

1989

Dear Member of Senate Armed Forces Committee:

We believe that President Bush is correct. We are moving into a new era of US/Soviet relations that is "beyond containment." That being the case, we are also moving into an era that is "beyond deterrence." That's because the policies of containment and nuclear deterrence are inextricably linked. In the 1940s the doctrine of nuclear deterrence was developed as a component of containment policy. It has no other use. (See attached statement for proof of this point). If containment is coming to an end, so also should nuclear deterrence.

This idea has enormous implications for the 1990 Defense Authorization Act. It means that the strategic weapons and strategic defense, now under consideration, will not be needed. This assumes that the promised Soviet force reduction from Eastern Europe will be fulfilled and that negotiated, multilateral force reduction in Europe will be achieved. While we are awaiting the outcome of these favorable trends, all new strategic weapons should be delayed or canceled and strategic defense should be cut back to a more modest research and development program.

Along those lines, we recommend that you take the following actions:

**Cancel the B-2 stealth bomber outright.** It is not necessary. Its cost is exorbitant (more than \$15 billion spent so far, still hasn't flown, and likely to cost \$68 to 132 billion).

**Disapprove rail-garrison for the MX missile.** Even from a deterrence view point, this a flawed idea because moving the MX to rails during a time of tension would be provocative.

**Disapprove the Midgetman missile.** With a START agreement to cut strategic weapons by one-third to one-half in the offing, we don't need any new missiles. Furthermore, as containment and deterrence wind down, START I should be followed by START II and START III with further reductions in strategic weapons.

**Delay deployment of any more Trident II missiles on submarines.** They simply will not be needed beyond containment, beyond deterrence.

**Cut the Strategic Defense Initiative back to less than \$2 billion for basic research but no engineering development, no testing.** SDI's only mission has now evolved to protection of land-based ICBMs. This won't be necessary in the beyond-deterrence era.

**Disapprove funding for ASAT research, development, testing.** Anti-satellite weapons would threaten the very satellites both sides require to be confident that arms reduction agreements are being observed.

The enclosed statement further develops the case for these funding cutbacks as we enter the new era beyond containment and beyond deterrence.

Sincerely yours,  
Howard W. Hallman

*Issues Chair*

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

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J.C. Phillips, Jr.

P.O. Box 921

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Dear J.C. Phillips:

I have discovered that we never responded to your April 17 inquiry about the status of the Outer Space Protection Act. I apologize for the delay. The enclosed excerpt from a report from the Institute for Security and Cooperation in Outer Space provides the information you requested.

Next steps in public advocacy are to get more cosponsors and to get a committee in the Senate and/or the House of Representatives to hold a public hearing on the bill.

We ourselves are now concentrating on the Defense Authorization bill, trying to get the funding authorization for the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) cut to as low a figure as possible. The House Armed Services Committee is now considering the matter. The most achievable funding level is \$3.1 billion as proposed by Representatives Bennett and Ridge. Secretary of Defense Cheney has asked for \$4.6 billion. Representatives Dellums and Boxer will probably offer an amendment on the House floor for \$1.3 billion. The Defense Authorization bill will reach the House floor about mid-July. We support Dellums-Boxer and if that fails, Bennett-Ridge.

The Senate Armed Services Committee will take up Defense Authorization the week of July 10. It's not clear what amendments on SDI will be proposed. Serious efforts to reduce funding may not occur until the Senate gets to Defense Appropriations in September.

We'll be getting out a *Peace/Justice Alert* toward the end of June on this and related issues. We'll send you a copy.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman

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Bishop George W. Bashore  
United Methodist Pittsburgh Area  
1204 Freedom Road  
Mars, PA 16046

Dear Bishop Bashore:

According to *The United Methodist Reporter*, the Council of Bishops decided to assign one of its members to work on the critical concern of "the mass deterioration of the social and spiritual fabric of major metropolitan areas in the United States." I assume that this critical concern will receive the attention of the entire Council.

Methodists United for Peace with Justice applauds the Council of Bishops for taking this decisive action. We fully support your initiative and offer our assistance if there is an appropriate role we can play. This might be public advocacy, helping to identify federal legislation and executive policies that impact on urban problems, grassroots mobilization, and focused discussion of the issues.

This concern has been the focus of most of my professional career, as the enclosed vita indicates. I have worked on neighborhood action, citizen participation, and mobilization of all levels of government and the private sector. I turned my attention to nuclear disarmament about five years ago when I could see that the U.S. military buildup was taking away vast resources from human needs. I'll probably stick with this issue until excessive military spending is on the way down and until decisive steps toward disarmament are underway. But I would much rather work on positive, upbuilding issues. Having been involved in New Haven in the early 1960s in a forerunner of the Community Action Program of the War on Poverty, I know there are many lessons of the past 25 years that could be applied to today's situation but are not.

So if I can help the "set aside" bishop, your committee, and the whole Council of Bishops, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard W. Hallman*  
*Issues Chair*

July 7, 1989

Dear Conference Director:

Now that United Methodist annual conferences have met, we are updating our mailing list of conference leadership. Therefore, we ask you to provide us the names, addresses, and telephone numbers for the following positions:

Conference staff assigned to church and society and/or peace with justice  
Chairperson, conference board of church and society  
Conference peace with justice coordinator (or equivalent)

A form and return envelope are enclosed.

If there is any change or error in our listing of your position (as indicated on the envelope for this letter), please let us know.

We are also enclosing our latest issue of *Peace/Justice Alert*. It deals with amendments expected to be offered to the Defense Authorization Act when the bill comes up in the House and the Senate toward the end of July. Dealing with this legislation is one of many specific steps necessary to carry out the policy recommendations offered by our bishops in *In Defense of Creation*.

Sincerely yours,

Sherman W. Harris  
Chair, Steering Committee

To: Methodists United for Peace with Justice  
421 Seward Square, SE  
Washington, DC 20003

Here is the information requested on our conference leadership:

Name and address

Telephone

Conference director  
(only if change)

Conference staff  
assigned to  
church & society,  
peace with justice

Chairperson, conference  
board of church and  
society

Conference peace with  
justice coordinator

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

July 7, 1989

Dear Member:

We are seeking nominees for the Board of Directors of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. If you would like to nominate somebody (including yourself), please mail back the enclosed nomination form so that it arrives at our office in Washington, D.C. no later than July 31, 1989.

Our bylaws require that members of the Board of Directors shall be members in good standing of Methodists United. Members of Methodist United consist of persons who subscribe to our purposes and who have paid membership dues or made a financial or in-kind contribution during the preceding twelve months.

The Interim Board, which has guided operations since Methodists United was incorporated in the fall of 1987, has consisted mainly of persons from the Washington, D.C. area. We now want to broaden Board membership to draw in persons from all parts of the United States, to have a representative mixture of race, ethnicity, age and gender, and to include persons from Methodist denominations beyond the United Methodist Church.

We anticipate that the Board of Directors will meet twice a year. At least one of these meetings (and maybe both) will take place in Washington, D.C. An Executive Committee of the Board will meet regularly between Board meetings. Being a voluntary organization with a modest financial base, we are unable at this time to pay travel expenses for Board members. Therefore, nominees should be persons who can manage necessary travel expenses, either personally or through support from a local church, annual conference, or some other entity.

At its next meeting on August 2, the Interim Board will certify nominees and will send out a ballot to all members of Methodists United. New Board members will take office in September. The first Board meeting will take place in late September or October. At that time, Board members will be assigned by lot to one, two, and three year terms in order to start a system of staggered terms.

We will appreciate your help in establishing a truly national, representative Board of Directors for Methodists United for Peace with Justice. If you have any questions, please call us at the above number.

Sincerely yours,

Sherman W. Harris  
Chair, Steering Committee

*Nomination for Board of Directors  
Methodists United for Peace with Justice*

To: Interim Board of Directors  
Methodists United for Peace with Justice  
421 Seward Square, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20003

\_\_\_\_ I hereby nominate the following person to be considered for election to the Board of Directors of Methodists United for Peace with Justice.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Identification (optional), such as church position; recent peace and justice activities, etc.:*

\_\_\_\_ I have conferred with the nominee and he/she is willing to serve if elected, including attendance at at least two Board meetings each year.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

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September 6, 2017

Ms. So and So

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Dear

*During the past twelve months we have stepped up the public advocacy activities of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. Recognizing that the concerns of peace and justice intersect in federal budget decisions, we issued "A Call for Shift in Budget Priorities from Military to Human Needs" with substantial representation from United Methodist leadership throughout country, including a majority of active bishops. We have followed through by means of Peace/Justice Alerts to mobilize grassroots opinion on specific decisions. Now we are helping form a broadly-based citizens' budget campaign to be even more effective in shaping priorities in next year's federal budget.*

*We are the only Methodist representation in the "Monday Lobby", which brings together peace and arms control organizations for concerted action, and this has increased our visibility on Capitol Hill. Working with United Methodist conference boards of church and society and peace with justice tasks forces, we have helped formulate conference resolutions on Star Wars and arms reduction negotiations. Through this network we have circulated a petition on arms reduction, addressed to President Bush and President Gorbachev.*

*We have done these things without staff, relying upon volunteers living in the Washington, D.C. area and a network of contacts in United Methodist annual conferences around the country. We have run this operation on a small budget. As we look ahead to the next twelve months, we want to expand the breadth of our network and to strengthen our membership and financial basis. We ask your assistance in doing so.*

*Specifically we invite your conference board of church and society, or its peace with justice task force (or some such entity), to become an organizational member of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. We ask you to make a financial contribution in the range of \$100 to \$300. In exchange for this contribution, we will put a certain number of persons from your conference on our mailing list (say one for each \$15 or \$20 contribution) and will send them Peace Leaf and Peace/Justice Alerts. You would provide us a list of names of your choosing. Our own preference would be to emphasize persons located in districts around your conference (congressional and/or United Methodist districts) who would have responsibility for further outreach.*

*In addition, we ask your assistance in recruiting other individual and organizational members for Methodists United. Perhaps you would be willing to write to people who are peace and justice activists and to churches which have active peace and justice ministries. If so, we would provide you membership material. Or, you might send us a list of such persons and churches, and we could write them directly.*

*Please let us know if you can assist us in this manner. We appreciate your support.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
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*In addition to nationwide outreach, we are quite active in Washington. We are the only Methodist representation in the "Monday Lobby", which brings together peace and arms control organizations for concerted action on Capitol Hill. We also participate in the Coalition on Human Needs, which focuses particularly on gaining adequate support for federal programs serving low-income persons. And we are taking leadership in an effort to organize a broadly-based citizens' budget campaign to shape priorities in next year's federal budget.*

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Rev. Phil Lawson  
502 Virginia Street  
Vallejo, CA 94590

Dear Rev. Lawson:

Prior to the meeting of the California-Nevada Annual Conference, we sent you a copy of a petition in support of a Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START). We are wondering if you had an opportunity to circulate this petition. If so, we would appreciate receiving the signed copies.

