

**METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE**

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*Washington, DC 20003*

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*October 16, 1991*

*Ms. Barbara Green*

*Presbyterian Church (USA)*

*110 Maryland Avenue, NE*

*Washington, DC 20002*

*Dear Barbara:*

*I've heard that you're drafting a statement for the WISC Foreign Policy Task Force related to post-Cold War, post-coup policies. I hope that you'll include something about the zero option for nuclear disarmament, and perhaps my idea of immediate deactivation of the strategic arsenal and then staged dismantlement.*

*Enclosed is my latest version of this idea, incorporated into a draft statement prepared for consideration by my Board of Directors, which is meeting this week. The statement lays out a set of policies for nuclear disarmament and nonproliferation, most of them well-established positions by a number of organizations.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Howard W. Hallman*

*Executive Director*

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*October 22, 1991*

To: *Board of Directors*

From: *Howard W. Hallman, Executive Director*

*We had a productive meeting of the Board of Directors on October 18 and 19 with 20 directors in attendance. We'll send you the minutes as soon as they are available. In the meantime I want to share some of the highlights.*

***Zero option.** The Board reviewed the proposed statement "Nuclear Disarmament: The Zero Option", made modifications, and adopted it (copy enclosed). The Board agreed that this statement should be submitted to (a) the United Methodist Council of Bishops for consideration, (b) the United Methodist General Conference for adoption as a resolution, and (c) the Boards of Bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal denominations for their consideration and possible submission to their respective General Conferences. The Board also authorized the executive director to pursue publication of a book of essays by various authors on different aspects of the zero option.*

***Election "yardstick".** The Board discussed the possibility of publishing and distributing a pamphlet which local people could use to address questions on peace and justice issues to candidates for Congress and the presidency. A*

consensus emerged that we should encourage the UM General Board of Church and Society to do this, or find out if any other national religious organization is undertaking such an election "yardstick". Our preference would be to help distribute what another organization with greater resource has developed. As a byproduct of this discussion, there was a consensus that it is appropriate for Methodists United for Peace with Justice to distribute nonpartisan information which people in our network can use in their dealings with candidates for public office.

**General Conferences.** In addition to the zero option resolution, the Board agreed to submit to the United Methodist General Conference resolutions supporting (a) continuation of the Peace with Justice Program with adequate staffing, (b) continuation of the General Commission on Religion and Race, and (c) continuation of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women. The Board decided to sponsor a Peace with Justice Breakfast at the UM General Conference to highlight our resolutions and other significant peace and justice issues coming before the UM General Conference. The Board also wants to encourage our members in other Pan-Methodist denominations to hold some kind of event in connection with their own General Conferences.

**UM General Board of Church and Society.** Hilary Shelton from the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society was a resource person on Saturday. Among other outcomes the Board identified ways in which to work more closely with GBCS.

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**Board election.** The Board elected the following persons to serve as officers for the coming year:

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| Chair               | Sherman W. Harris                   |
| Vice Chair          | Bruce K. Edwards<br>Lovenger Bowden |
| Secretary           | John D. Copenhaver, Jr.             |
| Treasurer           | Howard W. Hallman                   |
| Assistant Treasurer | Carroll Chambliss                   |

I was reappointed as executive director with the understanding that both the Board and I would reassess the situation after six months, especially our financial condition.

**Membership and Finance.** The Board adopted a 1992 budget for Methodists United for Peace with Justice and set up a Finance Committee. The Board established Membership Task Force consisting of Betty Benton, Mary Council-Austin, and Cecil Findley. Directors who were present pledged to work in their local areas to bolster membership.

**Communications.** The Board concluded that it would be useful to have different directors write articles for *Peace Leaf* on peace with justice issues and action ideas. The Board also felt it would be desirable to have a Board newsletter so that directors could share personal experiences and happenings in their lives. Bruce Edwards agreed to facilitate this exchange.

**Future meetings.** The Board scheduled the next meeting for Friday and Saturday, March 13 and 14, 1992, immediately before the annual Interfaith/Impact legislative briefing. The Board agreed to have a one-day retreat with a spiritual orientation in the fall of 1992, prior to the Board's semi-annual business meeting. There was discussion of holding a major conference in the fall of 1993 with participation from UM conference peace with justice coordinators and conference staff and equivalent persons from

*other Pan-Methodist denominations, but no decision was made.*

October 22, 1991

Dear United Methodist Bishop:

We would like to share with you the enclosed statement entitled "Nuclear Disarmament: The Zero Option. Now Is the Time!", as adopted by our Board of Directors on October 18, 1991. We invite you to endorse this statement at the forthcoming meeting of the United Methodist Council of Bishops, or to develop and adopt your own statement along these lines.

