

May 22, 1990

Eloise Folkers Nemon  
255 Colonial Lane  
Palm Beach, FL 33480

Dear Eloise:

Thank you for agreeing to continue as a member of the National Advisory Committee of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. Because you were in on the launching of Methodists United and helped so much at General Conference, it is good to have the continuity you provide.

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Would you be willing to help us do this by contacting people you know who might support our work? If a dozen people like you raised \$2,000 in our behalf, we would be one-third of the way toward meeting our budget. If you are willing to do so, we can supply you with copies of our membership

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*We will greatly appreciate whatever help you can provide.*

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

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Mr. Eldon Roe  
320 S. Rocky River Road  
Berea, OH 44017

Dear Eldon:

Thank you for agreeing to continue as a member of the National Advisory Committee of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. I appreciate the information you are sending on the United Nations. We hope to have a *Peace Leaf* on that subject some time this year.

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Judge Woodrow Seals  
P.O. Box 61547  
Houston, TX 77208

Dear Judge Seals:

Thank you for agreeing to continue as a member of the National Advisory Committee of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. We appreciate the counsel you have provided us from the beginning and your generous financial contributions from time to time.

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Bishop C.P. Minnick  
P.O.Box 10955  
Raleigh, NC 27605

Dear C.P.:

Thank you for agreeing to continue as a member of the National Advisory Committee of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. We appreciate the counsel you have provided us from time to time and your participation in calls and letters we have issued.

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We are wondering if you could help us identify some people in North Carolina and elsewhere who might be willing to make larger donations to Methodists United. Perhaps you know someone who has a gift for this kind of fundraising, knows prospective donors, has a commitment to peace issues,

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May 23, 1990

Rev. James Zeisloft  
2027 Crescent Road  
York, PA 17403

Dear Jim:

This is to let you know that I called George McClain, talked about our common concerns and relationships, and invited him to attend our board meeting in October. In turn he invited me to come to the MFSA board meeting, which was held last week in Washington. I made a ten minute presentation about our activities and how we see our relationship with other parts of Methodism, and we had some time for dialogue.

This was productive. I sense that we are working out a better understanding of one another and realize that our work is mutually supportive and complementary rather than competitive.

I'm glad that you and Mark Wethington stimulated us to initiate this dialogue.

With best regards,

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Executive Director

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

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Mr. Willis L. Cissel  
4005 Daisy Road  
Woodbine, MD 21797

Dear Mr. Cissel:

My wife, Rev. Carlee Hallman, suggested that you might be willing to make a financial contribution to the work of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. From my brief association with Jennings Chapel United Methodist Church, through Carlee, I came to appreciate the leadership and dedication provided by you and your family. Therefore, I am glad to have an opportunity to tell you about Methodists United.

We are a national association of laity and clergy which organized in 1987 in response to the United Methodist bishops' call for greater witness and action for peace and justice. This call came in their pastoral letter, *In Defense of Creation*. Since then we have worked to improve U.S./Soviet relations, achieve mutual arms reduction, and promote greater responsiveness to urgent human and community needs in the United States.

Our work combines education of Methodists around the country and public advocacy in Washington. We have an educational newsletter, *Peace Leaf*, and we have recently published *Witnessing for Peace and Justice: Peacemaker Handbook*, designed to assist people in local churches. Copies of both are enclosed.

We are in the process of setting up a special Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund to receive tax-deductible contributions. While we are

*awaiting approval from the Internal Revenue Service, we have made arrangements with another tax-exempt organization, the Civic Action Institute, to be a channel for such contributions. Therefore, if you decide to make a tax-deductible donation for our work, you can make a check payable to "Civic Action Institute" with a notation "for Methodists United Project."*

*We will greatly appreciate whatever support you can provide.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

Dear Member:

Thank you for your renewing your membership in Methodists United for Peace with Justice. Your continued support helps us to maintain our advocacy voice in Washington and to provide timely information to local peace and justice workers around the country.

To keep in touch with you we will be sending issues of *Peace Leaf* and *Peace/Justice Alerts* as they come off the press.

The success of our efforts depends upon you and others who are working on peace and justice issues in your own community. We want to expand our base. Therefore, we ask you to help us recruit others as members of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. For that purpose, I am enclosing two copies of our membership brochure with a request that you give them to a couple of prospective members. And if you would like an additional supply to hand out, please let me know.

Yours for peace and justice,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

Dear Peacemaker:

Thank you for your membership contribution to Methodists United for Peace with Justice. Your support helps us to maintain our advocacy voice in Washington and to provide timely information to local peace and justice workers around the country.

We will be sending you issues of *Peace Leaf*, our quarterly newsletter, and *Peace/Justice Alerts* as they come off the press. We also want you to have the enclosed complimentary copy of *Witnessing for Peace and Justice: Peacemaker Handbook*. Additional copies are available for \$2.50 (with 10 percent discount for 10 or more).

The success of our efforts depends upon you and others who are working on peace and justice issues in your own community. We want to expand our base. Therefore, we ask you to recruit others as members of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. If you would like a supply of our membership brochure to hand out, please let me know.

Yours for peace and justice,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

## SECOND NOTICE FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

May 25, 1990

Dear Member:

Last month 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.

We need your continued support during 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. And the easing of East/West confrontation makes it much easier to achieve strategic nuclear disarmament. The reduced threat to U.S. national security makes it possible to make significant shifts in federal budget priorities -- reducing excessive military spending and redirecting resources to vital human and community needs.

Yet, 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 bring about budgetary changes. Methodists United is working vigorously on these matters.

Your membership renewal check should be made payable to "Methodists United for Peace with Justice". This supports our 501(c)(4) corporation, which under Internal Revenue Service regulations can engage in lobbying activities on peace and justice issues.

*To foster educational activities financed by tax-deductible contributions, our Board of Directors has created a special Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund. While we are awaiting IRS approval of 501(c)(3), tax-exempt status for our Education Fund, we have made arrangements with another 501(c)(3) organization, the Civic Action Institute, to receive contributions in our behalf. Therefore, if you want to make a tax-deductible contribution above and beyond your membership renewal, you can make a second check payable to "Civic Action Institute" with a notation "for Methodists United Project."*

*We look forward to your continued participation in our efforts.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

May 29, 1990

Dear Pastor:

As we come again to Peace with Justice Sunday, your church along with many others will be collecting the annual Peace with Justice offering. We rejoice in this commitment, for the offering supports work on peace and justice issues within the Baltimore Conference and the national program run by the General Board of Church and Society.

To supplement these official United Methodist programs, Methodists United for Peace with Justice organized three years ago to work for implementation of policies recommended by the United Methodist bishops in their pastoral letter and foundation document, *In Defense of Creation*. We are a national membership association of laity and clergy. We serve as a public advocate in Washington, and we provide educational material and legislative alerts to people in local churches throughout the country.

We invite you and others in your congregation to become members of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. We offer individual membership, which might appeal to you and to your leading laity working on peace and justice issues. We also have an organizational membership, which can be a local church or one of its boards or committees. This is explained in the enclosed flyer (you might share the extra copy with a layperson).

For your membership you receive our quarterly newsletter, *Peace Leaf*, and periodic *Peace/Justice Alerts*, which provide timely information on legislative issues pending in Washington, D.C. New members also receive a free copy of *Witnessing for Peace and Justice: Peacemaker Handbook*, a 34-page booklet with suggestions for a threefold approach of prayer, study, and action. Your

*membership contribution also supports our public advocacy activities in Washington.*

*We see the 1990s as a decade with great opportunities for achieving world peace and for advancing the cause of justice. We hope that you and your congregation will join us in working for these goals.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

June 8, 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 contribution in June 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. A renewal form and return envelope are enclosed.

Your support will enable us to continue working for policies that implement the recommendations of the United Methodist bishops' pastoral letter and foundation document, *In Defense of Creation*. The remarkable changes occurring in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe offer us a great opportunity to end the arms race and to redirect resources to peaceful uses. This requires us to push hard for arms reduction agreements and to achieve major shifts in federal budget priorities. Methodists United for Peace with Justice is working hard on both of these issues. We combine our lobbying presence in Washington, D.C. with grassroots mobilization. We hope that you will continue to participate with us in these activities.

There are now two ways you can make a financial contribution to Methodists United. Our basic organization engages in lobbying activities on peace and justice issues. Therefore, it is organized as a 501(c)(4) corporation under Internal Revenue Service regulations. Membership contributions support this operation. Your membership renewal check should therefore be made payable to "Methodists United for Peace with Justice".

*In addition, our Board of Directors has created a special Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund. It is designed for educational activities and accordingly can receive tax-exempt contributions. While we are awaiting IRS approval of 501(c)(3), tax-exempt status for our Education Fund, we have made arrangements with another 501(c)(3) organization, the Civic Action Institute, to receive contributions in our behalf. Therefore, if you want to make a tax-exempt contribution above and beyond your membership renewal, you can make a second check payable to "Civic Action Institute" with a notation "for Methodists United Project."*

*We thank you for whatever you can afford to give.*

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June 20, 1990

To: Members, Methodists United  
for Peace with Justice

Re: Nominations for Board of Directors

We are seeking nominations for persons to serve on the Board of Directors of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. We invite you to offer your nomination. A return form is enclosed. It should be mailed in time to reach our office in Washington, D.C. no later than July 9, 1990.

The Board of Directors is the governing body of Methodists United. It determines policies, adopts the budget, and selects the executive director. Directors are required to be members in good standing of Methodists United. A person nominated who is not now a member may become eligible by joining and paying a membership contribution of at least \$15.

We want directors from all parts of the country and from various constituencies concerned with peace and justice issues. A director can be a member of any Methodist denomination.

At present we have a pattern of holding two-day meetings twice each year in Washington, D.C. The next meeting will be on October 19 and 20, 1990. Because of our low budget we are not able to pay travel costs of directors, but we can provide free lodging with a host family. We also have listings of moderate-price hotels and bed-and-breakfast facilities for those who want to arrange and pay for their own lodging. A nominee should be aware of this situation.

