

*Establishment and Functioning of Chapters
of Methodists United for Peace with Justice*

Bylaw Provisions

ARTICLE IX

Chapters

1. Methodists United for Peace with Justice may establish chapters within prescribed geographic areas or upon some other basis.

2. The Board of Directors shall prescribe standards and procedures for the establishment of chapters, including requirements for democratic selection of chapter officers and open operating procedures.

3. The Board of Directors shall receive and review applications for recognition as a chapter, may approve, modify or reject such application in accordance with stated procedures, shall provide oversight of chapter operations, and may revoke chapter certification for cause.

*Standards and Procedures
Prescribed by Board of Directors*

1. Definition of Chapter

a. A chapter is a unit of Methodists United for Peace with Justice, organized to carry out the purposes of Methodists United within the chapter area.

b. Chapters may take initiatives within the framework of the purposes and overall policies of Methodists United. But chapters function under the oversight of the Board of Directors, as indicated in the Bylaws.

2. Chapter Membership

a. All members of Methodists United in good standing residing in a chapter area shall be considered chapter members and shall have voting rights in the chapter. Such members may be recruited by the chapter or by the national organization.

b. All members shall pay membership dues to Methodists United, as established by the Board of

Directors. The Board may work out a dues sharing arrangement with individual chapters. Chapters may request voluntary donations from chapter members beyond their national dues, but this shall not be a condition of chapter membership. Chapters may engage in other fundraising activities.

3. Geographic Areas

a. Chapters may be formed within specific geographic areas, such as a state, a city, a metropolitan area, an annual conference of the United Methodist Church, or combined conference areas of two or more Methodist denominations.

b. Chapter boundaries may be proposed by chapter organizers or may be specified by the Board of Directors. The Board shall make final determination in order to prevent overlapping chapter boundaries and to achieve workable chapters.

4. Chapter Officers and Operating Procedures

a. Each chapter may determine its own officers. Such officers shall be elected by mail ballot of all members within the chapter area.

b. Chapter officers shall provide members at least ten days notice of all chapter meetings. Meeting procedures shall be open and democratic.

5. Chapter Formation

a. Chapters may be initiated by the Board of Directors, or a chapter may be formed by members of Methodists United residing within the proposed chapter area.

b. When a chapter is organized by members in the chapter area, the organizers shall submit to the Board of Directors a plan of chapter organization, which shall indicate:

- i. Proposed territory
- ii. Chapter officers and selection process
- iii. Chapter operating procedures, including meeting notice
- iv. Initial activities intended
- v. Budget, including proposed revenues and expenditures
- vi. Proposal for dues sharing, if applicable

c. A chapter plan shall be submitted at least 30 days prior to a meeting of the Board of Directors, although the Board may grant a waiver of submission time if it chooses.

d. The Board shall give prompt consideration of each chapter application. If the Board modifies or rejects an application, it shall state its reasons in writing.

e. A chapter shall remain in existence until it voluntarily dissolves or until its chapter authorization is revoked by the Board of Directors.

6. Revocation

a. The Board of Directors may revoke a chapter's authorization if the Board determines that the chapter is not functioning within the purpose and operation procedures of Methodists United.

b. The Board, or the Executive Committee, shall give chapter officers at least 30 days notice that revocation is under consideration and shall give them an opportunity to appear before the Board.

c. If the Board votes to revoke chapter certification, it shall state its reasons in writing.

Adopted by Board of Directors, March 30, 1990

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

421 Seward Square, SE

Washington, DC 20003

(202) 546-5551

July 30, 1990

To: Members, Methodists United for Peace with Justice

Re: 1990 Election for Board of Director

Enclosed is the ballot for the 1990 election of members of the Board of Directors, Methodists United for Peace with Justice. In this election we are choosing 10 persons to serve a three year term, ending in September 1993. Based upon nominations received from the membership, the Nominating Committee has placed the names of 12 persons on the ballot. Ballot position is by random selection.

Procedures for Voting

1. Mark an "X" in front of the names of the persons for whom you want to vote. You may vote for up to ten persons. Ballots with more than ten names marked will be disqualified.

2. Fold your ballot for mailing and seal it with transparent tape.

3. Place the sealed ballot in the return envelope. Please write your name and address on the envelope. We will use this information to verify membership of persons returning ballots. Any ballot in an envelope without an identifying name will be not be counted. (This was the case with several

ballots last year). After we verify your membership, we will separate the sealed ballot from the return envelope.

4. Put a postage stamp on the envelope and mail it to us. The return envelope must be postmarked no later than August 17, 1990 in order for the ballot to qualify.

5. Ballots will be counted on or about August 24. Candidates will be notified of the results, and we will announce the winners in the next issue of *Peace Leaf*.

Background Information

Brief biographical information on the candidates is enclosed.

For your further information, current directors whose terms have not expired are: Alice Ashton, Raleigh, NC; Rev. Craig L. Barbour, Charlottesville, VA; Delphinia Bowen, Detroit, MI; Ralph L. Clark, Arlington, VA; John D. Copenhaver, Jr., Stephens City, VA; Rev. Bruce K. Edwards, Warwick, GA; Edward Helm, St. Petersburg, FL; Sue Herne, Hogansburg, NY; Rev. John M. Mecartney, Detroit, MI; Betty J. Nelson, Topeka, KS; Nancy Risch, Gulf Breeze, FL; Rev. William Robinson, Little Rock, AR; Rev. Cindy Tappan, Cleveland Heights, OH; Rev. Spencer Turnipseed, Auburn, AL; and Rev. James H. Zeisloft, York, PA. Our executive director, Howard W. Hallman, Bethesda, MD, is a member of the Board of Directors, *ex officio*.

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

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*Ballot for Election of
Members of Board of Directors
for Term Ending September 1993*

(1) Vote for no more than 10 candidates by placing an "X" before their names.

___ *Doris Akers*

___ *Sherman W. Harris*

___ *Kathy Brown*

___ *Rev. Joy E. Arthur*

___ *Rev. Howard Wariner*

___ *Margaret Bryan*

___ *Rev. Clifford A. Armour, Jr.*

___ *Rollin L. Rothhaar*

___ *Harold W. Wolke*

___ Hilda Arndt, Ph.D.

___ Margaret Fertschneider

___ Jennifer Garvin-Sanchez

(2) Fold ballot and seal with transparent tape.

(3) Place sealed ballot in return envelope. Write your name and address on the envelope for identification and validation.

(4) Mail to Methodists United for Peace with Justice, 421 Seward Square, SE, Washington, DC 20003. To be valid, return envelope must be postmarked no later than August 17, 1990.

July 1990

*Biographical Information on
Candidates for Board of Directors
Methodists United for Peace with Justice (MUPJ)*

Doris Akers, Follett, Texas

Current vice-chair, MUPJ Board of Directors; chair, Church and Society, District Council of Ministries: District United Methodist Women, Christian Social Involvement; attended a World Peace Conference "Seeking the True Meaning of Peace" in San Jose, Costa Rica.

Clifford A. Armour, Jr., Newark, Delaware

Current member, MUPJ Board of Directors; senior pastor, Newark United Methodist Church; member, Christian Peace Conference, CAREE; has traveled to Zimbabwe and South Africa with Plowshares; sponsored programs on Central and Latin America in local church; Pastor's Caravan for Peace.