You will note that our starting point is *In Defense of Creation*, which the United Methodist Council of Bishops adopted in 1986. Since then dramatic world events have occurred. With the Cold War ended, now is the time to exercise the zero option: to eliminate all nuclear weapons throughout the globe. This can be done by adopting and achieving the following objectives:

- Strategic nuclear weapons: zero
- Tactical nuclear weapons: zero
- Testing and production: zero
- Nonproliferation: universal
- Strategic defense: unnecessary

We are encouraged by the recent initiatives of President George Bush and President Mikhail Gorbachev to withdraw tactical (battlefield) nuclear weapons and to take a small portion of the strategic (long-range) nuclear arsenal off alert. Our main innovative recommendation is to take this approach much further by immediately and concurrently deactivating the entire land- and sea-based strategic arsenal. This would require (a) bringing all strategic submarines into port, removing their missiles, and taking off their warheads and (b) opening all ICBM silos, taking out the missiles, placing them on the ground, and removing their warheads. I have

*conferred with military experts who tell me that this is logistically feasible if there is willingness to act in this manner. Deactivation would be followed by a staged program to dismantle all strategic warheads and their delivery vehicles.*

*We hope that you might be willing to endorse this proposal for immediate strategic deactivation, followed by dismantlement. But if you consider this too technical, we urge you to speak out strongly on the principle that now is the time to take dramatic steps toward the goal of "mutual and verifiable dismantling of all nuclear armaments", which the Council of Bishops advocated in 1986. In this way you can continue the valuable leadership you provide to United Methodists and to the broader community of concerned citizens.*

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

MEMBERSHIP DUES NOTICE

October 25, 1991

Dear Member:

It is time to renew your membership in Methodists United for Peace with Justice. Our records indicate that we received your last membership dues in October 1990. Your annual dues payment helps cover the costs of *Peace Leaf*, *Peace Justice Alerts* and other activities of Methodists United. A renewal form and return envelope are enclosed.

The remarkable turn of events in the former Soviet Union suddenly brightens the prospect of ridding the world of its nuclear arsenal. President Bush has responded positively by initiating a withdrawal of tactical (battlefield) nuclear weapons and taking a small part of the U.S. strategic arsenal off alert. President Gorbachev has reciprocated with similar measures. To go even further, our Board of Directors recently adopted a statement calling for immediate and mutual deactivation of the entire, global strategic nuclear arsenal, to be followed by balanced, staged dismantlement. Our complete proposal is contained in a forthcoming issue of *Peace Leaf*.

Meanwhile, we continue to work for peace in the Middle East, a shift in federal budget priorities to social concerns, and strengthening the United Nations. Your support makes it possible for us to be an advocacy voice in Washington, D.C. and to supply information for grassroots action around the country.

You may make a check for your annual membership dues payable to "Methodists United for Peace with Justice". This provides support for our

*basic operation, including lobbying activities on peace and justice issues.*

*Beyond your membership dues, we invite you to make an additional tax-deductible contribution for our educational activities, including the publication of *Peace Leaf*. This can be done through our Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, which has status as a tax-exempt entity under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to the Education Fund are deductible from your federal income tax. Just make your second check payable to "Methodists United for Peace with Justice".*

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## SECOND NOTICE FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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We are continuing our work on nuclear disarmament and see real hope for rapid and substantial progress. Responding to the amazing turn of events in the Soviet Union, President Bush has acted positively by initiating a withdrawal of tactical (battlefield) nuclear weapons and taking a small part of the U.S. strategic arsenal off alert. President Gorbachev has reciprocated with similar measures. To go even further, our Board of Directors recently adopted a statement calling for immediate and mutual deactivation of the entire, global strategic nuclear arsenal, to be followed by balanced, staged dismantlement. Our complete proposal is contained in a forthcoming issue of *Peace Leaf*.

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October 29, 1991

Ms. Joan McKinney  
Second Global Structures Convocation  
1000 16th Street, NW, Suite 810  
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Joan:

I'm wondering if you grant indulgences to slow-acting cosponsors of the Convocation.

I was a little late in submitting a proposal for a workshop, then mailed it on September 28 to the wrong address. Here it is on a second try in case you still have room on the program.