We have received copies from a number of United Methodist annual conferences and are getting ready to present them to the White House and the Soviet Embassy. We would like to add yours to this group. Thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Issues Chair

**Similar letter to:**

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Dear Mr. Evans:

Thanks for circulating the START petition at the Southwest Texas Annual Conference. We are nearly complete in collecting these petitions from other annual conferences and will soon be presenting them to the White House and the Soviet Embassy.

With the cooperation we are receiving from you, your conference, and other United Methodists, we are making progress in achieving our objectives. The recent congressional votes on the Defense Authorization Bill indicate that we are beginning to reverse the excessive military buildup. Methodists United for Peace with Justice has concentrated particularly on cutbacks in the Star Wars program, and we feel that our mobilization of grassroots Methodist opinion on this issue has contributed to getting Congress to vote for substantial reductions.

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*Please let us know if you can assist us in this manner. We will greatly appreciate your support.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Issues Chair*

*Wrote to: requesting conference membership in MUPJ*

<i>Ms. Elsie Lewis 24 West Street Oneonta, NY 13820</i>	<i>Wyoming</i>	<i>7-27-89</i>
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<i>Mr. Richard L. Evans 209 River Oaks San Angelo, TX 76903</i>	<i>Southwest Texas</i>	<i>7-27-89</i>
<i>Ms. Thelma G. Soltman 69 East Road North Tacoma, WA 98406</i>	<i>Pacific-Northwest</i>	<i>7-27-89</i>

Dear Peacemaker:

We are living in a time of extraordinary opportunity to resolve the outstanding issues of the Cold War and to end the arms race. This will enable us to redirect resources from the military to endeavors that deal with serious matters of social and economic justice. **We invite you to join with us in this dual quest for peace and justice by becoming a member of Methodists United for Peace with Justice.**

As a member you will receive our quarterly newsletter, *Peace Leaf*, which provides background articles on important issues of the day. You will also receive *Peace/Justice Alerts* at approximately monthly intervals to suggest actions you can take on specific public issues, especially pending decisions being made in Washington by Congress and President Bush. Your financial contribution will help us maintain our public advocacy voice and provide a steady flow of information for local activities.

Methodists United organized two years ago in response to the United Methodist bishops' call for greater witness and action for peace and justice, as expressed in their pastoral letter, *In Defense of Creation*. In recent months we have joined with other peace organizations in mobilizing public support to contain the U.S. defense budget, especially to curtail funding of additional strategic weapons, both offensive and defensive. Recent actions by Congress in this direction indicate we are succeeding. We are also giving considerable attention to the federal budget because it is a major determinant of national

priorities. It is here that peace and justice intersect.

We hope that you will join with us in working for these objectives. Simply fill out and return to us the form at the bottom of this page.

Sincerely yours,

Sherman Harris  
Chair, Steering Committee  
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\_\_\_ Yes, I want to join Methodists United for Peace with Justice. Enclosed is my membership contribution of:

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Local church \_\_\_\_\_ Annual conference \_\_\_\_\_

Congressional district or representative \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to Methodists United for Peace with Justice  
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Dear Friend:

Your membership in Methodists United for Peace with Justice has expired because we have not received a membership contribution from you during the last twelve months. Therefore, this is the last issue of *Peace Leaf* that we will be sending you. Of course, we want you to retain your membership. So we ask you to fill out the form at the bottom of this page and return it to us with your membership contribution.

We need you and other members who can work with us in seeking peace justice objectives. This year we have given a lot of attention to the federal budget, funding of strategic weapons, and better alternative uses of our tax money. We have been working closely with other national organizations having similar objectives. During the last several weeks our efforts have succeeded by getting Congress to make major cuts in funding of strategic weapons, both offensive and defensive. Grassroots mobilization of opinion has been a decisive factor. We have contributed significantly to this effort.

In the months ahead we will continue to press for further shifts in national spending priorities. This will serve the cause of both peace and justice as savings from the military budget can be directed toward response to serious human needs.

We also expect to be on the cutting edge of public policy. One example is shown in this issue of *Peace Leaf* on "Achieving Arms Reduction." We

support current arms reduction negotiations but insist that the United States, the Soviet Union, and other nations must go farther down the path of disarmament. We believe that now is the time to move beyond containment and beyond deterrence. One of our roles is to provide a wider vision of what is both desirable and achievable.

We hope that you will continue to work with us by retaining your membership in Methodists United for Peace with Justice.

Sincerely yours,

Sherman Harris  
Chair, Steering Committee  
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\_\_\_ Yes, I want to renew my membership in Methodists United for Peace with Justice.

Enclosed is my

membership renewal contribution of:

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HOWARD W. HALLMAN

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(301) 897-3668

To: Ralph Clark, Bob Griffin, Sherman Harris, Bill Kirk, Jayne Mardock,  
John Mathews

Re: Articles of Incorporation for Methodists United Foundation

I have had an opportunity to review in detail the draft articles of incorporation for the Methodists United Foundation, as prepared by Bill Kirk. I particularly like the breadth of purposes stated in Article Three. It seems to cover virtually everything that we can envision for the Foundation.

I would like to suggest three changes (the second one quite minor).

(1) I believe that we should include the word "peace" in the name of the organization. It could be "Methodists United Foundation for Justice and Peace" (which is the word order I suggested a year ago) or "... for Peace and Justice." For the latter, I am quite content to replace "with" with "and". Among other reasons, it would reduce confusion with the program of the General Board of Church and Society.

Justice and peace, peace and justice are interdependent. We cannot have peace without justice, but we cannot have justice unless there is peace (among other reasons, to release resources now wasted on the military). But neither concept can be subsumed under the other.

While they are interconnected, within Methodism there are constituencies which emphasize one more than the other. We should be appealing to both. By omitting "peace" in the name we are neglecting the broad group of peace activists, grown larger because of the bishops' pastoral letter and foundation document, *In Defense of Creation*. Likewise if we omitted "justice" we would be neglecting a broad group concerned about racial/ethnic justice, economic inequality, and other important social issues.

(2) My preference is to omit "Inc." from the title. It adds no legal power and is a cluttering ornament.

(3) I recommend that Article Four be changed to state that the Foundation is not a membership organization. In the Methodists United family, Methodists United for Peace with Justice is the membership organization, with a Board of Directors selected by the members. In contrast, the Methodists United Foundation should be governed by self-selecting Board of Directors. It does not need members to be viable. It should not have in reserve the power to create a membership. This will avoid the future possibility of competing for members with Methodists United for Peace with Justice should the two organizations drift apart.

August 11, 1989

Dear Member:

Enclosed is a ballot for our first election of members for the Board of Directors. Brief biographical information on the candidates is given below. We request that you complete the ballot and mail it to us so that it will arrive at our office in Washington, D.C. no later than September 6. Ballots will be unsealed on that evening, and the vote will be counted.

In voting, please take the following steps:

- (1) Mark your ballot. You may vote for all or only some of the listed candidates.
- (2) Fold and seal your ballot for secrecy (with transparent tape or staple).
- (3) Place the sealed ballot in the return envelope addressed to Methodists United for Peace with Justice.
- (4) Write your name and address on this envelope so that we can verify that returned ballots come from members in good standing.
- (5) Place a stamp on the return envelope and mail it to us.

Upon receipt of returned ballots, we will check names against our membership roles. Any return envelope without a name and address will be discarded. We will then open these envelopes and set aside the sealed ballots for counting. Thus, ballot secrecy will be preserved. We will mix together the sealed ballots, will open them on the evening of September 6, and will count the votes. We will then notify the candidates about the

*election results.*

*We look forward to your participation in our first Board election.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Sherman W. Harris  
Chair, Steering Committee*

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Ralph Clark  
4307 N. 39th Street  
Arlington, VA 22207

Dear Ralph:

We missed you at the last Methodists United board meeting.