*This year we will elect ten directors for a three-year term ending September 1993. The Nominating Committee, drawn from present members of the Board of Directors, will place 20 names on the ballot. They will choose from persons nominated on the basis of interest, experience working on peace with justice, and the desire to have diversity on the Board. The election will be conducted by mail ballot in August.*

*Thus, if you have a candidate to nominate, please complete the enclosed form and return it to us by July 9. You will note that this form asks you to indicate that you have conferred with the nominee and that he/she understands and supports the purposes of Methodists United and is willing to serve if elected.*

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

*To be submitted for arrival in Washington, DC.  
no later than July 9, 1990*

To: *Nominating Committee  
Methodists United for Peace with Justice  
421 Seward Square, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20003*

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

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

*Identification, such as church position; recent peace and justice  
activities; other qualifications:*

\_\_\_\_\_ I have conferred with the nominee. He/she understands and is committed to the purposes of Methodists United. He/she is willing to serve if elected, including attendance at at least two Board meetings each year starting with a meeting on October 19-20, 1990 in Washington, D.C. He/she is aware that Methodists United can provide host housing at the time of Board meetings but cannot pay travel costs.

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## *Schedule for MUPJ Board Election*

- June 20*      *Send out invitation for nominations.*
- July 9*        *Deadline for receipt of nominations at MUPJ office in Washington, D.C.*
- July 10-24*    *Nominating Committee confers by mail and telephone and agrees on 20 names to be placed on the ballot.*
- July 27*        *Mail ballot to MUPJ members in good standing.*
- August 17*     *Return ballots must be postmarked by this date.*
- August 24*     *Count ballots and notify candidates of results.*
- October 19-20* *Meeting of Board of Directors in Washington, D.C.*

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**METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE**

*421 Seward Square, SE  
Washington, DC 20003  
(202) 546-5551*

*June 22, 1990*

*Rev. James H. Zeisloft  
2027 Crescent Road  
York, PA 17403*

*Dear Jim:*

*Here is information about the Peace Advocates Convocation that will take place in Reading on Saturday, September 22, 1990. I told Carol R. Matz that you are giving consideration to serving as workshop leader or finding someone else for this assignment. Her letter assumes that you will be handling it, but that still awaits your final decision.*

*If you want more information, her telephone number is at the end of the letter. And please let me know what you decide.*

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

June 27, 1990

Bishop Calvin D. McConnell  
2112 Third Avenue, #301  
Seattle, WA 98121

Dear Bishop McConnell:

The nuclear arms race continues in spite of promising signs that the Cold War is ending. Both the United States and the Soviet Union are now deploying new strategic weapons -- the long-range variety that can strike the other's homeland. And even if a Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) is signed by the end of the year, it will bring about only a modest reduction in the total number of strategic warheads. Furthermore, it will permit each side to modernize its strategic armory with more accurate weapons, many with first-strike capability.

Therefore, the need for nuclear disarmament -- so eloquently stated four years ago by the United Methodist Council of Bishops in *In Defense of Creation* -- remains before us. Certainly it remains at the top of the agenda of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. Closely related is our effort to achieve shifts from "swords into plowshares" in federal budget priorities. We are devoting far more attention to these two issues than any other organization in the Methodist family of agencies.

So that we can increase our effectiveness we are seeking to broaden our financial base and maintain a paid staff. As starting point, our Board of Directors has established a basic, annual operating budget of \$64,000. We want to raise this money from contributions from members, local churches, Methodist conferences, and special large donors and from foundation grants.

We are wondering if you could help us in one or more ways in the Pacific-Northwest Conference. (1) Several conference peace and justice task forces have made contributions of \$300 to \$500 to Methodists United. In return we have placed some of the task force members, especially district leaders, on our mailing list so that they may receive *Peace Leaf*, our quarterly newsletter, and *Peace/Justice Alerts*, which provide timely information on decisions about to be made in Washington. Perhaps a unit of your conference would want to do likewise.

(2) We would like to find one or more persons in your conference who would help us recruit members and get individual peace activists and local church units into our *Peace/Justice Alert* network. The timely, targeted information we offer complements grassroots education and lobbying activities. We can provide membership brochures and sample copies of our publications to facilitate a recruitment campaign in your conference if someone is willing to assist us.

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Enclosure: Sample material

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Denver, CO 80210

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**Washington, DC 20003**

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June 29, 1990

Internal Revenue Service

Attn: Ms. Pomares

E:EO:R 2-4 Room 6138

1111 Constitution Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20224

Dear Ms. Pomares:

You asked for further clarification related to our applications for tax-exempt status pending with the Internal Revenue Service: a request for 501(c)(4) status for Methodists United for Peace with Justice and a request for 501(c)(3) status for the Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund.

The arrangement I had to receive compensation on a commission basis terminated when the newly elected Board of Directors met on October 21, 1989. This is indicated in the enclosed minutes, as highlighted. I have billed Methodists United through September 30, 1989, though this has not yet been paid. The Board does not intend to renew that arrangement.

When the Board met on March 30, 1990, it set my annual salary at \$30,000 with fringe benefits not to exceed 15 percent of salary. This salary would be payable only if Methodists United received sufficient funds to do so.

As the enclosed minutes indicate (highlighted), the Board set the following priorities for expenditures:

(1) Nonpersonal expenses, accounts payable	\$25,614
(2) Executive director (salary, fringe)	34,500
(3) Rent, equipment, computer software	<u>4,200</u>
	\$64,314

We have in mind a clear distinction between what we will do with expenditures of the (c)(3) Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund and the basic (c)(4) corporation, Methodists United for Peace with Justice. With (c)(3) funds we will publish and disseminate *Peace Leaf* as a strictly educational publication, completely free of lobbying activities, and educational material directed toward local churches, such as *Witnessing for Peace and Justice: Peacemaker Handbook*. We will use (c)(4) funds to publish *Peace/Justice Alerts*, which urge people to take action on legislative issues. We will keep careful records of personnel time spent on producing these publications and will charge personal costs to the respective funds. Staff time spent in direct lobbying and legislative strategy meetings will be paid by (c)(4) funds. Educational activities, such as participation in public forums and workshops, and attendance at meetings of the several Methodist denominations will be paid by (c)(3) funds. We will never use (c)(3) funds to pay for lobbying activities.

As we have previously indicated, we have separate federal employer identification numbers for Methodists United for Peace with Justice and the Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund. We will have separate bank accounts and will keep separate financial accounts for the two entities.

Internal Revenue Service

June 29, 1990

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*We are available to provide you further information if needed. If I am not at the number listed on our letterhead (546-5551), I can often be reached at 897-3668.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

July 6, 1990

Rev. Risher Babham  
P.O. Box 5009, WCS  
Rock Hill, SC 29733

Dear Rev. Babham:

I talked to you several weeks ago about the Citizens' Budget Campaign, which we are a member of, and our efforts to strengthen our ties with grassroots activists in key districts and key states. This is now coming into better focus. We have decided to target South Carolina and ten other states, and in South Carolina Senator Thurmond, a member of the Senate Budget Committee, and Representatives Ravenal, Spence, and Spratt, all members of the House Armed Forces Committee. The enclosed material tells more about the Citizens' Budget Campaign, its members, and its policy objectives.

We would like your assistance in identifying one or more United Methodists in South Carolina with a concern for budget priorities, with whom we can be in direct contact. We would also encourage that person to be in touch with South Carolinians who are part of other national networks so that they can all work together within the state.

From the perspective of the national Citizens' Budget Campaign, the ideal arrangement would be some kind of South Carolina budget coalition with subcoalitions in the key congressional districts. This could be an existing organization, an offshoot of one, or a freshly organized coalition. United Methodists would be part of this coalition. The Citizens' Budget Campaign in Washington would like to be in touch with one primary contact for the state or congressional district, who in turn would serve as a liaison person with the

*national campaign and a facilitator of state and local activities. Methodists United would continue to in touch with Methodists as part of our own outreach, as would other national organizations with their networks, but we would all encourage our state and local affiliates to work together.*

*Accordingly, we will appreciate your help in finding United Methodists who might be part of this broad campaign.*

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

July 6, 1990

Mr. Gary Ritner  
639 Jackson Street  
St. Paul, MN 55101

Dear Mr. Ritner:

As we discussed on the phone, Methodists United for Peace with Justice is part of the national Citizens' Budget Campaign, which is seeking to mobilize public support to change federal budget priorities. As part of this effort, we are trying to strengthen our ties with grassroots activists in key districts and key states. Minnesota is among 11 states we have targeted, and specifically Senators Durenberger and Boschwitz and Representatives Frenzel, Sabo, and Oberstar, all of whom hold influential positions in Congress. The enclosed material tells more about the Citizens' Budget Campaign, its members, and its policy objectives.

From the perspective of the national Citizens' Budget Campaign, the ideal arrangement would be some kind of Minnesota budget coalition with subcoalitions in the key congressional districts. This could be an existing organization, an offshoot of one, or a freshly organized coalition. United Methodists would be part of this coalition. The Citizens' Budget Campaign in Washington would like to be in touch with one primary contact for the state or congressional district, who in turn would serve as a liaison person with the national campaign and a facilitator of state and local activities. Methodists United would continue to in touch with Methodists as part of our own outreach, as would other national organizations with their networks, but we would all encourage our state and local affiliates to work together.

*We appreciate your interest in working with us on budget priorities, and perhaps to serve as our main contact with United Methodists in Michigan on this issue. We would also encourage you to be a part of, and possibly one of the organizing persons of, a statewide budget coalition that would relate to the Citizens' Budget Campaign. Perhaps the Joint Legislative Religious Committee, which you mentioned to me, or some other existing organization might be the best vehicle for this activity in Minnesota. You Minnesotans would know best how to go about it. We in Washington can funnel timely information to you and supply printed material for your use.*

*I will call you in a few days to discuss this further.*

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

July 6, 1990

Rev. Tom Swantner  
2303 11th Street  
Moline, IL 61265

Dear Rev. Swantner:

As we discussed on the phone, Methodists United for Peace with Justice is part of the national Citizens' Budget Campaign, which is seeking to mobilize public support to change federal budget priorities. As part of this effort, we are trying to strengthen our ties with grassroots activists in key districts and key states. Illinois is among 11 states we have targeted, and specifically Senators Simon and Dixon and Representatives Evans, Michel, and Durbin, all of whom hold influential positions in Congress. The enclosed material tells more about the Citizens' Budget Campaign, its members, and its policy objectives.

