow to more than 2,500 members. In 1953, he became the senior pastor of North Broadway Methodist Church in Columbus, Ohio, and published his first book, *Conquering the Seven Deadly Sins*, during his first year there. He wrote 12 books for pastors and laity. His more recent historical novels, *Escape from Ephesus (Onesimus)* and *Onesimus, Rebel and Saint*, had their origins during his time at North Broadway.

He received honorary doctorates, including Doctor of Divinity, Doctor of Humanities, Doctor of Letters, and Doctor of Literature, from nine colleges and universities. In 1964 the North Central Jurisdictional Conference elected him as bishop of the United Methodist Church and assigned him to serve the Central and Illinois conferences. He served in Illinois until 1976, and then in Iowa until 1980, when he retired as an active bishop. As bishop, he served as chairman of the General Commission on Worship of the Methodist Church from 1964 until 1972, where he led in the writing and preparing of the alternate Text for the Lord's Supper, which is now included in the Service for Word and Table 1 in the United Methodist Hymnal.

During retirement, Bishop Webb served as a consultant on Spiritual Formation with the Upper Room and led Spiritual Formation retreats and seminars, preaching and teaching missions in annual conferences, districts, colleges and local churches across the country. The endowed annual Lance Webb Lectureship given in his name 1976 by the Central Illinois Conference for lectures on Spiritual Formation continues to feature outstanding speakers each year. In 1991, Lance married Marie White, widow of James K. White, the first district superintendent he ever appoint as a bishop.

Lance is survived by his wife, Marie White Webb; his daughters, Rev. Jeanne Davis of Dallas, Texas, Mary Edlund of Plymouth, Minnesota, and Ruth Lindstrom of Kenosha, Wisconsin; two step-daughters, Peggy Harmon and Jean Ammon, and two step-sons, J. Steven White and John S. White; six grandchildren and nine step-grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and his sister, Jewel Hutto.