One of the items discussed was Bill Kirk's proposal for a Methodists United Foundation. Enclosed is his rationale and his draft of Articles of Incorporation. Also enclosed is my suggestion for possible changes in the Articles.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman

[Personal letter to members of National Advisory Committee]

[date]

[inside address]

Dear [name]:

*Methodists United for Peace with Justice is completing its second year in the quest for greater witness and action for peace and justice. In this period we have grown both in the scope of our witness and in the breadth of our outreach.*

*For this initial period the affairs of Methodists United has been guided by an interim Board of Directors, really a Steering Committee, drawn mostly from people in the greater Washington, D.C. area. We have now reached the stage of development to establish a national Board of Directors, elected by the members. Accordingly, we are now conducting a election by mail, as the enclosed material indicates. As a member of our National Advisory Committee, we consider you to be a member of Methodists United. We invite you to participate by completing and returning the ballot to us, to arrive no later than September 6, 1989.*

*Through our publications and reports you have seen our accomplishments of the first two years: in citizen diplomacy, advocacy at the 1988 General Conference, in Peace Leaf addressing key public policies, grassroots mobilization on budgetary and military spending issues. On the latter as we have joined with others sharing our concerns, we have made a substantial impact on Congress during the past several months. This has set the stage for more intensive efforts to redirect national spending priorities.*

*The first meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors will take place on October 20 and 21. In preparation for that gathering we on the interim Steering Committee are seeking to strengthen the financial position of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. Therefore, we are stepping up our membership recruitment and fundraising activities. We ask your assistance.*

*First, we invite you to make a financial contribution to Methodists United. Second, we wonder if you could help us identify some potential donors who might be willing to contribute significant sums to our work: \$100, \$200, \$500, or \$1,000. If so, would you be willing to contact them in our behalf? Or could you provided us names, addresses, phone numbers, and appropriate background information? Then we could make the contact. In this manner we can provide our new Board of Directors a strong financial foundation as they take on the policy leadership of Methodists United for Peace with Justice.*

*We will greatly appreciate your assistance and look forward to your continued advice as member of our*

*National Advisory Committee.*

*Yours for peace and justice,*

*Sherman W. Harris  
Chair, Steering Committee*

Bishop C. Dale White  
252 Bryant Avenue  
White Plains, NY

Dear Bishop White:

Last February when you sent a \$250 contribution to Methodists United for Peace with Justice, I noted that it came from the New York Conference's peace and justice fund. Recently we have been seeking similar support from other conference boards of church and society and peace with justice task forces. In exchange we are offering to put a certain number of conference leaders on our mailing list to receive *Peace Leaf* (our quarterly newsletter) and periodic *Peace/Justice Alerts*.

We make that same offer to you. We would be happy to add persons from the New York Conference (up to one for each \$15 or \$20 contribution). Our own preference would be to emphasize persons located in different United Methodist and/or congressional districts who might be in a position for outreach in response to our action alerts. But we would leave the selection up to you or whom you might designate to help us develop this list.

If you are following the national news, you will note that we made considerable progress in the U.S. House of Representatives in this year's defense authorization bill, though the fate is still to be determined by the conference committee. The grassroots mobilization of United Methodists, which we have been doing, has contributed to this effort. We are involved with a growing, broad-based national citizens' campaign to reshape budget priorities. I am convinced that in the next several years we will achieve

many of the policies advocated three years ago in *In Defense of Creation*.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman

Rev. Henry Schartzmann  
684 Brandy Lane  
Westminster, MD 21157

Dear Henry:

We are grateful for the \$300 contribution to Methodists United for Peace with Justice made in May by the Baltimore Conference's Peace with Justice Task Force. Recently we have been seeking similar support from other conference boards of church and society and peace with justice task forces. In exchange we are offering to put a certain number of conference leaders on our mailing list to receive *Peace Leaf* (our quarterly newsletter) and periodic *Peace/Justice Alerts*.

We make that same offer to you. We would be happy to add persons from the Baltimore Conference (up to one for each \$15 or \$20 contribution). Our own preference would be to emphasize persons located in different United Methodist and/or congressional districts who might be in a position for outreach in response to our action alerts. But we would leave the selection up to you. So let us know whom you would like to be added to our mailing list.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman

Dr. Hilda Arndt  
2740 Morning Glory  
Baton Rouge, LA 70807

Dear Dr. Arndt:

We are grateful for the \$100 contribution to Methodists United for Peace with Justice made in July by the Louisiana Conference's Peace with Justice Program. We have been seeking similar support from other conference boards of church and society and peace with justice task forces. As we do so, we have decided to offer in exchange that we will put certain number of conference leaders on our mailing list to receive *Peace Leaf* (our quarterly newsletter) and periodic *Peace/ Justice Alerts*.

Therefore, we would be happy to add persons from the Louisiana Conference. Ordinarily we suggest one for each \$15 or \$20 contribution, but we are flexible enough to stretch that number somewhat. Our own preference would be to emphasize persons located in different United Methodist and/or congressional districts who might be in a position for outreach in response to our action alerts. But we would leave the selection up to you. So let us know whom you would like to be added to our mailing list.

We look forward to continue being in touch with you and working together on matters of mutual concern.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman

October 10, 1989

Ms. Rubye Lee Jackson  
Little Rock Conference  
Board of Church and Society  
715 Center Street  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Ms. Jackson:

We are grateful for the \$100 contribution to Methodists United for Peace with Justice made in April by the Little Rock Conference Board of Church and Society. Recently we have been seeking similar support from other conference boards of church and society and peace with justice task forces. As we do so, we have decided to offer in exchange that we will put certain number of conference leaders on our mailing list to receive *Peace Leaf* (our quarterly newsletter) and periodic *Peace/Justice Alerts*.

Therefore, we would be happy to add persons from the Little Rock Conference. Ordinarily we suggest one for each \$15 or \$20 contribution, but we are flexible enough to stretch that number somewhat. Our own preference would be to emphasize persons located in different United Methodist and/or congressional districts who might be in a position for outreach in response to our action alerts. But we would leave the selection up to you. So let us know whom you would like to be added to our mailing list.

We look forward to continue being in touch with you and working together on matters of mutual concern.

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman*

October 10, 1989

Rev. Larry Snodgrass  
3473 Shadeland Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Dear Rev. Snodgrass.

Thanks sending us a copy of the Resolution on Arms Reduction Negotiations adopted by the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference. We realize that each conference is different and that those of you directly involved are the ones in the best position to decide what approach to take. We try to be useful by suggesting certain points of departure.

With the cooperation we are receiving from you, your conference, and other United Methodists, we are making progress in achieving our objectives. The recent congressional votes on the Defense Authorization Bill indicate that we are beginning to reverse the excessive military buildup. Methodists United for Peace with Justice has concentrated particularly on cutbacks in the Star Wars program, and we feel that our mobilization of grassroots Methodist opinion on this issue has contributed to getting Congress to vote for substantial reductions.

In addition to nationwide outreach through *Peace Leaf* and *Peace/Justice Alerts*, we are quite active in Washington. We are the only Methodist representation in the "Monday Lobby", which brings together peace and arms control organizations for concerted action on Capitol Hill. We also participate in the Coalition on Human Needs, which focuses particularly on gaining adequate support for federal programs serving low-income persons. And we are taking leadership in an effort to organize a broadly-based

*citizens' budget campaign to shape priorities in next year's federal budget.*

*We have done these things without staff, relying upon volunteers living in the Washington, D.C. area and a network of contacts in United Methodist annual conferences around the country. We have run this operation on a small budget. As we look ahead to the next twelve months, we want to expand the breadth of our network and to strengthen our membership and financial basis. We ask your assistance in doing so.*

*Specifically we invite your conference board of church and society, or its peace with justice unit (or some such entity), to become an organizational member of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. We ask you to make a financial contribution in the range of \$100 to \$300. In exchange for this contribution, we will put a certain number of persons from your conference on our mailing list (say one for each \$15 or \$20 contribution) and will send them *Peace Leaf* and *Peace/Justice Alerts*. You would provide us a list of names of your choosing. Our own preference would be to emphasize persons located in districts around your conference (congressional and/or United Methodist districts) who would have responsibility for further outreach.*

Rev. Larry Snodgrass

August 10, 1989

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In addition, we ask your assistance in recruiting other individual and organizational members for Methodists United. Perhaps you would be willing to write in our behalf to people who are peace and justice activists and to churches which have active peace and justice ministries. If so, we could provide you membership material, such as the enclosed sample. Or, you might send us a list of such persons and churches, and we could write them directly.

Please let us know if you can assist us in this manner. We will greatly appreciate your support.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Issues Chair

October 10, 1989

Margaret J. Fertschneider  
7600 Santa Ynez Avenue  
Atascadero, CA 93422

Dear Maggie:

Thanks for circulating the START petition at the California-Pacific Annual Conference. We are nearly complete in collecting these petitions from other annual conferences and will soon be presenting them to the White House and the Soviet Embassy.

We appreciate your willingness to seek financial support for Methodists United from your conference. Recently we have decided to offer in exchange for such support that we will put a certain number of conference leaders on our mailing list to receive *Peace Leaf* (our quarterly newsletter) and periodic *Peace/Justice Alerts*. We make that same offer to you, say at one person per each \$15 to \$20 contribution (though we are flexible).

Our own preference would be to emphasize persons located in different United Methodist and/or congressional districts who might be in a position for outreach in response to our action alerts. In your case it might be the district peace with justice directors. But we would leave the selection up to you.

So we hope to you from you and to continue our close working relationship.

With best regards,

*Howard W. Hallman*

October 10, 1989

Brenda Hardt  
4907 Caris  
Houston, TX 77091

Dear Brenda:

Thanks for the various material you sent us. There are some good ideas there. For instance, the bulletin insert is a useful suggestion. We don't now have the resources to make a major printing, but we could provide camera-ready copy that people could use locally -- and have space for local messages and addresses.

We are pleased to hear that the Texas Conference is sending a \$500 contribution to Methodists United for Peace with Justice. We haven't received it yet but look forward to getting it. We appreciate your generating this kind of support.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman

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*September 17, 1989*

*Cheryl Howard*

*618 Marshall Road*

*Glen Burnie, MD 21061*

*Dear Cheryl:*

*I would like to add a personal note to the enclosed notice for membership renewal. It's much too impersonal for someone like you who has helped so much in the growth of Methodists United.*

*We are in the process of regularizing our membership on an annual basis and are therefore getting back to everyone who contributed financially in an earlier phase of our development. Naturally we hope that you will continue your financial support for our expanding, dynamic program by renewing your membership.*

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman*

Dick Sherwood  
3550 Hillside Lane  
Salt Lake City, UT 84109

I recall our being together in Washington during the Reagan-Gorbachev summit meeting. I hope that you will continue to be associated with Methodists United for Peace with Justice.