We appreciate your interest in working with us on budget priorities, and to serve as our main contact with United Methodists in Central Illinois on this issue. Some other national organizations that are part of the Citizens' Budget Campaign are working with their affiliates in Chicago, Springfield, and East St. Louis to organize a statewide budget coalition and to facilitate subcoalitions within particular congressional districts. I'll keep you informed so that you can be part of this effort and get other United Methodists involved.

We in Washington can provide timely information on budget decisions and supply printed material for local use, but citizens in each state and congressional district have to decide how best to organize in their area. So

*thanks for your efforts on this important issue.*

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

July 6, 1990

Dr. Hilda Arndt  
2740 Morning Glory Avenue  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Dear Dr. Arndt:

Here are the 100 membership brochures which you requested. We will greatly appreciate your distributing them to people in Louisiana.

I note in our records that Louisiana United Methodist Peace with Justice Program made a \$100 contribution to Methodists United in July 1989. In exchange we placed on our mailing list Mrs. Geneva Bell, Rev. John Johns, Mr. W.C. Patterson, Rev. Swindell Hodges, and Rev. Larry Robertson. We ask for an annual contribution, so it is time for your Peace with Justice Program to renew your organizational membership in Methodists United. Perhaps you could increase the amount this year. With your renewal please indicate who should be included on our mailing list. We suggest one person per \$20 contribution.

Besides these persons our Louisiana contributors include:

Margaret T. St. Amant, Baker, LA  
Larry Lewis, Baton Rouge, LA  
Harris D. Copenhaver, Jr., Baton Rouge, LA  
James Poole, Natchitoches, LA  
Bishop William B. Oden, Baton Rouge, LA

Thanks for the support you provide us.

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

July 7, 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 contribution in July 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. A renewal form and return envelope are enclosed.

Your support will enable us to continue working for policies that implement the recommendations of the United Methodist bishops' pastoral letter and foundation document, *In Defense of Creation*. The remarkable changes occurring in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe offer us a great opportunity to end the arms race and to redirect resources to peaceful uses. This requires us to push hard for arms reduction agreements and to achieve major shifts in federal budget priorities. Methodists United for Peace with Justice is working hard on both of these issues. We combine our lobbying presence in Washington, D.C. with grassroots mobilization. We hope that you will continue to participate with us in these activities.

There are now two ways you can make a financial contribution to Methodists United. Our basic organization engages in lobbying activities on peace and justice issues. Therefore, it is organized as a 501(c)(4) corporation under Internal Revenue Service regulations. Membership contributions support this operation. Your membership renewal check should therefore be made payable to "Methodists United for Peace with Justice".

*In addition, our Board of Directors has created a special Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund. It is designed for educational activities and accordingly can receive tax-exempt contributions. While we are awaiting IRS approval of 501(c)(3), tax-exempt status for our Education Fund, we have made arrangements with another 501(c)(3) organization, the Civic Action Institute, to receive contributions in our behalf. Therefore, if you want to make a tax-exempt contribution above and beyond your membership renewal, you can make a second check payable to "Civic Action Institute" with a notation "for Methodists United Project."*

*We thank you for whatever you can afford to give.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

## SECOND NOTICE FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

July 7, 1990

Dear Member:

Last month 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.

We need your continued support during 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. And the easing of East/West confrontation makes it much easier to achieve strategic nuclear disarmament. The reduced threat to U.S. national security makes it possible to make significant shifts in federal budget priorities -- reducing excessive military spending and redirecting resources to vital human and community needs.

Yet, 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 bring about budgetary changes. Methodists United is working vigorously on these matters.

Your membership renewal check should be made payable to "Methodists United for Peace with Justice". This supports our 501(c)(4) corporation, which under Internal Revenue Service regulations can engage in lobbying activities on peace and justice issues.

To foster educational activities financed by tax-deductible contributions, our

*Board of Directors has created a special Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund. While we are awaiting IRS approval of 501(c)(3), tax-exempt status for our Education Fund, we have made arrangements with another 501(c)(3) organization, the Civic Action Institute, to receive contributions in our behalf. Therefore, if you want to make a tax-deductible contribution above and beyond your membership renewal, you can make a second check payable to "Civic Action Institute" with a notation "for Methodists United Project."*

*We look forward to your continued participation in our efforts.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

July 7, 1990

The Honorable George W. Bush  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

***Congratulations on your accomplishments at the NATO summit meeting.***

*The decisions, as announced in the communique, represent steady progress toward the long-range goal of a safe and disarmed North Atlantic-European region. We have long favored a nonaggression declaration, accompanied by reductions of military forces so as to make aggression impossible. The reduced reliance upon nuclear weapons is a commendable start toward eliminating all nuclear weapons from the European sector. The announcement of German intent to reduce its forces is a worthy beginning toward reduction of all national forces in Europe to a level where they have no offensive capability and are sufficient only for border defense.*

*But on one measure -- the announced intent to eventually remove all ground-based, nonstrategic nuclear weapons from Europe -- we must ask: **WHY WAIT?** You make the unassailable case that nuclear artillery and ground-based missiles, such as Lance, have a very short range. Therefore, they can strike only targets in friendly territory: unified Germany, Czechoslovakia, and Poland. They will never be hauled eastward to be within range of Soviet targets. So why wait? Why doesn't the United States just go ahead and remove these weapons? Let us challenge the Soviet Union to do likewise. Even if they don't reciprocate, there would be no danger. None at all.*

*At this opportune moment, boldness is required. In my adult lifetime I remember the boldness of past presidents: Truman's Point Four initiative, Eisenhower's Open Skies proposal at a time when Soviet leadership was dominated by hardliners, Kennedy's American University address which led to the partial test ban and likely would have had further results if he had lived. Today is an even better time for bold initiatives. It is certainly no time for timidity.*

*Therefore, we ask that you reconsider your approach to nuclear artillery and land-based missiles in Europe and withdraw all of them NOW!*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

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July 12, 1990

Mr. Robert Iezzi  
Rates & Classification Center  
U.S. Postal Service  
1845 Walnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19196-9599

Dear Mr. Iezzi:

In October 1989 our Board of Directors adopted a resolution creating the Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund as an entity eligible for tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Internal Revenue Service has now granted this status to our Education Fund.

Because the Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, as a 501(c)(3) entity, is entitled to mail at special bulk third-class rates, we would like to transfer mailing permit #2676 of Methodists United for Peace with Justice, which is a 501(c)(4) organization, to the Education Fund. All of our mailings at bulk rate are educational in nature and from henceforth will be paid for and mailed by the Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund. Mainly we mail our quarterly newsletter, *Peace Leaf*, at bulk rate.

Therefore, we are submitting the enclosed application to mail at special bulk

*third-class rates in behalf of the Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund. If you need further information, please let me know.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

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July 20, 1990

To: *Nominating Committee*

From: *Howard Hallman*

*We have received one additional nomination for the Board of Directors:*

*Joy E. Arthur, Midland, MI*

*The nominating form is enclosed. I will confer with you about accepting this nomination after our deadline of July 13 when I call you the week of July 23.*

*Looking ahead to mailing the ballot to our members, I have drafted the enclosed transmittal letter. Please give me your comments.*

*The election mailing to members will contain:*

*Transmittal letter*

*Ballot*

*Biographical information about the candidates*

*Return envelope addressed to Methodists United.*

*I intend to get this in the mail on July 30 or 31. Deadline for postmark of returned ballots is August 17. We will give the final mail one week to reach us and count the ballots on or about August 24.*

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July 30, 1990

To: Members, Methodists United for Peace with Justice

Re: 1990 Election

Enclosed is the ballot for the 1990 election of members of the Board of Directors, Methodists United for Peace with Justice. In this election we are choosing ten persons to serve three years term ending in September 1993. Based upon nominations received from the membership, the Nominating Committee has placed the names of \_\_\_ persons on the enclosed ballot.

**Procedures for Voting**

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

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

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

sealed ballot from the return envelope.

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

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

### **Background Information**

Brief biographical information on the candidates is enclosed.

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

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*July 21, 1990*

*Joseph R. Hacala, S.J.  
Jesuits Social Ministries  
1424 16th Street, NW #300  
Washington, DC 20036*

*Dear Joe:*

*Although I am not considered to be an official member of the WISC community, my work intersects WISC at several points. Thus, I decided to become an observer at WISC plenary sessions. This week was my first.*

*I had not heard about the pending merger of IMPACT and Interfaith Action for Economic Justice. For my background information, I would like to receive the minutes of the committees and task forces and be placed on the mailing list for future reports. It will help my work to be able to keep up with what's going on in the religious community. Thanks.*

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

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July 21, 1990

Ms. Ann Harrison

Box 103

Readfield, ME 04355

Dear Ms. Harrison:

Thanks for offering to send me a list of local church contacts who have an interest in peace and justice issues. Even if it is not wholly up-to-date, I would like to use it to send out information about our *Peace/Justice Alert* network and to encourage local church activists to become a part of this network.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

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*July 21, 1990*

*Rev. Hector M. Navas  
New York United Methodist Conference  
252 Bryant Avenue  
White Plains, NY 10605*

*Dear Rev. Navas:*

*Thanks for offering to send me a list of persons in your conference who have an interest in peace and justice issues. I would like to use it to send out information about our activities, especially our Peace/Justice Alert network, and to invite conference and district leaders and local church activists to become a part of this network.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

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July 21, 1990

Ms. Elsie Lewis  
24 West Street  
Oneonta, NY 13820

Dear Ms. Lewis:

Thanks for offering to send me a roster of your Peace and World Order Committee, as reconstituted. I would like to send them information about our activities, especially our Peace/Justice Alert network, and to invite them to become a part of this network.

We appreciate all the good work you are doing in the Wyoming Conference.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

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*July 21, 1990*

*Rev. J. Fay Cleveland  
Western New York United  
Methodist Conference  
8499 Main Street  
Buffalo, NY 14221*

*Dear Fay:*

*Thanks for offering to send me a listing of members of your Board of Church and Society and others in your conference who have an interest in peace and justice issues. I would like to use this list to send out information about our activities, especially our Peace/Justice Alert network, and to invite these persons to become a part of this network.*

*I will write to Rev. Floyd Gotjen, your peace with justice coordinator, requesting a contribution from his committee to the work of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. So far similar groups in seven United Methodist conferences have made such a contribution, and several others are pending. In exchange, we sending our mailings to a certain number of members of the peace with justice task force or district coordinators.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Howard W. Hallman*  
*Executive Director*

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July 21, 1990

Rev. Floyd Gotjen  
705 North Work Street  
Falconer, NY 14733

Dear Rev. Gotjen:

For the last couple of years we have been sending you our quarterly newsletter, *Peace Leaf*, and *Peace/Justice Alerts* because of your position as peace with justice coordinator in the Western New York United Methodist Conference. We hope that these are useful to you.

