

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

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

September 19, 1990

*Mr. John Mathews
2404 Fairhill Drive
Suitland, MD 20746*

Dear John:

Would you please place an "ad" in Foundry Focus with the following message (however you want to write it).

Methodists United for Peace with Justice is looking for overnight housing for board members who will be coming to Washington for a meeting on October 19 and 20. Accommodations are needed especially for Friday night, October 19, and some space is needed for Thursday and Saturday nights. Call Howard Hallman at (301) 897-3668 (local call) to make your offer or for more information.

Thanks for your assistance.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman

September 22, 1990

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

Dear Dr. Deveaux:

In early August when Bishop Frederick H. Talbot wrote to us, saying he had appointed you and two other AME leaders to our Board of Directors, his letter inadvertently inverted the "M" into a "W" in your street address. On August 7 I reflexively wrote to you at 1518 "W" Street, NW instead of catching the error. A second letter of September 14 was returned to us. So perhaps the August 7 letter never reached you.

Accordingly, I am sending copies of these letters and a notebook of information about Methodists United for Peace with Justice, which accompanied the first letter. Please accept my apology for this mixup and delay.

We hope that you will be able to participate in our Board meeting on October 19-20 and to help us strengthen our ties with the Pan-Methodist family.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director

September 22, 1990

Rev. Joseph Davis
657 S. Harrison Street
Arlington, VA 22204

Dear Rev. Davis:

In an effort to make Methodists United for Peace with Justice a truly pan-Methodist organization, we have conferred with Bishop J. Clinton Hoggard, ecumenical officer of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, about adding AME Zion representatives to our Board of Directors. In response he has nominated you and Rev. Lovenger Bowden. 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, 421 Seward Square, SE. 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 p.m. On Saturday, October 20 we will meet from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We hope that you will be able to participate in this meeting.

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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 Zion representation on our Board, we are now adding representatives from the AME 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
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September 22, 1990

Rev. Lovenger Bowden
3513 Jeff Road
Landover, MD 20785

Dear Rev. Lovenger:

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September 22, 1990

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

Dear Bishop Coleman:

In our effort to broaden Pan-Methodist representation on our Board of Directors, we now have appointments from the African Methodist Episcopal and AME Zion Churches. We hope that you will nominate three Christian Methodist Episcopal representatives so that they can participate in our next Board meeting on October 19 and 20, 1990. However, if you want to start with only one representative in order to become better acquainted with our activities, that is acceptable to us.

This next Board meeting will be held at Capitol Hill United Methodist Church in Washington, DC. We hope that CME directors can join us at that time. We will provide full background information to the new directors prior to the meeting.

If you want to discuss this matter further, please call me at (301) 897-3668.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman

Executive Director

September 25, 1990

Dr. Gilbert Caldwell
P.O. Box 820
Madison Ave. & Monroe Blvd.
Valley Forge, PA 19482

Dear Dr. Caldwell:

We cordially invite you to become a member of the National Advisory Committee of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. We issue this invitation to you at the suggestion of Carolyn M. Anderson of Black Methodists for Church Renewal.

We are an association of laity and clergy working on crucial peace and justice issues of the 1990s. We formed three years ago in response to a call in the United Methodist bishops' pastoral letter, *In Defense of Creation*. Our original focus was US/Soviet relations and disarmament, but we soon took on the need to shift federal budget priorities from military to human and community needs. When our Board of Directors meets next month, it will consider how we should respond to the current Middle East crisis and to important justice issues. Although our founders were United Methodists, we are now reaching out to encompass people from other denominations of Pan-Methodism in the United States. Hence our name: Methodists United.

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Yours for peace and justice

*Sherman W. Harris
Chair, Board of Directors*

September 25, 1990

Dr. Cain Felder
Howard Divinity School
1240 Randolph Street, NE
Washington, DC 20017

Dear Dr. Felder:

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Ms. Ethel Johnson
1380 Bosworth Place
Columbus, OH 43229

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Mr. Simon Stevens
1421 S. Lloyd
Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401

Dear Mr. Stevens:

We cordially invite you to become a member of the National Advisory Committee of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. We issue this invitation to you at the suggestion of Rev. Sam Wynn of the Native American International Caucus.

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Rev. Dr. Joseph E. Lowery, President
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
334 Auburn Avenue, NE, P.O. Box 89128
Atlanta, GA 30312

Dear Dr. Lowery:

We cordially invite you to become a member of the National Advisory Committee of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. Your membership would be a strong asset to this advisory body.

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Rev. Hae Song Kim
Bishop Janes United Methodist Church
128 Spencer Road
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Dear Rev. Kim:

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Bishop Roy I. Sano
2200 S. University Blvd
Denver, CO 80210

Dear Bishop Sano:

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Sherman W. Harris

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Ms. Geraldine B. Heilman
42 S. 4th Street
Lewisburg, PA 17837

Dear Ms. Heilman:

We cordially invite you to become a member of the National Advisory Committee of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. Your membership would be a strong asset to this advisory body because of your peace work and your knowledge of the Evangelical United Brethren tradition.

As you know, we formed three years ago in response to a call in the United Methodist bishops' pastoral letter, *In Defense of Creation*. Our original focus was US/Soviet relations and disarmament, but we soon took on the need to shift federal budget priorities from military to human and community needs. When our Board of Directors meets next month, it will consider how we should respond to the current Middle East crisis and to important justice issues. Although our founders were United Methodists, we are now reaching out to encompass people from other denominations of Pan-Methodism in the United States. Hence our name: Methodists United.

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Bishop C. Dale White
252 Bryant Avenue
White Plains, NY 10805

Dear Bishop White:

We cordially invite you to become a member of the National Advisory Committee of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. Your membership would be a strong asset to this advisory body because of your leadership on disarmament and social justice issues.

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*Sherman W. Harris
Chair, Board of Directors*

September 25, 1990

Rev. Peter Sun, Executive Director
National Federation of Asian
American United Methodists
330 Ellis Street
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Peter:

Howard Hallman has told me of your willingness to become a member of the National Advisory Committee of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. I am pleased to hear this because your membership will be a strong asset to this advisory body.

As you know, we formed three years ago in response to a call in the United Methodist bishops' pastoral letter, *In Defense of Creation*. Our original focus was US/Soviet relations and disarmament, but we soon took on the need to shift federal budget priorities from military to human and community needs. When our Board of Directors meets next month, it will consider how we should respond to the current Middle East crisis and to important justice issues. Although our founders were United Methodists, we are now reaching out to encompass people from other denominations of Pan-Methodism in the United States. Hence our name: Methodists United.

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September 25, 1990

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

Dear Bishop Hoggard:

We greatly appreciate your assistance in appointing persons from the AME Zion Church to serve on our Board of Directors. We are in touch with them and look forward to their participation at our October 19-20 board meeting.

In addition to these members on our working Board of Directors, we cordially invite you to become a member of the National Advisory Committee of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. Your membership would be a strong asset to this advisory body.

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Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
2330 Sutter Street
Dallas, TX 75216*

Dear Bishop Coleman:

Howard Hallman, our executive director, has told me about his request for you to appoint one or more persons from the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church to serve on our Board of Directors. We hope that this will occur in time so that there can be CME representation at our October 19-20 board meeting.

Beyond this I understand that you are willing to become a member of the National Advisory Committee of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. Your membership will be a strong asset to this advisory body.