Pat and Joan Baker  
2713 S. Inge Street  
Arlington, VA 22202

P.S. Pat, congratulations for your appointment as minister of the parish at Foundry. The bishop made a wise decision.

Dr. William Holmes  
Metropolitan United Methodist Church  
3311 Nebraska Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20016

Rev. Ralph Minkler  
3501 Bunker Hill Road  
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Rev. Anne R. Stewart  
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*Gaithersburg, MD 20877*

*Sid and Janice Jones*

*8374 Hawkins Creamery Road*

*Gaithersburg, MD 20879*

*As you may know, I have taken over a major leadership role in Methodists United, particularly expanding the scope and effectiveness of our issues work.*

*Jane Palmer*

*119 St. Laurence Drive*

*Silver Spring, MD 20901*

*Rev. Kenneth R. Fell*

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September 19, 1989

Bishop Felton E. May

900 S. Arlington Avenue, #214

Harrisburg, PA 17109

Dear Bishop May:

I am pleased to hear about your appointment to provide leadership in attacking the drug problem in Washington, D.C. It's a tremendous challenge. You are an excellent choice for this assignment.

You will be hearing from Methodists United officially, offering our support for your work. In this letter I want to offer some personal observations.

Most of my professional career has focused on city problems, with particular emphasis upon neighborhood-based action (see vita). I turned to the subject of nuclear disarmament about five years ago because the Reagan military buildup was taking away so many resources from programs serving urgent human needs. It is necessary to achieve disarmament in order to free up these resources.

As read and listen to what the politicians and the experts are saying about a "war on drugs," I am struck by the incompleteness of most proposals. Much of the energy and resources is directed toward curtailing the supply and

*doesn't examine the deeper causes of the demand side: why people want drugs. Even on the supply side, they don't address the economic reasons why poor people in Latin American countries produce narcotic plants as a cash crop and why young people in poor neighborhoods are drawn into the supply network.*

*I don't claim any expertise on anti-drug programs, but I am convinced that a major part of the solution of curtailing demand and achieving rehabilitation and reentry of drug addicts must be community based. That means involving churches, neighborhood organizations, and service providers. It means in many neighborhoods revitalizing community strengths and creating a new climate.*

*For this to happen, there needs to be a lot of basic neighborhood organizing. For that task, we have a rich body of experience to draw on, accumulated for over 100 years. I have dealt with that experience in chapters 8 to 10 in my book, *Neighborhoods: Their Place in Urban Life*. I am sending you a copy with the hope that these chapters, and perhaps other parts of the book, might be a useful reference as you undertake your challenging assignment.*

*Please let me know if I can help you in any way. You can reach me MWF at (301) 897-3668 and TuTh and most evenings at (301) 795-7677.*

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman*

HOWARD W. HALLMAN

6508 Wilmett Road  
Bethesda, MD 20817  
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September 19, 1989

Dr. W. Astor Kirk  
4907 Keir Court  
Suitland, MD 20746

Dear Bill:

As promised, I am sending a copy of the Washington Post story on Bishop May's new assignment.

As further background information for you, I am providing you a copy of my proposal for General Conference follow-up and a more lengthy analysis of where we stood at the time and where we should be going. Unfortunately Ed Helm opposed most of these things, and the rest of us didn't collectively stand up and insist upon them at that time.

Let's keep our dialogue going.

With best regards,

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*August 20, 1989*

*To: Ralph Clark, Bob Griffin, Sherman Harris, Bill Kirk, John Mathews*

*From: Howard Hallman*

*Re: Methodists United "Enterprises"*

*Now is the time to make several decisions about Methodists United and its potential family of organizations. Because Ralph, Bob, Sherman, John, and I have managed the affairs of Methodists United for Peace with Justice during the past year as members of the Steering Committee, we have primary responsibility for making decisions and for offering recommendations to the new, elected Board of Directors. Recently Bill has joined us in considering the possibility for forming a (501)(c)(3) corporation, so it is appropriate that he join with us in seeking a consensus on several key decisions related to Methodists United enterprises.*

*These decisions fall into three categories, but the decisions should be made as a package.*

***I. Set of Organizations***

*We have previously decided to have two nonprofit corporations: a 501(c)(4) and a (501)(c)(3). Now I propose using an existing (c)(3) as an*

*interim arrangement.*

*(c)(4). We already have Methodists United for Peace with Justice as our 501(c)(4) corporation. With the election of a national Board of Directors underway, two tasks remain for our initial organizing:*

- (a) Submitting an application for tax exemption to the Internal Revenue Service, and*
- (b) Getting participation from AME, AME Zion, and CME denominations on the Board of Directors and National Advisory Committee.*

*(c)(3). There are two choices before us for forming a (501)(c)(3) corporation:*

- (1) Establish a Methodists United Foundation along the lines of the draft articles of incorporation submitted to us by Bill in August, or*
- (2) Establish a Methodists United Fund along the lines of the articles of incorporation we reviewed in May.*

*If we pursue the first choice, we should carefully review the proposed articles of incorporation and agree upon modifications, if any. In a separate memo I have suggested an alternative name and a change in the membership clause. Others may have other suggestions.*

*I also believe that going the route of a Methodists United Foundation should be conditioned on agreeing to have a single chief executive officer (CEO) for all of the Methodists United family of organizations, as discussed below. If that cannot be agreed to, then I believe that we should create the Methodists United Fund as our own (c)(3) and let the foundation idea go its own course with a name different from "Methodists United".*

*Interim arrangement.* It will probably take from six to nine months to set up a (c)(3) corporation and gain IRS approval of its tax exempt status. But we are ready now to seek and accept tax exempt contributions and grants and use them to finance eligible activities. Accordingly, it would be desirable to have some kind of interim arrangement whereby an existing (c)(3) organization can receive and handled tax exempt contributions in our behalf.

It happens that I have a dormant (c)(3) corporation, known as the Civic Action Institute (CAI). Its articles of incorporation, as amended, includes sufficient authority to carry out the kind of activities that Methodists United wants to institute. Therefore, I propose that the Civic Action Institute be reactivated, that its current three-member Board of Directors be expanded to include more persons active with Methodists United, and that it create a "Methodists United Project" to receive funds in behalf of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. Such funds could be (a) expended by CAI in behalf of MUPJ or (b) transferred to MUPJ, to be used only for (c)(3) type activities.

The interim arrangement would be phased out when the Methodists United (c)(3) corporation gains tax exempt status.

**Decisions to make:**

1. Which (c)(3) vehicle to use:

- Methodists United Foundation (Bill's proposal)
- Methodists United Fund for Peace and Justice (previously considered)

2. If the Foundation:

- Name
- Membership status

- \_\_\_ Other changes in proposed articles of incorporation
- \_\_\_ Agreement to use a single CEO for the Methodists United family of organizations (see below).

3. Interim arrangement:

- \_\_\_ Utilize the Civic Action Institute

## II. Single Chief Executive Officer

Through a lot of effort of a small number of people, "Methodists United" has become recognized and well-accepted as a vital, effective organization. Among the evidence is the number of United Methodist bishops who signed "A Call for Shift in Budget Priorities from Military to Human Needs" and the number of United Methodists annual conference leaders who are using our material and responding to our *Peace/Justice Alerts*.

Because we chose to organize originally as a 501(c)(4) corporation, we also need to have a (501)(c)(3) corporation available to receive tax exempt contributions and grants. In establishing a (c)(3) it is essential that we achieve unity of purpose and operations. Otherwise, we risk having separate "Methodists United" organizations drifting apart, possibly competing, and maybe even engaging in contradictory activities.

Experience with a large number of organizations that use side-by-side (c)(4) and (c)(3) corporations is that a useful method for maintaining unity is to have a single chief executive officer for the two corporations. Some of the staff may work for both corporations while other staff may work for only one. The CEO is in a position to provide unified direction to their work and to coordinated closely related activities of the two corporations. Among many examples, this is the practice of the Friends Committee on National Legislation and the League of Women Voters.

I recommend that Methodists United follow this pattern by deciding to have a single chief executive officer for all enterprises in the Methodists United family of organizations. This should include the existing (c)(4) corporation, the proposed (c)(3) corporation, and the interim arrangement proposed above. The current Steering Committee, as the responsible decision-making body and custodian of the "Methodists United" name (given value through our record of accomplishments), should make this a condition of using "Methodists United" in the name of any new organization.

**Decision to make:**

\_\_\_ Agreement to have a single chief executive officer for all organizations in the Methodists United family.

**III. Designate Howard Hallman as the Methodists United CEO**

Methodists United for Peace with Justice has reached the stage where it would be useful to appoint an executive director. The proposed (c)(3) corporation will also need a chief executive officer (whether called president or executive director). The proposed interim arrangement through the Civic Action Institute requires a project director. For reasons stated above, these positions should be filled by one person.

Therefore, I propose that the MUPJ Steering Committee designate me as chief executive officer of all units in the Methodists United family of organizations. This would be done by a series of actions specified at the end of this section.

**Qualifications.** You know some of my qualifications for this position because of the work I have done in the past two years. Other qualifications

are indicated in the attached vita and highlighted below.

(1) Work with MUPJ. In my work with Methodists United I have:

- (a) Developed, guided, and with lots of help implemented a successful strategy to gain General Conference approval of two resolutions we sponsored.
- (b) Instituted a membership campaign which has increased our rate of membership contributions and brought us to a threshold where we can expect an increased membership growth rate and a higher level of contributions.
- (c) Taken responsibility for four issues of *Peace Leaf* on substantive matters related to our program objectives (gaining favorable feedback).
- (d) Initiated *Peace/Justice Alerts* on precise issues (and gained thanks from United Methodist conference leaders for this service).
- (e) Developed "A Call for Shift in Budget Priorities from Military to Human Needs", which attracted substantial United Methodist leadership support and publicity for Methodists United.
- (f) Sent out news releases regularly to United Methodist national and conference publications.
- (g) Represented Methodists United in the Monday Lobby (of peace organizations), the Coalition on Human Needs, and the Citizens' Budget Campaign. By signing letters to President Bush and members of Congress have brought Methodist support to precise

policy proposals. (The United Methodist General Board of Church and Society is largely absent from these proceedings.)

