Dear Member:

Spring is a time for renewal. For Methodists United for Peace with Justice this has several meanings.

First, we are renewing our commitment to the peace objectives we have held since we began in 1987. We heeded the call of the United Methodist bishops for faithful witness against the pernicious doctrine of nuclear deterrence and for efforts to achieve shalom in its fullest meaning of peace and wholeness. As our latest response to this calling, we are publicizing "A Call to a Worldwide Fast for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons" (enclosed). We suggest that you consider responding to this call and ask that you share the call with others.

Second, we are renewing our commitment to justice, especially as manifested in federal budgetary decisions. This issue is now coming into sharp focus as Congress works on the Budget Resolution for the 1996 Fiscal Year. Congress will make crucial budgetary decisions during April and May. The enclosed Peace/Justice Alert lays out this issue and suggests some actions for you to take.

Third, to be most effective we need your continued support. Therefore, we ask you to renew your financial backing of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. This will help sustain our advocacy activities in Washington. It will permit us to continue sending you periodic *Peace/Justice Alerts* and *Peace Leaf*, our quarterly newsletter which offers background information on vital peace and justice issues. Because we operate on a tight budget, we cannot afford to send you these publications unless we receive your membership

renewal within the next four weeks.

We hope to hear from you soon. Together we will renew our commitment to peace and justice in 1995.

With best regards,

Dear United Methodist Bishop:

We know of the steadfast commitment of the United Methodist Council of Bishops to the cause of nuclear disarmament as you have followed through on the pastoral letter and foundation document, "In Defense of Creation." The world has made substantial progress toward nuclear disarmament since 1986 but still has a long way to go.

This issue is coming into focus again at the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Review and Extension Conference, which is meeting at United Nations headquarters in New York from April 17 to May 12. A favorable vote at this conference is necessary to extend this important treaty. As part of this effort, the current possessors of nuclear weapons will be pressured to live up to their commitment to work toward the total elimination of nuclear weapons.

To focus on this conference, several organizations have issued "A Call to a Worldwide Fast for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons" (enclosed). We bring this Call to your attention so that you as an individual might consider joining those who will fast for one or more days during the NPT Conference. We ask you to call this observance to the attention of United Methodists in your episcopal area. (We ourselves have sent the Call to conference peace with justice coordinators.)

Also, when the United Methodist Council of Bishops meets later this month, it would be appropriate for the Council to send a communication to the NPT Conference and to President Clinton in support of non-proliferation and abolitionist objectives. And perhaps you bishops might consider joining

together in a day of fasting in support of extending the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

With best regards,

April 4, 1995

Dr. Philip Wogaman
Foundry United Methodist Church
1500 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Phil:

First, we want to thank you for participating in the forum on "Dealing with Genocide and Ethnic Conflict". The perspective you and Jim Matlack offered were very helpful to our Board. We are going to pursue this issue further and explore how we might contribute to just solutions. With this in mind we will probably hold our next board meeting in Atlanta so that we can talk with people from the Carter Center and the Martin Luther King Center. We are also going to contact AME, AMEZ, CME, and UM bishops to find out how we can be supportive of the work these denominations are doing to achieve greater justice in Africa.

Second, we invite you to become a member of our National Advisory

Committee. Periodically we turn to members of this committee advice.

We do not, however, try to convene the committee because we recognize that its members are too busy to assemble for another meeting. As a nationally recognized authority on Christian ethics and as pastor of our "host" church, you would be a valuable addition to this committee. If you assent, please write a note of confirmation on a copy of this letter and stick in our box at Foundry.

With best regards,

April 4, 1995

James Matlack
American Friends Service Committee
1822 R Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Jim:

We want to thank you for participating in the forum on "Dealing with Genocide and Ethnic Conflict". The perspective you and Jim Matlack offered were very helpful to our Board.

We are going to pursue this issue further and explore how we might contribute to just solutions. With this in mind we will probably hold our next board meeting in Atlanta so that we can talk with people from the Carter Center and the Martin Luther King Center. We are also going to contact AME, AMEZ, CME, and UM bishops to find out how we can be supportive of the work these denominations are doing to achieve greater justice in Africa.

No doubt I'll be talking with out about these issues from time to time.

With best regards,

HOWARD W. HALLMAN 6508 Wilmett Road Bethesda, MD 20817

April 4, 1995

Mr. Phillip H. Miller 5122 Cliffhaven Drive Annandale, VA 22003

Dear Phil:

I am submitting two requests for reimbursement. One is for \$599.99 for purchase of a faxphone for Methodists United. I charged \$699.99 to my Visa card (which doubles the length of warranty), but I will receive a \$100 rebate from Canon.

The second is for \$51.95 for printing of a *Peace/Justice Alert*. It should be charged to the general fund.

I'm confident that when we systematically contact the United Methodist conference peace with justice coordinators, we will produce some more revenue. For instance, I have a request for \$300 pending with the Baltimore/Washington Conference.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman

April 11, 1995

Mr. Daniel Ellsberg
Physicians for Social Responsibility
1101 14th Street, NW. Suite 700
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Dan:

I tried to reach you a couple of weeks ago to ask your permission to abridge "A Call for a Worldwide Fast..." but didn't make a connection. I went ahead anyway by cutting and pasting, to produce attached.

I have sent this to about 325 key United Methodist contacts around the United States, including the 50 resident bishops. So you or other sponsors of the Fast may be hearing from some of them.

With best regards,

April 11, 1995

David Krieger, Pamela Meidell Nuclear Age Peace Foundation 1187 Coast Village Road, Suite 123 Santa Barbara, CA 93108

Dear Friends:

Several weeks ago I received from Dan Ellsberg a copy of "A Call for a Worldwide Fast for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons". I took the liberty of cutting and pasting the Call to fit two pages and sent it to about 325 key United Methodist contacts around the United States, including the 50 resident bishops. You may be hearing from some of them.