We are now trying to widen our outreach and broaden our base of financial support. At the moment peace with justice task forces, or similar groups, in seven United Methodist conferences have contributed between \$100 and \$500 to our work. Several others are pending. In exchange we place on our mailing list a number of task force members and/or district coordinators, up to one person for each \$20 contributed.

Would such a contribution be possible in the Western New York Conference? It would serve the dual purpose of reaching more people with our *Alerts* and other information and strengthening our financial base.

Beyond that we are seeking lists of local church peace/justice activists whom

*we can invite to become part of the Peace/Justice Alert network. If you have such a list available that you would share with us, we would appreciate it. As an alternative, we could supply you with copies of our membership brochure which you could include in one of your own mailings.*

*The 1990s offer great promise for making significant progress on peace and justice issues. Working together there is much that we can accomplish.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
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July 21, 1990

Dr. Ruth M. Laws  
844 Forest Street  
Dover, DE 19901

Dear Dr. Laws:

Last September the Peninsula Conference Board of Church and Society contributed \$150 to the work of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. In exchange we placed several people from that Board on our mailing list to receive *Peace Leaf* and *Peace/Justice Alerts*. As the anniversary date of this contribution approaches, we hope that you will renew your contribution -- even increase it, if possible. In doing so, please indicate the names of persons we should send our publications to -- up to one person for each \$20 contributed.

Beyond that, we are seeking to widen our outreach with *Peace/Justice Alerts*, especially to reach more local church activists who are in a position to mobilize grassroots action on particular issues. Would you have available such a listing for the Peninsula Conference? If so, we would like a copy so that we can send information about our *Alert* network. Or as an alternative, we can provide you copies of our membership brochure, and even a sample *Peace/Justice Alert* or *Peace Leaf*, which you could send to them as part of one of your own mailings.

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July 21, 1990

Dr. Charles Ellwood  
West Liberty State College  
West Liberty, WV 26074

Dear Dr. Elwood:

I appreciated learning from you that you are trying to get your Peace and World Order Committee to voucher a check to Methodists United for Peace with Justice so that you can get the members on our mailing list to receive *Peace Leaf* and *Peace/Justice Alerts*. Similar groups in seven other United Methodist Conferences are making such a contribution, ranging from \$100 to \$500, and several others are pending. In exchange we place their members on our mailing list -- up to one person for each \$20 contribution.

Beyond that, if you can supply names of district peace/justice workers, local church activists, and others who might be interested in being part of our *Peace/Justice Alert network*, we would like to send them information about this network and invite them to be a part of it. As an alternative, we could provide you copies of our membership brochure, and even a sample *Alert* or *Peace Leaf* for you to send out in one of your own mailings.

We will grateful for whatever assistance you can provide.

*Sincerely yours,*

*Howard W. Hallman*  
*Executive Director*

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July 21, 1990

Ms. Ruth Anne Petrak

333 Bower Street

Rockwell City, IA 50579

Dear Ms. Petrak:

I greatly appreciate your offer to send us the list of district representatives to your Division of Peace and World Order, and perhaps the names of other persons in your conference who have a peace and justice concern and who might be interested in being part of our *Peace/Justice Alert* network. We would like to send them information about this network and invite them to be a part of it.

In addition to individual membership in Methodists United for Peace with Justice, peace with justice task forces, or similar groups, in seven United Methodist conferences have contributed between \$100 and \$500 to our work. Several others are pending. In exchange we place on our mailing list a number of task force members and/or district coordinators -- up to one person for each \$20 contributed.

Would such a contribution be possible in the Iowa Conference? It would serve the dual purpose of reaching more people with our *Alerts* and other information and strengthening our financial base.

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*Howard W. Hallman  
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August 7, 1990

The Rev. Dr. William Deveaux  
1518 M Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Dr. Deveaux:

In an effort to make Methodists United for Peace with Justice a truly pan-Methodist organization, we have conferred with Bishop Frederick H. Talbot, ecumenical officer of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, about adding three AME representatives to our Board of Directors. In response he has nominated you for a term ending September 1991. We have accepted his nomination and cordially invite you to become a member of our Board.

The next meeting of the Board is on Friday and Saturday, October 19 and 20 in Washington, D.C. at Capitol Hill United Methodist Church. The Board will convene at 10:00 a.m. on the 19th, but we invite you and other new members for breakfast and orientation at 8:30 a.m. The Friday session will run until 9:00 pm. On Saturday, October 20 we will meet from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We will send more details later. Between now and then you will receive regular Board mailings.

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*issues of peace and justice intersect in the budget. However, our future agenda remains open to determination by the Board of Directors.*

*The enclosed notebook tells more about our history, contains minutes of the last two meetings of the Board, and provides other information about Methodists United. In addition to AME representation on our Board, we are now adding three representatives each from the AME Zion and the Christian Methodist Episcopal Churches.*

*I warmly welcome you to our Board and look forward to your association with Methodists United for Peace with Justice.*

*Yours for peace and justice,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

August 7, 1990

The Rev. Carroll Chambliss  
200 N. Pickett Street  
Alexandria, VA 22304

Dear Rev. Chambliss:

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August 7, 1990

The Rev. Grainger Browning  
7808 Allentown Road  
Ft. Washington, MD 20744

Dear Rev. Browning:

In an effort to make Methodists United for Peace with Justice a truly pan-Methodist organization, we have conferred with Bishop Frederick H. Talbot, ecumenical officer of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, about adding three AME representatives to our Board of Directors. In response he has nominated you for a term ending September 1993. We have accepted his nomination and cordially invite you to become a member of our Board.

The next meeting of the Board is on Friday and Saturday, October 19 and 20 in Washington, D.C. at Capitol Hill United Methodist Church. The Board will convene at 10:00 a.m. on the 19th, but we invite you and other new members for breakfast and orientation at 8:30 a.m. The Friday session will run until 9:00 pm. On Saturday, October 20 we will meet from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We will send more details later. Between now and then you will receive regular Board mailings.

Methodists United for Peace with Justice organized in 1987 in response to the United Methodist bishops' pastoral letter and foundation document, *In Defense of Creation*. For that reason, our initial emphasis was upon nuclear disarmament and US/Soviet relations. Subsequently we began to explore the meaning of *shalom*, as expounded by the United Methodist bishops, especially justice aspects. We came to see that resources needed to respond to justice concerns were being siphoned off for military expenditures. Therefore, we decided to push for changes in federal budget priorities because

*issues of peace and justice intersect in the budget. However, our future agenda remains open to determination by the Board of Directors.*

*The enclosed notebook tells more about our history, contains minutes of the last two meetings of the Board, and provides other information about Methodists United. In addition to AME representation on our Board, we are now adding three representatives each from the AME Zion and the Christian Methodist Episcopal Churches.*

*I warmly welcome you to our Board and look forward to your association with Methodists United for Peace with Justice.*

*Yours for peace and justice,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

August 2, 1990

Bishop J. Clinton Hoggard  
AME Zion Church  
1511 K Street, NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Bishop Hoggard:

As we have previously conferred, I hope that you will nominate three AME Zion representatives to the Board of Directors of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. Because we have staggered terms for the directors, we would want these three persons designated for terms ending in September 1991, 1992, and 1993 respectively. If, as a start, you want to nominate only one person for the term ending in September 1991, that is all right with us. Others can be added later.

Our next Board meeting is on Friday and Saturday, October 19 and 20, 1990 at Capitol Hill United Methodist Church in Washington, DC. We hope that the AME Zion directors can join us at that time. We will provide full background information to the new directors prior to the meeting.

We are pleased that you are willing to become a member of our National Advisory Committee. as we discussed on the phone on July 3. This does not entail any meetings, but we will turn to you for advice from time to time and will occasionally invite you to sign public statements and letters to public officials (at your discretion). From our letterhead you will note that a several United Methodist bishops are members of the National Advisory Committee. Your membership will help us in our goal of having broader representation of pan-Methodism.

*If you want to discuss further the appointments to our Board of Directors,  
please call me at 897-3668.*

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

August 2, 1990

Bishop C.D. Coleman, Sr.  
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church  
2330 Sutter Street  
Dallas, TX 75216

Dear Bishop Coleman:

As we have previously conferred, I hope that you will nominate three Christian Methodist Episcopal representatives to the Board of Directors of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. Because we have staggered terms for the directors, we would want these three persons designated for terms ending in September 1991, 1992, and 1993 respectively. If, as a start, you want to nominate only one person for the term ending in September 1991, that is all right with us. Others can be added later.

Our next Board meeting is on Friday and Saturday, October 19 and 20, 1990 at Capitol Hill United Methodist Church in Washington, DC. We hope that the CME directors can join us at that time. We will provide full background information to the new directors prior to the meeting.

We are pleased that you are willing to become a member of our National Advisory Committee, as we discussed on the phone on May 24. This does not entail any meetings, but we will turn to you for advice from time to time and will occasionally invite you to sign public statements and letters to public officials (at your discretion). From our letterhead (not yet updated) you will note that a several United Methodist bishops are members of the National Advisory Committee. Your membership will help us in our goal of having broader representation of pan-Methodism.

*If you want to discuss further the appointments to our Board of Directors, please call me at (301) 897-3668.*

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

August 2, 1990

The Rev. Howard Warriner  
4802 N. 59th Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85033

Dear Rev. Warriner:

Our Nominating Committee has accepted the recommendation of Michael Nickerson and has placed your name on the ballot for a position on the Board of Directors of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. Clearly your qualifications are excellent for membership on our Board.

As the enclosed ballot indicates, there are 12 candidates for the 10 positions we are filling for terms ending in September 1993. All paid-up members of Methodists United are eligible to vote. If you want to vote in this election, you may join Methodists United before the ballot-mailing deadline of August 17. Simply complete the enclosed membership form and return it to us (you can mail it with your ballot). In any case, if elected, you will need to join because our bylaws require that all directors be members in good standing.