Hilda Arndt, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Chair, Peace with Justice Committee, Louisiana United Methodist Conference; Ph.D., retired professor of social work, LSU; member, University UMC (formerly lay leader; chair, Church and Society; chair, Christian Unity); member, National Peace Foundation, Clergy and Laity Concerned.

Joy E. Arthur, Midland, Michigan

Pastor in Detroit United Methodist Conference; chairperson, Peace Section of Conference Board of Church and Society; nominated by conference staff as "active & responsible person in peace & justice issues."

Kathy Brown, Kirkwood, Missouri

Member, Kirkwood United Methodist Church; member, Peace with Justice Task Force, Missouri East United Methodist Conference, which

nominated and endorsed her; active with Missouri Freeze.

Margaret Bryan, Gatlinburg, Tennessee

Chairperson, Peace with Justice Task Force, Holston United Methodist Conference; draws 150 persons to annual peace with justice luncheon; pastor's wife with 35 years of mutual ministry in local churches, including an exchange pulpit in England; traveled in Soviet Union and throughout Europe.

Margaret Ferthschneider, Atascadero, California

Chair, Peace with Justice Task Force, California-Pacific United Methodist Conference; for several years has organized an annual Nevada Desert Experience (protesting nuclear weapons testing); attended Albuquerque Church and Society Conference.

Jennifer Garvin-Sanchez, Richmond, Virginia

Current assistant treasurer, MUPJ Board of Directors; secretary, Administrative Board, Pace Memorial United Methodist Church; MA in Theology (Vanderbilt); specializes in liberation theology; director of social change education and action, Freedom House (an ecumenical ministry for the poor).

Sherman W. Harris, Potomac, Maryland

Current chair, MUPJ Board of Directors and founding co-chair of initial MUPJ Steering Committee; member, Asbury UMC, Washington, D.C.; leadership positions in Baltimore Conference, UMC; travel in Soviet Union, Middle East; member, Executive Committee, The Alliance for Our Common Future.

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Rollin L. Rothhaar, San Diego, California

Lay delegate, California-Pacific United Methodist Conference; member,

Conference Commission on Status and Role of Women; in 1986 walked 1,700 miles in Great Peace March for Global Nuclear Disarmament; participant in Nevada Desert Experience; has helped construct homes for Habitat for Humanity.

Howard Warriner, Phoenix, Arizona

Pastor in Desert Southwest United Methodist Conference; past four years, leader of Lenten Prayer Vigil for Peace with Justice, now grown to participation by over 90 percent of conference churches; nominated by director, Conference Council of Ministries because of peace and justice ministry.

Harold W. Wulke, Long Beach, California

Director of peace with justice, Long Beach District, California-Pacific United Methodist Conference; works with local church peace advocates; in 1989 sponsored a seminar on Peace in the Middle East; assemblyman in California Senior Legislature.

July 1990

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Education

Fund".

Name _____ Telephone _____

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Signed _____ Date _____

Please print _____

Name (with title)

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Meeting of Board of Directors

March 15-16, 1991 in Washington, DC

AGENDA

Friday, March 15

8:30 a.m. Breakfast. Fellowship Hall, Capitol Hill United Methodist Church

421 Seward Square, SE, Washington, DC

9:30 Worship. Leader: Rev. Spencer Turnipseed

10:00 Opening of Business Meetings.

Adoption of agenda.

Minutes of previous meeting.

Board resignations.

10:15 Discussion of Peace Issues.

(a) Concerns of board members.

(b) What MUPJ has been doing.

(c) What we should be doing in coming months.

12:00 noon Lunch.

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- 3:00 Break.
- 3:15 Pan-Methodism, part one.
Current approaches of Methodist denominations.
What MUPJ has been doing.
- 5:15 Break.
- 6:00 Dinner.
- 7:00 Pan-Methodism, part two.
What we should be doing in coming months.
- 9:00 p.m. Adjourn until morning.

Saturday, March 16

8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast.

9:00 Ways and Means.

Finance and membership reports.

Fundraising.

Membership recruitment.

Preparation for annual election.

Set date for next meeting.

10:30 Break.

10:45 Determination of priorities for next six months.

11:45 Closing worship. Leader: Rev. Lovenger Bowden

Adjourn.

12:00 noon Lunch.

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A Resolution on Arab-Israeli Conflict

Adopted by Board of Directors

March 15, 1991

Even as we experience the end of war, we are also concerned about the aftermath of the Persian Gulf conflict and especially the heightening of tensions and hostilities generated by the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians.

We pray that the government of Israel and the Palestinians will enter into negotiations over legitimate concerns of both, rather than pursuing methods of retaliation.

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Because Jesus has commanded us to be peacemakers, we call upon United Methodist congregations to take the following actions.

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- 2. Write President Bush and members of Congress urging of our*

government's promotion and participation in multilateral negotiations on this conflict.

3. Avoid stereotyping Arabs and Jews or labeling them in a negative way.

4. Call for the protection of civil liberties and welfare of Arab-American and Jews who might be at risk of discrimination.

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6. Urge the General Boards of Church and Society and of Global Ministries and the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns to develop and disseminate educational materials which aim to help United Methodists understand the intricacies of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

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Note: United Methodist conferences are urged to adopt this resolution and also

a resolution on Iraqi relief, as suggested on other side.

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Local Church Contacts

Church _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Pastor _____

Home phone _____

Associate Pastor _____

Home phone _____

Chair, C & S _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Peace Advocate _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Notes:

*A Resolution on Iraqi Relief
Proposed to United Methodist Annual Conferences
by Board of Directors
Methodists United for Peace with Justice*

Whereas, Jesus taught us to love our enemies, even as God makes the sun to rise

on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous (Matthew 5:45);

Whereas, the Apostle Paul has taught us not to repay anyone evil for evil, but that if our enemies are hungry to feed them, if they are thirsty to give them something to drink (Romans 12:17 & 20);

Whereas, the Church is called to embody God's love for all people;

Whereas, although President Bush stated repeatedly that the United States has

no quarrel with the Iraqi people, many Iraqi civilians were killed or injured as a result of coalition bombing in the Persian Gulf War;

Whereas, the people of Iraq suffered from massive destruction of their roads, bridges, utilities, and airfields, leaving them unable to provide necessary medical and relief services;

Whereas, President Bush has stated that not one dime of U.S. taxpayers' money

will be spent to rebuild Iraq;

Therefore, be it resolved that the _____ Conference of the United Methodist Church call upon the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries to organize delegations and work teams to visit Iraq with medical and relief supplies (purchased with funds raised by special offerings), working with Christian churches in Iraq. Wherever possible, these groups are asked to coordinate their purchasing and relief efforts with the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

Be it further resolved that we call upon the Council of Bishops to send a similar delegation to Iraq to express the deep concern of the whole Church for those who suffer.

For further information and to indicate the annual conference response, contact:

Howard W. Hallman, Executive Director
Methodists United for Peace with Justice

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(301) 897-3668

Developed and adopted by Board of Directors on March 15, 1991.

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**PAN-METHODIST CONSULTATION
ON JUSTICE ISSUES OF THE 1990s**

Saturday, October 19, 1991

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Capitol Hill United Methodist Church

421 Seward Square, SE (off Pennsylvania Avenue, SE)

Washington, D.C.