Because we were short on cash we missed the October 15 deadline for \$50 registrations. Hoping that you have some leeway, we're sending the enclosed check for \$100 for Sherman Harris, chair of our board, and myself.

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December 4, 1991

Margaret Bryan  
810 Trinity Lane  
Gatlinburg, TN 37738

Dear Margaret:

After a too-long delay, I have reviewed your draft of the minutes. You did an amazing job! I am suggesting a few changes, but decide for yourself.

If you want me to reproduce them and send them out, please send me the final copy with your signature. If you are willing to send them out, I can send you a set of mailing labels. In either case would you be willing to write a transmittal letter to board members and include your suggestion for a monthly pledge to Methodists United?

Please call me at (301) 897-3668 if you have any questions or comments.

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December 14, 1991

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

Dear Dale:

For the last couple of years you have made a financial contribution to Methodists United for Peace with Justice to help support our work. Last year you sent us two checks for \$250 each in November and December. In exchange we placed a number of persons from the New York Conference Board of Church and Society on our mailing list to receive *Peace Leaf* and *Peace Justice Alerts*. We invite you to renew your contribution and to update the persons who should be on our mailing list.

These days we are working hard to promote the zero option for nuclear weapons, that is, to achieve total, global nuclear disarmament. Developments in the Commonwealth of Independent States that is replacing the Soviet Union reinforce the idea that there is no need to retain the U.S. strategic arsenal if those who control Soviet strategic weapons will eliminate theirs. So we are pressing our call for immediate deactivation of the global strategic arsenal by bringing the submarines into port and taking all ICBMs out of their silos, this to be followed by staged dismantlement.

Meanwhile, we are gearing up for another round on federal budget priorities, seeking to make substantial shifts from the military budget to programs responding to urgent human need. In the coming session of Congress we will also be paying attention to tax issues so that equity will prevail.

*So your continuing support is needed and will be greatly appreciated.*

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman*

*Executive Director*

December 14, 1991

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

Dear Bishop Hoggard:

In November 1990 you made a contribution of \$250 to support the work of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. This helped us to sustain our efforts to be a voice for Methodism in the nation's capital on peace and justice issues and to keep grassroots Methodists informed about current issues in Washington. Your support also helped us in our effort to broaden our Pan-Methodist relationships.

We invite you to renew your contribution. In exchange, we are willing to place some AME Zion leaders on our mailing list to receive *Peace Leaf* and *Peace Justice Alerts* if you supply us some names. We suggest one person for each \$20 contributed, though we have flexibility.

These days we are working hard to promote the zero option for nuclear weapons, that is, to achieve total, global nuclear disarmament.

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*Your appointments to our Board of Directors -- Rev. Joseph Davis and Rev. Lovenger Bowden -- have been very helpful to us in our work and in strengthening our Pan-Methodist focus. If you want to appoint a third representative from the AME Zion Church, we would welcome this person to the Board of Directors.*

*As always we greatly appreciate your support.*

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

*cc: Rev. Lovenger Bowden, Rev. Joseph Davis*

December 14, 1991

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

Dear Joy:

The last three years the Detroit UM Conference has made a financial contribution to our work, and we have placed members of the Peace Section on our mailing lists. Contributions came in November and December, and then you made a special contribution in June of this year. Since we seek renewal a year after the latest contribution, the Detroit Conference will be a member in good standing until next June. However, in case you want to arrange for an annual contribution at this time, we will welcome the support.

These days we are working hard to promote the zero option for nuclear weapons, that is, to achieve total, global nuclear disarmament. Developments in the Commonwealth of Independent States that is replacing the Soviet Union reinforce the idea that there is no need to retain the U.S. strategic arsenal if those who control Soviet strategic weapons will eliminate theirs. So we are pressing our call for immediate deactivation of the global strategic arsenal by bringing the submarines into port and taking all ICBMs out of their silos, this to be followed by staged dismantlement.

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*We need continuing financial support to sustain our efforts. So we will appreciate another contribution from the Detroit Conference whenever you think it is appropriate.*

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

December 20, 1991

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

Dear Dale:

We are organizing a Peace with Justice Breakfast for the United Methodist General Conference in Louisville. It will take place on Wednesday, May 6, 1992, starting at 7:00 a.m. and adjourning in time for delegates to make the morning session of the conference. We cordially invite you to attend and to make some remarks.