I personally have made a commitment to fast one or more days during the period the NOT Conference is in session.

Thanks to you and others for organizing this campaign.

With best regards,

To: United Methodist Conference

Peace with Justice Coordinator

Here is the latest edition of *Peace Leaf*, the quarterly membership newsletter of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. As you will note it has expanded from four to six pages so that we can provide broader coverage to peace and justice issues. The article by Sarah Cadle reflects our intention to include more material written by young adults and addressed to this new generation of peace and justice activists.

If you would like a supply of *Peace Leafs* to send to people in your conference, we can make them available for \$20 per 200 copies, starting with the next issue. Several conferences peace with justice task forces are now obtaining enough copies to include in the conference's coordinated mailing to local churches. Others send them to their own mailing list of peace advocates and other activists in local churches. Thus, for a relatively low cost you can share this information with local leaders in your conference.

We also ask your peace with justice task force (or whatever it is called) to consider making an annual contribution to Methodists United for Peace with Justice. About a dozen conferences have done so in amounts ranging from \$100 to \$500. This helps us sustain our capacity to send out *Peace/Justice Alerts* on pending issues in Washington and to publish *Peace Leaf*. In exchange we will put key persons from your conference on our mailing list to receive these two publications directly. We function as volunteers but have printing, mailing, and telephone costs to pay.

Recently our Board of Directors met and agreed that we should continue to

be a strong voice favoring global nuclear disarmament and federal budget priorities responsive to human and community needs. We also decided that we should find ways to support peaceable solutions to ethnic conflict now occurring in many locales around the globe. We hope to continue working with you on these issues.

With best regards,

April 12, 1995

Rev. James R. Hipkins 348 Reed School House Road Sevierville, TN 37862

Dear Jim:

Here is the letter to conference peace with justice coordinators. If you have suggestions for changes, please let me know and I'll send you an amended copy. When the mailing is out, let me know so that I can tell our board members it is time to make the phone contacts they agreed to.

Here also are mailing lists: Sherman's basic list plus some additions, and the list of United Methodist bishops. There is one correction on the conference peace with justice coordinators list, which you have. The town in Iowa is Madrid, not Madrin.

With best regards,

METHODISTS UNITED for Peace with Justice

1500 16th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036

April 24, 1995

Mr. Phillip H. Miller 5122 Cliffhaven Drive Annandale, VA 22003

Dear Phil:

Here is a \$50 contribution from Carol Windrum in Nebraska. Her correct address is 3735 N. 39th Street, Omaha, NE 68111-2621.

Carol is peace with justice coordinator of the UM Nebraska Conference. As the enclosed flyer indicates, she and her husband are planning a peace with justice national mission tour in 1996. They did this a couple of years ago. They would like to spend a week in the Baltimore-Washington Conference and a week in the Virginia Conference in October 1996. She has contacted conference leaders but hasn't heard anything yet. Thus, I'm wondering whether the Foundry Peace Mission might be interested in taking initiative to bring this team to the Greater Washington area, perhaps in cooperation with other churches in D.C., Maryland, and Virginia and also the two conferences.

Carol lead a worship service at our Gathering in Kirkwood, Missouri in November 1993. She is a great person and an effective mobilizer for peace and justice. I recommender highly.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE 1500 16th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036

FAX TRANSMITTAL MEMO

Date: April 25, 1995

To: Sandy Ferguson

Baltimore-Washington UM Conference

Fax # 410 233-7305

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair Board of Directors

Fax # 301 620-0232

Telephone # 301 620-0232

Here is a copy of our letter to Irene Pierce, requesting a grant from the Peace with Justice Fund. Please call me if you have any questions.

With best regards,

Total pages: 2 (including cover memo)

May 6, 1995

To: Board of Directors

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

We now have available the text of a new membership brochure, containing an updated list of our national advisory committee and board of directors. I am sending you pages on white stock because some want to reproduce it for use at annual conferences. You can use any color paper you want. Sherman Harris and I will get it printed in quantity and have copies available within a couple of weeks. If you want some of that supply, please call me soon and tell me how many you want.

I'm still waiting one set of notes so that I can put together minutes of the board meeting. Those who were not in attendance should note that we agreed to meet next on Friday and Saturday October 6 and 7, 1995, possibly in Atlanta so that we can confer with people at the Carter Center and Martin Luther King Center. It is possible that we may want to have a pre-board session on Thursday afternoon, October 5, so you might save that date, too.

In adopting a budget, the board approved the purchase of a fax machine for my use. I have purchased a combination fax/phone so that I can use a single telephone line, still 301 620-0232. If any of you have fax numbers, please let me know.

You have received the *Peace/Justice Alert* I sent out in April. The federal budget continues to be a major issue, so please encourage your contacts to follow news reports and keep messages going to members of Congress.

Peace Leaf was delayed because of illness by the printer who Jim and Char Hipkins use. It should be out the week of May 8. We are making a special mailing to UM conference peace with justice coordinators and will send a copy of the cover letter to those of you who promised to make follow up contacts.

Sarah Cadle, who has joined our board, wrote an article for *Peace Leaf* and has begun to make contact with young adult networks within the United Methodist Church.

Our treasurer, Phillip Miller, reports that our balance is \$616.71 in the general fund and \$1,135.79 in the education. We are solvent but continue to build individual membership and conference contributions. With best regards,

May 8, 1995

The Honorable Lee H. Hamilton
2314 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Lee:

We understand that an amendment to adopt a Code of Conduct on arm sales will be considered by the House Committee on International Relations this week. This legislation makes a lot of sense to us. We urge you to support it.