- (h) As treasurer, put MUPJ financial records in order, including retroactively constructing ledgers for the first 18 months of operation.

My major disappointment in my work of the past year is that membership growth has not been as great as I predicted. However, I believe that the substantive work of the past year has proven our worth and brought us recognition so that membership growth can sharply increase and that much more financial support can be obtained.

(2) Past work. The attached vita describes my professional career, civic and religious activities. Here I want to highlight a few qualifications related to the position of chief executive officer.

- (a) Executive management. My career has alternated between periods of management responsibility and periods of program development, writing, and consulting. My major periods of executive management have been as follows:

1969-62. Director, Division of Neighborhood Improvement, New Haven Redevelopment agency. Staff of 25.

1962-65. Deputy Director, Community Progress, Inc., New Haven, Connecticut. Staff of 160.

1967. Director, Poverty Program Study, U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Employment, Manpower and Poverty. Staff of 6 plus 13 consultants.

1969-76. President, Center for Governmental Studies, Washington, D.C. Staff of 10 and 25 consultants for field studies.

1978-82. President, Civic Action Institute, Washington, D.C. Staff of 8, use of over 100 consultants for training and technical assistance.

- (b) Fundraising. For several of the above enterprises, I had major responsibility for fundraising.

In 1961-62 in New Haven put together the program which gained a \$2.5 million Ford Foundation grant and then generated further support from other foundations, federal agencies, and local government.

In 1969 established Center for Governmental Studies with initial support from the Ford Foundation and U.S. Labor Department and then gained financial support from other foundations and federal and local governmental agencies.

In 1978 re-established and renamed corporation as Civic Action Institute, gained several contracts with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, received grants from Ford Foundation and MacArthur Foundation, and obtained support from several other sources.

- (c) National membership organizations. I have had experience in starting two national membership organizations.

As a consultant in 1965-66, I had a major role in developing the National Association for Community Development, which drew

together representatives of newly established community action agencies.

In 1976 I convened a workshop in Kansas City, Missouri out of which came Neighborhoods, USA, which had its 14th annual conference this past May. Particularly during the first six years I served as principal advisor to the Board of Directors and provided staff support through the Civic Action Institute.

(d) Network connections. Beyond my network connections in religious and peace/justice organizations, since 1973 I have been a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration, whose 350 elected members consist of top practitioners and academicians in this field.

**Decisions to make.** In carrying out the idea of a single CEO for Methodists United organizational units, I propose that the present MUPJ Steering Committee take the following actions:

\_\_\_ Appoint me as interim executive director of MUPJ.

\_\_\_ Recommend to the MUPJ's new Board of Directors that they reaffirm my appointment as executive director.

\_\_\_ As a condition of using the "Methodists United" name in the title of a new (501)(c)(3) corporation (whether the "Foundation" or the "Fund"), require an agreement to appoint me as chief executive officer of that corporation.

\_\_\_ Recognize my present position as president of the Civic Action Institute, which will serve as an interim arrangement for handling tax exempt contributions and grants.

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September 7, 1989

To: Sherman Harris, Bob Griffin, John Mathews

From: Howard Hallman

In the board election, 37 of the 96 legal ballots voted for fewer than the entire slate of candidates. In doing so, they were stating their preference for the type of persons they want to serve on the board. So perhaps we should respect this preference in the manner outlined below -- if we can within the provisions of the bylaws.

Article V of the bylaws includes this language:

3. ....The Interim Board shall determine the manner of election and appointment of this initial Board....
4. ....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....

Without looking at voting results, consider this possibility:

- (1) Rank the 18 elected directors by number of votes received.
- (2) Divide them into three groups of six each so that the six receiving the most votes have a three year term, the next six have a two year term, and the last six have a one year term.
- (3) If there are ties for last place in the first two groups (for 6th and

- 12th place), assign those persons by lot (to 3 and 2 year terms, to 2 and 1 year terms).
- (4) Assign appointed directors by lot to three, two, and one year terms.

If this makes sense, we could recommend it to the new Board as a procedure to adopt before we provide them an election ranking.

The main argument in favor of this approach is that it respects the members' preference as expressed in the voting. Two arguments against are (a) that we may not have such leeway under the bylaws' requirement for assignment by lot and (2) that publishing the voting results may hurt the feelings of the lower-ranked directors.

I would be interested in your views.

*Methodists United for Peace with Justice*  
*Election results for Board of Directors*  
*September 1989*

<u>Suggested</u> <u>term</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Three years	Clifford Armour	84
	Howard Hallman	84
	Mark Wethington	84
	Sherman Harris	82
	[Two of three by lot]	
	Jennifer Garvin-Sanchez	81
	Betty Nelson	81
	James Zeisloft	81
Two years	[One of above]	
	John Copenhaver	80
	Nancy Risch	80
	Doris Akers	78
	Bruce Edwards	78
	Spencer Turnipseed	77
One year	John Mecartney	76
	Bernice Smith	76
	Edward Helm	75
	Ralph Clark	69
	Craig Barbour	68
	Alice Ashton	66

*Note: 96 eligible ballots were received and counted. Every director received at least two-thirds of eligible votes.*

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September 14, 1989

Rev. Chuck Jack

HC 69, Box 575

Beverly, KY 37620

Dear Rev. Jack:

As Methodists United for Peace with Justice begins its third program year of operations, we are seeking to strengthen our ties with United Methodist conferences, local churches, committed clergy and laity. We will build this effort on our established outreach services: quarterly issues of *Peace Leaf*, each focusing on a particular topic of current concern; *Peace/Justice Alerts* on timely policy issues; and special endeavors, such as "A Call for Shift in Budget Priorities from Military to Human Needs", for which we gained endorsement of a majority of the United Methodist bishops and leadership 56 annual conferences.

Beyond our nationwide outreach, we are quite active in Washington. We are the only Methodist representation in the "Monday Lobby", which brings together peace and arms control organizations for concerted action on Capitol Hill. We also participate in the Coalition on Human Needs, which focuses particularly on gaining adequate support for federal programs serving low-income persons. And we are taking leadership in an effort to organize a broadly-based citizens' budget campaign to shape priorities in next year's federal budget.

Now as we begin a new program year we invite the Red Bird Missionary conference board of church and society, or its peace with justice unit (or some such entity), to become an organizational member of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. We ask you to make a financial contribution in the range of \$100 to \$300. In exchange for this contribution, we will put a certain number of persons from your conference on our mailing list (say one for each \$15 or \$20 contribution) and will send them *Peace Leaf* and *Peace/Justice Alerts*. You would provide us a list of names of your choosing. Our own preference would be to emphasize persons located in districts around your conference (congressional and/or United Methodist districts) who would have responsibility for further outreach.

In addition, we ask your assistance in recruiting other individual and organizational members for Methodists United. Perhaps you would be willing to write in our behalf to people who are peace and justice activists and to churches which have active peace and justice ministries. If so, we could provide you membership material, such as the enclosed sample. Or, you might send us a list of such persons and churches, and we could write them directly.

Please let us know if you can assist us in this manner. We will greatly appreciate your support.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Issues Chair

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*September 19, 1989*

*Mr. B. David Williams*

*Peace with Justice Educator*

*Oregon-Idaho United Methodist Conference*

*1505 S.W. 18th Avenue*

*Portland, OR 97201*

*Dear Mr. Williams:*

*Thanks for sending us the signed petitions on START negotiations and the resolutions from the Oregon-Idaho United Methodist Conference. We have accumulated these petitions over the summer and this week are presenting them to the Soviet Embassy and the White House, at the moment when START negotiations are coming into focus.*

*In your letter you indicated that some people are confused by the relationship between what we are doing and the official program of the General Board of Church and Society. Because in your role you are in a position to help clarify such uncertainty, let me summarize this relationship.*

*Methodists United for Peace with Justice formed in 1987 in response to the United Methodists bishops' call for greater witness and action for peace and justice, as expressed in their pastoral letter, *In Defense of Creation*. From the beginning we have emphasized activities that complement and do not*

*duplicate the work of the General Board. We have conferred regularly with Sharon Garfield and others at the Board on matters of mutual interest. Last year at General Conference we worked closely with Board representatives in seeking to get Peace with Justice adopted as special program for the quadrennium and for gaining endorsement of In Defense of Creation. We regularly attend meetings of the General Board as observers, and we keep Board members informed about our activities.*

*We recognize that the United Methodist Church is a pluralistic institution, that local churches and annual conferences have considerable autonomy in deciding which of many possible programs they want to emphasize. One of our roles is to supply people in these settings with information about public policy issues and to provide timely, specific action suggestions. For these purposes we publish *Peace Leaf* and *Peace/Justice Alerts*. Because many peace and justice issues overlap in the federal budget, last spring we developed "A Call for Shift in Budget Priorities from Military to Human Needs" and gained the endorsement of a majority of the active bishops and leadership in 56 annual conferences. None of this duplicates what any unit of the General Board is doing. We have received letters from a number of United Methodist bishops and conference leaders, praising our work and offering us encouragement.*

*We will appreciate your sharing this clarification with those who have been unclear about our role in Methodism.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Howard W. Hallman*

September 20, 1989

The Honorable Mikhail Gorbachev  
c/o Embassy of the USSR  
1115 16th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20036

Dear President Gorbachev:

We want to present to you a set of petitions addressed to you and President George Bush, urging the two of you to lead your respective nations to rapid completion of Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START). The petitioners ask that this first START agreement cut the supply of strategic nuclear weapons by 50 percent and that this be followed by further negotiations for additional cuts in strategic weapons.