As soon as we count the ballots on or about August 24, we will notify all candidates of the results so that the duly elected directors can make travel plans to attend the next Board meeting on October 19 and 20 in Washington, DC. We will provide details later.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard W. Hallman*  
*Executive Director*

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

August 7, 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 contribution in August 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. A renewal form and return envelope are enclosed.

Your support will enable us to continue working for policies that implement the recommendations of the United Methodist bishops' pastoral letter and foundation document, *In Defense of Creation*. The remarkable changes occurring in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe offer us a great opportunity to end the arms race and to redirect resources to peaceful uses. This requires us to push hard for arms reduction agreements and to achieve major shifts in federal budget priorities. Methodists United for Peace with Justice is working hard on both of these issues. We combine our lobbying presence in Washington, D.C. with grassroots mobilization. We hope that you will continue to participate with us in these activities.

There are now two ways you can make a financial contribution to Methodists United. Our basic organization engages in lobbying activities on peace and justice issues. Therefore, it is organized as a 501(c)(4) corporation under Internal Revenue Service regulations. Membership contributions support this operation. Your membership renewal check should therefore be made payable to "Methodists United for Peace with Justice".

*In addition, our Board of Directors has created a special Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund. Recently we have received approval from the Internal Revenue Service establishing our Education Fund as a tax-exempt entity under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This means that contributions to the Education Fund are considered to be tax-deductible in computing federal income tax. We will use this our Education Fund to pay for publication of *Peace Leaf* and other educational activities. Therefore, if you want to make a tax-deductible contribution above and beyond your membership renewal to support this phase of our work, you can make a second check payable to "Methodists United Peace/ Justice Education Fund."*

*We thank you for whatever you can afford to give.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

## SECOND NOTICE FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

August 7, 1990

Dear Member:

Last month 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.

We need your continued support during 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. And the easing of East/West confrontation makes it much easier to achieve strategic nuclear disarmament. The reduced threat to U.S. national security makes it possible to make significant shifts in federal budget priorities -- reducing excessive military spending and redirecting resources to vital human and community needs.

Yet, 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 bring about budgetary changes. Methodists United is working vigorously on these matters.

Your membership renewal check should be made payable to "Methodists United for Peace with Justice". This supports our 501(c)(4) corporation, which under Internal Revenue Service regulations can engage in lobbying activities on peace and justice issues.

To foster educational activities financed by tax-deductible contributions, our Board of Directors has created a special Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund. Recently we have received approval from the Internal Revenue Service establishing our Education Fund as a tax-exempt entity under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This means that contributions to the Education Fund are considered to be tax-deductible in computing federal income tax. We will use this our Education Fund to pay for publication of *Peace Leaf* and other educational activities. Therefore, if you want to make a tax-deductible contribution above and beyond your membership renewal to support this phase of our work, you can make a second check payable to "Methodists United Peace/ Justice Education Fund."

We look forward to your continued participation in our efforts.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

**METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE**

*421 Seward Square, SE*

*Washington, DC 20003*

*(202) 546-5551*

*August 11, 1990*

*Dear Sherman:*

*Will you please sign the enclosed check and send it to Production Solutions for our August payment?*

*We need the \$500 which you said Asbury UMC has promised in order to pay our bill for the last *Peace Leaf*. I hope that you can expedite it.*

*The week of August 12 I am serving as a counselor at the Baltimore Conference sailing camp (along with Carlee), so I'll be away. I hope that we can get together some time the week of August 20.*

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman*

*Mr. Sherman W. Harris*

*11508 Karen Drive*

Potomac, MD 20854

August 22, 1990

Dear United Methodist Conference Leader:

For the last 20 months we have been sending you our quarterly newsletter, *Peace Leaf*, and *Peace/Justice Alerts* because of your leadership position in your annual conference. We do this because of our commitment to provide timely information on national policy issues and legislation that implement the United Methodist bishops' policy recommendations in *In Defense of Creation*. This is a service not now provided by any other United Methodist organization.

This costs money. Our only source of revenue so far has been membership contributions by individuals, some local churches, and several conference peace with justice task forces. At the moment (to be frank with you) our revenues are running below our expenses. We are trying to get foundation grants, but this is a slow process. Moreover, several foundations have turned us down on the basis that we ought to be able to obtain our financial support within Methodism.

We turn to you for your help. First, we invite you to join Methodists United for Peace with Justice as an individual member. Just fill out the form on the enclosed membership brochure and return it to us. Second, we ask you to have a unit within your annual conference become an organizational member of Methodists United. For instance, the peace with justice task force or the conference board of church and society. So far seven conferences have done this, contributing from \$100 to \$500. In exchange, we add the names of task force members and district representatives (at a rate of one person per \$20 contributed).

*Just as the Cold War seems to be over the United States has become involved in Middle East conflict by deploying air, naval, and ground forces. This is likely to be the pattern throughout the 1990s. Meanwhile, the huge strategic nuclear arsenal remains in place, even though US/Soviet relations have dramatically improved.*

*So, much remains to be done to achieve international peace. We hope that you will join with us to help assure that United Methodists are well informed and are vitally active in this endeavor.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

August 25, 1990

Dear Peacemaker:

Just as the Cold War seems to be over the United States has become involved in Middle East conflict by deploying naval, air, and ground forces. This is likely to be the pattern throughout the 1990s. Meanwhile, the huge strategic nuclear arsenal remains in place, even though US/Soviet relations have dramatically improved. And the U.S. military budget remains at a high level, taking money away from programs that promote justice and offer opportunities for the poor at home and abroad.

Thus, much remains to be done to achieve international peace and to establish greater justice. These are the twin goals of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. We invite you to become a member of our national association of laity and clergy.

We organized in 1987 to work for implementation of public policy recommendations contained in the United Methodist bishops' pastoral letter and foundation document, *In Defense of Creation*. Initially we concentrated on issues of improved US/Soviet relations and nuclear disarmament. Then we added an emphasis upon federal budget priorities, recognizing that peace and justice intersect in decisions on budget allocations. While continuing these concerns, we expect to pay more attention to regional conflict (such as the current Middle East crisis) and specific justice issues, such as those concerning the needs of poor people.

We send all contributing members *Peace/Justice Alerts* at approximately monthly intervals when Congress is in session, focused on precise legislative issues where votes are pending. We also publish a quarterly newsletter,

*Peace Leaf*, which provides background information on current issues. New members receive a free copy of the 36-page *Witnessing for Peace and Justice: Peacemaker Handbook*. Your membership contribution also helps support our lobbying work in Washington, D.C., where we supplement efforts of official United Methodist agencies.

In addition to a basic membership contribution, which goes for our lobbying activities and the *Alerts*, you can make a tax-deductible contribution to our Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, which is used for educational purposes. The enclosed membership brochure explains this and contains a membership form that you can return. We hope that you will join us in the pursuit of peace and justice as we work together to influence public policy decisions.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

## FINAL NOTICE FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

September 15, 1990

Dear Member:

*Just as the Cold War seems to be over the United States has become involved in Middle East conflict by deploying air, naval, and ground forces against Iraq. This kind of regional warfare is likely to be the pattern in the 1990s, replacing US/Soviet confrontation as the primary focus of U.S. military policy. Nevertheless, the huge strategic nuclear arsenal remains in place, even though the Soviet threat has virtually disappeared.*

*So, much remains to be done to achieve international peace. Furthermore, long-standing justice issues remain unresolved -- robbed of needed resources because of the arms race. That means that there is plenty on the peace and justice agenda for the next ten years.*

*Methodists United for Peace with Justice intends to continue to work on this agenda, to mobilize United Methodists and persons from other Methodist denominations, to be a voice in Washington, DC. on important policy issues. To succeed, we need your continued participation. We have already sent you two notices for membership renewal. This is our final notice. If we don't hear from you within a few weeks, we will drop your name from our active membership roster.*

*We hope that you will continue your membership. We want to continue sending you *Peace/Justice Alerts* and *Peace Leaf*, for which the next two issues will lay out ideas for a world peace agenda for the 1990s. We also need your support to maintain our lobbying activities in Washington, where*

*we are the only Methodist organization speaking out on disarmament issues and federal budget priorities.*

*You can renew your membership by filling out the enclosed form. Beyond your membership contribution to Methodists United for Peace with Justice, we invite you to make an additional tax-deductible donation to the Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund. Recently the Internal Revenue Service granted tax-exempt status to this Education Fund under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.*

*Yours for peace and justice.*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

## NOTICE OF MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION

September 1, 1990

Dear Peacemaker:

*Just as the Cold War seems to be over the United States has become involved in Middle East conflict by deploying air, naval, and ground forces against Iraq. This kind of regional warfare is likely to be the pattern in the 1990s, replacing US/Soviet confrontation as the primary focus of U.S. military policy. Nevertheless, the huge strategic nuclear arsenal remains in place, even though the Soviet threat has virtually disappeared.*

*So, much remains to be done to achieve international peace. Furthermore, long-standing justice issues remain unresolved -- robbed of needed resources because of the arms race. That means that there is plenty on the peace and justice agenda for the next ten years. Methodists United for Peace with Justice intends to continue to work on this agenda, to mobilize United Methodists and persons from other Methodist denominations, to be a voice in Washington, D.C. on important policy issues. To succeed, we need the support and participation of as many people as possible.*

*You helped us get going by making a financial contribution to support our initial efforts from March 1987 to mid-1989. But because you have not made a financial contribution to Methodists United during the past two years, we have dropped your name from our membership roster. However, we invite you to reinstate your membership.*

*Once again we want to send you Peace/Justice Alerts and Peace Leaf, for*

*which the next two issues will lay out ideas for a world peace agenda for the 1990s. Furthermore, we need your support to maintain our lobbying activities in Washington, where we are the only Methodist organization speaking out on disarmament issues and federal budget priorities.*

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*Yours for peace and justice,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

**NOTICE OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE**

*September 1, 1990*

*1. The next meeting of the Board of Directors of Methodists United for Peace with Justice will occur on Friday and Saturday, October 19 and 20, 1990. The meeting will take place in Washington, D.C. at the Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, 421 Seward Square, SE in the lower level.*

*The Board will meet on Friday, October 19 from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday, October 20 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. In addition, a breakfast orientation session for new members will take place at 8:30 a.m. on Friday the 19th. Other members are welcome to attend. We will provide lunch and dinner on the 19th, a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. on the 20th, and a sandwich lunch after adjournment on the 20th.*

*2. Please make your own arrangements for travel and sleeping accommodations. For the latter, here are some choices:*

- a. Upon request, we will arrange free overnight sleeping accommodations with a host family. If interested, please let us know by October 1.*
- b. Hereford House, 604 South Carolina Avenue, S.E., Washington, DC 20003; (202) 543-0102. A guest house with 4 rooms. Single room, \$35 + tax; double occupancy, \$50-60 + tax. Walking distance to Capitol Hill United Methodist Church.*
- c. Best Western Skyline Inn, South Capitol and Eye Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024; (202) 488-7500. Special rate of \$55 + tax for single or double. In making your reservation, mention*

*Methodists United to get special rate. About a mile from the church; we can help with transportation connections from hotel to meeting place upon request.*

*Let us know your plans after you make them. A return form is enclosed.*

*3. Board members are reminded that for an amendment to the Bylaws to be considered at the Board meeting, Board members must be notified at least 14 days in advance of the meeting. A plan for chapter formation must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the meeting of the Board of Directors. Therefore, chapter plan should be sent to the executive director to arrive in Washington by September 19 and an amendment to arrive by October 1, then to be sent to all directors.*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

To: Methodists United for Peace with Justice

I will \_\_\_ will not \_\_\_ attend the meeting of the Board of Directors on October 19 and 20, 1990 in Washington, DC.