Regional conflict and civil wars are the major disturbers of international peace at this time. Unfortunately ofttimes the combatants are armed by the United States and other outside powers. Furthermore, there have been occasions when U.S. forces have faced weapons made in the United States, such as in Panama, Iraq, and Somalia. Stinger anti-aircraft missiles given to Afghans have been found in the possession of terrorists groups in the Middle East and Asia.

Now is a time to put a halt to the virtually uncontrolled sales of conventional weapons throughout the world. The Code of Conduct would make a step in that direction. We hope that you will vote for this amendment.

With best regards,

Bishop Richard O. Bass 308 10th Avenue West Birmingham, AL 35204

Dear Bishop Bass:

I am going to be in Birmingham next week on Thursday through Saturday at the annual conference of Neighborhoods, USA, which is being held at the Sheraton Civic Center. I would like to drop by your office some time for a visit on Thursday or Friday, May 25 or 26, if you are going to be in town and have time.

We met at the Pan Methodist Commission meeting in Arlington, Virginia a year and a half ago. I would like to tell you more about Methodists United for Peace with Justice and ask your advice on how we might establish closer relationships with leaders of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church who share our concerns.

We have been working on nuclear disarmament and federal budget priorities, which we view as a justice issue. We are now exploring how we might build support for just resolution of ethnic disputes which are breaking out around the globe. We also want to be supportive of efforts of Methodist denominations in Africa. Therefore, I would be interested in learning about CME initiatives on that continent.

I will call you early next week to find out whether I might meet with you on the 25th or 26th.

With best regards,

May 22, 1995

To: Board of Directors

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Here are a copy of the minutes of the March 24-25 board meeting, a listing of board members, and the printed version of the membership brochure.

If there is any error in the board listing, please let me know.

We have 1,000 copies of the brochure and can supply you with some if you need them. Otherwise, you may want to photocopy what you need. Please call me if you want some. If necessary, we can reprint the brochure for a large order.

Remember, Peace with Justice Sunday is soon. Please promote it in your church.

METHODISTS UNITED for Peace with Justice

1500 16th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036

May 23, 1995

To: Joy Arthur, Risher Brabham, Bruce Edwards, Jayne Mardock, Bud Ruggia

From: Howard W. Hallman

Here is the letter which went to UM conference peace with justice coordinators with a copy of the latest Peace Leaf. It is now time for you to get in touch with the ones you volunteered to contact at the March board meeting. If you have lost your list, please let me know, and I'll supply a duplicate.

In putting together the minutes I noticed that we started a process of asking board members who are also conference peace with justice coordinators to write a testimonial for MUPJ. I completely forgot this in preparing this letter. Sorry! We'll try to do it some time in the future.

The Honorable Lee H. Hamilton
2314 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Lee:

I have long admired your independent spirit as you consider issues on their merit and take stands on principle. Therefore, I was not too surprised that you were one of two Democrats to vote against the Code of Conduct on Arms Trade when it came before the House Committee on International Relations. However, I was disappointed that you voted that way because Methodists United for Peace with Justice supports the Code of Conduct.

Since then I saw a copy of the letter to you from Assistant Secretary of State Wendy Sherman opposing the Code of Conduct. Upon reading it I felt that the State Department was overreacting to this legislation. Subsequently I saw the rebuttal offered by Joe Volk of the Friends Committee on National Legislation. I concur with his critique of the errors in Ms. Sherman's letter.

This morning I read in the Washington Post arguments against the Code of Conduct offered the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations by Undersecretary of State Lynn Davis. Once again the Clinton Administration is insisting that human rights must take the back seat to U.S. military objectives and is failing to recognize that a Code of Conduct on Arms Trade could provide additional leverage in behalf of human rights.

Therefore, I urge you to consider changing your mind and voting for the Code of Conduct when it comes before the House of Representatives. I also urge

you to educate Secretary of State Christopher and President Clinton that this Code of Conduct would be a useful tool for the foreign policy objectives they are trying to achieve.

With best regards,

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE 1500 16th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036

FAX TRANSMITTAL MEMO

Date: May 24, 1995

To: Joe Volk

Friends Committee on National Legislation

Fax: 202 547-6019 Telephone: 202 547-6000

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Board of Directors

Voice/Fax: 301 620-0232

Early this morning I faxed the enclosed letter to Rep. Lee Hamilton. Your material was useful to me in preparing this letter. Thanks.

Total pages: 2 (including cover memo)

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE 1500 16th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036

FAX TRANSMITTAL MEMO

Date: May 31, 1995

To: Joe Volk

Friends Committee on National Legislation

Fax: 202 547-6019 Telephone: 202 547-6000

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Board of Directors

Voice/Fax: 301 620-0232

Here is a copy of the reply I received from Rep. Lee Hamilton on the Code of Conduct. It is obviously a "form" reply because the staff forgot to change names, but it does reflect Hamilton's thinking on the matter. Perhaps you can deal with some of the issues he raised.

Total pages: 3 (including cover memo)

June 13, 1995

President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Attn: Dr. Anthony Lake, National Security Council

Dear Mr. President:

Now that the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Conference has been successfully completed, we hope that your administration will give vigorous attention to completion of a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. That is something the United Methodist Church has supported for many years, as evidenced by repeated resolutions at the quadrennial General Conference.

Now we hear that the nuclear weapons laboratories and Pentagon officials are pushing for a less than comprehensive treaty so that they can continue testing nuclear weapons. Some call it "threshold" testing of explosive yields up to 500 tons of TNT, or one-third the size of the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

This would be disastrous for the goals of nuclear weapons reduction, which you have articulated so well. It would make mockery of commitments made by the United States in the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Therefore, we strongly urge you to insist that the United States will support a complete ban on testing nuclear weapons under a truly Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

With best regards,

June 29, 1995

Mr. David Krieger Nuclear Age Peace Foundation 1187 Coast Village Road, Suite 123 Santa Barbara, CA 93108

Dear David:

Thanks for sending me information about the World Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. We certainly want to be part of this effort. Therefore, I have signed the Citizen's Pledge in behalf of Methodists United for Peace with Justice.