The petitioners are members of the United Methodist Church from all parts of the United States. Many of them signed the petition while attending what United Methodists call the "annual conference." There are 73 of them in the United States. A number of annual conferences also passed resolutions asking for completion of a START agreement and resolutions urging a curtailment of attempts to deploy strategic defenses. Several of these resolutions are enclosed.

Action by individual United Methodists in signing the petition and the annual conferences in adopting the resolutions is a continuation of a long concern on this issue by the United Methodist Church. In 1984 the General Conference, the church's official governing body, set forth the goal of world disarmament, achieved through intermediate steps of arms reduction. The 1988 General Conference reaffirmed this goal. In 1986 the United Methodist Council of

*Bishops stated, "We support earliest possible negotiation of phased but rapid reduction of nuclear arsenals to the eventual goal of a mutual and verifiable dismantling of all nuclear armaments."*

*Therefore, we urge you to follow through on the creative initiatives which you have already taken and to do all within your power to achieve a Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Issues Chair*

Dear Foundry Member:

As you know, Foundry United Methodist Church is an incubator for many creative ideas. In this vein the Foundry Peace Mission two and a half years ago proposed the formation of a national organization to respond to the United Methodist bishops' call for greater witness and action for peace and justice. This led to the establishment of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. In the beginning Methodists United concentrated on issues arising from the bishops' pastoral letter, *In Defense of Creation*, especially nuclear disarmament and better US-Soviet relations. Then we added a number of justice issues, such as concern for children and youth and recapturing federal budget resources for programs serving urgent human needs.

For the past two years Methodists United has been guided by a Steering Committee of people drawn mostly from the Washington area. The core group during the past year has consisted of the undersigned: Sherman Harris, a leading layman at Asbury United Methodist Church and in the Baltimore Conference, and Howard Hallman, formerly a member of Foundry where he was co-founder of the Housing Mission and the initiator of the Christmas Gift Catalogue. And also: Robert Griffin, who is active both at Foundry and Asbury; John Mathews from the Foundry Peace Mission; and Ralph Clark, a longtime leader at Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church in Arlington. But now we have completed our development phase and have recently elected a national Board of Directors, which will function as our official governing body.

As we enter this new phase, we want to broaden our base of membership and financial support. Therefore, we invite you to become a contributing member of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. As a member you will receive our quarterly newsletter, *Peace Leaf*, which provides background articles on important issues of the day. You will also receive *Peace/Justice*

*Alerts at approximately monthly intervals to suggest actions you can take on specific public issues, especially pending decisions being made by Congress and President Bush.*

*Among other concerns in the next six months, we will be giving special attention to federal budget priorities in order to obtain greater resources for housing, food and nutrition programs, child care, education and job training, drug abuse programs, and other programs serving community needs. For this to happen, there must be significant reductions in military spending, which are now possible because of improved US-Soviet relationships. This illustrates the connection between peace and justice, our dual concerns.*

*Your financial contribution will help us strengthen our public advocacy voice in Washington and will enable us to provide a steady flow of information to grassroots activists around the nation. We ask you to complete the form in the enclosed brochure and return it to us along with your contribution.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Sherman W.Harris  
Chair, Steering Committee*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Issues Chair*

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*October 4, 1989*

*Mr. Edward Helm  
925 14th Avenue N  
St. Petersburg, FL 33705*

*Dear Ed:*

*Before the new Board of Directors meets on October 20-21 we are trying to clear up as many accounts payable as possible. Among these is the long overdue bill to Production Solutions, which in fact was not written off by the company. Chip Craver personally paid \$1,500 on the account last January. This leaves an amount payable of \$2,615.91, as shown on the enclosed invoice.*

*Because you are resourceful in fundraising, we are wondering if you would help us raise some money to pay off this bill. We are already in touch with the Bedells, other members of the National Advisory Committee, and previous important donors, such as Helen Wood to ask for special donations to help with other expenses. So we would hope that you could use your contacts in a wider circle to obtain contributions to Methodists United for Peace with Justice for this Production Solutions bill.*

*Towards the end of next week we will be sending out a packet of background information for the Board meeting. We are looking forward to convening this national board, approximately on the schedule you suggested when*

*Methodists United was formed two and a half years ago.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Sherman W. Harris*

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*October 6, 1989*

*To: Board of Directors*

*From: Howard W. Hallman*

*Here is a packet of information on Methodists United for Peace with Justice as background for the October 20-21 meeting of the Board of Directors.*

*This packet includes a history of Methodists United, the articles of incorporation and bylaws, a roster of members of the Board of Directors and National Advisory Committee, a proposed agenda as developed by the Interim Board, and a series of reports related to agenda items.*

*No later than October 13 we will be mailing you a set of financial reports and some analytical information that can be used in developing a budget for Methodists United.*

*All of us who have been associated with the Interim Board are eagerly looking forward to the meeting of the new Board of Directors.*

October 11, 1989

Dear Friend:

It is time to renew your membership in Methodists United for Peace with Justice. Our records indicate that we received your last membership contribution during the summer of 1988. We ask for an annual membership contribution in order to help cover the costs of *Peace Leaf*, *Peace/Justice Alerts*, and the other activities of Methodists United.

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As you read in the newspaper how Congress and the Bush Administration are having difficulty agreeing on the federal budget, you should know that Methodists United is a leading participant in a new Citizens' Budget Coalition. Its aim is to redirect federal budget priorities from excessive military spending to a greater commitment to human needs and to dealing with the federal deficit realistically. We are working on this matter because we realize in the budget important issues of peace and justice intersect in determining spending priorities.

During the past year we have been the principal voice of Methodism on issues of disarmament, and we will continue this emphasis. And we expect our new Board to help sharpen our focus on justice issues. By combining a presence in Washington with close ties with Methodist networks around the

*country, we are in a position to mobilize the latent strength of thousands of concerned Methodists.*

*Therefore, we hope that you will continue supporting our activities.*

*Yours in peace and justice,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Membership Coordinator*

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    \$

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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*October 11, 1989*

*Mr. George D. McClain  
76 Clinton Avenue  
Staten Island, NY 10301*

*Dear George:*

*When you returned your ballot for the Board of Directors of Methodists United for Peace with Justice, you raised some questions about the election process. Let me put my reply in context.*

*Methodists United was organized in March 1987 by people from several churches in the Washington, D.C. area. This core group intended to function for a couple of years and then organize a national Board of Directors, chosen by the membership. To carry out this intent those of us on the Interim Board decided to seek nominations from Methodists United members around the country. We received 18. The Interim Board decided to put all of them on the ballot rather than be selective. We also decided not to nominate additional persons beyond those proposed by the membership. As it turned out all 18 nominees received at least two-thirds of the votes cast (though there was ticket splitting) and were declared elected. When the new Board meets on October 20-21, the directors will be assigned by lot to one-, two-, and three-year terms. The bylaws give the Board the right to appoint additional directors to achieve greater representation, but directors*

*elected by the members must be in a majority.*

*This is an evolving process. Next year one-third of the directors will be up for election. It is quite likely that there will be more nominees than positions available. It's conceivable that the Board will have some geographic districts and might have a write-in process. Thus, this year's election is transitional between a self-selected Interim Board consisting of the original organizers to an election process next year that will be more competitive in the customary sense.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Issues Chair*

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The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

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*Therefore, we urge you to do all within your power to achieve a Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty as soon as possible.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Issues Chair*

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October 24, 1989

Rev. Craig L. Barbour  
Rt 2, Box 222  
Charlottesville, VA 22901

Dear Craig:

Sherman and I have reflected on the meeting of the Board of Directors last Friday and Saturday and are pleased at how well things went. We threw a lot of work at new members, and all of you came through with flying colors. We especially appreciate your willingness to be secretary of the Board.

As follow up, would you please sign the enclosed copy of the resolution creating the Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund. We need such a certified copy for submission to the Internal Revenue Service.

Sherman and I would be interested in seeing a draft of the minutes before they are sent out. We want to be sure that we all have the same recollection of decisions that were made.

As we look at geographical residence of the Executive Committee, it looks as if the five of us in the East -- Sherman and I in Maryland, you and Jennifer in Virginia, and Mark in North Carolina -- might be able to get together at some mid-point, such as Richmond or Charlottesville. Then we could get

*Bruce and Doris on the phone on issues where material is circulated in advance. So we'll probably try to arrange such a meeting in November or December and maybe another one after the first of the year.*

*We'll be in touch.*

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

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*October 24, 1989*

*Rev. Clifford A. Armour, Jr.  
69 East Main Street  
P.O. Box 595  
Newark, DE 19715*

*Dear Rev. Armour:*

*Once again we fouled up a mailing to you. Before our Board meeting I sent out the enclosed booklet of background information, used both the street and P.O. box addresses, but got the box number wrong. So the Postal Service returned it to us. Sorry.*

*We had a good Board meeting. You will soon be receiving minutes to report decisions made. Meanwhile, here are a couple of news releases that tell some of the results.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

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October 31, 1989

To: Board of Directors

I'm still feeling the pleasant glow of new friendships made when our new Board of Directors met ten days ago. We're off to a good start in what I hope will be a productive relationship. Already we're following through on a number of decisions.

The Board reaffirmed the value of our *Peace/Justice Alerts*. We've haven't issued one since July, so it is important to get another one out. Under separate cover you may have already received the newest one, which focuses on FY 1991 federal budget priorities and asks people to send the postcard to "Budget Negotiators". We have used this same mailing to include a news release about the new Board of Directors, the officers chosen, and my designation as executive director. We have also sent these release to United Methodist publications. For the publications of conferences where Board members live, we have noted this on the release.