Purpose: *To explore common concerns on justice issues of the African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, Christian Methodist Episcopal, and United Methodist denominations.*

Invitees: *Board of Directors of Methodists United for Peace with Justice (this will be the second day of the semi-annual board meeting); additional persons from AME, AME Zion, CME, and UM churches, including representatives of UM racial/ethnic caucuses (Asian, Black, Hispanic, Native American). Resource person: Hilary Shelton, United Methodist General Board of Church and Society.*

8:30 a.m. Continental breakfast

9:00 Welcome. Opening worship.

- 9:15 Preview of consultation. For each denomination, a ten minute presentation on how denomination deals justice and peace issues and the current issue emphasis. For each caucus, a similar five minute presentation.
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Small group discussion in three stages.
- (1) Each person writes her/his ideas of three most important justice issues of the 1990s.
 - (2) Group reviews individual lists and seeks a group consensus on three most important issues.
 - (3) Group considers how Pan-Methodist denominations might work together on these issues.
- Group designates a spokesperson for afternoon session.
- 12:00 Buffet luncheon
- 1:00 p.m. General session.
- Each group's spokesperson indicates group's top three issues and ideas for Pan-Methodist action (3-5 minutes each).
Response by Hilary Shelton and a panel from Board of Directors.
- General discussion and exploration of whether a consensus exists
on particular issues and actions.
Summation of consultation.
- 2:30 Adjourn consultation

3:00-4:00 Board of Directors reconvenes to consider possible follow-up.

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*Agenda for Meeting of
Board of Directors
Friday and Saturday, October 18 and 19, 1991*

*at Capitol Hill United Methodist Church
421 Seward Square, SE, Washington, D.C.*

Friday, October 18

- 8:30 a.m. Orientation breakfast for new board members.
All other directors are invited.*
- 9:30 Worship*
- 10:00 Review of agenda.
Minutes of previous meeting.
Reports on membership, finance, grantseeking.
Review of program activities of past six months.*
- 12:00 noon Lunch*
- 1:00 p.m. Divide into interest groups,
such as membership, finance, program.*

- 2:45 *Break*
- 3:00 *Reports from interest groups for board discussion.*
- 5:00 *Break*
- 6:00 *Dinner. Sit together by United Methodist jurisdictions.*
- 7:00 *Election of officers.*
Review performance of executive director.
Determination of program priorities for next six months.
Adoption of annual budget.
- 8:30 p.m. *Adjourn until next day.*

Saturday, October 19

- 8:30 a.m. *Continental breakfast*
- 9:00 - 2:30 *Pan-Methodist consultation on justice issues of the 1990s*
See separate agenda.
- 3:00
follow-up. *Board of Directors reconvenes to consider possible*
- 4:00 p.m. *Adjournment*

The Call

The United Methodist bishops in their 1986 pastoral letter, *In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Just Peace*, called for greater witness and action for peace and justice. In response, Methodists United for Peace with Justice formed as a national association of laity and clergy.

As our name "Methodists United" indicates, we seek the participation of persons from the African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Christian Methodist Episcopal, Free Methodist, and United Methodist denominations in the United States. However, we are not an official part of any Methodist denomination.

Current Agenda

We have adopted "Swords into Plowshares" as our major theme for the 1990s. To implement this theme we are working for:

- **Global nuclear disarmament.** We support the total elimination of all nuclear weapons everywhere on Earth. We advocate immediate deactivation of all strategic and tactical nuclear weapons, followed by dismantlement in stages. We favor a comprehensive test ban treaty and rigorous enforcement of the nuclear nonproliferation treaty with universal membership. We oppose the futile attempt to erect a strategic defense.
- **Shifts in federal budget priorities.** We are working to achieve a significant reduction in military spending and to shift resources to programs that meet urgent human needs in the United States and in developing nations. Out of respect for future generations, we advocate federal deficit reduction through fair taxation, based upon ability to pay.

- **Justice.** We are committed to working for human rights, the needs of children and youth, economic security for all, and overcoming homelessness and lack of affordable housing.
- **Economic conversion.** We favor converting resources now directed to military production to socially useful purposes.
- **International institutions.** We look to the United Nations and other international organizations as primary vehicles for resolving international conflict and peacekeeping operations.
- **Middle East.** We support efforts to resolve Arab/Israeli conflict in a way that assures security and self-determination for all peoples and nations in the Middle East.
- **Arms trade, regional disarmament.** We urge curtailment of the global arms trade and military technology. We advocate disarmament initiatives in the Middle East and other regions of the globe.

Modes of Operation

Education. Through our publications we provide information on current issues to people around the country who are active in local churches and Methodist district and conference units. We also offer nonpartisan policy ideas to governmental officials and civic leaders and to the media. We gather information through our own research and through participation in national coalitions on arms reduction, budget priorities, and human needs.

Public policy advocacy. From a base in Washington, D.C. we engage in public policy advocacy directed toward Congress and the federal executive. We provide timely information on legislative issues to grassroots Methodists

around the country. Occasionally we send out petitions for circulation.

Ecclesial. We foster Pan-Methodist collaboration on peace and justice issues, and we work cooperatively with official denominational units. From time to time we provide draft resolutions to our contacts within Methodist annual conferences, and we make our own proposals to the general conferences.

Publications

Witnessing for Peace and Justice: Peacemaker Handbook offers ideas on how local groups can carry out a threefold approach to peace and justice: Prayer, Study, and Action.

Peace Leaf is our quarterly educational bulletin. It features background information on public issues and ideas for local activities.

Peace/Justice Alert focuses on actions citizens can take on specific public issues, especially on pending decisions being made in Washington by Congress and the President.

Members of Methodists United receive all of these publications.

To Join

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 Federal budget priorities
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12:00 noon Lunch

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Origin

The United Methodist bishops in their 1986 pastoral letter, *In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Just Peace*, called for greater witness and action for peace and justice. In response, Methodists United for Peace with Justice formed as a national association of laity and clergy.

As our name "Methodists United" indicates, we seek the participation of persons from the African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Christian Methodist Episcopal, Free Methodist, and United Methodist denominations in the United States. However, we are not an official part of any Methodist denomination.

Publications

Witnessing for Peace and Justice: Peacemaker Handbook offers ideas on how local groups can carry out a threefold approach to peace and justice: Prayer, Study, and Action.

Peace Leaf is our quarterly educational bulletin. It features background information on public issues and ideas for local activities.

Peace/Justice Alert focuses on actions citizens can take on specific public issues, especially on pending decisions being made in Washington by Congress and the President.

To Join

Membership in Methodists United for Peace with Justice is open to individuals and organizations sharing our purposes. Suggested minimum annual membership contribution is \$15 for individuals and \$50 for organizations. Greater amounts are welcome. To join, send your check, name, and address to Methodists United for Peace with Justice, 421 Seward Square, SE, Washington, DC 20003.