We have been working on this issue since we organized in 1987 in support of the United Methodist bishops' pastoral letter and foundation document, In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Just Peace. At the 1988 United Methodist General Conference we got this official governing body to endorse In Defense of Creation. In 1992 we got the General Conference to adopt a resolution entitled "Nuclear Disarmament: The Zero Option." Some of this material is enclosed.

You will note that "The Zero Option" calls for the United States and Russia to "immediately and concurrently deactivate their entire land—and sea—based strategic arsenal." We believe that this could occur without waiting on lengthy treaty negotiations for general and complete disarmament. Therefore, we hope that the World Campaign will encompass this approach as one of the options it will promote.

I personally have been working on this issue for ten years. In 1986 I developed and got signatures for "A Citizens' Declaration on Worldwide Nuclear Disarmament: Starting Now, Finishing Before the Year 2000" (copy enclosed). At the moment I am renewing contact with persons from various religious denominations to find out much how support there is for nuclear abolition, and if not that, how far toward abolition the denominations are committed to. I have some ideas on how to mobilize religious leaders in behalf of nuclear abolition. Therefore, I would like to be kept informed of strategies being developed by the World Campaign.

With best regards,

Mr. David Cortright
Fourth Freedom Forum
803 N. Main Street
Goshen, IN 46526

Dear David:

I was glad for the information you shared with me about the World Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. I have also talked with David Krieger, and he sent me reports coming out of the NGO Abolition Caucus. I have signed the Citizens' Pledge in behalf of Methodists United for Peace with Justice.

I am in the process of renewing contacts with persons from various religious denominations to find out the extent they support nuclear abolition, and if not, how far they would go toward goal. I have some ideas on how to mobilize religious leaders more fully than is now occurring. Therefore, I would like to be kept informed on strategy being developed by the World Campaign.

In 1992 Methodists United for Peace with Justice got the United Methodist General Conference, the official governing body to adopt a resolution entitled "Nuclear Disarmament: The Zero Option" (copy enclosed). Among other proposals it called upon the United States to "immediately and concurrently deactivate their entire land- and sea-based strategic arsenal". We believe that this should occur without waiting on lengthy treat negotiations for general and complete disarmament. Therefore, we hope that the World Campaign will encompass this approach as one of the options it will promote.

You may recall that nine years ago I developed and got signatures (including yours) for "A Citizens' Declaration on Worldwide Nuclear Disarmament: Starting Now, Finishing Before the Year 2000" (copy enclosed). Even with only five years left it would be possible for this to occur if the United States, Russia, and the other possessors would move quickly. Although total abolition is unlikely that soon, I would like to push for complete deactivation as an interim measure.

Let's keep in touch.

With best regards,

Mr. Daniel Ellsberg

Physicians for Social Responsibility

1101 14th Street, NW. Suite 700

Washington, DC 20005

Dear Dan:

As I indicated over the phone a few weeks ago, I greatly admire the leadership you gave to bring nuclear abolition into focus at the NPT Conference. It's a goal we will achieve some day.

After talking with you I have talked with David Krieger and David Cortright and have signed the Citizens' Pledge to commit Methodists United for Peace with Justice to the World Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons.

I am in the process of renewing contacts with persons from various religious denominations to find out the extent they support nuclear abolition, and if not, how far they would go toward that goal. I have some ideas on how to mobilize religious leaders more fully than is now occurring.

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Let's keep in touch.

With best regards,

June 29, 1995

Mr. Daniel Buttry
American Baptist Churches
P.O. Box 851
Valley Forge, PA 19482

Dear Dan:

I appreciated the chance to talk with you yesterday and learn what the American Baptist Churches are doing on the issue of nuclear disarmament. look forward to receive a copy of your policy statement.

We are an unofficial organization of laity and clergy, committed to working with all of the Methodist denominations. We organized in 1987 in response to the United Methodist bishops' pastoral letter and foundation document, In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Justice Peace. Accordingly, most of our work has related to the United Methodist Church. In 1992 we got the General Conference, the official governing body, to adopt a resolution on "Nuclear Disarmament: The Zero Option" (copy enclosed).

We are eager to work with others in the religious community in the quest for nuclear abolition. Therefore, I hope that we can keep in touch.

With best regards,

July 19, 1995

Dr. Donald Shockley

Campus Ministry Section

UM General Board of Higher

Education and Ministry

P.O. Box 871

Nashville, TN 37202

Dear Dr. Shockley:

We greatly appreciate your willingness to mention *Peace Leaf*, our quarterly bulletin, in your newsletter to persons associated with campus ministry. We are willing to offer a free, one-year subscription to any campus minister upon request. Others may receive *Peace Leaf* for a annual contribution of \$15 or more.

Enclosed is a copy of the latest *Peace Leaf*. This issue focused on the United Nations. We also carry articles dealing with nuclear disarmament, federal budget priorities, ethnic conflict, and a variety of justice issues. The enclosed brochure tells who we are. You will note who is on our Board of Directors and National Advisory Committee.

We would also like to receive a list of United Methodist-related campus ministers on peel-off mailing labels so that we can send them a complimentary copy of the next issue of *Peace Leaf*. We will send it with a cover letter from Rev. Risher Brabham, campus minister at Winthrop College in South Carolina, who is a member of our Board of Directors.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely yours,

August 7, 1995

To: Board of Directors

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

(1) Enclosed is a draft resolution on "Nuclear Abolition", which I propose that we submit to the 1996 United Methodist General Conference to update and replace the one entitled "Nuclear Disarmament: The Zero Option", which the 1992 General Conference adopted. We will consider this draft at our October board meeting, but I would like your comments sooner than that.