The purpose of the breakfast is to highlight peace and justice issues that will be taken up by legislative committees during the first week of the General Conference. Focus will be upon political and economic issues of society, not issues internal within the United Methodist polity. We ourselves will be proposing a resolution based upon the statement of our Board of Directors on "Nuclear Disarmament: The Zero Option" (enclosed), updated in February before the resolution deadline to reflect latest world events. For a handout we will have a compilation of the key resolutions that the racial/ethnic caucuses and the general boards are advocating (external issues only).

We are aware that you will be delivering the Episcopal Address on Tuesday evening. We have heard that in the coming months the Council of Bishops intends to undertake some activities related to the "new world order" and that you will have a lead position. Therefore, if there are legislative issues coming before the General Conference that you want to highlight beyond

*what you say in the Episcopal Address, the Peace with Justice Breakfast could be an opportunity. And if you have ideas for some kind of "new world order" resolution beyond what the general boards have already submitted, we are willing to promote it. We would be even be able to propose it to General Conference if that would help you.*

*With this letter as an introduction to our plans, I would like to talk to you on the phone in early January to discuss these matters in greater detail.*

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

December 27, 1991

Mr. David McClelland  
D.C. Office of Unemployment Compensation  
Tax Division, Room 501  
500 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001

Dear McClelland:

We are a small, nonprofit corporation that is struggling for existence. A year ago we received a small grant that enabled us to pay part-time salary for a couple of months. Therefore, we became part of the unemployment insurance system. Since then we have had insufficient revenue to pay salary, but we have not dropped out of the system because we keeping thinking that we will be able to pay salary again.

In this situation we overlooked the due date for the third quarterly report to your office. We filed it late, showing that we paid no salary or wages and therefore that no unemployment insurance payment was required. Then we received an assessment of a late charge from your office.

Given our circumstances, we kindly request that you waive this penalty.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

January 8, 1992

Ms. Cynthia Haralson  
Department of Records  
United Methodist General Council  
of Finance and Administration  
1200 Davis Street  
Evanston, IL 60201

Dear Ms. Haralson:

Please send us two (2) sets of mailing labels for delegates to the 1992 General Conference. We want peel-off labels and would prefer them in zip-code order if that is possible. You can bill us for the cost.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
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January 14, 1992

Bishop Felton E. May  
200 S. Arlington Avenue, #214  
Harrisburg, PA 17109

Dear Bishop May:

We are organizing a Peace with Justice Breakfast for the United Methodist General Conference in Louisville. It will take place on Wednesday, May 6, 1992, starting at 7:00 a.m. and adjourning in time for delegates to make the morning session of the conference. We cordially invite you to attend and to speak for approximately five minutes on the issue of "drugs and violence". We would want you to draw upon your own experience with the Bishops' Initiative and to mention the way this issue has been formulated by the General Council of Ministries as a proposed special program for the quadrennium.

The purpose of the breakfast is to highlight peace and justice issues that will be taken up by legislative committees during the first week of the General Conference. Focus will be upon political, economic, and social issues of society, not issues internal within the United Methodist polity.

We have invited Bishop Dale White to speak on peace issues. We ourselves will be proposing a resolution based upon the statement of our Board of Directors on "Nuclear Disarmament: The Zero Option" (enclosed), updated in February before the resolution deadline to reflect latest world events. We'll mention it at the breakfast. In addition, we will hand out a compilation of the key resolutions on peace and justice issues that the racial/ ethnic caucuses and the general boards are advocating (emphasizing external issues).

*I will follow up this letter of invitation with a telephone call to discuss our plans in greater detail and find out whether you will be able to participate in the Peace with Justice Breakfast.*

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

*(301) 897-3668*

January 14, 1992

Bishop Judith Craig  
21700 Northwestern Highway, #1200  
Southfield, MI 48075

Dear Bishop Craig:

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We sponsored a similar breakfast at the 1988 General Conference, and delegates attending found it a useful introduction to some of the issues they

*were going to deal with. We hope that you can join us then.*

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MEMBERSHIP DUES NOTICE

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*January 28, 1992*

*Ms. Joan L. McKinney*

*Second Global Structures Convocation*

*1000 16th Street, NW, Suite 810*

*Washington, DC 20036*

*Dear Joan:*

*We are willing to sign the letter addressed to George Bush, Willy Brandt, Maurice Strong, and Boutros Ghali because we support the approach contained in the "invitation" on the second page. You can list us as:*

*Sherman W. Harris, Chair*

*Howard W. Hallman, Executive Director*

*Methodists United for Peace with Justice*

*We are a little bothered, however, by the use of the quote from President Bush on the first page because he has elsewhere defined the U.S. role in a "new world order" as a global policeman and has offered U.S. action in the Gulf War as an example. In fact, the actual conduct of the Bush Administration more nearly resembles the first alternative on page one. In signing the letter in spite of this concern, we hope that the idealistic George Bush, revealed in the quote, will prevail.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Howard W. Hallman*  
*Executive Director*

March 5, 1992

Ms. Odell Thompson, Petitions Secretary  
United Methodist General Conference  
1740 Sixth Street  
Beloit, WI 53511

Dear Ms. Thompson:

We are submitting herewith three copies of resolution entitled "Nuclear Disarmament: The Zero Option". We offer it for consideration by the 1992 United Methodist General Conference.