The Board also reaffirmed that we should continue to focus on disarmament issues as defined by the United Methodist bishops in *In Defense of Creation*. As a further step along these lines, I have developed and am circulating a draft of a "Religious Leaders Call for Disarmament in the 1990s". It is enclosed along with explanatory material. If you would like to be one of the initial signers, please sign and return the form.

*We will communicate with you regularly on other activities that carry out Board decisions.*

*And please note: the next Board meeting will be on Friday, March 30, 1990 starting at 10:00 a.m and Saturday, March 31, ending by 3:00 p.m.*

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

*Special note to Executive Committee:*

*As we look over membership on the Executive Committee, we note that there are two members from Maryland, two from Virginia, and one each from North Carolina, Missouri, and Texas. That leads us to suggest that the Executive Committee meet perhaps twice between now and the next Board meeting some place in Virginia, such as Richmond or Charlottesville. That would be accessible by automobile for Sherman and me from Maryland and Mark from North Carolina. If it is not possible for Bruce and Doris to attend, we could send out agenda material in advance and confer by phone before or during the course of the meeting. What do you think?*

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*October 31, 1989*

*Dr. Mark W. Wethington  
908 Leon Street  
Durham, NC 27704*

*Dear Mark:*

*After you left the Board meeting you were elected as one of three vice-chairs. The other two are Doris Akers and Bruce Edwards. Sherman Harris is chair, Craig Barbour is secretary, I am treasurer, and Jennifer Garvin-Sanchez is assistant treasurer. We hope that you will accept this position.*

*As the attached memo indicates, we may want to hold a couple of Executive Committee meetings in Virginia before the next Board meeting (March 30-31). That is handy for Craig and Jennifer. Sherman and I could drive from Maryland, and you could come from North Carolina. Bruce and Doris might not be able to make it from Missouri and Texas, but we could communicate with them by phone. We'll be in touch to schedule an Executive Committee meeting.*

*Sincerely yours,  
Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

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Washington, DC 20003  
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*October 31, 1989*

*Jennifer Garvin-Sanchez  
Freedom House  
P.O. Box 12144  
Richmond, VA 23241*

*Dear Jennifer:*

*Enclosed are a couple of checks we would like you to sign as assistant treasurer. One is to Sherman and the other to me, and we don't want to sign our own checks. Attached are the invoices. Receipts are in our file.*

*If you want to see full documentation on such check requests, including copies of receipts, please let me know. Otherwise we'll send a copy of only the covering invoice.*

*A return envelope is enclosed for your convenience.*

*Sincerely yours,*

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*October 31, 1989*

*Mr. Edward Helm  
925 14th Avenue North  
St. Petersburg, FL 33705*

*Dear Ed:*

*Sometime in the next several weeks the Executive Committee of Methodists United will be meeting to follow through on decisions made by the Board of Directors. There are a couple of items you could help us with.*

*First, there was a positive interest in your idea of a "bishops' voting test". What we need now is more details on how it would work: sources of information, who should do what, time and financial costs required. Would you be willing to develop this in greater detail for review by the Executive Committee?*

*Secondly, the Executive Committee is supposed to develop guidelines for the formation of chapters of Methodists United for presentation at the next Board meeting. Article IX of the Bylaws requires the Board to "prescribe standards and procedures for the establishment of chapters, including requirements for democratic selection of chapter officers and open operating procedures." Can you offer us some ideas on policies and procedures on how best to implement the requirements of the Bylaws?*

*Enclosed are some other communications.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

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*November 1, 1989*

*Mr. Richard Healy  
1872 Newton Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20010*

*Dear Richard:*

*As I indicated on the phone, Methodists United for Peace with Justice has developed into a viable organization during the past year. We now have a national Board of Directors elected by the membership. This new Board has appointed me to be executive director. Previously I have served as a volunteer in several capacities: issues chair, treasurer, membership coordinator.*

*We are organized as a 501(c)(4) corporation, but have now created a Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund for which we are applying for 501(c)(3) status. Meanwhile, we have worked out an interim arrangement to handle tax exempt contributions and grants.*

*I would appreciate getting your insights on where we might seek foundation support. Probably our greatest strength is our potential for targeting grassroots education and mobilization in virtually any congressional district in the country, including those in the South and other regions where the peace movement is weak. That's because Methodists are present everywhere, and*

even where the leadership is conservative there is always a core of social activists who can be tapped. Beyond this kind of outreach we have a contribution to make in policy development that picks up where the United Methodist bishops left off in their pastoral letter and foundation, *In Defense of Creation*, and looks ahead toward peace and justice policies for the 1990s.

Some of this is sketched out in the enclosed "How We Function, What We Want to Do." Other enclosures illustrate more about who we are and what we have been doing.

I'll give you a call the week of November 6 to try to find a time to talk to you.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

November 13, 1989

Dear Member:

It is time to renew your membership in Methodists United for Peace with Justice. Our records indicate that we received your last membership contribution in November 1988. We ask for an annual membership contribution in order to help cover the costs of *Peace Leaf*, *Peace/ Justice Alerts*, and the other activities of Methodists United.

As we have reported to you, our new, nationally-elected Board of Directors held its first meeting on October 20-21. This was a landmark for Methodists United, for it marked the next step in our evolution. We started with a few concerned people from several churches in the Washington, D.C. area, and now we have widened our base to encompass people in all parts of the United States. This puts us in a much better position to work effectively on peace and justice issues.

The new Board reaffirmed our commitment to implement policy recommendations contained in the United Methodist bishops' foundation document, *In Defense of Creation*. As another step in this direction, we are now circulating to religious leaders of many denominations in the United States a letter to President Bush and President Gorbachev, asking them to make "swords into plowshares" their major theme for the 1990s and to take specific actions to achieve general disarmament in Europe, global nuclear disarmament, and economic conversion. The latter is essential to obtain resources necessary to meet human needs -- a fundamental justice concern.

On a related issue we are focusing attention on the need to redirect U.S. budget priorities from excessive military spending to a greater commitment

*to human needs and to deal with the federal deficit realistically. Methodists United is a leading participant in a new Citizens' Budget Coalition dedicated to this objective. For us this is a crucial issue because peace and justice intersect in determining spending priorities and tax policies.*

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November 29, 1989

To: Executive Committee

Methodists United for Peace with Justice

From: Howard W. Hallman

Re: Foundation Proposal

After talking with a couple of people who know the foundation scene well, I have drafted the enclosed proposal to request financial support. It is generic and would need to be adapted to the outline specified by a particular foundation.

I would be interested in your comments, both as to the content of the activities for which we would be requesting financial support and the three budgetary levels (plus a seed grant budget). I will share your comments with Sherman and see if we have sufficient consensus to submit proposals to several foundations.

If you want to call me, I am usually at my wife's parsonage -- (301) 795-7677 -- on Tuesday all day, Wednesday and Thursday morning, and evenings Saturday through Wednesday. I am at our home in Bethesda -- (301) 897-3668 -- on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons, all day Friday, and Thursday and Friday evenings. Or you can call the

*Methodists United office, where I am at irregular intervals, leave a message if I'm not there, and I'll get back to you.*

*We did very well in getting signatures for our letter to Presidents Bush and Gorbachev. We'll be getting at the final version and a summary of reactions next week.*

December 6, 1989

Eloise Folkers Nenon  
255 Colonial Lane  
Palm Beach, FL 33480

Dear Eloise:

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We are now seeking special contributions for this purpose. We already have one donation of \$500 and are looking for other donations. We are wondering if you would be willing to make a contribution to help defray the cost of *Witnessing for Peace and Justice*.

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*Howard W. Hallman  
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December 6, 1989

Helen Wood  
10450 Lottsford Road  
Mitchellville, MD 20716

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December 14, 1989

Dr. W. Astor Kirk  
4907 Keir Court  
Suitland, MD 20746

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December 22, 1989

To: *Executive Committee*  
*Methodists United for Peace with Justice*

From: *Howard W. Hallman*

*The Executive Committee will meet at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 11, 1990 in Richmond, Virginia. The meeting is likely to last until early afternoon. I will be sending out background material about a week before the meeting.*

*Doris and Bruce: We realize that you cannot come East for the meeting, but we hope that you will send your comments on agenda items in advance, or call Sherman (evenings at 301 299-2984) or me with your comments. In addition, we will schedule a conference call on the 11th for 1:00 p.m. EST, or 12 noon CST, in order to talk with you about tentative decisions. I'll check with you to see if you can be available then.*

*Craig, Mark, Sherman: Jennifer has arranged for us to meet at Sean's Place. Her directions (which may be oriented for those of us coming from the north) are as follows: Exit from I-95 onto U.S. 1. East on Broad Street. Left on 2nd Street until it ends at a highway. Left along the highway for one block. Left on 1st Street. Sean's Place (a convent building) is at that corner. Turn into parking lot, come around to the backdoor. If you want*

more precise directions for where you are coming from, call Jennifer at (804)  
649-9791.

January 6, 1990

To: Executive Committee

Here are draft guidelines for forming chapters of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. We will consider these at the Executive Committee meeting on January 11 in Richmond.

I'm not wholly satisfied with my attempt to draft "themes for the '90s" as a basis for setting our program objectives. For instance, I omitted the matter of global environment, which has become recognized as a major public concern. In March 1990 there will be a World Convocation on Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation in Seoul, Korea under the sponsorship of the World Council of Churches. So maybe the idea of "integrity of creation" needs to come into our thinking.

I'll have a revised outline of themes by Thursday. Those of you who will be there may also want to work on this. Those of you who can't make the meeting may want to call in your ideas in advance.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman

January 6, 1990

Mr. Edward Helm  
925 14th Avenue N  
St. Petersburg, FL 33705

Dear Ed:

I have drafted the enclosed guidelines for formation of chapters of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. They will be discussed by our Executive Committee next Wednesday. With any revisions the Executive Committee adopts, they will go to the whole Board of Directors when it meets on March 30 and 31.