I want to share the draft with members of a joint task force of the UM general boards of Church and Society and Global Ministry, which is meeting to develop recommendations to the general boards on what resolutions they might propose or support at General Conference. I am also sharing the draft with our National Advisory Committee and some other contacts.

(2) For our fall board meeting scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 13 and 14, we are progressing with our plan to hold it in Atlanta, Georgia. Jim Hipkins is trying to work out arrangements for us to meet with someone from the Carter Center to talk about how to deal with ethnic conflict around the globe and someone from the Martin Luther King Center to discuss nonviolent approaches. To work this in, we may have a pre-board seminar on Thursday afternoon, October 12.

Risher Brabham has made arrangements for us to meet at the Candler School of Theology, Emory University. The Emory Inn is holding 10 rooms for the nights of October 12, 13, and 14 @ \$79 per night plus tax for a double room, which can be shared by two persons. Before signing a contract with

the Inn, I want to get an indication of who will be attending. Therefore, I will be calling you to find out (maybe before you get this memo).

(3) For board members who promised to call UM conference peace with justice coordinators, I will be asking for a progress report.

Cordially yours,

August 7, 1995

To: National Advisory Committee

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair
Board of Directors

In response to our initiative the 1992 United Methodist General Conference adopted a resolution entitled "Nuclear Disarmament: The Zero Option". We are in the process of reviewing that resolution and considering whether to propose a new one, updated to reflect global changes occurring since 1992.

For that purpose, I have drafted the enclosed proposed resolution entitled "Nuclear Abolition". I use this title because many non-governmental organizations which met during the Non-Proliferation Treaty conference at the United Nations this spring focused their attention on abolition. The term is also consistent with language of the UM Council of Bishops in In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Justice Peace (1986). It is an alternative term for "zero option" used in the 1992 General Conference resolution.

I would very much like your comments on this draft. Our Board of Directors will consider it when we meet on October 13 and 14. We would greatly appreciate your input before then.

Cordially yours,

Bishop C. Dale White 117 Eustis Avenue Newport, RI 02840

Dear Dale:

I want to share with you a draft resolution on "Nuclear Abolition", which we are developing to submit to the 1992 United Methodist General Conference. I would greatly appreciate any comments you might have on it.

Beyond that I am wondering what your thoughts are on next steps in seeking nuclear abolition.

I have been thinking recently about the need to mobilize the religous community on this issue, which is now on the sidelines as other significant issues receive more attention (budget cuts, ethnic conflict abroad, for instance). Yet the nuclear arsenal and the policy of nuclear deterrence remain.

At a leadership level perhaps it would desirable to enlist key religious leaders in the United States to "speak truth to power", as the Quakers say. For example, there could be a roster of bishops and other top leaders drawn from different denominations (and the Jewish community, too) who would be available to serve on delegations to call upon top government leaders to make the case for nuclear abolition. These delegations could talk with the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, secretaries of defense and state, head of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, national security advisor, all Republican candidates for president, key congressional leaders, ambassadors of all

nations possessing nuclear weapons (Russia, Great Britain, France, China, and Israel), and also go to Moscow to talk with Russia leaders.

At the grassroots level religious activists could be encouraged to "birddog" candidates during the presidential primaries and persisently press the case for nuclear abolition.

These are some of my ideas. I would be interested in hearing yours.

With best regards,

Dr. David Krieger

Nuclear Age Peace Foundation

1187 Coast Village Road, Suite 123

Santa Barbara, CA 93108

Dear David:

I am continuing my work to develop support within the religious community for nuclear abolition. One effort is the enclosed draft of a resolution on "Nuclear Abolition" which Methodists United for Peace with Justice intends to submit to the United Methodist General Conference, which meets next spring. I would appreciate you comments on technical accuracy and the proposed initiatives.

A second effort has been exploring what kind of support might be available within various denominations for nuclear abolition. I conclude that there is considerable latent support even though there is very little activity on this issue because other issues have gained preeminence. As a means of mobilizing religious people on nuclear abolition, I suggest working at two levels.

At a national leadership level it would desirable to enlist key religious leaders in the United States to "speak truth to power", as the Quakers say. For example, there could be a roster of bishops and other top leaders drawn from different denominations (and the Jewish community, too) who would be available to serve on delegations to call upon top government leaders to make the case for nuclear abolition. These delegations could talk with the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, secretaries of defense and state, head of the Arms

Control and Disarmament Agency, national security advisor, all Republican candidates for president, key congressional leaders, ambassadors of all nations possessing nuclear weapons (Russia, Great Britain, France, China, and Israel), and also go to Moscow to talk with Russia leaders.

At the grassroots level religious activists could be encouraged to "birddog" candidates during the presidential primaries and persistently press the case for nuclear abolition.

I'm always skeptical about creating new organizations, but perhaps at least operational there could be a "religious coalition for nuclear abolition" to draw together people from the religious community on this issue. It might require modest staff support. In addition, I would hope that you and others could provide briefing papers for delegation of religious leaders and questions for grassroots activists to ask presidential candidates.

Dr. David Krieger August 8, 1995 Page two.

The Citizens' Pledge being circulated by the World Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons could be a useful tool. Indeed, work within the religious community should be allied with the World Campaign.

I am continuing to gather information on official positions of religious denominations on nuclear disarmament and am accumulating names of religious leaders who might be mobilized.

I would be interested in knowing what you think of these ideas.

With best regards,

August 10, 1995

Ms. Mia Adjali United Methodist Women's Division 777 United Nations Plaza New York, NY 10017

Dear Mia:

I would like to share with you a draft of a resolution on "Nuclear Abolition" which the Board of Directors of Methodists United for Peace with Justice intends to submit to the 1996 United Methodist General Conference. It would in effect replace the current resolution on "Nuclear Disarmament: The Zero Option".