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Rev. Peter Sun, Executive Director
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American United Methodists
330 Ellis Street
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Peter:

As we discussed on the phone, I hope that you can find some one from the National Federation of Asian American United Methodists to attend the meeting of our Board of Directors on October 19-20, 1990. It meets at Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, 421 Seward Square, SE in Washington, D.C. The enclosed announcement provides more details. Let me know who it will be, and I'll send more background information.

We would like a representative of NFAAUM to become a voting member of our Board of Directors. This can start at the coming meeting if you like. But if you want to send a representative only as an observer until you find out more what we are doing, that is acceptable with us.

If you have any questions, please call me at 301 897-3668.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director

September 26, 1990

Mrs. Elinor Bedell
RR Box 9502
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Dear Mrs. Bedell:

The past two years you have been generous in your contributions to Methodists United for Peace with Justice: \$1,000 in 1988 to help support our work at the United Methodist General Conference and \$500 in 1989 to help pay for the printing of *Witnessing for Peace and Justice: Peacemaker Handbook*. We are wondering if you would be willing to make a special 1990 contribution, perhaps \$1,000 again. This gift could be made payable to our *Methodists United Peace/ Justice Education Fund*, which has tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. We use the Education Fund to pay for our newsletter, *Peace Leaf*, and other educational activities.

As an organization, we are well on our way to fulfilling our name, *Methodists United*, by bringing onto our Board of Directors and National Advisory Committee persons from African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal Churches, and also persons from four United Methodist caucuses of blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asians. This will enable us to reach constituencies which haven't been very active in the peace movement. It will also help us sharpen our justice focus.

Although the Cold War is over, the United States and the Soviet Union continue to produce and deploy new long-range, strategic weapons aimed at one another. U.S. forces remain adamantly in Europe even though the

Warsaw Pact has disintegrated as a threatening military force. When Iraq invaded Kuwait, the correct response of relying on the United Nations to call for and direct an economic boycott was accompanied by unilateral U.S. military mobilization before the effectiveness of the boycott could be tested. Quite likely other manifestations of regional conflict will emerge in this decade. So the peace agenda for the 1990s remains full.

We want to maintain our public advocacy role in Washington and our efforts to inform and mobilize grassroots Methodists in the four denominations. We will greatly appreciate your support so that we can continue this work.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director

September 26, 1990

Helen Wood

10450 Lottsbord Rd, #4116

Mitchellville, MD 20721

Dear Helen:

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invaded Kuwait, the correct response of relying on the United Nations to call for and direct an economic boycott was accompanied by unilateral U.S. military mobilization before the effectiveness of the boycott could be tested. Quite likely other manifestations of regional conflict will emerge in this decade. So the peace agenda for the 1990s remains full.

We want to maintain our public advocacy role in Washington and our efforts to inform and mobilize grassroots Methodists in the four denominations. We will greatly appreciate your support so that we can continue this work.

With best regards,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

September 26, 1990

The Rev. Wayne Underhill
58 Bay State Road
Lynn, MA 01904

Dear Rev. Underhill:

In discussing our outreach work with Rev. Bob Hanuum recently, I asked whether we might receive a small financial contribution from the Southern New England United Methodist Conference. This would help support our work in getting out *Peace/Justice Alerts* with timely information on national issues, especially upcoming votes in Congress. He indicated that your Conference Board of Church and Society has a process for responding to such requests, and he sent me the application form.

I have completed this form and am sending it to you with a request for \$300. As indicated on this application, we have received similar contributions from eight annual conferences and several more are pending this fall. In exchange for a contribution, we are willing to put on our mailing list some of your key people who work on peace and justice issues. We suggest up to one person for each \$20 contributed.

Enclosed is a flyer that tells about Methodists United for Peace with Justice and sample copies of our publications. If you need further information, please call me at (301) 897-3668.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director

cc. The Rev. Bob Hanuum

September 27, 1990

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

Dear Dr. Ellwood:

We received the \$100 contribution from the West Virginia United Methodist Conference. Thanks for bringing this about.

In exchange we are willing to put some of your key people on our mailing list if you will supply names and addresses. We suggest one per \$20 contribution but are not rigid on the exact number.

In addition, if you have a larger list of peace and justice advocates and local churches especially committed to this mission, we would like to have a copy. We will contact them and invite them to become part of our Alert network.

Thanks for your assistance.

With best regards,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

September 27, 1990

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

Dear Rev. Brabham:

We are trying to expand our *Peace/Justice Alert* network so that we can reach more peace and justice activists and local churches with a strong commitment to this mission. Thus, we are wondering if you have available a list of such persons and local churches in South Carolina to whom we can write and invite to be part of our network. Also, we would like to get an up-to-date list of your peace with justice task force and conference board of church and society.

A number of United Methodist annual conferences are now making an annual contribution to Methodists United to support our work -- in amounts of \$100, \$300, \$500. In exchange we place on our mailing list the names of key conference people, such as members of the peace with justice task force or district coordinators, at approximately one person for each \$20 contributed. Would it possible obtain such a contribution from the South Carolina conference, such as through the peace with justice task force or board of church and society? If so, we would be grateful.

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. We look forward to continue working with you on these issues.

With best regards,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

September 27, 1990

Ms. Jann Knowles
1523 Colony East Circle
Stone Mountain, GA 30083

Dear Ms. Knowles:

We are trying to expand our *Peace/Justice Alert* network so that we can reach more peace and justice activists and local churches with a strong commitment to this mission. Thus, we are wondering if you have available a list of such persons and local churches in the North Georgia Conference to whom we can write and invite to be part of our network. Also, we would like to get an up-to-date list of your peace with justice task force and conference board of church and society.

A number of United Methodist annual conferences are now making an annual contribution to Methodists United to support our work -- in amounts of \$100, \$300, \$500. In exchange we place on our mailing list the names of key conference people, such as members of the peace with justice task force or district coordinators, at approximately one person for each \$20 contributed. Would it possible obtain such a contribution from the North Georgia Conference, such as through the peace with justice task force or board of church and society? If so, we would be grateful.

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With best regards,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

September 27, 1990

Rev. Phillip Lawson
502 Virginia Street
Vallejo, CA 94950

Dear Phil:

Because I haven't been able to catch up with you by phone, let me put a request in writing. We are trying to expand our *Peace/ Justice Alert* network so that we can reach more peace and justice activists and local churches with a strong commitment to this mission. Thus, we are wondering if you have available a list of such persons and local churches in the California-Nevada Conference to whom we can write and invite to be part of our network. Also, we would like to get an up-to-date list of your peace with justice task force and conference board of church and society.

A number of United Methodist annual conferences are now making an annual contribution to Methodists United to support our work -- in amounts of \$100, \$300, \$500. In exchange we place on our mailing list the names of key conference people, such as members of the peace with justice task force or district coordinators, at approximately one person for each \$20 contributed. Would it possible obtain such a contribution from the California-Nevada Conference, such as through the peace with justice task force or board of church and society? If so, we would be grateful.

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With best regards,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

September 27, 1990

Mrs. Brenda Hardt
4907 Caris
Houston, TX 77091

Dear Brenda:

Thanks for the material you send us from time to time. Perhaps your concerns for the Palestinian question will come into focus as part of the need for a broader Middle East settlement, as complicated as that may be.

At the moment we are trying to expand our *Peace/ Justice Alert* network so that we can reach more peace and justice activists and local churches with a strong commitment to this mission. Thus, we are wondering if you would be willing to share with us your list of such persons and local churches in the Texas Conference to whom we can write and invite to be part of our network. Also, we would like to get an up-to-date list of your peace with justice task force and conference board of church and society.