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## FINAL NOTICE FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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As we pursue the ideas on "Nuclear Disarmament: The Zero Option", as offered in the latest issue of *Peace Leaf*, we are finding considerable support for our proposal to take the strategic arsenal off alert. Because the United States and the Commonwealth of Independent States are developing a harmonious relationship, it makes no sense to continue to target one another with destruction. That's why we are pressing for immediate and mutual deactivation of the entire, global strategic nuclear arsenal. This should be followed by balanced, staged dismantlement to the zero level.

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To: Board of Directors

From: Howard W. Hallman, Executive Director

Re: Report from March 13-14 Board Meeting

This memo summarizes the results of the meeting of the Board of Directors on March 13-14, 1992. Handouts from the meeting are enclosed for directors not in attendance. As soon as the official minutes of the meeting are ready, we will circulate them.

**Next meeting.** The Board has scheduled its next meeting for Friday and Saturday, October 9 and 10, 1992 in Washington, D.C. The meeting will begin with lunch at 12 noon on Friday and adjourn at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. The later start on Friday will give directors an opportunity to visit congressional offices on Friday morning. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

The meeting in the spring of 1993 will be in Washington on the Friday and Saturday preceding the annual Interfaith Impact Legislative Briefing. We will let you know as soon as those dates are set.

**UMGBCS.** Before the board meeting opened formally, we conversed

with Robin Ringler, the new peace with justice program associate at the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society. She will devote all of her time to peace with justice activities rather than have many other assignments, as Anna Rhee did. We had a productive exchange and expect to have a close working relationship with Robin.

**Our accomplishments.** We reviewed in detail the work that Methodists United is doing on the zero option for nuclear disarmament, federal budget priorities, and our work with the Alliance for Our Common Future. The minutes will provide details.

**UM General Conference.** We reviewed our plans for the Peace with Justice Breakfast on May 6 at the United Methodist General Conference. We will invite visitors from other Methodist denominations to attend.

**Future.** Directors present unanimously affirmed the importance of our work and resolved to keep Methodists United for Peace with Justice going, with increased emphasis upon Pan-Methodist relations. There was a consensus that our most important activity is the combination of public policy advocacy in Washington and grassroots mobilization through *Peace/Justice Alerts* and other means. There was a realization that this requires staff based in Washington and cannot be accomplished solely by volunteers.

The reality is that we do not have sufficient funds to maintain a full-time executive director and probably will not in the foreseeable future. At best we will be able to obtain enough money only for a half-time executive director. This half-time position should concentrate on advocacy in Washington and sending out *Peace/Justice Alerts*.

If this is to happen, some of the duties I am fulfilling will have to be carried out in other ways. The Board came up with the following ideas:

- Spin off responsibility for membership records, renewal notices, and producing mailing labels to a volunteer or a person paid on a hourly basis for part-time work. For efficiency this person should reside in the Washington area.
- Appoint a treasurer other than myself to maintain financial records. This is also desirable in order to have a treasurer other than staff. We will seek a volunteer in the Washington area for this task. The Executive Committee was authorized to make the selection. Our bylaws require that the treasurer be a member of the Board of Directors, which can be accomplished by appointment.
- Seek a mission intern from the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries.
- Make greater use of volunteers from the Washington area.
- Have board members contribute articles to *Peace Leaf*. Sherman Harris volunteered to take responsibility for getting *Peace Leaf* published.
- Have board members take a much larger role in our membership campaign. Betty Benton agreed to take the lead in working with other board members in membership recruitment.