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PROPOSALS TO 1992 UNITED METHODIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

A resolution on "Nuclear Disarmament: the Zero Option". Reaffirming the 1986 position of the United Methodist Council of Bishops that said "no" to nuclear deterrence and presented "the eventual goal of a mutual and verifiable dismantling of all nuclear armaments." Stating: "With the Cold War ended, now is the time to exercise the zero option: to eliminate all nuclear weapons throughout the globe." Objectives include (1) immediate deactivation of all strategic weapons followed by staged, total dismantlement; (2) elimination of all tactical nuclear weapons; (3) ending of all testing and production of additional nuclear weapons; (4) a vigorous and universal nonproliferation regime; and (5) termination of efforts to develop strategic defense. -- Offered by Board of Directors, Methodists United for Peace with Justice

A resolution on "terrorism", offering a approach to the causes of terrorism, supporting international conflict resolution, and opposing indiscriminate military force to combat terrorism. -- Offered by Henry Schwarzmann, chair, Peace with Justice Task Force, and Sherman Harris, chair, Board of Church and Society, Baltimore Conference.

A resolution entitled "Developing a national consensus for clergy and

laity underneath the myth in the Third World and the United States: who are the future world controllers?" -- Offered by Sherman Harris, chair, Board of Directors, Methodists United for Peace with Justice.

A resolution on "Support for the United Nations", urging "the United States Government to provide its full share of financial support for the United Nations, related international organizations, and United Nations peacekeeping force." -- offered by Howard W. Hallman, executive director, Methodists United for Peace with Justice.

A proposal to amend Paragraph 74(G) of The Book of Discipline on the Social Principles to "call upon the church to encourage its members to choose conscientious objection to military service as a faithful response to the Gospel." -- offered by John D. Copenhaver, Jr., a clergy member of the Virginia Conference.

Paid Reservations
Peace with Justice Breakfast
May 6, 1992

Marlin Ackerson
Philip Amerson
Ester J. Angel
Grayson Atla
Rev. Mary Council Austin

Mason City, TN
Bloomington, IN
Bethesda, OH
Cincinnati, OH
Washington, DC

Mary Baldrige
Kathleen Barden
Bishop George A. Bashore
Anita Billingsley
Roberta E. Blackwell
Ethel Born
Carol Ann Bradley
Dolley Brittingham
Elizabeth Burlew
Shirley Byers (4)

Millersville, MD
New Hartford, NY
Mars, PA
Monterey, VA
Charlotte, NC
Salem, VA
Columbus, OH
Salisbury, MD
Manlius, NY
Nassau, NY

Jo Carr
Joan Chapin (2)
Betty J. Chatham
Bruce & Brooke Conklin (2)
Bill Cook -- not paid
John D. Cooke
Elsie Crickard
William C. Crouch (2)

Pampa, TX
Caro, MI
Ellisville, MS
Saratoga Springs, NY
Beaverton, OR
Rochester, NY
Concordia, KS
Dallas, TX

Randy Day
Bishop William W. Dew
Nancy Duel
S. F. Dufresne

Ridgefield, CT
Portland, OR
Arlington Heights, IL
Mahnston, PA

Dorothy M. Earl (2)
Alma Edwards
Jane Eesley

Windsor, NY
Southfield, MI
Staten Island, NY

Thom White Wolf Fassett

Washington, DC

Sandra Ferguson
Betty Finn (2)
Bernd-Dieter Fischer
Nancy P. Fowlkes

Baltimore, MD
Oceanside, CA
Nürnberg, Germany
White Plains, NY

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Betty J. Geiger	Springfield, OH
Edgar S. Goins	Louisville, KY
Eileen Gray (3)	Dayton, PA
Donna L. Grubb	State Colleg, PA
Dick Hamilton	Indianapolis, IN
Barbara Harper	Birmingham, AL
Sherman Harris	Potomac, MD
William R. Harvey	Canton, OH
C. Wayman Hollis	Mountain Home, AR
Jack Hooper	San Antonio, TX
Charles Hutcinson	Indianapolis, IN
Bishop Neil L. Irons	Pennington, NJ
S. Clifton Ives (2)	Portland, ME
Rev. Kinmoth W. Jefferson	Montclair, NY
Dr. Irene Khin Khin Jensen	St. Paul, MI
Charles W. Jordan	Chicago, IL
Edward A. Kail	Kansas City, MO
Bernard Keels	Fort Washington, MD
Don Kieseey	Mt. Pleasant, IA
Hae-Jong Kim (2)	Basking Ridge, NJ
William C. Kirkwood	Garden City, NY
Kathi Austin Mahle	Brookyn Park, MN
Bishop Felton E. May (2)	Harrisburg, PA
Harriet A. Mays	Greenwood, SC
George McClain	Staten Island, NY
Bill McClung (3)	Chesapeake, VA
Bishop Calvin & Velma McConnell (2)	Seattle, WA
Don Messer	Englewood, CO
Sarah S. Miller	Montrose, PA
Mary Ann Moman	Indianapolis, ID
Bishop Susan Morrison	Valley Forge, PA

Susan J. Morrison
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Andover, MA
Vicksburg, MS

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Inday Oay	Ridgefield, CT
Robert A. Oetjen (2)	Sebring, OH
Marilyn Outslay	Aloha, OR
Conrad M. Page, Jr.	Etters, PA
Peggy Paige	Manchester, MI
Rev. Richard S. Parker	Port Washington, NY
Rev. C. Alfred Patten	Rockford, IL
Carl Peterson	York, PA
Deborah Pitts	Skaneateles, NY
Dorothy Ravenhorst	Lexington, VA
Sharon Rhodes-Wickett	Lakewood, CA
Robin Ringler	Washington, DC
Stanley C. Sager (2)	Albuquerque, NM
Peggy I. Sewell	Salt Lake City, UT
Ann B. Sherer	Houston, TX
R. Paul Sims	Effingham, IL
Gary D. Sowers	York, PA
C. Joseph Sprague	Columbus, OH
Elizabeth B. St. Clair (2)	Greenville, DE
Harold & Joyce Stanton (2)	Birmingham, MI
Garrie Stevens (2)	Mexico, NY
Vance Summers, Jr.	Columbus, OH
Thomas G. Taylor	Fairbanks, AK
Barbara Ricks Thompson (2)	Washington, DC
Margie Turbyfill	Farmville, VA
Peter D. Weaver	Pittsburgh, PA
Betty Whitehurst (2)	Virginia Beach, VA
Don Williams	Hudsonville, MI
Edna L. Williams	Tuskegee Institute, AL
Margaret Ann Williams (2)	Chicago, IL
Jim Winkler	Washington, DC

J.P. Woodland

Monroe, LA

PEACE WITH JUSTICE BREAKFAST

1992 United Methodist General Conference

*7:00 to 8:15 a.m., Wednesday, May 6, 1992
at Hyatt Regency Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky*

PROGRAM

Invocation.....Bishop Judith Craig

"Seeking Peace, Justice and World Order"

Bishop William W. Dew, Jr.

"Nuclear Disarmament and Budget Priorities"

*Howard W. Hallman, Executive Director
Methodists United for Peace with Justice*

"Dealing with Drugs and Violence"

Bishop Felton E. May

"Responding to Racism"

General Secretary Thom White Wolf Fassett

General Board of Church and Society

&

General Secretary Barbara R. Thompson

General Commission on Religion and Race

Introduction of Other Board and Caucus Representatives

General Council on Ministries

General Board of Global Ministries

Black Methodists for Church Renewal

Metodistas Asociados Representado la Causa de los Hispano-Americanos

Methodist Federation for Social Action

National Federation of Asian American United Methodists

Native American International Caucus

Questions from the Floor

Presiding: Sherman W. Harris, Chair

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Membership on Board of Directors

Currently the Board of Directors of Methodists United for Peace with Justice consists of the following persons, though some of them may have resigned.