\_\_\_ I plan to attend the breakfast orientation session at 8:30 a.m., Friday, October 19. (For new members, but all directors are invited.)

Sleeping accommodations:

\_\_\_ I would like to stay with a host family for \_\_\_ Thursday, \_\_\_ Friday, \_\_\_ Saturday nights.

\_\_\_ I have made a reservation at \_\_\_\_\_

for (dates): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I have made an alternative arrangement: \_\_\_\_\_

Travel arrangements:

Arrival \_\_\_\_\_

Departure \_\_\_\_\_

Via \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Via \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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*September 1, 1990*

To: *Members*

From: *Howard W. Hallman*

*Executive Director*

1. We have completed the election for the Board of Directors of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. The following persons were elected for a three year term, ending in September 1993: directors re-elected -- Doris Akers, Follett, Texas; Clifford A. Armour, Jr., Newark, Delaware; and Sherman W. Harris, Potomac, Maryland; new directors elected -- Hilda Arndt, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Joy E. Arthur, Midland, Michigan; Kathy Brown, Kirkwood, Missouri; Margaret Bryan, Gatlinburg, Tennessee; Margaret Fertschneider, Atascadero, California; Rollin L. Rothhaar, San Diego, California; and Howard Warriner, Phoenix, Arizona.

2. Methodists United for Peace with Justice has not taken positions on issues of regional conflict. Therefore, we have no policy to articulate on the current Middle East situation. But because this issue is the first major international crisis in the "post-Cold War era", it is a concern to many of us. I have written the attached reflections as my personal views, not necessarily as an official Methodists United position. When our Board of Directors meets October 19 and 20, it will consider how we should approach such situations.

3. Meanwhile, the Middle East engagement does not change the message of our last *Peace/Justice Alert*, which urges support for no funding of the B-2 bomber and cutbacks in Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) funding when the Defense Authorization Bill comes before the U.S. House of Representatives the week of September 10. The enclosed memo offers elaboration. There is still time to call your representative in Washington or her/his district office before September 10 to express your views.

September 1, 1990

Mr. Harold W. Wulke  
2613 Knoxville  
Long Beach, CA 90815

Dear Hal:

The ballots have now been counted for the 1990 election of the Board Directors, Methodists United for Peace with Justice. I regret to inform you that you are not among the ten new directors elected to the Board.

I'm personally acquainted with the dedicated work you are doing on peace and justice issues and the help you have given Methodists United. I look forward to continue to work with you on these matters mutual interest.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

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*September 5, 1990*

*Sherman:*

*Here is an up-to-date list of our Board of Directors. I would be great if you would call all of the old members (those elected last year) to encourage them to undertake membership recruitment and perhaps some solicitation of larger donors. You might also call some of the new members, as indicated below.*

*Here's some background information.*

*Old Members*

*Doris Akers is in the Northwest Texas Conference. She has been involved with demonstrations at the nuclear weapons plant in Amarillo and might have contacts with people who have come from other states to protest.*

*Cliff Armour is a member of the Peninsula Conference. He promised that he would do some recruitment and had me send him some brochures, but no results so far.*

*Alice Ashton is in the North Carolina Conference.*

*Craig Barbour is a member of the Virginia Conference.*

*Ralph Clark is a member of Mt Oliviet UMC, which made a contribution a couple of years ago. He might have a list of contacts in Northern Virginia from the workshop he staged two years ago.*

*John Copenhaver may not be particularly active in the Virginia Conference. He is a pacifist and (I think) a member of the dormant Methodist Peace Fellowship. Perhaps he could get a copy of their mailing list and write the members a letter, inviting them to join Methodists United. We could pay for postage and printing, if necessary.*

*Bruce Edwards is new in the South Georgia Conference, but he has a supply of membership brochures and will try to do some recruiting.*

*Sherman Harris has loads of contacts in the Baltimore Conference!*

*Ed Helm has promised that he will seek members in Florida. I promised him a list of our members in Florida and will have it to him in a week or so.*

*John Mecartney is a member of the Detroit Conference. I think he does fundraising for his own institute but would probably help us in the Detroit area.*

*Betty Nelson is lay leader of the Kansas East Conference. I sent her some brochures to hand out at annual conference, but no new memberships came in (they seldom do). She has encouraged us to work with the conference P/J coordinator, Bob Miller, who is a professor, but I haven't been able to reach him this summer. You might ask Betty about reaching large donors in Kansas.*

Nancy Risch is in the Alabama-West Florida Conference (along with Spencer Turnipseed). She might take on the West Florida portion. Also, ask her to help get one to three national UMW leaders on our National Advisory Committee.

Spencer Turnipseed moved to a new appointment in Auburn in June, so is settling in. But he knows the peace/justice activists in the Alabama-West Florida Conference and should be able to help us.

Jim Zeisloft says that he will try to get a donation from the Peace with Justice Task Force of the Central Pennsylvania Conference when it meets in September. As a former D.S. he has a lot a contacts in the conference, but he is a little concerned about our competing with the Methodist Federation for Social Action.

Delphinia Bowen from Detroit is AME or AME Zion. She is a student and didn't have the funds to attend our March board meeting. I doubt that she would be in a position to do much membership recruitment, but you might want to talk to her anyway.

### Newly Elected Members

Most of newly elected board members are leaders in their conference peace with justice task force and are already helping Methodists United. I am working closely with several of them. Perhaps you could contact the others.

Hilda Arndt in Louisiana got a conference contribution for us this year, and I'm working with her to get a renewal. I'll also talk to her about wider recruitment and possibly reaching large donors.

Joy Arthur is the peace with justice coordinator in the Detroit Conference and was nominated by conference staff. We got a conference contribution last year. You might ask him about renewal and wider recruitment.

Kathy Brown was nominated by the peace with justice coordinator for Missouri East. She knows that network and might do some outreach for us between now and the board meeting. Will you call her?

Margaret Bryan is peace with justice coordinator in the Holston Conference. She has supplied me with a list of persons who might be interested in Methodists United, and I have sent them an invitation.

Margaret Fertschneider is peace with justice coordinator in California-Pacific Conference. She is a strong supporter, got \$500 from the conference last year, put her district coordinators on our mailing list, and is trying for a repeat contribution. I'm in touch with her regularly.

Rollin Rothhaar is a busy peace activist from San Diego (see his biography on the ballot background piece). You might call him and ask him to do some recruiting for us between now and the board meeting.

Howard Warriner has got over 90 percent of the churches in the Desert Southwest Conference involved in an annual Lenten Prayer Vigil for Peace with Justice. You might ask his help with recruitment. Meanwhile, Betty Benton, the conference peace with justice coordinator, has given me with a list of contacts.

#### Newly Appointed Members

My inclination is not to ask board members appointed by the UM racial/ethnic caucuses and AME Church for help immediately with recruitment and fundraising. The former have basic loyalty to their

*caucuses, which have their own fundraising problems. The latter are too new to ask for help, but if we establish good relationship in October, they might be willing to help us with outreach to AME members.*

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*September 6, 1990*

*Sherman:*

*Based upon suggestions from our last board meeting, you and I agreed that the following persons would be invited to be members of our National Advisory Committee. When you are calling board members, especially members of the Executive Committee (Doris, Bruce, Craig, Jennifer), you might want to get their concurrence. Then we can send out invitations to these persons.*

*Bishop J. Clinton Hoggard, AME Zion Church, Washington, D.C., ecumenical officer; has orally agreed to serve but needs a confirming letter.*

*Bishop C. D. Coleman, Sr., Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Dallas, TX, senior bishop; has orally agreed to serve but needs a confirming letter.*

*Bishop Frederick H. Talbot, African Methodist Episcopal Church, Frederiksted, St. Croix, ecumenical officer; provided three nominees to our board; needs a written invitation to serve.*

*Bishop C. Dale White, United Methodist Church, New York Area; a MUPJ member.*

*Bishop Roy Sano, United Methodist Church, Denver Area; a MUPJ member.*

*Rev. Hae Song Kim, New Jersey; prominent UMC leader; suggested last spring  
by Naomi Southard, when  
she was executive director of National Federation of Asian-American  
United Methodists.*

*Rev. Peter Y.K. Sun, San Francisco, present executive director of National  
Federation of Asian-American United Methodists; alternative is for him  
to join our Board of Directors.*

*Rev. Ernest Swiggett, Brooklyn, New York, chairperson, Black Methodists for  
Church Renewal.*

*Dr. Cain Felder (sp?), Washington, D.C.; suggested by BMCR.*

*Simon Stevens, Aberdeen, South Dakota; suggested by Native American Inter  
national Caucus; lay  
leader of their issues committee.*

*Geraldine Heilman, Lewisburg, PA; a United Methodist with a United  
Evangelical Brethern background.*

*Rev. Joseph Lowery, Atlanta, GA; United Methodist minister and president,  
Southern Christian Leadership Conference.*

*One or more national leaders of United Methodist Women, to be worked out  
by Nancy Risch.*

HOWARD W. HALLMAN  
6508 Wilmett Road  
Bethesda, MD 20817  
(301) 897-3668

September 10, 1990

Bishop Joseph H. Yeakel  
9226 Colesville Road  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Joe:

I am writing to as an individual United Methodist, not in my position as executive director of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. I want to express my personal concern that no agency of the United Methodist Church has spoken out on the Middle East crisis, but I cannot speak officially for Methodists United in that regard. I offer several exhibits.