A number of United Methodist annual conferences are now making an annual contribution to Methodists United to support our work -- in amounts of \$100, \$300, \$500. In exchange we place on our mailing list the names of key conference people, such as members of the peace with justice task force or district coordinators, at approximately one person for each \$20 contributed. Would it possible obtain such a contribution from the Texas Conference, such as through the peace with justice task force or board of church and society? If so, we would be grateful.

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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. We look forward to continue working with you on these issues.

With best regards,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

September 27, 1990

Rev. Mallonee Hubbard
107 1st Street
Simpsonville, KY 40067

Dear Rev. Hubbard:

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.

As one of our contributions to this work we are trying to expand our Peace/Justice Alert network so that we can reach more peace and justice activists and local churches with a strong commitment to this mission. Thus, we are wondering if you have available a list of such persons and local churches in the Kentucky Conference to whom we can write and invite to be part of our network. Also, we would like to get an up-to-date list of your peace with justice task force and conference board of church and society.

A number of United Methodist annual conferences are now making an annual contribution to Methodists United to support our work -- in amounts of \$100, \$300, \$500. In exchange we place on our mailing list the names of

key conference people, such as members of the peace with justice task force or district coordinators, at approximately one person for each \$20 contributed. Would it possible obtain such a contribution from the Kentucky Conference, such as through the peace with justice task force or board of church and society? If so, we would be grateful.

We look forward to continue working with you on these important issues.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

September 28, 1990

Ms. Irene Irving
McKenna's Purchase 50
84 Branch Turnpike
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Ms. Irving:

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.

As one of our contributions to this work we are trying to expand our Peace/Justice Alert network so that we can reach more peace and justice activists and local churches with a strong commitment to this mission. Thus, we are wondering if you have available a list of such persons and local churches in the New Hampshire Conference to whom we can write and invite to be part of our network. Also, we would like to get an up-to-date list of your peace with justice task force and conference board of church and society.

A number of United Methodist annual conferences are now making an annual contribution to Methodists United to support our work -- in amounts of

\$100, \$300, \$500. In exchange we place on our mailing list the names of key conference people, such as members of the peace with justice task force or district coordinators, at approximately one person for each \$20 contributed. Would it possible obtain such a contribution from the New Hampshire Conference, such as through the peace with justice task force or board of church and society? If so, we would be grateful.

We look forward to continue working with you on these important issues.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

September 28, 1990

Rev. John R. Dicken
2501 Church Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46809

Dear John:

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.

As one of our contributions to this work we are trying to expand our Peace/Justice Alert network so that we can reach more peace and justice activists and local churches with a strong commitment to this mission. Thus, we are wondering if you have available a list of such persons and local churches in the North Indiana Conference to whom we can write and invite to be part of our network. Also, we would like to get an up-to-date list of your peace with justice task force and conference board of church and society.

A number of United Methodist annual conferences are now making an annual contribution to Methodists United to support our work -- in amounts of \$100, \$300, \$500. In exchange we place on our mailing list the names of

key conference people, such as members of the peace with justice task force or district coordinators, at approximately one person for each \$20 contributed. Would it possible obtain such a contribution from the North Indiana Conference, such as through the peace with justice task force or board of church and society? If so, we would be grateful.

We look forward to continue working with you on these important issues.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

September 28, 1990

Rev. Yung Chen
2901 W. Washington
Indianapolis, IN 46222

Dear Rev. Chen:

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.

As one of our contributions to this work we are trying to expand our Peace/Justice Alert network so that we can reach more peace and justice activists and local churches with a strong commitment to this mission. Thus, we are wondering if you have available a list of such persons and local churches in the South Indiana Conference to whom we can write and invite to be part of our network. Also, we would like to get an up-to-date list of your peace with justice task force and conference board of church and society.

A number of United Methodist annual conferences are now making an annual contribution to Methodists United to support our work -- in amounts of \$100, \$300, \$500. In exchange we place on our mailing list the names of

key conference people, such as members of the peace with justice task force or district coordinators, at approximately one person for each \$20 contributed. Would it possible obtain such a contribution from the South Indiana Conference, such as through the peace with justice task force or board of church and society? If so, we would be grateful.

We look forward to continue working with you on these important issues.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

September 28, 1990

Rev. Dan Schneider-Bryan
Weelock Parkway UMC
21 E. Weelock Parkway
St. Paul, MN 55117

Dear Mr. Schneider-Bryan:

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.

As one of our contributions to this work we are trying to expand our Peace/Justice Alert network so that we can reach more peace and justice activists and local churches with a strong commitment to this mission. Thus, we are wondering if you have available a list of such persons and local churches in the Minnesota Conference to whom we can write and invite to be part of our network. Also, we would like to get an up-to-date list of your peace with justice task force and conference board of church and society.

A number of United Methodist annual conferences are now making an annual contribution to Methodists United to support our work -- in amounts of

\$100, \$300, \$500. In exchange we place on our mailing list the names of key conference people, such as members of the peace with justice task force or district coordinators, at approximately one person for each \$20 contributed. Would it possible obtain such a contribution from the Minnesota Conference, such as through the peace with justice task force or board of church and society? If so, we would be grateful.

We look forward to continue working with you on these important issues.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

September 28, 1990

Mr. Dale Williams
912 9th Avenue SE
Valley City, ND

Dear Mr. Williams:

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.

As one of our contributions to this work we are trying to expand our Peace/Justice Alert network so that we can reach more peace and justice activists and local churches with a strong commitment to this mission. Thus, we are wondering if you have available a list of such persons and local churches in the North Dakota Conference to whom we can write and invite to be part of our network. Also, we would like to get an up-to-date list of your peace with justice task force and conference board of church and society.

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key conference people, such as members of the peace with justice task force or district coordinators, at approximately one person for each \$20 contributed. Would it possible obtain such a contribution from the North Dakota Conference, such as through the peace with justice task force or board of church and society? If so, we would be grateful.

We look forward to continue working with you on these important issues.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

September 28, 1990

Rev. Joe Bourgeois
P.O. Box 8047
Grand Ridge, AR 72076

Dear Rev. Bourgeois:

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.

As one of our contributions to this work we are trying to expand our Peace/Justice Alert network so that we can reach more peace and justice activists and local churches with a strong commitment to this mission. Thus, we are wondering if you have available a list of such persons and local churches in the North Arkansas Conference to whom we can write and invite to be part of our network. Also, we would like to get an up-to-date list of your peace with justice task force and conference board of church and society.

A number of United Methodist annual conferences are now making an annual contribution to Methodists United to support our work -- in amounts of \$100, \$300, \$500. In exchange we place on our mailing list the names of

key conference people, such as members of the peace with justice task force or district coordinators, at approximately one person for each \$20 contributed. Would it possible obtain such a contribution from the North Arkansas Conference, such as through the peace with justice task force or board of church and society? If so, we would be grateful.

We look forward to continue working with you on these important issues.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

September 28, 1990

Rev. George Butchee
3718 Kirby Road
San Antonio, TX 78219

Dear Rev. Butchee:

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.

As one of our contributions to this work we are trying to expand our Peace/Justice Alert network so that we can reach more peace and justice activists and local churches with a strong commitment to this mission. Thus, we are wondering if you have available a list of such persons and local churches in the Southwest Texas Conference to whom we can write and invite to be part of our network. Also, we would like to get an up-to-date list of your peace with justice task force and conference board of church and society.