**Budget priorities.** This arrangement would require an annual budget of at least \$36,000, as follows:

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| Executive director: half-time @ \$30,000                    | \$15,000   |
| Fringe benefits (15% of salary)                             | 2,250      |
| Membership assistant: 8 hours/week @ \$10/hour for 50 weeks |            |
| 4,000   |            |
| Fringe benefits (10% of wages)                              | <u>400</u> |
| Personnel subtotal  | 21,650     |

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| Printing, mailing, other operating expense<br>(based upon last year's experience) | 14,350<br><hr/> |
| Total   | \$36,000        |

Our only pending grant request is a proposal to the W. Alton Jones Foundation for a grant of \$25,000 for each of the next two years. Decision will come in early April. Otherwise we will need a very vigorous membership campaign to raise \$36,000.

In the face of this situation, the Board agreed to the following spending priorities:

- (1) Executive director (half-time) and Peace/Justice Alerts
- (2) Membership assistant
- (3) Peace Leaf as funds are available

**Conference.** Members present agreed that holding a national conference is a good idea but that we are not yet ready for it.

**Nominating process.** The chair will appoint a nominating committee for the annual election of the Board of Directors. Ten persons will be elected for a three year term ending in September 1995. Vacancies for terms ending in 1993 and 1994 will be filled by persons coming in 11th and so on in the balloting. Present board members whose term expires in September 1992 will be nominated for another term if they are interested in serving.

March 18, 1992

Rev. Hector Navas  
UM New York Conference  
252 Bryant Avenue  
White Plains, NY 10605

Dear Hector:

In November and December 1990 Bishop C. Dale White made contributions totaling \$500 to Methodists United for Peace with Justice, drawn from the New York Conference's peace with justice fund. In exchange we placed a number of people from your Conference Board of Church and Society on our mailing list to receive *Peace Leaf* and *Peace/Justice Alerts*. We consider this a dues payment and seek annual renewal.

I wrote Bishop White in December 1991, requesting another contribution, but we have not heard from him. To keep going as an organization and to retain people on our mailing list, we need annual support. Therefore, would you facilitate obtaining a new contribution to Methodists United from the New York Conference. As you do, let us know who should be on our mailing list this year. We suggest one person for each \$20 contributed, but we are not rigid.

Sincerely yours,

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

Dear Joe:

We're sorry that illness prevented you from participating in our board meeting last week. I hope that you have now recovered. Shortly you will receive a communication highlighting decisions of the Board of Directors.

You may recall that in November 1990 Bishop Hoggard made a \$250 contribution to support our activities. Because our work depends upon ongoing support, we hope that he would be willing to make another contribution at this time. I wrote to him in December but have received no reply. I would appreciate your making an inquiry in our behalf.

When we receive contributions from Methodist conferences, we offer to place some of their key people on our mailing to receive *Peace Leaf* and *Peace/Justice Alerts*. We suggest one person for each \$20 contributed, but we aren't rigid on the number. We make this same offer to Bishop Hoggard.

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Bishop James K. Mathews  
235 Lark Street  
Albany, NY 12210

Dear Bishop Mathews:

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With the Cold War over we are hard at work pressing for nuclear disarmament at a faster pace than is now occurring. In particular we are leading an effort to get the United States and the Commonwealth of Independent States to take their entire strategic arsenal off alert. This means returning all submarines to port and placing their missiles in storage and similarly deactivating all intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs). We got 33 national organizations to join us in writing to President Bush and President Yeltsin to advocate this approach (copy enclosed).

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

Dear Elinor:

Last spring you made a generous contribution of \$1,000 to our Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund in support of our educational activities. We kindly request you to consider making another contribution of this amount at this time.

We are noticing that some people assume because the Cold War is over that nuclear disarmament is no longer an important issue. We disagree. To be sure President Bush and President Yeltsin have made positive proposals about reducing the strategic nuclear arsenal. But even so the United States and the Commonwealth of Independent States still have strategic missiles actively aimed at one another. Because we believe that this is an outmoded approach we are leading an effort to get the entire strategic arsenal taken off alert. This means returning all submarines to port and placing their missiles in storage and similarly deactivating all intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs). We got 33 national organizations to join us in writing to President Bush and President Yeltsin to advocate this approach (copy enclosed), and we are lining up support of members of Congress for this policy.

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Rev. James M. Perry  
United Methodist Troy Conference  
P.O. Box 560  
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Dear Jim:

Thanks for your \$50 contribution to Methodists United for Peace with Justice. We appreciate your continuing support.

Is this contribution for your own membership separate from the Board of Church and Society of the Troy Conference? If so, it is time for the Board to renew its membership in Methodists United. We received a contribution of \$150 from the Board in January 1991 and placed some of its key members on our mailing list to receive *Peace Leaf* and *Peace/Justice Alerts*. We would like to continue this arrangement. Thus, along with the Board's renewed contribution we would like an up-to-date list of persons for our mailing list. We suggest one person for each \$20 contributed, but we are not rigid on the number.