Exhibit 1 is an article from the Washington Post, "U.S. Clergy Cautious on War Issue". It discusses how several denominations are responding, but no mention of the United Methodist Church.

Exhibit 2 is a Peace with Justice memo from the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society, dated August 27, 1990. It indicates that "neither the General Board of Church and Society nor the General Board of Global Ministries has issued any formal statement." As a substitute, there are statements from the National Council of Churches and a unit of the Presbyterian Church USA.

Exhibit 3 is an August 3, 1990 statement from Churches for Middle East

Peace. The United Methodist Church is listed as a member of this coalition, but according to Robert Alpern, chair of this group (and Unitarian-Universalist representative in Washington), through September 5 (when I talked to him) no United Methodist representative has participated in the almost daily meetings Churches for Middle East Peace has had since the Iraq invasion of Kuwait. Official United Methodist representatives are Bob McClean (Church and Society), Mia Adjali (Global Ministries, Women's Division), and Sue Robinson (Global Ministries, World Division), all in New York.

Exhibit 4 is a statement I put out for Methodists United for Peace with Justice, indicating some personal views since our Board of Directors has not taken a position on Middle East issues. We have concentrated mostly on nuclear disarmament, US/Soviet relations, and federal budget priorities since we organized in 1987, and I can't make any organizational statement beyond those issues. Our next board meeting is in October, and I hope our Board will examine some of these crucial issues beyond the Cold War.

Exhibit 5 is an Action Alert of August 21 issued by the Friends Committee on National Legislation, which also recorded Telephone Action Messages on August 3, 13, and 17; wrote a three-page letter to President George Bush and a two-page letter to President Saddam Hussein; and issued a news release on these letters. This is in contrast to lack of action by United Methodist agencies.

The lack of a vigorous response by the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society, our major public policy advocacy agency, is particularly disappointing. The General Conference has provided a strong policy basis in several resolutions ("The United Methodist Church and Peace", "In Support of Self-determination and Non-intervention", and "In Support of the United

Nations"). In your leadership role on the General Board of Church and Society, I urge you to get the Board and its staff to take more initiative in speaking out on the crucial issues of the Middle East crisis.

If you would like to discuss these suggestions, or other ideas I have about the General Board of Church and Society, please call me at 897-3668.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman

September 10, 1990

Bishop Melvin G. Talbert  
P.O. Box 467  
San Francisco, CA 94101

Dear Bishop Talbert:

*United Methodist Newscope* indicates that you are urging negotiation, rather than armed response, in the Persian Gulf. That makes sense to me. I would be interested in a full copy of your statement on this issue.

*Methodists United for Peace with Justice* has been concentrating on issues of nuclear disarmament, US/Soviet relations, and federal budget priorities, and our Board of Directors has not taken a position on Middle East issues. Lacking such policy guidance, I put out the enclosed "Reflections on Middle East Crisis" as personal observations. When our Board meets next month, I hope it will decide to broaden our agenda to encompass such emerging issues.

Unfortunately the official United Methodist boards have been unresponsive to the Middle East situation. For example, note the enclosed article from the *Washington Post*, "U.S. Clergy Cautious on War Issue", which discusses how several denominations are responding, but no mention of the United Methodist Church. This absence is explained by the enclosed Peace with Justice memo from the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society, dated August 27, 1990. It indicates that "neither the General Board of Church and Society nor the General Board of Global Ministries has issued any formal statement." As a substitute, there are statements from the National Council of Churches and a unit of the Presbyterian Church USA!

In contrast the Friends Committee on National Legislation put out the

*enclosed Action Alert on August 21, and also recorded Telephone Action Messages on August 3, 13, and 17; wrote a three-page letter to President George Bush and a two-page letter to President Saddam Hussein; and issued a news release on these letters.*

*The lack of a United Methodist response is disappointing because the General Conference has provided a strong policy basis in several resolutions ("The United Methodist Church and Peace", "In Support of Self-determination and Non-intervention", and "In Support of the United Nations"). Perhaps you as a key United Methodist leader could give a nudge to the official agencies to be more forthright in speaking out on this important issue.*

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

421 Seward Square, SE  
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September 10, 1990

John C. Soltman  
12513 NW 31st Avenue  
Vancouver, WA 98685

Dear Rev. Soltman:

Thanks for your thoughtful letter of August 14, 1990. It is helpful to get feedback from our members. As a fairly young organization, we are still finding our way to the most appropriate role within Methodism and the broader Christian community. Your input is useful. I'll share your letter with our Board of Directors, which meets October 19 and 20.

In response to some of your points, we have two regular publications, *Peace Leaf* and *Peace/Justice Alert*. We perceive education to be the main purpose of *Peace Leaf* while *Peace/Justice Alerts* are used for lobbying. In some issues of *Peace Leaf* we have offered a biblical or theological foundation, such as in the January-March 1989 issue on the Federal Budget. We haven't done so in every issue, but we hope that there is carry over in the minds of our readers. In the January-March 1990 issue, again on the Federal Budget, we offered views of five United Methodists who are members of Congress (altogether there are nearly 100 United Methodists in Congress). Like broader United Methodism there is a wide range of views. Our Board reviewed this issue in March and concluded that it was useful because, as an

educational publication, it let our readers gain insights on how different United Methodist policy-makers approached budget issues. The Board realized that our own advocacy positions are made plain in *Peace/Justice Alerts*.

With this encouragement I sought some contrasting views on U.S. policy "After the Cold War" from prominent United Methodists in Congress, but I had to go beyond Methodist circles to Representative Dellums to get an articulate statement that also took into account important justice issues. Although Senator Nunn's views are a long way from the policy positions of Methodists United for Peace with Justice, they show that even this staunch advocate of the military favors cutbacks in military spending and perceives that the national interest is much broader than military defense. I felt that this is useful information to circulate. Besides, I'm a Jeffersonian in the sense that I believe public policy should flow from broad public discussion of many viewpoints.

At the same time we published this issue of *Peace Leaf* we sent out a *Peace/Justice Alert* in support of some Senate floor amendments that opposed Senator Nunn's viewpoint. The *Alerts* present single-minded advocacy on our particular positions. So we have the contrast between the broader educational role of *Peace Leaf* and the lobbying role of *Peace/Justice Alerts*.

The next two issues of *Peace Leaf* will offer some ideas on U.S. foreign policy for the 1990s. We will use the biblical and theological foundation of *In Defense of Creation* as the starting point, thus seeking to be informed by the teachings and ethic of Jesus as you recommend. The policy ideas will go beyond *In Defense of Creation* to reflect the events of the last four years. The first of these two issues will consider how to eliminate the remnants of the Cold War (the huge nuclear arsenal, unneeded troops in Europe, division

of Korea). The second issue will examine other kinds of issues, including the complexity of the Middle East (the current crisis, Israel-Palestine, etc), Latin America, Africa, Asia. This will touch on justice (North-South) as well as peace. These two issues will then serve as the basis for future *Peace/Justice Alerts*, just as some past issues of *Peace Leaf* have provided the educational background for some of the *Alerts* we have published in the past. So, I hope that you will bear with us and will continue to be a supportive member of our network.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

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*September 13, 1990*

To: *Jennifer Garvin-Sanchez*  
*Craig L. Barbour*

*Now that we have IRS approval for our Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund as a 501(c)(3) entity, we are starting to get contributions. Therefore, it is time to open a separate bank account for the Fund.*

*Unfortunately the Board's bank resolution seems to have been lost in the mail as we were circulating it for all the necessary signatures. So we are circulating a new one. You both remain as officers until the Board meets in October and holds the annual election of officers. Therefore, we need your signatures.*

*Jennifer, please sign as indicated and send it to Craig.*

*Craig, please sign twice: once as an eligible signature, and again at the bottom as secretary to certify that the Board passed this resolution. Then return it to me.*

*Thanks.*

*Howard W. Hallman*

September 14, 1990

Bishop C. Dale White  
New York United Methodist Area  
252 Bryant Avenue  
New York, NY 10605

Dear Dale:

This is a follow up to a letter I wrote to you in April, requesting a renewal of your financial contribution to Methodists United for Peace with Justice. You contributed \$250 in February 1989 from New York Conference peace and justice funds. We hope that you are willing to make a similar contribution this year.

A number of other conferences are making such contributions. In exchange we place key leaders on our mailing list (at approximately one for each \$20 contribution). We would do the same for the New York Conference.

This is a crucial moment for Methodists United for Peace with Justice. Since we organized in 1987, we have carved out a useful role which supplements, and in some cases goes beyond, the work of the official United Methodist agencies. For example, since the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq the General Board of Church and Society has been mostly silent. Although we have not previously dealt with the Middle East, I put out the enclosed "Reflections on Middle East Crisis" and sent it to our membership, all the resident bishops, and key conference leaders. In talking to some of the latter this week, I learned that the statement has been useful to them in formulating their positions as the conference boards and society hold their fall meetings. We also remain the only Methodist voice in Washington speaking out on

*disarmament and federal budget priorities. And we are now in the process of bringing representatives of AME, AME Zion, and CME denominations onto our Board of Directors and National Advisory Committee.*

*Although we are a programmatic success, our finances are shaky. At the moment revenues are running less than non-personnel expenses. So we need help from United Methodist leaders like you to help us identify persons who will make major donations to Methodists United: \$100, \$500, \$1,000. Perhaps there are such prospective donors in the New York Area with whom you can put us in touch. Or maybe you can suggest someone with a flair for fundraising who could give us some assistance. If so, we will be grateful to you.*

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

September 14, 1990

Bishop C. P. Minnick:  
P.O. Box 10955  
Raleigh, NC 27605

Dear C.P.:

This is a crucial moment for Methodists United for Peace with Justice. Since we organized in 1987, we have carved out a useful role which supplements, and in some cases goes beyond, the work of the official United Methodist agencies. For example, since the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq the General Board of Church and Society has been mostly silent. Although we have not previously dealt with the Middle East, I put out the enclosed "Reflections on Middle East Crisis" and sent it to our membership, all the resident bishops, and key conference leaders. In talking to some of the latter this week, I learned that the statement has been useful to them in formulating their positions as the conference boards and society hold their fall meetings. We also remain the only Methodist voice in Washington speaking out on disarmament and federal budget priorities. And we are now in the process of bringing representatives of AME, AME Zion, and CME denominations onto our Board of Directors and National Advisory Committee.