A number of United Methodist annual conferences are now making an annual contribution to Methodists United to support our work -- in amounts of \$100, \$300, \$500. In exchange we place on our mailing list the names of

key conference people, such as members of the peace with justice task force or district coordinators, at approximately one person for each \$20 contributed. Would it possible obtain such a contribution from the Southwest Texas Conference, such as through the peace with justice task force or board of church and society? If so, we would be grateful.

We look forward to continue working with you on these important issues.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

September 28, 1990

Rev. Lydia Martinez
2816 Burke
Pasadena, TX 77502

Dear Rev. Martinez:

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.

As one of our contributions to this work we are trying to expand our Peace/Justice Alert network so that we can reach more peace and justice activists and local churches with a strong commitment to this mission. Thus, we are wondering if you have available a list of such persons and local churches in the Rio Grande Conference to whom we can write and invite to be part of our network. Also, we would like to get an up-to-date list of your peace with justice task force and conference board of church and society.

A number of United Methodist annual conferences are now making an annual contribution to Methodists United to support our work -- in amounts of \$100, \$300, \$500. In exchange we place on our mailing list the names of

key conference people, such as members of the peace with justice task force or district coordinators, at approximately one person for each \$20 contributed. Would it possible obtain such a contribution from the Rio Grande Conference, such as through the peace with justice task force or board of church and society? If so, we would be grateful.

We look forward to continue working with you on these important issues.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

September 28, 1990

Mr. Ron Zimmerman
1021 West 100th Avenue
Denver, CO 80221

Dear Mr. Zimmerman:

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.

As one of our contributions to this work we are trying to expand our Peace/Justice Alert network so that we can reach more peace and justice activists and local churches with a strong commitment to this mission. Thus, we are wondering if you have available a list of such persons and local churches in the Rocky Mountain Conference to whom we can write and invite to be part of our network. Also, we would like to get an up-to-date list of your peace with justice task force and conference board of church and society.

A number of United Methodist annual conferences are now making an annual contribution to Methodists United to support our work -- in amounts of \$100, \$300, \$500. In exchange we place on our mailing list the names of

key conference people, such as members of the peace with justice task force or district coordinators, at approximately one person for each \$20 contributed. Would it possible obtain such a contribution from the Rocky Mountain Conference, such as through the peace with justice task force or board of church and society? If so, we would be grateful.

We look forward to continue working with you on these important issues.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

September 28, 1990

Ms. Barbara Johnson
Rt 62, Box 3104
Livingston, MT 59522

Dear Ms. Johnson:

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.

As one of our contributions to this work we are trying to expand our Peace/Justice Alert network so that we can reach more peace and justice activists and local churches with a strong commitment to this mission. Thus, we are wondering if you have available a list of such persons and local churches in the Yellowstone Conference to whom we can write and invite to be part of our network. Also, we would like to get an up-to-date list of your peace with justice task force and conference board of church and society.

A number of United Methodist annual conferences are now making an annual contribution to Methodists United to support our work -- in amounts of \$100, \$300, \$500. In exchange we place on our mailing list the names of

key conference people, such as members of the peace with justice task force or district coordinators, at approximately one person for each \$20 contributed. Would it possible obtain such a contribution from the Yellowstone Conference, such as through the peace with justice task force or board of church and society? If so, we would be grateful.

We look forward to continue working with you on these important issues.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

September 28, 1990

Ms. Thelma Soltman
69 East Road
Tacoma, WA 98406

Dear Ms. Soltman:

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.

As one of our contributions to this work we are trying to expand our Peace/Justice Alert network so that we can reach more peace and justice activists and local churches with a strong commitment to this mission. Thus, we are wondering if you have available a list of such persons and local churches in the Pacific Northwest Conference to whom we can write and invite to be part of our network. Also, we would like to get an up-to-date list of your peace with justice task force and conference board of church and society.

A number of United Methodist annual conferences are now making an annual contribution to Methodists United to support our work -- in amounts of

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We look forward to continue working with you on these important issues.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

September 28, 1990

Mr. Chris Spencer
7010 4 140th
Anchorage, AK 99516

Dear Mr. Spencer:

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.

As one of our contributions to this work we are trying to expand our Peace/Justice Alert network so that we can reach more peace and justice activists and local churches with a strong commitment to this mission. Thus, we are wondering if you have available a list of such persons and local churches in the Alaska Missionary Conference to whom we can write and invite to be part of our network. Also, we would like to get an up-to-date list of your peace with justice task force and conference board of church and society.

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We look forward to continue working with you on these important issues.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

September 28, 1990

Rev. Chuck Jack
HC 80, Box 6
Hilton KY 40840

Dear Rev. Jack:

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.

As one of our contributions to this work we are trying to expand our Peace/Justice Alert network so that we can reach more peace and justice activists and local churches with a strong commitment to this mission. Thus, we are wondering if you have available a list of such persons and local churches in the Red Bird Missionary Conference to whom we can write and invite to be part of our network. Also, we would like to get an up-to-date list of your peace with justice task force and conference board of church and society.

We look forward to continue working with you on these important issues.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

September 27, 1990

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

Dear Ms. Petrak:

When I talked to you in July, you indicated that you could send me a listing of the Division of Peace and World Order and perhaps some other contacts who have peace and justice concerns. We will appreciate receiving this list. We are trying to expand our *Peace/Justice Alert* network, and we want to invite them to be part of it. Also, we would like to get an up-to-date list of the entire conference board of church and society.

A number of United Methodist annual conferences are now making an annual contribution to Methodists United to support our work -- in amounts of \$100, \$300, \$500. In exchange we place on our mailing list the names of key conference people, such as members of the peace with justice task force or district coordinators, at approximately one person for each \$20 contributed. Would it possible obtain such a contribution from the Iowa Conference, such as through the peace with justice task force or board of church and society? If so, we would be grateful.

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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.

We look forward to continue working with you on these issues.

With best regards,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

September 28, 1990

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

Dear Rev. Gelhaus:

When I talked to you in August, you indicated that you would check into the possibility of providing us a listing of names and addresses of your conference peace with justice task force. We are trying to expand our *Peace/ Justice Alert* network, and we want to invite them to be part of it. Also, we would like to get an up-to-date list of the entire conference board of church and society.

A number of United Methodist annual conferences are now making an annual contribution to Methodists United to support our work -- in amounts of \$100, \$300, \$500. In exchange we place on our mailing list the names of key conference people, such as members of the peace with justice task force or district coordinators, at approximately one person for each \$20 contributed. Would it possible obtain such a contribution from the Wisconsin Conference, such as through the peace with justice task force or board of church and society? If so, we would be grateful.

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We look forward to continue working with you on these issues.

With best regards,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

September 28, 1990

Ms. Joanne Gillis
7409 Dogwood Lane
Parma, OH 44130

Dear Joanne:

When I talked to you in July, you indicated that you would check into the possibility of providing us a listing of district and local church peace advocates. We are trying to expand our *Peace/ Justice Alert* network, and we want to invite them to be part of it. Also, we would like to get an up-to-date list of the entire conference board of church and society if you could supply that list.

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.