We're continuing to press the zero option for nuclear disarmament. Also, we are staging a Peace with Justice Breakfast on May 6 at the 1992 United Methodist General Conference in Louisville. So we can put to good use the financial support we receive.

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April 10, 1992

Bishop C. Dale White  
252 Bryant Avenue  
White Plains, NY 10605

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900 S. Arlington Avenue, #214  
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21700 Northwestern Highway  
Southfield, MI 48075

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April 20, 1992

Mr. Sherman W. Harris  
Chair, Board of Directors  
Methodists United for Peace with Justice  
421 Seward Square, SE  
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Sherman:

I would like to resign as executive director of Methodists United for Peace with Justice, effective July 1, 1992. The primary reason is because on that date I will start living with my wife, Carlee, in the parsonage of the Araby United Methodist Church in Frederick County, Maryland where she has been reassigned. This is too far in distance and too long in commuting time for regular work on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. where much of the advocacy work of Methodists United occurs.

However, I do not want to sever my ties with Methodists United entirely. It is an important organization within Methodism. Our work in Washington and with grassroots Methodists around the country on disarmament, federal budget priorities, and other key public policy issues makes valuable contributions. Therefore, I am willing to remain on the Board of Directors if the nominating committee wants to nominate me in the forthcoming

*election.*

*I am also willing to resume the position of issues chair, which I filled when Methodists United was a solely volunteer organization, if the Board chooses. In that capacity I can continue to push for the zero option on nuclear disarmament, especially our proposal to take the global strategic arsenal off alert. Within the Washington community our organization has the lead on this issue.*

*During the next two months I will work closely with you to arrange for transfer of membership and financial records to an appropriate person or persons and to help achieve continuity in other responsibilities I have been fulfilling.*

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

*cc: Board of Directors*

May 15, 1992

Rev. John M. Mecartney  
Nonviolent Action Institute  
8200 W. Outer Drive  
Detroit, MI 48219

Dear John:

As we agreed, I am sending you a check for \$1,000 as partial refund for the money you advanced for the membership campaign. I regret that things are not working out as we hoped. But I know that both you and I will continue to pursue the cause of world peace.

With best regards,

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June 4, 1992

Dear Editor:

Wouldn't it be great if Russia took all warheads off its intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) and placed them in storage under U.S. surveillance? Wouldn't it be great if the same procedure were used for ICBMs within Belarus, Ukraine, and Kazakhstan?

Wouldn't it be great if Russia brought all its strategic submarines into port, removed all submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBMs) and all submarine-launched cruise missiles (SLCMs), and allowed the United States to verify their removal? Wouldn't it be great if Russia took all the gravity bombs and air-launched cruise missiles (ALCMs) used on heavy bombers and placed them in centralized storage under United States surveillance?

These steps would enhance U.S. security enormously by removing the only existing threat to our homeland: a long-range nuclear attack by Russia, whether intentional, unauthorized, or accidental.

Does this sound utopian? It's not. Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev made precisely this offer on February 12, 1992 in Geneva at the Conference on Disarmament.

Unfortunately the Bush Administration has refused to accept the offer. All that's required is for the United States to reciprocate: remove all warheads from U.S. ICBMs, bring all U.S. submarines into port and remove their missiles, place all bombs and ACLMs in secure storage, and allow Russia to verify these steps.

*Any why not? The United States has no legitimate targets in Russia or the other successor states of the Soviet Union. Why should we still target the airfields and ports where U.S. planes and ships are arriving with food? Why should we still target Moscow, St. Petersburg, Minsk, Kiev, Alma-Ata, and other locales where fledgling democracy is unfolding?*

*It's a great opportunity for the United States and Russia to take all strategic weapons off alert and separate warheads from delivery vehicles, all under mutual verification. It's an agreement that President Bush can and should work out with Russian President Boris Yeltsin when they meet in Washington in mid-June.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director  
(301) 897-3668*

*P.S. Please see the enclosures for verification of the Russian proposal,*

June 4, 1992

Bishop Judith Craig  
21700 Northwestern Highway, #1200  
Southfield, MI 48075

Dear Bishop Craig:

We greatly appreciate your giving the invocation at the Peace with Justice Breakfast that we sponsored at General Conference. In spite of the problem we had with food service, we feel that it was a successful event.