If you have any comments on the draft guidelines at this stage, would you please call Sherman or me by Wednesday evening, January 10. You can reach me in Monday and Tuesday evening and during the day on Tuesday at (301) 795-7677. On Wednesday I'll be at (301) 897-3668.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman

January 6, 1990

Mr. Alfredo E. Alegrett  
Production Solutions  
300 North Washington Street, Suite 300  
Falls Church, VA 22046

Dear Mr. Alegrett:

Recently I became executive director of Methodists United for Peace with Justice, and I am trying to get the business affairs of our organization in order.

I note that there is a long-outstanding bill from Production Solutions amounting to \$2,615.91, including \$120.75 in finance charges. This bill is for printing and envelopes ordered by a former officer, but we are prepared to make arrangements to settle this bill. However, we are a low-budget operation and would need to stretch payments over a period of time.

We propose, therefore, to pay you \$200 a month for each of the twelve months in 1990, or a total of \$2,400. We ask that you accept this amount as full payment for our bill, in effect waiving any finance charges.

In good faith we making a January payment of \$200. If you accept this first payment, we will assume that you have accepted our settlement proposal as outlined above.

Sincerely yours,  
Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

February 1990

Dear Member:

We welcome the arrival of the 1990s! The remarkable change now occurring in Eastern Europe is a strong indicator that the Cold War is ending. We have a real opportunity to carry out "Policies for a Just Peace", as recommended by the United Methodist Council of Bishops in their 1986 report, *In Defense of Creation*. As this happens, we can reallocate resources now wasted on military spending so that we can deal with domestic problems facing the United States: homelessness, drug abuse, need for better education and job training, for more child care, and better health services.

To help people at the local level take part in this transformation, we have published *Witnessing for Peace and Justice: A Peacemaker's Handbook*. A complimentary copy is enclosed. We hope that it will be useful to you in your local activities. You may order additional copies to share with others. An order form is enclosed.

Publishing the *Witnessing* handbook is one of several ways we are stepping up our peace and justice work. In November we obtained signatures from 120 U.S. religious leaders for a pre-summit letter to President Bush and President Gorbachev. We asked them to make "Swords into Plowshares" the theme for the 1990s and to apply this theme by achieving general disarmament in Europe, global nuclear disarmament, and economic conversion. We are promoting these ideas and are seeking to establish a Disarmament Forum to develop other new approaches. We are preparing for tough battles in Congress about realigning federal budget priorities.

Much of our work is educational (rather than direct lobbying) and can be

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*We invite you to make a special tax exempt contribution for this purpose, above and beyond your annual membership dues. Your check should be made payable to "Civic Action Institute" with a notation "for Methodists United Project".*

*Yours for peace and justice,*

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We have been sending you our material because of your leadership role in your

conference. We will continue to do so. However, we need your support so that we can strengthen our financial base. You can assist in two ways. First, we invite you to become a member of Methodists United for Peace with Justice and make a membership contribution. Second, we have recently established a Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund which can receive tax exempt contributions. While awaiting IRS approval, we have made arrangements with another 501(c)(3) organization, the Civic Action Institute, to be a channel for tax exempt contributions to Methodists United. Therefore, a special tax exempt contribution, beyond annual membership dues, can be made payable to "Civic Action Institute" with a notation "for Methodists United Project".

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January 15, 1990

Rev. Craig L. Barbour  
Rt 2, Box 222  
Charlottesville, VA 22901

Dear Craig:

We missed you at the Executive Committee meeting last week. We'll send you copies of the minutes as soon as they are available. We will also share board background material for the March meeting even though you want to resign from the Board.

The information on terms in office is as follows:

For a term ending September 1990

Doris Akers  
Rev. Clifford A. Armour, Jr.  
Jennifer Garvin-Sanchez  
Howard W. Hallman  
Sherman W. Harris  
Bernice Smith

For a term ending September 1991

Alice Ashton  
Edward Helm  
Nancy Risch  
Rev. Spencer Turnipseed  
Rev. Mark W. Wethington  
Rev. James H. Zeisloft

For a term ending September 1992

Rev. Craig L. Barbour

Ralph L. Clark  
John D. Copenhaver, Jr.  
Rev. Bruce K. Edwards  
Rev. John M. Mecartney  
Betty J. Nelson

*I hope that your surgery goes well and that you will have a speed recovery.*

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman*

January 15, 1990

Eloise Folkers Nenon  
255 Colonial Lane  
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925 14th Avenue N  
St. Petersburg, FL 33705

Dear Adrien and Ed:

At long last *Witnessing for Peace and Justice: A Peacemaker's Handbook* is off the press. This carries out a decision of the Board of Directors to get this out, even if it required foregoing an issue or two of *Peace Leaf*. Thanks especially to you, Adrien, for work on the initial draft.

It is going to be a very useful publication. We are sending it to everyone who has contributed financially to Methodists United. We are also sending complimentary/promotional copies to United Methodist conference chairs of church and society, peace with justice coordinators, council staff directors, and bishops. And we are sending a copy and a news release to all United Methodist conference newspapers.

Total cost of publication and initial distribution is \$1,500. We have received one special donation of \$500 to help cover these costs and are looking for others. Therefore, we are wondering if you would be willing to make a special contribution for this purpose. And perhaps you might help us find one or two other donors.

As you know, the Board of Directors has created a Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, and we have applied to the Internal Revenue Service to gain 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. In the meantime we have made arrangements with the Civic Action Institute to receive tax-deductible

contributions on our behalf. For this purpose, a check can be made payable to "Civic Action Institute" with a notation "for Methodists United Project."

*Witnessing for Peace and Justice* will be a useful handbook for local activists. We will greatly appreciate your financial support for its publication and distribution.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman

January 15, 1990

Dear Member:

It is time to renew your membership in Methodists United for Peace with Justice. Our records indicate that we received your last membership contribution in January 1989. We ask for an annual membership contribution in order to help cover the costs of *Peace Leaf*, *Peace/ Justice Alerts*, and the other activities of Methodists United.

As we have reported to you, our new, nationally-elected Board of Directors held its first meeting on October 20-21. This was a landmark for Methodists United, for it marked the next step in our evolution. We started with a few concerned people from several churches in the Washington, D.C. area, and now we have widened our base to encompass people in all parts of the United States. This puts us in a much better position to work effectively on peace and justice issues.

The new Board reaffirmed our commitment to implement policy recommendations contained in the United Methodist bishops' foundation document, *In Defense of Creation*. As another step in this direction, we obtained the signatures of 120 religious leaders, United Methodist and from other denominations, in a pre-Malta-summit letter to President Bush and President Gorbachev, asking them to make "swords into plowshares" their major theme for the 1990s and to take specific actions to achieve general disarmament in Europe, global nuclear disarmament, and economic conversion. The latter is essential to obtain resources necessary to meet human needs -- a fundamental justice concern.

On a related issue we are focusing attention on the need to redirect U.S.

*budget priorities from excessive military spending to a greater commitment to human needs and to deal with the federal deficit realistically.*

*Methodists United is a leading participant in a new Citizens' Budget Campaign dedicated to this objective. For us this will be a central issue in 1990 because peace and justice intersect in determining spending priorities and tax policies.*

*By combining a presence in Washington with close ties with Methodist networks around the country, we are in a position to mobilize the latent strength of thousands of concerned Methodists on these important issues. Therefore, we hope that you will continue to support our activities.*

*Yours in peace and justice,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

## *Second Notice for Membership Renewal*

*January 15, 1990*

*Dear Member:*

*A month or two ago we wrote to you, inviting you to renew your membership in Methodists United for Peace with Justice. Because we have not heard from you, we extend to you a second invitation.*

*A renewal form and a return envelope are enclosed for your convenience in responding.*

*We need your continued support as we enter the 1990s -- a decade which holds great promise for achieving peace and justice objectives. Events in Eastern Europe are opening remarkable possibilities for accomplishing European disarmament, thereby greatly lessening the load of military expenditures by the United States and other nations. And the easing of East/West confrontation makes it much easier to achieve nuclear disarmament. But these changes will not come automatically. It is essential that we citizens continue to press our government to move quickly in arms reduction negotiations and to take other steps toward disarmament. And we must support arms reduction treaties as they come up for ratification. Methodists United is working vigorously on these matters.*

*We are also giving a lot of attention to federal budget priorities. Indeed, this will be a major focus of our activities during the next nine months. It is clear that the U.S. defense budget is much too high for what is needed in a world with greatly lowered threats to national security. Yet, there are many vested interests which want to maintain a high level of defense spending. Beyond that is the question of where to focus attention with resources*

*becoming available as military spending goes down. We weigh in on the side of programs that meet urgent human needs of poor people and the near-poor. We also see the need for offering greater assistance to developing nations for social and economic improvements.*

*Within a couple of weeks we will be sending out a new *Peace Leaf* on federal budget issues, this one offering the perspective of five United Methodists who are Members of Congress. We will also mail out the first in a new series of *Peace/Justice Alerts* to focus attention on very precise legislative issues related to budget priorities, military spending, and meeting human needs. We need you as a loyal and devoted member to be part of our continuing effort to achieve peace and justice objectives.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

January 15, 1990

Ms. Elinor Bedell  
1807 Snook Drive  
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Dear Elinor:

We wish to thank you for your \$500 contribution to the Civic Action Institute, a tax exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, for use in the Methodists United Project. We are drawing upon that contribution to pay part of the costs of our new publication, *Witnessing for Peace and Justice: A Peacemaker's Handbook*. A copy is enclosed.

We found that people in many local churches want to become more active on peace and justice issues. They would like to organize a group but don't always know where to start and how to begin. This handbook offers ideas, based upon the tested combination of prayer, study, and action. We are distributing the handbook to our members and to peace and justice leaders in United Methodist conferences around the country. We believe that it will have widespread use in our educational work.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director