Although we are a programmatic success, our finances are shaky. At the moment revenues are running less than non-personnel expenses. So we need help from United Methodist leaders like you.

One way, as I wrote to you in May, would be to help us identify persons who might make major donations to Methodists United: \$100, \$500, \$1,000.

This could be a tax-deductible contribution to our Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, which has IRS approval as a 501(c)(3) entity.

*Perhaps there are such prospective donors in the North Carolina (or Virginia where you previously served) with whom you can put us in touch. Or maybe you can suggest someone with a flair for fundraising who could give us some assistance.*

*Another way would be to encourage one of your conference boards to make a contribution to Methodists United. A number of other conferences are making such contributions in amounts of \$100, 300, 500. In exchange we place key leaders on our mailing list (at approximately one for each \$20 contribution). We would do the same for the North Carolina Conference. We will be grateful to you for whatever assistance you can provide.*

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

September 14, 1990

Rev. Robert W. Hannum  
16 Sylvan Street  
Danvers, MA 01923

Dear Rev. Hannum:

As you requested, I am sending 50 copies of our membership brochure so that you can put them out at your forthcoming conference.

As I indicated on the telephone, several United Methodist conference boards have made financial contributions to our work. I look forward to receiving your application form so that we may submit such a request to you.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

September 14, 1990

Mr. Edward Martin  
36 Longwood Drive  
Stratford, NJ 08084

Dear Mr. Martin:

As you requested, I am sending 50 copies of our membership brochure so that you can distribute them at your forthcoming board meeting.

As I indicated on the telephone, several United Methodist conference boards have made financial contributions to our work -- in amounts of \$150, \$300, \$500. In exchange we place key conference and district leaders on our mailing list (at approximately one for each \$20 contributed). We would welcome a similar contribution from the Southern New Jersey Conference. It would be a boost to our work and a help to our goal of financial stability.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

September 14, 1990

Rev. Ken Uselton  
522 Russell Street  
Nashville, TN 37206

Dear Rev. Uselton:

Thanks for offering to provide us a list of names of persons in the Tennessee United Methodist Conference who might be interested in become part of our *Peace/Justice Alert* network.

As you requested, I am sending 20 copies of our membership brochure so that you can distribute them at your forthcoming church and society board meeting.

As I indicated, several United Methodist conference boards have made financial contributions to our work -- in amounts of \$150, \$300, \$500. In exchange we place key conference and district leaders on our mailing list (at approximately one for each \$20 contributed). We would welcome a similar contribution from the Tennessee Conference. It would be a boost to our work and a help to our goal of financial stability.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

September 14, 1990

Rev. Larry Snodgrass  
First United Methodist Church  
Center & Herron Avenues  
Verona, PA 15147

Dear Rev. Snodgrass:

Thanks for offering to provide us a list of names of persons in the Western Pennsylvania United Methodist Conference who might be interested in become part of our *Peace/Justice Alert* network.

As I indicated, several United Methodist conference boards have made financial contributions to our work -- in amounts of \$150, \$300, \$500. In exchange we place key conference and district leaders on our mailing list (at approximately one for each \$20 contributed). We would welcome a similar contribution from the Western Pennsylvania Conference. It would be a boost to our work and a help to our goal of financial stability.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

September 14, 1990

Rev. Tim Boal  
Trinity United Methodist Church  
1100 Lake Drive, SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Dear Rev. Boal:

Thanks for offering to provide us a list of names of persons and peace centers in the Western Michigan United Methodist Conference who might be interested in become part of our *Peace/Justice Alert* network. We will send them information about our work.

As I indicated, several United Methodist conference boards have made financial contributions to our work -- in amounts of \$150, \$300, \$500. In exchange we place key conference and district leaders on our mailing list (at approximately one for each \$20 contributed). We would welcome a similar contribution from the Western Michigan Conference. It would be a boost to our work and a help to our goal of financial stability.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

September 14, 1990

Rev. Ken Gelhaus  
8040 47th Court  
Kenosha, WI 53142

Dear Rev. Gelhaus:

When we talked on the phone in early August, you indicated that you would discuss with your peace with justice task force the possibility of providing us a list of persons in the Wisconsin United Methodist Conference who are working on peace and justice issues and who might like to be part of our *Peace/Justice Alert* network. We would like to write to them and tell them about our work.

During the past year several United Methodist conference boards have made financial contributions to our work -- in amounts of \$150, \$300, \$500. In exchange we place key conference and district leaders on our mailing list (at approximately one for each \$20 contributed). Would it be possible for your peace with justice task force or your conference board of church and society to make such a contribution to Methodists United for Peace with Justice? This would be a boost to our work and a help to our goal of financial stability.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

September 14, 1990

Ms. Ruth Anne Petrak  
333 Bower Street  
Rockwell City, IA 50579

Dear Ms. Petrak:

When we talked on the phone in July, you indicated that you might be able to provide us with a list of your peace with justice task force members, and possibly other persons with this interest in the Iowa United Methodist Conference. We would like to write them, tell them about our *Peace/Justice Alert* network, and invite them to be a part of it.

Also, I would like to repeat a request that your task force consider making a financial donation to Methodists United for Peace with Justice. Several other United Methodist conference boards have made done so -- in amounts of \$150, \$300, \$500. In exchange we place key conference and district leaders on our mailing list (at approximately one for each \$20 contributed). We would welcome a similar contribution from the Iowa Conference. It would be a boost to our work and a help to our goal of financial stability.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

September 14, 1990

Rev. Dan Ferguson  
Box 5  
Douglass, KS 67039

Dear Rev. Ferguson:

Thanks for offering to provide us a list of names of persons in the Kansas West United Methodist Conference who might be interested in becoming part of our *Peace/Justice Alert* network. We will send them information about our work.

As I indicated, several United Methodist conference boards have made financial contributions to our work -- in amounts of \$150, \$300, \$500. In exchange we place key conference and district leaders on our mailing list (at approximately one for each \$20 contributed). We would welcome a similar contribution from the Kansas West Conference. It would be a boost to our work and a help to our goal of financial stability.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

September 14, 1990

Rev. Lowell Greathouse  
1855 S. Shore Blvd.  
Lake Oswego, OR 97034

Dear Rev. Greathouse:

Thanks for offering to provide us a list of names of persons and churches in the Oregon-Idaho United Methodist Conference who might be interested in becoming part of our *Peace/Justice Alert* network. We will send them information about our work.

As you requested, I am sending 25 copies of our membership brochure so that you can distribute them at your forthcoming board meeting.

As I indicated on the telephone, several United Methodist conference boards have made financial contributions to our work -- in amounts of \$150, \$300, \$500. In exchange we place key conference and district leaders on our mailing list (at approximately one for each \$20 contributed). We would welcome a similar contribution from the Oregon-Idaho Conference. It would be a boost to our work and a help to our goal of financial stability.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

September 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 contribution in September 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. A renewal form and return envelope are enclosed.

Your support will enable us to continue working for policies that implement the recommendations of the United Methodist bishops' pastoral letter and foundation document, *In Defense of Creation*. At the same time we must deal with new issues as they arise. Even though remarkable changes are occurring in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, we must still push hard for nuclear arms reduction to eliminate the still-fearful arsenal. The Middle East crisis highlights the need for peaceful settlement of disputes and enhancement of United Nations capability. In the United States federal budget priorities remain a major concern. Methodists United for Peace with Justice is working hard these issues. We combine our lobbying presence in Washington, D.C. with grassroots mobilization. We hope that you will continue to participate with us in these activities.

There are now two ways you can make a financial contribution to Methodists United. Our basic organization engages in lobbying activities on peace and justice issues. Therefore, it is organized as a 501(c)(4) corporation under Internal Revenue Service regulations. Membership contributions support this

operation. Your membership renewal check should therefore be made payable to "Methodists United for Peace with Justice".

In addition, our Board of Directors has created a special Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, which has now received IRS approval as a tax-exempt entity under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This means that contributions to the Education Fund are considered to be tax-deductible in computing federal income tax. We will use this our Education Fund to pay for publication of *Peace Leaf* and other educational activities. To make a tax-deductible contribution above and beyond your membership renewal to support this phase of our work, you can write a second check payable to "Methodists United Peace/ Justice Education Fund."

We thank you for whatever you can afford to give.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

## SECOND NOTICE FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

September 15, 1990

Dear Member:

Last month 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.

We need your continued support during the 1990s, a decade which offers both opportunities and obstacles for achieving peace and justice objectives. Events in Eastern Europe are opening remarkable possibilities for accomplishing European disarmament. And the easing of East/West confrontation makes it much easier to achieve strategic nuclear disarmament. But at the same time the Middle East crisis shows that we still live in a dangerous world, that there is great need for peaceful settlement of disputes, especially through international auspices, such as under the United Nations. And there remains the need for shifting federal budget priorities to redirect resources to vital human and community needs.

Yet, 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 bring about budgetary changes. Methodists United is working vigorously on these matters.

Your membership renewal check should be made payable to "Methodists United for Peace with Justice". This supports our 501(c)(4) corporation, which under Internal Revenue Service regulations can engage in lobbying

*activities on peace and justice issues.*

*To foster educational activities financed by tax-deductible contributions, our Board of Directors has created a special Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, which has now received IRS approval as a tax-exempt entity under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This means that contributions to the Education Fund are considered to be tax-deductible in computing federal income tax. We will use this our Education Fund to pay for publication of *Peace Leaf* and other educational activities. To make a tax-deductible contribution above and beyond your membership renewal to support this phase of our work, you can write a second check payable to "Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund."*

*We look forward to your continued participation in our efforts.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*