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Bishop Felton E. May  
900 S. Arlington Avenue, #214  
Harrisburg, PA 17109

Dear Bishop May:

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Bishop William W. Dew, Jr.  
1505 SW 18th Avenue  
Portland, OR 97201

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June 30, 1992

To: National Advisory Committee  
Methodists United for Peace with Justice

From: Howard W. Hallman

I have resigned as executive director effective July 1. As I wind down my tenure in this position, I want to share my final report with you.

My primary reason for resigning is because I am going to live full-time with my wife in her parsonage in Frederick County, Maryland, where she has just been appointed. This is too far away from Capitol Hill to stay involved in lobbying on a regular basis. Having been ordained as a United Methodist minister seven years ago, her two previous appointments were also outside the Washington metropolitan area. We have lived apart during the week so that I could continue my work in Washington on peace and justice issues. Seven years living apart is long enough, really too long. So I am giving up my Washington-based work.

The secondary reason is the lack of strong financial support for Methodists United for Peace with Justice. I have never received a regular salary as executive director. In March the Board of Directors resolved to work harder to raise enough funds for a half-time job, but follow-through has been slow. I might have hung on until the October board meeting, but with my wife's new appointment I decided now is the time to make a break.

I am willing to continue on the Board of Directors, if elected by the membership, and to resume the role of "issues chair", a position I held when Methodists United was a solely voluntary organization. I want to keep

*pushing the zero option of nuclear disarmament, especially the idea of taking the global strategic arsenal off alert by separating all warheads from delivery vehicles. In the peace community we have the lead on this issue. In this regard, enclosed is an action request for you to undertake.*

*To earn a livelihood and stay involved in important concerns, I have reactivated the Civic Action Institute, which I used to run, and I will work on matters of grassroots democracy in Eastern Europe and the independent states of the former Soviet Union. I have had one grant from the German Marshall Fund for this purpose and expect more foundation support soon. I don't need to be in Washington on a day-to-day basis for this activity.*

*Sherman Harris, chair of Methodists United, is providing leadership to keep the organization going as a vital entity. Other board members have pledged to take on greater responsibilities. We hope that you who are on our National Advisory Committee will maintain your support for our efforts to supplement and work cooperatively with the official agencies of Methodism in the United States.*

*With best regards,*

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

421 Seward Square, SE

Washington, DC 20003

(202) 546-5551

June 19, 1992

Rev. John Mecartney  
Nonviolent Action Institute  
8200 W. Outer Drive  
Detroit, MI 48219

Dear John:

I received your phone message and am going ahead to refund the remaining \$455. It was a magnificent gesture. Too bad it didn't work -- or inspire others to do likewise.

Our records show that the following persons joined through your recruitment:

**March**

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| Rev. Floyd Ellison | Dearborn | \$15 |
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**April**

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| Bruce Hollingsworth | Detroit | \$15 |
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**June (received through 6-19)**

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| Eugene Ransom | Ann Arbor | \$15 |
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| David Church | Highland | 25 |
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| W. Herbert Glenn | Clawson | 25 |
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*E. Helen Lee*

*Detroit*

*15*

*You can watch the membership report for further tracking.*

*Under separate cover you will be receiving my statement on the Bush-Yeltsin arms reduction deal: extraordinary if under Cold War circumstances but quite insufficient with present opportunities.*

*I assume that we'll be keeping in touch.*

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July 3, 1992

To: Sherman Harris

From: Howard Hallman

Re: United Methodist mailing lists

I am providing you a disk with United Methodist mailing lists that I have assembled, as follows:

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| UMBISHOP.SF | Resident bishops                               |
| UMDIR.SF    | Directors, conference council of ministries    |
| UMSTF.SF    | Conference staff assigned to church & society  |
| UMCS.SF     | Chairs, conference boards of church & society  |
| UMPJ.SF     | Chairs, conference peace/justice task forces   |
| UMNEWS.SF   | National and conference publications           |
| UMGBCS.SF   | General Board of Church and Society            |
| MUCOMP.SF   | General administrators, caucus exec. directors |

The bishops are up-to-date but of course will have changes by September. The last time I resurveyed conference staff and chairs was in the summer of 1990. I have made a few changes when I have discovered them, but the lists are out-of-date, especially since a number of conferences will be making changes for the next quadrennium. The same is true for the General Board of Church and Society. I updated UMNEWS with the 1991 United Methodist Director. You may want to get a 1992 director.

I am giving you a green notebook containing my conference contacts through mail survey in 1989 and a telephone updating in 1990.