We look forward to continue working with you on these issues.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director

September 28, 1990

Ms. Carolyn S. Pitts
North Alabama United
Methodist Conference
898 Arkadelphia Road
Birmingham, AL 35294

Dear Ms. Pitts:

When I talked to you in July, you indicated that you would provide me with a list of persons in the North Alabama Conference who are concerned with peace and justice issues. We are trying to expand our *Peace/Justice Alert* network, and we want to invite them to be part of it. Also, we would like to get an up-to-date list of the entire conference board of church and society if you could supply that list.

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.

We look forward to continue working with you on these issues.

With best regards,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

September 28, 1990

Mr. Jeter Pruett
3816 Glenmont Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76133

Dear Mr. Pruett:

Last month I sent you copies of our membership brochures for your use at your Fall University. I hope that they arrived in time.

We are continuing our effort to expand our *Peace/Justice Alert* network. For that purpose we would like to get a list of the Central Texas peace with justice task force and your entire conference board of church and society. We want to invite them to be part of this network.

A number of United Methodist annual conferences are now making an annual contribution to Methodists United to support our work -- in amounts of \$100, \$300, \$500. In exchange we place on our mailing list the names of key conference people, such as members of the peace with justice task force or district coordinators, at approximately one person for each \$20 contributed. Would it possible obtain such a contribution from the Central Texas Conference, such as through the peace with justice task force or board of church and society? If so, we would be grateful.

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We look forward to continue working with you on these issues.

With best regards,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

September 28, 1990

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

Dear Rev. Swantner:

I told the people organizing the field work for the Citizens' Budget Campaign that you would be willing to be a contact person in Moline. I hope that someone has been in touch with you.

On another front, Methodists United for Peace with Justice is trying to expand our *Peace/Justice Alert* network so that we can reach more peace and justice activists and local churches with a strong commitment to this mission. Thus, we are wondering if you have available a list of such persons and local churches in the Central Illinois Conference to whom we can write and invite to be part of our network. Also, we would like to get an up-to-date list of your peace with justice task force and conference board of church and society.

A number of United Methodist annual conferences are now making an annual contribution to Methodists United to support our work -- in amounts of \$100, \$300, \$500. In exchange we place on our mailing list the names of key conference people, such as members of the peace with justice task force or district coordinators, at approximately one person for each \$20 contributed. Would it possible obtain such a contribution from the Central Illinois conference, such as through the peace with justice task force or board of church and society? If so, we would be grateful.

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With best regards,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

September 28, 1990

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

Dear Ed:

In playing end-of-the-month catchup, I discovered that I've never sent you the list of MUPJ members in Florida. Here are the ones who have made a financial contribution in the last two years. I hope the list is useful to you.

Are you coming to the Board meeting on October 19-20? As we expand by bringing in other people from the broader expanse of Pan-Methodism, we need the participation of founders like you who understand our original vision.

With best regards,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

Members of Methodists United for Peace with Justice in Florida

*Nancy Risch
90 Highpoint Drive
Gulf Breeze, FL 32561*

*Barbara Herjanic
4821 NW 17th Place
Gainesville, FL 32605*

*Karen Snyder
3416 Lawson Road
Delray Beach, FL 33445*

*Kenneth M. Stewart
6152 N. Guava Land
Lantana, FL 33462*

*Dollie Watkins Crist
4 Paddock Circle
Tequesta, FL 33469*

*Eloise Folkers Nenon
255 Colonial Lane
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*Carl B. Strange
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428 East Lake Drive
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Dr. Lee D. Snyder
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Sarasota, FL 34234

1st United Methodist Church
104 South Pineapple Ave.
Sarasota, FL 34236

Rick L. Cornwell
P.O. Box 278
Safety Harbor, FL 34695
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September 28,

September 29, 1990

Mr. Ed Kyser
Beyond War Foundation
222 High Street
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Dear Ed:

I have looked over the Helsinki 2000 Appeal and the accompanying material. Because we have been advocating similar goals, we would be pleased to add our name to the appeal. A completed form is enclosed along with some related documents.

Last fall we circulated among religious leaders in the United States a letter to Presidents Bush and Gorbachev prior to their Malta summit meeting. We advocate the theme of "swords into plowshares" for the 1990s and emphasized the need for general disarmament in Europe, global nuclear disarmament, and economic conversion. Regarding Europe, we recommended completion of troop withdrawal from foreign territory by May 8, 1995, the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe. Subsequent events have created a momentum which may actually bring this about!

Previously in my own work I developed in 1986 "A Citizens' Declaration on Worldwide Nuclear Disarmament: Starting Now, Finishing Before the Year 2000." One of the recommended steps was military disengagement in Europe. As I continued to work on this issues, it occurred to me that a May 8, 1995 deadline for troop withdrawal would be a worthy target. I started talking about this in January 1987 and in April wrote a piece entitled "Fifty

Years of Occupation Is Enough." My argument emphasized mutual self-interest of the United States and the Soviet Union. Although I could not predict the astonishing events of the last year, it really is a playing out of Soviet self-interest to disengage in order to deal with domestic problems. The same holds true for the United States, though our government has not recognized this fully so far.

So your Helsinki 2000 Appeal carries forward what I have been advocating for several years. I'm glad you're doing it.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

421 Seward Square, SE

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October 5, 1990

To: *Board of Directors*

From: *Howard W. Hallman*

Executive Director

Here is the agenda for the October 19-20, 1990 meeting of the Board of Directors and a series of background reports. No later than October 12 I will mail one other background paper which examines key issues of the 1990s that might receive our attention. If you are not coming to the board meeting and want to offer your comments in advance, you can write to us at the above address, call me at (301) 897-3668, or call Sherman Harris at (301) 299-2984.

Also enclosed are the monthly membership and treasurers reports.

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October 9, 1990

To: Board of Directors

From: Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director

Here is a discussion of "Peace and Justice Issues in the 1990s", which I prepared as background for the October 19-20 board meeting. Also enclosed is a resolution on the Middle East crisis, which I drafted for a United Methodist leader to be used in a different context but which can be used to help our Board of Directors establish a position.

If you are not coming to the board meeting and want to offer your comments on these matters, please send a quick letter or call me at (301) 897-3668.

With best regards,

October 11, 1990

Chip Craver

1921 North Utah Street

Arlington, VA 22207

Dear Chip:

I want to let you know that we have worked out an arrangement to pay off the long-overdue bill with Production Solutions in monthly payments of \$200 until it is paid off. They have agreed to waive all interest charges. By this schedule we will complete our payments by next April.

We certainly appreciate the major donation you made earlier to help resolve this bill. It's one of those things that happen now and then in a new organization with fuzzy decision-making arrangements. I'm glad it's finally getting resolved.

Meanwhile, we are continue to function. As you may have noted, we have had our second annual election for a national Board of Directors, and by appointment we have added representatives of United Methodist racial/ethnic caucuses and from three black Methodist denominations.

We have plenty to do. 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.

*In order to sustain our work we ask for an annual membership contribution from our friends and supporters. This helps us cover the costs of *Peace Leaf*, *Peace/ Justice Alerts*, and other activities of Methodists United. You have been generous in the past, and we welcome your continued support. Beyond your membership contribution to Methodists United for Peace with Justice (a c-4 organization), we invite you to make an additional tax-deductible donation to our newly established Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, which IRS has approval as a 501(c)(3) entity.*

With best regards,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

October 11, 1990

Charles Rhoads

5222 Klinge Street, NW

Washington, DC 20016

Dear Chuck:

Now in our fourth year, we are trying to regularize our membership by asking for annual contributions to help us sustain our work. This helps us cover the costs of *Peace Leaf*, *Peace/ Justice Alerts*, and other activities of Methodists United. As one of the founders, you helped considerably in the initial period of operation. We welcome your continued support.