Elected in 1990 for term ending September 1993

- 1. Doris Akers*
- 2. Clifford Armour*
- 3. Hilda Arndt*
- 4. Joy Arthur*
- 5. Sherman Harris*
- 6. Kathleen Brown*
- 7. Margaret Fertschneider*
- 8. Rollin Rothhaar*

(Presumably they are still serving until their successors are elected)

Previously resigned:

- 9. Margaret Bryant*
- 10. Howard Warriner*

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- 1. Mary Council-Austin*
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- 3. Timothy Boal*
- 4. Spencer Turnipseed*

5. Tom Burger
6. Alfred Dale
7. Inez Ireland Dawes
8. James Hipkins
9. Diane Stanton-Rich
10. Betty Taylor

Designated for term ending September 1995 by Board on March 19, 1993 in lieu of election in 1993

1. Cliff Churn
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4. Jayne Mardock
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6. Phillip H. Miller
7. Henry F. Schwarzmann
8. Harold W. Wilke

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Serving by appointment for unstated terms

From African Methodist Episcopal Church

*Grainger Brown
Carroll Chambliss
William Deveaux*

*From African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
Lovenger Bowden
Joseph Davis*

*From Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
Weldon Thomas*

*From Black Methodists for Church Renewal
William Robinson
Cindy Tappan*

*From Native American International Caucus
Sue Herne*

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Membership on Board of Directors

Status, March 16, 1994

Elected in 1990 for term ending September 1993

- 1. Doris Akers - has been inactive*
- 2. Hilda Arndt - poor health*
- 3. Joy Arthur - still interested*
- 4. Sherman Harris*
- 5. Kathleen Brown - still interested*
- 6. Margaret Fertschneider - replaced by Cliff Churn*

Resigned:

- 7. Clifford Armour*
- 8. Margaret Bryant*
- 9. Rollin Rothhaar*
- 10. Howard Warriner*

Elected in 1991 for term ending September 1994

- 1. Mary Council-Austin*
- 2. Betty Benton*
- 3. Timothy Boal*
- 4. Alfred Dale - wants to remain on board*
- 5. Inez Ireland Dawes*
- 6. James Hipkins*
- 7. Betty Taylor*

Resigned

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Serving by appointment from Methodist denominations and caucuses

From African Methodist Episcopal Church

*Grainger Brown **

*Carroll Chambliss **

*William Deveaux **

From African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

*Lovenger Bowden **

*Joseph Davis **

From Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

Weldon Thomas - doesn't want to be a full, active board member

From Black Methodists for Church Renewal

*William Robinson **

Cindy Tappan - resigned

From Native American International Caucus

*Sue Herne **

** Completed three year term*

March 16, 1994

*Proposed Amendment to Bylaws of
Methodists United for Peace with Justice*

Amend Article V, § 4 as follows:

(a) Delete the following sentences:

No person shall serve more than two consecutive three-year terms. However, an initial term of less than three years due to appointment to fill a vacancy or creation of staggered terms shall be permitted in addition to two consecutive terms.

(b) Add the following sentences:

Commencing in 1995, terms of directors shall end in January. Terms of directors previously elected or appointed to terms ending in September shall be extended to the following January.

Approval Process for Bylaw Amendments

Article XIII specifies that the bylaws may be amended at an regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority vote of directors then in office. The proposed amendment must be contained in the required notice of the meeting.

Article V, § 5 requires a 14 day notice for regular board meetings and a 7 day notice for special board meetings.

Article V, § 8 permits actions without a board meeting "if a written consent is signed by all members of the Board."

*Suggested by Howard W. Hallman
March 18, 1994*

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MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 18-19, 1994

Agenda Items (not necessarily in order of consideration)

Finance

Financial reports

Fundraising

Membership

Current membership

Recruitment

Administration

Board membership

Current status

Adding members

Election of officers

Assignment of responsibilities

Peace Leaf

Status

Broadening distribution

Gathering

1993

1994

Pan-Methodist relationships

Issues

Nuclear disarmament

Other

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- 9. Harold W. Wulke*

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March 21, 1994

March 16, 1994

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As amended, § 4 would read as follows:

4. Commencing in September 1989, members of the Board of Directors shall serve three year terms, staggered so that approximately one-third of the terms expire each year. At the first meeting of the new Board of Directors in the fall of 1989, members shall be assigned by lot to groups serving three, two, and one year terms. Thereafter, there shall be an election and appointment process to fill positions of persons whose term is expiring. The Board shall fill the unexpired term of any director leaving the Board prior to the expiration of his/her term. No person shall serve more than two consecutive three-year terms. However, an initial term of less than three years due to appointment to fill a vacancy or creation of staggered terms shall be permitted in addition to two consecutive three-year terms. Commencing in 1995, terms of directors shall end in January. Terms of directors previously elected or appointed to terms ending in September shall be extended to the following January.

CERTIFICATION

I approve the above amendment to the bylaws of Methodists United for Peace with Justice.

Signed _____

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November 1994

___ Yes, I want to renew my membership in Methodists United for Peace with Justice.

Enclosed is my

membership renewal contribution of:

___ \$15 ___ \$25 ___ \$35 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ \$250 ___ \$500

___ \$___

Make renewal check payable to "Methodists United for Peace with Justice".

___ In addition, I want to make a special tax-exempt contribution for Methodists

United's educational activities in an amount of:

___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ \$250 ___ \$500 ___ \$1,000

___ \$___

Make special contribution check payable to "Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund".

Name _____

Address _____

Street, apt. #; route, box #

City, state, zip code

Telephone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Congressional district or representative _____

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Yes, we want to become an organizational member of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. Enclosed is our membership contribution of:

\$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1,000

\$_____

Make check payable to "Methodists United for Peace with Justice".

Organization _____

Address _____

Street, apt. #; route, box #

City, state, zip code

Contact person _____ Telephone _____

Attach additional names and addresses to receive mailings.

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*Meeting of Board of Directors
Methodists United for Peace with Justice
March 24 and 25, 1995
Washington, DC*

Friday, March 24 (9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

Gathering

Renewing acquaintance

Worship

Preparation for business

Determination of quorum

Ratification of bylaws amendment

Election of new board members

Volunteers for minutes

Adoption of agenda

Reports

Minutes of previous meeting

Treasurer's report

Initial discussion of fundraising

Membership report

Initial discussion of recruitment

Issues of Concern

International

Disarmament, arms trade

Ethnic conflict

International organizations

Other

Domestic

Budget priorities

Justice: social, economic

Other

Lunch

MODES OF OPERATION

Publications

Peace Leaf

Peace/Justice Alerts

Other educational activities

Public policy advocacy

Ecclesial

United Methodist

1996 General Conference

Other

Broader Methodist family

Canceled 1994 Gathering

What next (if anything)?