I am circulating the draft to our Board, our National Advisory Committee, and several experts in the field to get their comments on the substance of this resolution. I would appreciate any comments you might have. Based upon these comments, we will revise the resolution in late September prior to final review and adoption by our Board of Directors on October 13.

If you want to share this draft with the joint task force of the General Boards of Global Ministry and Church and Society, it's all right with me. If these General Boards want to consider adding the resolution on "Nuclear Abolition" to the set they will approve, I can supply the final draft by the end of September.

Please call me if you have any questions.

With best regards,

August 10, 1995

Rev. Thomas White Wolf Fassett
United Methodist General Board
of Church and Society
100 Maryland Avenue,NE
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Tom:

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Please call me if you have any questions.

With best regards,

August 10, 1995

Ms. Robin Ringler
United Methodist General Board
of Church and Society
100 Maryland Avenue,NE
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Robin:

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Please call me if you have any questions.

With best regards,

August 17, 1995

Mr. Jerry Powers

National Conference of

Catholic Bishops

3211 4th Street, NE

Washington, DC 20017

Dear Jerry:

As promised, I'm sending you a copy of the resolution entitled "Nuclear Disarmament: The Zero Option", adopted by the United Methodist General Conference in 1992. This is the official policy of the United Methodist Church.

Also enclosed is a draft of a proposed new resolution entitled "Nuclear Abolition", which our organization intends to submit to the next United Methodist General Conference, which meets in April 1996. It would take the place of "The Zero Option", which we previously developed.

As I indicated on the phone, I believe that it is timely to initiate some kind of religious coalition effort on nuclear abolition. I would appreciate your ideas on this possibility, especially how best to relate to Catholic leadership and grassroots.

With best regards,

The Most Reverend Thomas J. Gumbleton Archdiocese of Detroit 1234 Washington Boulevard Detroit, MI 48226

Dear Bishop Gumbleton:

It's been several years since I've been in touch with you, but I've noticed how you continue to provide creative leadership on nuclear disarmament. You may recall that in 1986 you participated in signing "A Citizens' Declaration on Worldwide Nuclear Disarmament by the Year 2000", which I developed.

In recent years most of my work on this issue has been through Methodists United for Peace with Justice, which I served as executive director for a while and am now chair of the Board of Directors. We succeeded in getting the 1992 United Methodist General Conference to adopt a resolution on "Nuclear Disarmament: The Zero Option" and are now working on a draft of a revision entitled "Nuclear Abolition" to propose to the 1996 General Conference (copies of both are enclosed).

I have noted with interest the formation of an abolition caucus as NGOs met in New York this spring during the Non-Proliferation Conference. I believe you were a part of this. As a follow through the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation and others are promoting a World Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons and obtaining signers of a Citizen's Pledge.

You and a few other religious leaders have been part of these efforts, but for the most part the religious community in the United States is fairly dormant on nuclear disarmament as other significant issues have demanded attention. Yet the nuclear arsenal and the policy of nuclear deterrence remain.

This leads me to wonder whether it would be timely to mobilize the religious community more fuller around the issue of nuclear abolition.

At the national level key religious leaders in the United States might be mobilized to "speak truth to power", as the Quakers say. For instance, there could be a roster of bishops and other top leaders drawn from different denominations (and the Jewish community, too) who would be available to serve on delegations to call upon top government leaders to make the case for nuclear abolition. These delegations could talk with the U.S. Joint Chiefs

The Most Reverend Thomas J. Gumbleton August 19, 1995 Page two.

of Staff, secretaries of defense and state, head of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, national security advisor, then the president and vice president; and also with all Republican candidates for president, key congressional leaders, ambassadors of all nations possessing nuclear weapons (Russia, Great Britain, France, China, and Israel). Perhaps a delegation should go to Moscow to talk with Russia leaders.

At the grassroots level religious activists could be encouraged to "birddog" candidates during the presidential primaries and persistently press the case for nuclear abolition. There are many other grassroots activities possible.

These efforts could be coordinated with activities of secular organizations, but there is a need for a distinct religious testimony on the moral and spiritual issues of nuclear weapons.

I've had a lengthy telephone conversation with Bishop Dale White about these ideas, and he is interested in exploring the matter further. I'm talking with others. I would like to follow up this letter by conversing with you. I'll give you a call in a few days.

With best regards,

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE 1500 16th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036

FAX TRANSMITTAL MEMO

Date: August 21, 1995

To: David Cortright

Fourth Freedom Forum

Fax: 219 534-4937 Pages: 3 (including cover memo)

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Board of Directors

Voice/Fax: 301 620-0232

Dear David:

- (1) Thanks for your useful comments on our draft resolution on "Nuclear Abolition". I'll work them into the next draft.
- (2) I'm far enough into my exploration of the possibility of creating a coalition of religious leaders to work for nuclear abolition to make me think that it is feasible. For instance, I had a long telephone conversation with

United Methodist Bishop Dale White. He's interested and believes that other key religious leaders would be.

If there were some seed money quickly available, I believe that I could put something together by the end of the year. I'd like to discuss this with you on the phone in the near future. In that conversation I can lay out my ideas.

(3) I appreciate receiving your "Thoughts on a Nuclear Abolition Campaign". A few comments are attached.

August 21, 1995

To: David Cortright

From: Howard Hallman

Re: Your "Thoughts on a Nuclear Abolition Campaign"

(1) I'm very pleased that you and others are initiating a Nuclear Abolition Campaign. "Nuclear Abolition" is a term that seems to be coming into its own. It's more concise than "general and complete [or comprehensive] nuclear disarmament". It symbolizes a lot in two words, just as "Freeze" did in an earlier period. Therefore, it can be an effective term for mobilization.

(2) The goal of nuclear abolition should be the binding element of the campaign. Within that framework the campaign should be adaptable on measures to support for achieving that goal.