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Beyond your membership contribution to Methodists United for Peace with

Justice (a c-4 organization), we invite you to make an additional tax-deductible donation to our newly established Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, which IRS has approval as a 501(c)(3) entity. A renewal form is enclosed.

With best regards,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

October 11, 1990

Jayne Mardock
c/o Tabor for Congress
P.O. Box 2052
Cedar Rapids, IA 52406

Dear Jayne:

Thanks for the note in early summer and the material you sent. It was interesting to see the early draft of the *Witnessing* handbook.

Now in our fourth year, we are trying to regularize our membership by asking for annual contributions to help us sustain our work. This helps us cover the costs of *Peace Leaf*, *Peace/ Justice Alerts*, and other activities of Methodists United. As one of the founders, you helped considerably in the initial period of operation. We welcome your continued support.

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long-standing justice issues remain unresolved -- robbed of needed resources because of the arms race.

Beyond your membership contribution to Methodists United for Peace with Justice (a c-4 organization), we invite you to make an additional tax-deductible donation to our newly established Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, which IRS has approval as a 501(c)(3) entity. A renewal form is enclosed.

With best regards,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

October 12, 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 October 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

October 12, 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*

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

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October 23, 1990

*Rev. Joy Arthur
183 Spring Street
Midland, MI 48640*

Dear Joy:

We had a very good meeting of our Board of Directors last Friday and Saturday. Thanks for the spirit and wisdom you brought to it.

When we were discussing the National Advisory Committee, you mentioned that Bishop Judith Craig would make a good member. Although there wasn't a clear response to the suggestion, Sherman and I believe that this is a good idea and that the Board would want to add her to this group.

We are wondering if you would contact her in our behalf. Enclosed is a sample letter we have used in inviting people to the National Advisory Committee. You could adapt it as you see fit. Or maybe you would prefer to talk to her and then have Sherman issue a formal invitation. We'll follow you preference.

We'll be in touch with you soon about other follow up matters.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director

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

October 25, 1990

Bishop Joseph Yeakel
9226 Colesville Road
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Re: General Board of Church and Society

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Joe:

The week after the General Board of Church and Society (GBSC) met, my own Board of Directors had its semi-annual meeting. With that behind me, I would like to offer some reflections on GBSC, particularly to respond to your question of why GBSC is not as effective as it might be.

The answer to this question depends upon one's view of what kind of an agency the General Board of Church and Society should be. My view is that its principal roles are (a) to provide leadership to the United Methodist Church on issues of public policy -- mostly governmental policy but to some extent policies of business corporations and (b) to influence that policy. Public policy can be influenced through public advocacy, direct lobbying, and upon occasion by demonstrations and other direct action. Influence can also be asserted by assisting local activists, local churches, and United Methodist conferences to take actions directed at affecting public policy. The various activities of the General Board of Church and Society should revolve around

these public policy concerns, rooted in a strong biblical and theological foundation.

Several things are needed to carry out this mission. (1) Forward-looking policies articulated by the General Conference. (2) A strong commitment by the General Board and a willingness to take positions on public issues that emerge between sessions of the General Conference. (3) A dedicated staff which is committed to public policy advocacy, lobbying, and grassroots mobilization and has knowledge and experience how this can be done. Of these three, the third is probably the most crucial element.

My own acquaintance with GBCS is direct contact long-ago and recently, and only indirect knowledge in-between. In the summer of 1950, the year I obtained a B.A. from the University of Kansas, I spent six weeks on a Methodist Peace Team in Iowa. Our team, and another that went to Wisconsin, was trained in Evanston by Herman Will; we also had contact with Charles Boss and Carl Soule. I kept these contacts during much of the '50s. Then my career was concentrating on urban problems, especially solutions carried out by local government and neighborhood organizations, and I didn't do much lobbying and citizen mobilization for lobbying purposes. Not until the mid-1980s, when I increased my peace movement activities did I have much direct contact with what by then had become the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society. So I know something about the work of Haviland Houston, the last two associate general secretaries she hired (Donna Morton Stout and Mary Council Austin), Thom Fascett, and a number of the top staff in this period. I lack a comparison with the staff leadership of the 1960s, '70s, and early '80s.

My observation is that the GBCS staff is dedicated, well-motivated, for the most

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part knowledgeable about public policy issues they are dealing with (with some exceptions), but lacking in orientation toward and experience with direct action, as outlined above. Recruitment of top staff has come primarily from people with experience in the church bureaucracy or local church. As far as I know, no one on the top staff has had previous experience in the Executive Branch of government or Congress, in lobbying, or in grassroots community organizing. This, I believe, is the root of the difficulty.

Of course, not every one on the GBCS staff needs such experience. For instance, Thom Fascett's strong commitment to human rights and his firsthand acquaintance with the effects of racism and discrimination are strong assets. But this outside-the-church, in-society experience needs to be represented by at least some of the top staff. This lack is not due to the effort of the last decade to achieve a more-inclusive staff, for there are many qualified women, blacks, Hispanics, Asians, and Native Americans who are religiously motivated and action-oriented and who have solid practical experience. To recruit them GBCS would need to go beyond church circles, which has been the primary focus of recruitment, into society. The General Board of Church and Society needs staff from both segments.

The consequence shows up in many ways. Take, for example, the videotape on the family farm that was shown at the recent General Board meeting. It outlined the farm problem and argued that efforts should be made to bolster the family farm, but it lacked specifics on what should be done. Making a parallel with Luke 3:1-14, we city dwellers have gone to rural America to hear the prophets of the family farm, are convinced that something is wrong with U.S. farm policy, have repented of our failures, have been baptized with

fresh conviction, so we ask, "What then shall we do?" That videotape neither asks that question nor supplies any answers. It's the same way with much of the work of GBCS. Repeatedly I want to stand up and ask, "WHAT THEN SHALL WE DO?"

With their church background the GBCS staff tend to work mainly with staff from other religious denominations and don't mingle very much with "secular" coalitions. For instance, no one from GBCS ever attends the Monday Lobby, which brings together persons from peace and arms control organizations in weekly sessions and has committee meetings in between. If GBCS staff took seriously *In Defense of Creation*, which they haven't, someone would participate regularly in the Monday Lobby. The Coalition on Human Needs, which is the primary coalition lobbying to protect and enhance programs serving low-income persons, has very slight GBCS participation. For a while George Ogle participated in the Citizen Budget Campaign, which has brought together about 100 organizations on this central issue, but GBCS never signed on as an official member. And now George, the most action-oriented GBCS staff person and the one who was most involved beyond the narrow network of religious organizations, has been pushed out. No one else is taking his place in the Citizens Budget Campaign.

What this means is that when these coalitions write joint letters to Congress on the crucial issues of the day -- budget priorities, military spending, meeting human needs, tax policies -- the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society is almost never a signatory. Nor does it act on its own on these issues or have easy access to information shared in these coalitions. Virtually every other religious denomination is participating in this manner, but not the United Methodist Church. Only the unofficial association that I am associated with, Methodists United for Peace with Justice, offers Methodist-identified support.

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To be fair, I'm not involved in health care and environmental issues, so I cannot say whether GBCS staff participate in broad coalitions on these subjects.