Saturday, March 25 (9:00 a.m. to 12 noon)

Prayer

Board of directors

Election of officers

Adding board members

Next board meeting

National Advisory Committee

Membership and finance

Recruitment

Individuals

Churches

Conferences

Fundraising

Assignments

Program priorities

Reprise from Friday

Determination of priorities for year ahead

Assignments

Closing worship

Adjournment

Lunch

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Term ending January 1998

1. Risher Brabham
2. James Hipkins

November 1994

*A Proposed Resolution to Be Submitted to the
1996 United Methodist General Conference
by Board of Directors
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Nuclear Abolition

Saying "No" to Nuclear Deterrence

*In 1986 the United Methodist Council of Bishops, after nearly two years of prayerful and penitent study, adopted a pastoral letter and foundation document entitled *In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Just Peace*.¹ The bishops' statement was deeply rooted in biblical faith. They wrote:*

¹ *United Methodist Council of Bishops, In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Justice Peace.* Nashville: Graded Press, 1986.

At the heart of the Old Testament is the testimony of shalom, that marvelous Hebrew word that means peace. But the peace that is shalom is not negative or one-dimensional. It is much more than the absence of war. Shalom is positive peace: harmony, wholeness, health, and well-being in all human relationships. It is the natural state of humanity as birthed by God. It is harmony between humanity and all of God's good creation. All of creation is interrelated. Every creature, every element, every force of nature participates in the whole of creation. If any persons is denied shalom, all are thereby diminished....²

New Testament faith presupposes a radical break between the follies, or much so-called conventional wisdom about power and security, on the one hand, and the transcendent wisdom of shalom, on the other. Ultimately, New Testament faith is message of hope about God's plan and purpose for human destiny. It is a redemptive vision that refuses to wallow in doom.³

Based upon this faith the bishops in their pastoral letter stated

unequivocally that:

² *Op. cit.*, p. 24.

³ *Op. cit.*, p. 28.

we say a clear and unconditional *No* to nuclear war and to any use of nuclear weapons. We conclude that nuclear deterrence is a position that cannot receive the church's blessing.⁴

The implication is clear. If nuclear weapons cannot be legitimately used for either deterrence or warfighting, no nation should possess them.

Accordingly, in the foundation document the bishops indicated:

We support the earliest possible negotiation of phased but rapid reduction of nuclear arsenals, while calling upon all other nuclear-weapon states to agree to parallel arms reductions, to the eventual goal of a mutual and verifiable dismantling of all nuclear armaments.⁵

In 1988 the United Methodist General Conference affirmed and supported the statements of the Council of Bishops contained in *In Defense of Creation*.⁶ Four years later, in a resolution entitled "Nuclear Disarmament: The Zero Option", the 1992 General Conference, stated that "now is the time

⁴ *Op. cit.*, p. 92.

⁵ *Op. cit.*, p. 76.

⁶ *Book of Resolutions [to be completed]*

to exercise the zero option: to eliminate all nuclear weapons throughout the globe"⁷ and offered a series of concrete actions for achieving this goal.

Goals and Objectives

We reaffirm the goal of total abolition of all nuclear weapons throughout Earth and space. This can occur by achieving the following objectives:

- Complete elimination of all nuclear weapons by all possessors.
- Complete elimination of all delivery vehicles by all possessors.
- Termination of all development, production, and testing of nuclear weapons by all nations and by all individuals and groups with nuclear ambition.
- Prevention of all non-possessors from developing and otherwise acquiring nuclear weapons and their delivery vehicles.

⁷ *The Book of Resolutions of the United Methodist Church, 1992. p. 601.*

These objectives should be achieved as soon as possible through a combination of international treaties and reciprocal national initiatives, carried out with adequate verification.

Progress and Prospects

The Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union, which dominated world politics for more than four decades, has ended. The Berlin wall has fallen. Eastern Europe is free from Soviet control. The Warsaw Pact has gone out of existence. The Soviet Union itself has dissolved. Most of the independent republics of the former USSR are committed to democracy and a free-market economy.

Yet remaining is a large portion of the huge nuclear arsenal accumulated by the United States, the Soviet Union, Great Britain, France, and China to apply the pernicious doctrine of mutually assured destruction. Moreover, Israel, feeling threatened by its neighbors, has produced an undisclosed number of nuclear weapons. India has developed capability to produce

nuclear weapons, and Pakistan is seeking to do likewise. Elsewhere other nations, such as North Korea, Iran, Iraq, and Libya, seem interested in acquiring nuclear weapons.

On the positive side the United States and the Soviet Union before its collapse agreed to eliminate all intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) and to commence curtailment of long-range forces through provisions of the first Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START I). Subsequently the United States and Russia have entered into START II to achieve further reductions and are considering negotiations of START III. Belarus, Ukraine, and Kazakhstan have endorsed START II and committed themselves to eliminate all nuclear weapons left on their territories when the Soviet Union disbanded.

International treaties have created nuclear-weapon-free zones in South American, South Pacific, Antarctica, Seabed, and Outer Space. In 1995 the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) was extended indefinitely, committing signatories not in possession of nuclear weapons to refrain from acquiring

them and committing signatories possessing nuclear weapons to negotiate "a treaty on general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control." And efforts are underway by the possessor nations to negotiate, adopt, and carry out a Comprehensive Test Ban (CTB) Treaty.

These are worthy efforts in the right direction. However, they are not proceeding far enough or fast enough toward the goal of nuclear abolition.

Further Initiatives Required

As means of moving much more rapidly toward nuclear abolition, we recommend that the following initiatives be undertaken:

- All nations possessing nuclear weapons should make an unconditional pledge of no first use.
- All nuclear-weapon-free zones should be respected and further zones established.
- START II should be fully carried out as quickly as possible.
- As a prelude to further reduction, all possessor nations should

immediately and concurrently deactivate their entire strategic arsenal by removing all warheads from delivery vehicles and storing them safely under international inspection.

- *As a companion measure, all possessor nations should withdraw all tactical nuclear weapons from active deployment and store them safely under international inspection.*
- *As rapidly as possible, all deactivated strategic and tactical nuclear weapons and all delivery vehicles should be dismantled under international inspection in an agreed sequence that is balanced so that at no stage could any nation gain an advantage.*
- *All fissionable material removed from nuclear weapons should be rendered harmless and carefully safeguarded with continuous international inspection.*
- *All nations capability of producing nuclear weapons should immediately cease all production of fissionable material, testing of*

nuclear warheads, and manufacture of all delivery vehicles, including missiles, bombers, submarines, surface ships, and all other means of delivery.

- *A global Comprehensive Test Ban should be agreed upon, honored, and enforced.*
- *All nuclear weapons production facilities should be closed, except as they might be used to disassemble nuclear warheads and convert nuclear material to non-weapon use.*
- *All nations on Earth should become signatories of the Non-Proliferation Treaty and faithfully observe its requirements.*
- *The Non-Proliferation Treaty should be vigorously enforced with adequate financial and technical support to detect and halt covert nuclear activities.*
- *An international system should be instituted to prevent the development, production, and deployment of ballistic missiles capable*

of attacking an adversary's homeland.

- *All efforts to develop and deploy strategic anti-missile defense systems should be terminated as illusory, unnecessary, and wasteful.*
- *Serious efforts should be made to stimulate the development of sustainable, renewable, and environmentally friendly energy sources to replace nuclear energy, thereby eliminating a potential source of fissionable material.*

Leadership for Study and Action

We call upon the Council of Bishops and the General Board of Church and Society to provide leadership, guidance, and educational material to United Methodists, congregations, and conferences in order to assist them in understanding and working for the goal and objectives of nuclear abolition.