Certainly the NPT review process and a comprehensive abolition treaty are highly important measures to work for. But perhaps the Abolition Campaign should have a wider spread. For grassroots organizing, the NPT process may be too distant and too vague to build and sustain local activities. A comprehensive treaty would be a great accomplishment, but perhaps abolition can also occur through a series of incremental actions. A campaign might want to encompass various possibilities.

For example, a CTB Treaty is an essential step toward abolition, not only for its value in halting testing but also because of the symbolic importance CTB has attained. CTB will need strong support throughout 1996.

Mutual national initiatives are possible and should be pushed. For instance, accelerating the dismantling of weapons covered by START II way ahead of 2003, even before 2000. And even more is possible. Thus, Admiral Eugene Carroll, Jr. wrote in the latest issue of NAPF's Waging Peace Bulletin, "both Russia and the U.S. can safely proceed down the nuclear ladder much more rapidly to the level of 1,000 weapons each without formal treaties."

For the last several years Methodists United for Peace with Justice has been promoting the idea of taking the entire strategic nuclear arsenal off alert by removing warheads from delivery vehicles with proper verification. We got the 1992 United Methodist General Conference to endorse this idea.

There is a need to close the weapon labs and production facilities (except as the latter are needed for dismantling), to stop Star Wars funding and protect the ABM Treaty, and to fund nuclear cleanup.

Creation of more nuclear weapon free zones could be another useful incremental approach: in Africa, Middle East, South Asia.

Bringing in these other measures may seem to complicate a Nuclear Abolition Campaign, but it has two merits. First, abolition may actually occur through a string of initiatives rather than through a single comprehensive treaty. Second, it gives grassroots campaigners constant issues to work on. For instance, support for CTB and opposition to Star Wars can be cast as necessary elements to achieve abolition and can keep grassroots activists engaged while the NPT review conference is still in the wings.

(3) It will be very valuable for IPPNNW and others to produce background material for abolition advocacy. If religious leaders are mobilized, as I am

suggesting, they would find it quite useful. In turn a religious coalition could provide abstracts of what various religious bodies and religious leaders have said about abolition and related issues. These could be incorporated into the campaign's handbook.

- (4) The Citizen's Pledge is useful. Among others we can ask religious leaders to sign it. It doesn't bother me that the year 2000 isn't mentioned even though I've been using that date for a long time. Since it already has many prominent signers, why not leave it as it is? We can add more specificity, including target dates, in other ways.
- (5) Petition drives, ballot initiatives, city and state legislative resolutions are tested methods and are worth using. Among other value they give grassroots participants concrete activities to undertake.
- (6) For the 1996 election campaign, I suggest including presidential candidates and not limiting congressional candidates to a relative few. The more they hear the term "nuclear abolition" the more they will have to consider the possibility, especially when abolition is explained as universal, mutual, and verifiable. When Russia and the other nations are willing to go along, why shouldn't the United States? We need to create readiness for acceptance when international conditions are ripe.
- (7) It should be possible to involve denominational offices as well as the unofficial peace fellowship groups. I can offer a whole set of ideas on how to mobilize the religious community for nuclear abolition.
- (8) Regarding a conference in January 1967, it would take a lot of effort to have a successful one with only four months lead time, including working out shared statements of objectives and inter-organizational relationships.

Perhaps a lot has already been done that I don't know about.

An alternative would be to have a "consultation", which could cover much of the same topics but let newcomers have a sense of being in on the beginning rather than being brought into a campaign which a few select organizations have already designed.

But whatever it's called, a January gathering would be useful for launching a united effort for nuclear abolition. Let's get on with it.

August 21, 1995

Mr. Mark Brown
Lutheran Office for
Governmental Affairs
122 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mark:

As background for our own work, I am collecting official policy statements of various denominations on nuclear disarmament and related issues. I would greatly appreciate receiving copies of such policy statements of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Thanks for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Ms. Robin Ringler
Peace with Justice Program
United Methodist General Board
of Church and Society
100 Maryland Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Robin:

On behalf of Methodists United for Peace with Justice I am submitting request for a Peace with Justice Grant of \$2,500. This grant will be used to help strengthen our outreach to youth and young adults.

As a result of decisions made by our Board of Directors in March 1995, we have already started this effort. We have added Sarah Cadle, a mission intern, to our Board of Directors and have had her write an article for *Peace Leaf*, our quarterly bulletin. Another mission intern has provided us an article for the next issue of *Peace Leaf*. We are sending this issue to over 700 campus ministers related to the United Methodist Church, offering them a free subscription to *Peace Leaf*.

The requested funds will help us to expand our outreach to young adults and to initiate outreach to youth, particularly through United Methodist conference youth ministries. With the funds we will expand *Peace Leaf* to include articles written by youth and young adults. We will also add several young adults to our Board of Directors and use grant funds to pay their travel expenses. Ordinarily our board members pay their own expenses.

These activities are spelled out in the enclosed grant request. Also enclosed is the latest issue of *Peace Leaf* to illustrate the kind of bulletin we publish. If you would like additional copies to share with your review committee, please let me know.

With best regards,

HOWARD W. HALLMAN 6508 Wilmett Road Bethesda, MD 20817

September 6, 1995

To: Phillip Miller, Treasurer

Methodists United for Peace with Justice

I request reimbursement for the following expenditures made in behalf of Methodists United for Peace with Justice:

Photocopying\$ 56.06

Postage 27.70

Books 41.75

Total\$125.51

Receipts are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard W. Hallman

September 11, 1995

To: Board of Directors

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

As previously announced, the Board of Directors will meet in Atlanta, Georgia on Friday and Saturday, October 13 and 14, 1995. The meeting will take place in the Formal Louge, Room 202 of Cannon Chapel, Emory University. I'll send a map with directions within a couple of weeks.