The same lack of action-orientation carries over to grassroots mobilization. For the last four years the Peace with Justice Program has been handled by Sharon Garfield, who brought strong community action experience. Her workshops around country on local peace and justice work were well received because she could offer practical advice on how to organize and carry out local peace and justice activities. (Missing, though, was linkage with national legislative action, an experience she lacked and was not made up by other GBCS staff.) But now Sharon has left and her position abolished.

Presently GBCS staff indicate that their commitment to local networking is primarily through ecumenical organizations, especially IMPACT and Interfaith Action for Economic Justice, which are in the process of merging. IMPACT and Interfaith Action maintain networks of grassroots contacts and send out legislative alerts. They are both good organizations. But most of the other denominations participating in them have their own complementary system of legislative alerts. Furthermore, neither IMPACT nor Interfaith Action has done much on federal budget priorities, the central domestic issue this year. Their staff sometimes come to Citizens Budget Campaign meetings but don't do much follow-through. And they don't deal with disarmament at all. So GBCS neglect of these issues is not absolved through participation in IMPACT and Interfaith Action.

GBCS staff neglect of disarmament is compounded by antipathy to the official church position on this subject, as specified by General Conference

resolutions and elaborated by the Council of Bishops in *In Defense of Creation*. Bob McClean believes in military deterrence, nuclear and other kinds. In a telephone conversation in the fall of 1987 he told me that the bishops were wrong in their pastoral letter and foundation document. I heard him tell a committee at the 1988 General Conference that the bishops were naive. On the current Middle East situation he supports the unilateral U.S. military initiative, does not believe that the level of U.S. forces should be diminished, and disagrees that the UN should be placed in command of all military forces mobilized against Iraq. He believes that we should maintain capability of invading Iraq and bombing Baghdad as a necessary deterrent. That's why he didn't present your resolution on the Middle East Crisis to the Peace and Justice Work Area at the recent GBCS meeting. (The latter is a prime example of staff-domination of GBCS affairs, in this case blocking the Peace with Justice Work Area from considering a proposal from a GBCS members not part of the Work Area.)

If my analysis is valid, the question arises: what can be done? Probably the top staff is set at least for the rest of this quadrennium. There are no open positions for associate general secretaries who could bring in greater action orientation. So other remedies are necessary.

On peace with justice issues and disarmament, there is great need for new staff positions. Until the recent reorganization there were 2½ positions for the Peace with Justice Program (Sharon Garfield, Ann Yoder, and an intern). Now there is one-half or less (Anna Rhee, who already has a full portfolio of Washington-based activities). I understand that the budget for the next quadrennium will have a request for a full-time peace with justice coordinator. That's a good idea. But does the United Methodist Church have any contingency funds available that this

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position could be created much sooner? If so, it should be filled with someone who has local peace/justice action experience, which was the case with Sharon Garfield, and also an interest in alerting people for legislative action.

For several reasons, disarmament is not on the GBCS agenda, nor has it been in recent years. What is needed is a full-time staff person based in Washington to work on foreign policy and disarmament issues. It should be somebody with outside experience in this field. Anna Rhee touches on a few of the issues but has many other things to do. Bob McClean focuses primarily on the UN and has very little contact with the State Department in Washington and probably almost none with Congress. A new staff person could participate in the Monday Lobby, Churches for Middle East Peace, the Central America Working Group (which brings together religious and secular representatives), and the Citizen Budget Campaign. This staff person could send out information on international crises as they arise and could help the General Board respond promptly (in contrast to the delay and weak response to the current Middle East crisis). Again, are there any contingency funds that could be tapped to create such a position now? At least, could such a position be added to the 1993-96 budget? If that doesn't happen, the United Methodist Church is likely to remain virtually voiceless in Washington on these crucial issues of the 1990s.

On grassroots mobilization, much more could be done. Most conference boards of church and society, peace with justice task forces, and many local church units are eager to engage in social action, including lobbying, but they are not mobilized. For instance, GBCS could ask each conference board to designate key contacts on the main issues that GBCS is dealing with:

disarmament, budget priorities, civil rights, health care, environment, farm labor, etc. These contacts could then receive a regular flow of information on their specific issue. The GBCS publication, *Word from Washington*, which is now included with *Christian Social Action* and is mostly a publicity sheet for GBCS staff, could be redirected to emphasize legislative issues that are coming up within the next month. Information exchange among the conference boards of church and society could be facilitated so that they could learn from one another about successful techniques and activities. And in lots of other ways, United Methodists around the country could be better mobilized.

Maybe the way to bring this about would be to have the General Board set up a study/action committee on "local church mobilization", consisting of representatives of conference boards of church and society, experienced local activists, and action-oriented national organizations such as Methodists United for Peace with Justice and the Methodist Federation for Social Action.

Within the United Methodist Church generally and the General Board of Church and Society in particular there is a tendency to think that passing well-crafted resolutions and publishing reports are social action. Rather these acts are only preludes to set the stage for action. Going back to the question the people asked John the Baptist, why not have the General Board, its committees, work areas, and staff to include a section in every report they write that answers the question, "WHAT THEN SHALL WE DO?"

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman

October 26, 1990

Dear United Methodist Bishop:

As you prepare for your meeting of the Council of Bishops, we would like to share with you a statement on the Middle East crisis. We urge you to adopt your own statement on this complex situation.

Our view is that it was correct for the United Nations to respond vigorously to the aggression of Iraq against Kuwait, especially to institute an economic boycott. We are concerned, though, that the United States took unilateral action to rush in a very large military force, including weapon systems with primarily offensive capability. And now Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney has announced that 100,000 additional U.S. troops will be sent to bolster the threat of offensive action.

We believe that the military force mobilized in the Persian Gulf region should be used only for defensive purposes. The total operation should be placed under UN command as soon as possible. The U.S. contingent should be no larger than 25% of the combined force. Even so, the crisis should be resolved through negotiations led by the United Nations, not through military action. And instead of piling more weaponry into the Middle East through arms sales and transfers, the United States and other nations should be promoting arms reduction.

There are other important Middle East issues, especially Arab/Israeli conflict, the need for self-determination by Palestinians, Israel's right of existence and recognition as a nation. Although the solution to these issues does not have to be linked directly with getting Iraq out of Kuwait, simultaneous solutions are needed.

And there is also the issue of excessive U.S. dependence upon oil imports, which is a principal reason for United States involvement in the current Persian Gulf conflict.

These days one hears a lot of speculation that the Bush Administration may be preparing for military action against Iraq sometime after the election and before the end of the year. History shows that some small incident is sufficient justification. Your Council of Bishops meeting comes at a good time for you to make a strong statement that diplomacy and the pressure of the economic boycott, not military action, is the correct action to pursue. This is consistent with a series of General Conference resolutions and historic teachings of the United Methodist Church.

With best regards,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

October 26, 1990

To: Board of Directors

From: Howard W. Hallman

We had a very productive meeting on October 19-20. We are working on the minutes so that we can give a full report to directors who were not present. In the meantime, here are several products of the meeting:

- (1) Issue focus of Methodists United for Peace with Justice for the next six months, as agreed at the Board meeting.
- (2) Goals for international peace and justice in the 1990s, offered for discussion.
- (3) Statement on the Middle East Crisis.
- (4) Letter to United Methodist bishops, asking that the Council of Bishops adopt its own statement on the Middle East when they meet in Texas the second week of November.

On the latter matter, United Methodist members of our Board may want to write or call their own bishops, urging them to take such action. Many of them will be going to Fort Worth around November 1st for "The Gathering", so you will need to act promptly if you want to reach them.