Conclusion

We fervently believe that these recommendations will greatly enhance global security by eliminating the possibility of nuclear war. Furthermore,

the resources of human talent, production capacity, and money released can become available to deal with urgent human problems around the globe.

Nuclear abolition provides great hope for global peace and prosperity.

August 7, 1995

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**BYLAWS OF
METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE**

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the corporation is Methodists United for Peace with Justice, hereinafter referred to as Methodists United.

ARTICLE II

Purposes

Methodists United is organized as a nonprofit organization. The purposes of Methodists United include the following:

- (1) Advocate and support the awareness of, discussion about, and legislative and executive implementation of the United Methodist bishops' pastoral letter and foundation document, In Defense of Creation (1986) and other peace and justice policies and programs of the United Methodist Church.*
- (2) Advocate and support the awareness of, discussion about, and legislative and executive implementation of peace and justice policies and programs of other religious denominations within the Methodist tradition.*
- (3) Assist local peace with justice witness through the development of resources, programs, and communications.*

- (4) *Conduct educational activities on peace and justice issues.*
- (5) *Publish newsletters, reports, other publications, and audiovisual material on peace and justice matters.*
- (6) *Mobilize grassroots support for public policies that implement In Defense of Creation and other peace and justice proposals.*
- (7) *Engage in such related organizational legal purposes as will support and assist the foregoing activities.*

ARTICLE III

Registered Office and Agent

At all times Methodists United shall maintain a registered office and a registered agent in the District of Columbia, as designated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV

Members

1. Methodists United for Peace with Justice is a membership organization.

2. Members shall consist of persons who subscribe to the purposes of Methodists United and who have paid membership dues or made a financial or in-kind contribution to Methodists United during the preceding twelve months. Members shall be so certified by the secretary.

3. All members may nominate and vote for members of the Board of Directors, as specified in Article V.

ARTICLE V

Board of Directors

1. The affairs of Methodists United shall be managed by a Board of Directors. All members shall be members in good standing of Methodists United for Peace with Justice.

2. The initial Board of Directors specified in the Articles of Incorporation, as duly modified by resignations and additions, shall serve as an Interim Board of Directors until September 1989. Particular attention shall be given to adding members to the Interim Board who come from various regions of the United States and from religious denominations within the Methodist tradition in addition to United Methodists.

3. In September 1989 a Board of Directors consisting of both elected and appointed directors shall take office to replace the Interim Board. A

majority of directors shall be elected by members of Methodists United. The Interim Board shall determine the manner of election and appointment of this initial Board. Thereafter, the Board of Directors shall be responsible for determining the process for elections and appointments. In making appointments to the Board, attention shall be given to broadening the board membership to encompass persons having relevant perspectives beyond those of elected directors, such as persons from Methodist denominations beyond the United Methodist Church and those representing constituencies with urgent social justice needs.

4. Commencing in September 1989, members of the Board of Directors shall serve three year terms, staggered so that approximately one-third of the terms expire each year. At the first meeting of the new Board of Directors in the fall of 1989, members shall be assigned by lot to groups serving three, two, and one year terms. Thereafter, there shall be an election and appointment process to fill positions of persons whose term is expiring. The Board shall fill the unexpired term of any director leaving the Board prior to the expiration of his/her term. Commencing in 1995, terms of directors shall end in January. Terms of directors previously elected or appointed to terms ending in September shall be extended to the following January.

5. The Board shall hold an annual meeting following the annual election of directors. The Board may hold other meetings as it determines. All directors shall receive at least 14 days notice of regular meetings of the Board of Directors. A special meeting may be called by the chair or by petition of at least one-fifth of the directors with a notice of at least seven days.

6. One-third of the directors in office at a time of a meeting of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. All decisions

shall be made by a majority vote of directors voting when a quorum is present.

7. The Board of Directors may designate particular categories of business that may be handled by the Executive Committee between board meetings and may require that certain actions of the Executive Committee be reviewed and voted on by the Board at a subsequent meeting.

8. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if a written consent is signed by all members of the Board and such written consent is filed with the minutes of the Board of Directors. Such consent may be obtained by letter, telegram, facsimile communication, or computer-based telecommunication.

9. Directors shall receive no compensation for their service on the Board of Directors but may be reimbursed for expenses of attending board meetings. However, any director may receive reasonable compensation for other services rendered to Methodists United.

ARTICLE VI

Officers

1. The officers of the Board of Directors shall be a chair, one or more vice-chairs, a secretary, and a treasurer, and other officers, such as an assistant secretary and an assistant treasurer, as determined by the Board.

2. Officers shall be elected for one year terms at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors. In the event of a vacancy during a term, the Board

shall elect a replacement at its next meeting to fill the unexpired term.

3. Any officer of the Board of Directors may be removed by a vote of the majority of the Board of Directors then in office at a regular or special meeting of the Board, provided that intent to consider such action shall be included in the required notice of the meeting. A member of the Board unable to attend such meeting may designate another member of the Board to exercise his/her proxy.

4. The chair shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee and shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

5. One of the vice-chairs shall perform the duties of the chair in the event of the chair's absence, disability, resignation, or death. Vice-chairs shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

6. The secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, shall send copies of these minutes, notices of meetings, and other reports to members of the Board of Directors, shall see that reports, statements, and other documents required by law are properly kept and filed, and shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

7. The treasurer shall have custody of funds of Methodists United and other valuable effects, shall deposit all moneys and other valuable effects in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors, shall disburse the funds of Methodists United in accordance with budgets adopted by the Board of Directors, and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and expenditures.

8. The assistant secretary, if any, shall perform the duties of the secretary in the event of the secretary's absence, disability, resignation, or death and shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

9. The assistant treasurer, if any, shall perform the duties of the treasurer in the event of the treasurer's absence, disability, resignation, or death and shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

10. If the Board of Directors establishes any other officers, the Board shall specify the duties and responsibilities of such officers.

ARTICLE VII

Committees

1. There shall be a National Advisory Committee consisting of laity and clergy who support the purposes of Methodists United for Peace with Justice and who have knowledge and expertise on issues with which Methodists United is dealing.

(a) Members of the National Advisory Committee shall be appointed by the chair of the Board of Directors, subject to the approval of the Board, shall serve indefinite terms, but shall be polled annually to determine if they wish to continue to serve.

(b) The chair of the Board of Directors may designate a chair and one or

more vice-chairs of the National Advisory Committee.

- (c) The Board of Directors shall keep the National Advisory Committee informed about the policies and programs of Methodists United and shall regularly seek the advice of members of the National Advisory Committee on issues being considered by Methodists United.*
- (d) As appropriate, the National Advisory Committee may convene for meetings, provided that members receive at least one month's notice.*

2. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of the Board of Directors, any additional directors whom the Board may designate, and the executive director of Methodists United, if one is appointed.

- (a) The Executive Committee shall have and may exercise all the rights, powers, and authority of the Board of Directors between board meetings, subject to restrictions the Board may specify.*
- (b) Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the chair or by petition of at least one-third of its members, with required notice of at least seven days.*
- (c) A quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee shall consist of a majority of its members. All decisions shall be made by a majority vote of members of the Executive Committee voting when a quorum is present.*
- (d) The secretary shall promptly provide copies of the minutes of all Executive Committee meetings to all members of the Board of*

Directors.