Next week I will put out a *Peace/Justice Alert*, urging people to write President Bush to oppose offensive military action against Iraq, preferring instead to use the UN-led economic boycott as the principal means of pressuring Iraq. I am also urging various national organizations to join in a sign-on letter with this message.

This week Sherman Harris and I met with Jaydee Hanson and Anna Rhee at the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society to offer our support for continuation of the Peace with Justice Offering and the Peace with Justice Program.

Still to come is a memorandum on a "committee of correspondence" to sharpen the focus on justice issues.

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

Dear Joe:

As you prepare for the meeting of the United Methodist Council of Bishops, here are several items related to the Middle East crisis.

- (1) A statement from the Board of Directors, Methodists United for Peace with Justice. It is slightly revised from a draft resolution I sent you earlier. We have sent a copy to all the resident bishops.
- (2) Background material put out by the Friends Committee on National Legislation and the Washington Office, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in early September. This illustrates what a denominational office can do if it's on the ball.
- (3) A memorandum to religious and peace communities from some New York-based people (you may already have it). It contains some ideas for education, direct action, advocacy, prayer and worship, and emergency action. The UM Council of Bishops might want to draw on these ideas for some kind of "Call". Mia Adjali says that they are particularly pushing for teach-ins.

With the Bush Administration moving to increase the U.S. troop strength in Saudi Arabia to enhance its offensive capability, there is a growing possibility that the United States will initiate military action (though maybe in

response to some incident) some time between the election and the end of the year. I am working on a sign-on letter to President Bush from peace and religious organizations to oppose such action. I'll send you a copy (if it arrives after you leave, maybe Ruby Knock could fax it to you). The United Methodist bishops might want especially to emphasize the avoidance of a U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, preferring instead to have patience for the economic boycott, diplomacy, and negotiations to succeed.

The Council of Bishops may also want to speak out on the Israeli/ Palestinian situation. There are strong General Conference resolutions from 1984 and 1988. The UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 provide a framework to exchange land for peace (Israeli withdrawal from occupied territory, Arab recognition of the State of Israel, self-determination for the Palestinians). Persons associated with Churches for Middle East Peace suggest that the Israeli/Palestinian situation and Iraqi occupation of Kuwait be dealt with simultaneously but not directly linked.

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If you want to call me about this while you are in Texas, I can be reached at our home in Bethesda during the week: (301) 897-3668 or at Carlee's parsonage in Carroll County on Saturday night and Sunday: (301) 795-7677. Good luck!

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman

Executive Director

SECOND NOTICE FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

October 26, 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. The obstacles are all too apparent this month: the continued U.S. military buildup in Saudi Arabia with offensive capability; the apparent impatience for the blockage and UN-led diplomatic negotiations to succeed; the federal budget compromise that kept funding for all the Cold War weapons even though the Cold War is over. But there are opportunities, too: changes in Eastern Europe that are opening remarkable possibilities for European disarmament; the easing of East/West confrontation that makes it much easier to achieve strategic nuclear disarmament.

Yet, positive 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 work for peaceful settlement of regional conflict. Methodists United is working vigorously on these matters. So that you will remain part of our activities, we ask you to send your membership renewal check 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.*

Sincerely yours,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

FINAL NOTICE FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

October 26, 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*

October 30, 1990

*Family of Judge Woodrow Seals
1510 Lehman
Houston, TX 77018*

Dear Friends:

With sorrow and deep regret I read in the Washington Post the news of Judge Seals' death. For myself and the Board of Directors of Methodists United I want to express sincere condolence.

He was a member of our National Advisory Committee. He took this responsibility seriously by providing us advice and financial support and sharing his ideas on current issues.

I first saw Judge Seals as I sat in the gallery watching a session of the 1984 United Methodist General Conference, which took place in Baltimore. He spoke from the floor several times. I was impressed by the clarity and wisdom of his remarks, and by the respect with which he was received.

Later I became acquainted with his peace efforts -- how he became a peace advocate in his own church and then got a national peace advocates program established within the United Methodist Church. This is a significant legacy. And I know that he has made many other worthy contributions to peace and justice.

We, and many others, will miss him.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director

November 1, 1990

Dr. John D. Copenhaver, Jr.
924 Laurel Drive
Stephens City, VA 22655

Dear John:

Here is a draft of the minutes of the recent board meeting. Would you please review them, make corrections as necessary, and return them to me. Also, would you sign your name at the end.

I'm also returning your notes to aid you in your review.

Thanks for your willingness to undertake this task.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director

November 1, 1990

Margaret Bryan
810 Trinity Lane
Gatlinburg, TN 37738

Dear Margaret:

Here is a draft of the minutes of the recent board meeting. Would you please review them, make corrections as necessary, and return them to me. Also, would you sign your name at the end.

I'm also returning your notes to aid you in your review.

Thanks for your willingness to undertake this task.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director

November 7, 1990

Brenda Hardt

4907 Caris

Houston, TX 77091

Dear Brenda:

I appreciate your sharing the news about Judge Woodrow Seals' death. I also read about it in the Washington Post and wrote a condolence letter to his family. I had a glimpse of only one small part of his contributions to church and society and am grateful for all that he accomplished.

Here are the brochures you requested. Thanks for taking our request to the Texas Conference Board of Church and Society.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman

Executive Director

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

November 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 November 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*. 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. Going beyond the Cold War, 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. Thus, your membership renewal check should 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

November 7, 1990

Mr. John Mathews
2404 Fairhill Drive
Suitland, MC 20746

Dear John:

We had a good board meeting last month with broader representation that included new board members from California and black Methodist churches. We're now dealing with the Middle East crisis, as you may have noted from publications sent you.

You indicated that the Foundry Peace Mission would be willing to help pay some of the costs of the board meeting. Enclosed is a copy of the bill for \$130 for the Friday evening dinner. We would appreciate the Peace Mission's contribution to all or part of this bill.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director

November 7, 1990

Joan D. Overman
107 Fairview Avenue
Painted Post, NY 14870

Dear Ms. Overman:

In catching up with correspondence, I am responding to your letter of September 17. I agree that it is important to think about systems of global security.

Methodists United for Peace with Justice began with a concentration on improving US/Soviet relations and achieving nuclear disarmament. We added federal budget priorities, both because budgetary decisions deal heavily with military expenditures and because peace and justice issues intersect in the budget.

When our Board of Directors met in October, they decided to focus on a broader range of issues, as shown in the enclosure. This includes dealing with regional conflict in the Middle East and strengthening international institutions. So this moves us towards issues of your concern. Subsequent issues of *Peace Leaf* and *Peace/Justice Alert* will take up these issues.

We thank you for your encouragement.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director

November 7, 1990

Rev. Donald M. Fife
10220 Marine View Drive, SW
Seattle, WA 98146

Dear Rev. Fife:

I checked our membership logbook and found an entry on October 20, 1989 for a \$25 contribution from you. I could find no record of a contribution in January or February, 1990. However, we are willing to take your word that you made such a contribution and perhaps we failed to record it. Therefore, we won't ask you for a renewal contribution until February.

Thanks for sharing your "Peace Push" newsletter. It certainly is packed full of information.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director

November 7, 1990

*Ms. Anna Rhee
United Methodist Board
of Church and Society
100 Maryland Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20002*

Dear Anna:

I've finally reproduced the listing of our Board of Directors and National Advisory Committee. Copies are enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*