3. The Board of Directors may establish other committees as it deems appropriate. The chair of the Board shall appoint members to such committees, subject to any consent the Board of Directors may require.

ARTICLE VIII

Staff and Consultants

1. The Board of Directors is authorized to appoint an executive director to carry out responsibilities determined by the Board and to retain consultants for specific assignments. The Board shall oversee the work of the executive director, shall undertake an annual performance review, and may discharge the executive director for cause in accordance with adopted personnel procedures.

2. The executive director shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.

3. The executive director may hire staff and part-time consultants within the framework of budgets adopted by the Board of Directors, shall direct their work, conduct regular performance review, and discharge them for cause in accordance with personnel policies adopted by the Board of Directors.

4. The executive director, other staff, and consultants shall receive reasonable compensation for their work, as determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX

Chapters

1. Methodists United for Peace with Justice may establish chapters within prescribed geographic areas or upon some other basis.

2. The Board of Directors shall prescribe standards and procedures for the establishment of chapters, including requirements for democratic selection of chapter officers and open operating procedures.

3. The Board of Directors shall receive and review applications for recognition as a chapter, may approve, modify or reject such application in accordance with stated procedures, shall provide oversight of chapter operations, and may revoke chapter certification for cause.

ARTICLE X

Financial Affairs

1. The Board of Directors is authorized to select depositories for the funds of Methodists United and to make prudent investments of such funds. The Board shall determine who shall be authorized on behalf of Methodists United to sign checks, bills, notes, receipts, acceptances, endorsements, releases, contracts, and other documents. Unless authorized by the Board, no officer, agent, or employee shall have the power or authority to bind the corporation by any contract or agreement, pledge its credit, or render it financially liable for any purpose or any amount.

2. The fiscal year of Methodists United shall run from January 1 to December 31.

3. The Board of Directors shall arrange for the keeping of books of accounts of all financial transactions of Methodists United and shall arrange for an annual audit of these accounts.

4. The Board of Directors may require the bonding of the treasurer, any officer, and staff of Methodists United in an amount that the Board determines.

ARTICLE XII

Dissolution

1. Methodists United for Peace with Justice may be dissolved by the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting of the Board by vote of at least two-thirds of the directors then in office, provided that the proposed motion of dissolution shall be contained in the required notice of the meeting.

2. Assets of Methodists United at the time of dissolution shall first be applied to the liquidation of all lawful debts. Any remaining assets shall be distributed to other legally permitted entities as determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIII

Amendments

1. These bylaws may be amended or repealed at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority vote of directors then in office, provided that the proposed amendment or motion to repeal shall be contained in the required notice of the meeting.

ARTICLE XIV

Adoption, Effective Date

1. *These bylaws shall become effective immediately upon approval by the Interim Board of Directors by a majority vote of directors then in office.*

Date of approval: May 3, 1989

Certification: John C. Mathews

Secretary

Amended March 24, 1995 and October 14, 1995

*Establishment and Functioning of Chapters
of Methodists United for Peace with Justice*

Bylaw Provisions

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*Standards and Procedures
Prescribed by Board of Directors*

1. Definition of Chapter

a. A chapter is a unit of Methodists United for Peace with Justice, organized to carry out the purposes of Methodists United within the chapter area.

b. Chapters may take initiatives within the framework of the purposes and overall policies of Methodists United. But chapters function under the oversight of the Board of Directors, as indicated in the Bylaws.

2. Chapter Membership

a. All members of Methodists United in good standing residing in a chapter area shall be considered chapter members and shall have voting rights in the chapter. Such members may be recruited by the chapter or by the national organization.

b. All members shall pay membership dues to Methodists United, as established by the Board of

Directors. The Board may work out a dues sharing arrangement with individual chapters. Chapters may request voluntary donations from chapter members beyond their national dues, but this shall not be a condition of chapter membership. Chapters may engage in other fundraising activities.

3. Geographic Areas

a. Chapters may be formed within specific geographic areas, such as a state, a city, a metropolitan area, an annual conference of the United Methodist Church, or combined conference areas of two or more Methodist denominations.

b. Chapter boundaries may be proposed by chapter organizers or may be specified by the Board of Directors. The Board shall make final determination in order to prevent overlapping chapter boundaries and to achieve workable chapters.

4. Chapter Officers and Operating Procedures

a. Each chapter may determine its own officers. Such officers shall be elected by mail ballot of all members within the chapter area.

b. Chapter officers shall provide members at least ten days notice of all chapter meetings. Meeting procedures shall be open and democratic.

5. Chapter Formation

a. Chapters may be initiated by the Board of Directors, or a chapter may be formed by members of Methodists United residing within the proposed chapter area.

b. When a chapter is organized by members in the chapter area, the organizers shall submit to the Board of Directors a plan of chapter organization, which shall indicate:

- i. Proposed territory
- ii. Chapter officers and selection process
- iii. Chapter operating procedures, including meeting notice
- iv. Initial activities intended
- v. Budget, including proposed revenues and expenditures
- vi. Proposal for dues sharing, if applicable

c. A chapter plan shall be submitted at least 30 days prior to a meeting of the Board of Directors, although the Board may grant a waiver of submission time if it chooses.

d. The Board shall give prompt consideration of each chapter application. If the Board modifies or rejects an application, it shall state its reasons in writing.

e. A chapter shall remain in existence until it voluntarily dissolves or until its chapter authorization is revoked by the Board of Directors.

6. Revocation

a. The Board of Directors may revoke a chapter's authorization if the Board determines that the chapter is not functioning within the purpose and operation procedures of Methodists United.

b. The Board, or the Executive Committee, shall give chapter officers at least 30 days notice that revocation is under consideration and shall give them an opportunity to appear before the Board.

c. If the Board votes to revoke chapter certification, it shall state its reasons in writing.

Adopted by Board of Directors, March 30, 1990

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**A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A
METHODISTS UNITED PEACE/JUSTICE EDUCATION FUND**

For the purpose of carrying out educational and research activities on matters of peace and justice, the Board of Directors of Methodists United for Peace with Justice (referred to herein as the "corporation") hereby establishes the Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, hereafter referred to as the Fund.

1. The Fund is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

2. Among the specific purposes of the Fund are:

a. To conduct educational and research activities related to peace and justice policies and programs of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the African Methodist Episcopal, Zion Church, the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, and United Methodist Church.

b. To publish newsletters, reports, other publications, and audio-visual material on peace and justice concerns.

c. To assist local churches and church-related organizations by providing training and technical support for their educational activities.

d. To work cooperatively with other nonpartisan charitable and educational organizations in dealing with peace and justice concerns.

3. No substantial part of the activities of the Fund shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The Fund shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this resolution, the Fund shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

4. No part of the net earnings of the Fund shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to the directors or officers of the corporation or to other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered for the Fund and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the paragraph 2.

5. In the event of dissolution of the Fund, any remaining assets shall not be used for the general purposes of the corporation but rather shall be distributed exclusively for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of

any future federal tax code.

Approved October 21, 1989 by Board of Directors

Methodists United for Peace with Justice