There will be no pre-board meeting on Thursday, October 12 as we once thought possible. We will have coffee and sweet rolls available at Cannon Chapel at 8:30 a.m., Friday, October 13 and intend to commence our opening worship service at precisely 9:00 a.m. We must vacate the Lounge at 11:30 and have arranged for lunch at the nearby Houston Mill House.

We are scheduled to visit the Carter Center after lunch and to talk with Kirk Wolcott of their conflict resolution program. We are trying to arrange a visit to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center later that afternoon or on Saturday to confer with an expert on nonviolent responses to racial and ethnic conflict. Friday evening we will reconvene at Cannon Chapel to view a videotape of "Children of the A-Bomb", which Jim Hipkins is obtaining.

Saturday morning we will again have coffee and sweet rolls at Cannon Chapel at 8:30 a.m. so that we can start our business meeting at 9:00. We are tentatively scheduled to go until 1:00 p.m. with the possibility that our visit to the King Center may be Saturday afternoon. I'll let you know as soon as I know.

We have reserved a block of rooms at Emory Inn, 1641 Clifton Road @ \$79 + tax, single or double occupancy. You should make your own room reservation no later than September 28 (beyond that it is space available only) by calling 1-800-933-6679. Tell them that you are attending the Methodists United for Peace with Justice meeting. If you want to share a room, tell them and let me know, too, so that I can work out pairings. The Inn has a shuttle van to take you to Cannon Chapel.

Please return the enclosed form indicating whether you will attend the Board meeting and whether you want to share a room at Emory Inn.

Cordially yours,

I will / will not be attending the meeting of the Board of Directors, Methodists United for Peace with Justice in Atlanta, Georgia on October 13 and 14, 1995.
I would like to share a room at Emory Inn for the nights of:
Signed: Date
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Signed:	Date

September 14, 1995

Mr. Kirk Wolcott
The Carter Center
One Copenhill
Atlanta, GA 30307

Dear Mr. Wolcott:

I would like to confirm arrangements we made to meet with you on Friday, October 13, 1995 between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. to discuss matters of ethnic conflict resolution. If it's acceptable, we would like to arrive at 1:30 for a brief tour of the Carter Center before we start our discussion. There will be ten to twelve of us.

As the enclosed brochure indicates, Methodists United for Peace with Justice organized in 1987 with a major focus on nuclear disarmament. Subsequently we have given considerable attention to federal budget priorities. Now in an ever-changing world, we are pondering what an organization like ours can contribute to solving the gravest disturber world peace in this decade: ethnic conflict and other kinds of civil strife taking place all around the world.

Therefore, we first want to learn what the Carter Center is doing to assist conflict resolution in various settings abroad. Then we want to discuss the kinds of support we can provide for international efforts to resolve conflict and deal with underlying justice issues. Although our resources are modest, we reach out to a network of peace and justice advocates within the United Methodist Church and to some extent in other Methodist denominations. We undertake educational activities through our quarterly bulletin, *Peace*

Leaf, and send out Peace/Justice Alerts to mobilize support for particular legislation and other actions of the U.S. government.

We will, therefore, appreciate having an opportunity to talk with you and to learn more about the activities of the Carter Center.

Sincerely yours,

HOWARD W. HALLMAN 6508 Wilmett Road Bethesda, MD 20817

September 19, 1995

To: Phillip Miller, Treasurer

Methodists United for Peace with Justice

I request reimbursement for travel expenses entailed in attending a meeting in New York on September 28, 1995 on nuclear abolition in behalf of Methodists United for Peace with Justice.

Train fare	\$84.00
Subway	<u> 1.25</u>
	\$8 <i>5</i> .12

Receipts are attached.

September 27, 1995

To: Board of Directors

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: Board meeting in Atlanta on October 13 and 14, 1995

(1) On Friday morning we will assemble at 8:30 a.m. for coffee and sweet rolls in the Formal Lounge, Room 202 of Cannon Chapel, Emory University. Enclosed is a map for persons who have indicated they are attending.

- (2) We have made arrangements to visit the Carter Center on Friday afternoon, October 13 to confer on ethnic conflict resolution. We are still trying to work out a visit to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center to discuss nonviolent approaches.
- (3) Based upon comments received, I am proposing the attached changes in the draft resolution on "Nuclear Abolition".
- (4) I propose that the following sentence be removed from Article, Paragraph 4 of our bylaws:

No person shall serve more than two consecutive three-year terms.

We have had plenty of turnover in our board, so this requirement is not necessary. If not changed, next year we will lose two persons who are making important contributions to our work, Sherman Harris and John Mecartney, who I believe should have an opportunity to serve another term if they wish.

(5) If any of you who are not attending have any ideas or comments you want to share with the Board, please send them in writing or call me by October 11.

FAX MESSAGE

To: Mr. Charles Alphin

Martin Luther King, Jr. Center

Fax: 404 526-8901

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

As we discussed on the phone, members of our Board of Directors would like to visit the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center on Friday afternoon, October 13 or Saturday, October 14. The purpose would be (1) to see the exhibits and (2) to talk with one of your staff about nonviolent solutions to ethnic conflict that is occurring in various parts of the globe, such as in Bosnia and Rwanda.

Our Board is meeting at the Chapel, Emory University on those two days. A major item on our agenda is to identify the ways we can help promote just and peaceful resolution of such conflicts. We will also be visiting the Carter Center to learn about the approaches to conflict resolution they are promoting.

The following members of our Board are expected to be present:

Rev. and Mrs. Joy E. Arthur, Midland, Michigan Kathleen Brown, Kirwood, Missouri Rev. Bruce K. Edwards, Jefferson City, Missouri Howard W. Hallman, Bethesda, Maryland Sherman W. Harris, Potomac, Maryland Rev. and Mrs. James R. Hipkins, Sevierville, Tennessee

Rev. Sylvester Key, Waco, Texas

Mr. Phillip H. Miller, Annandale, Virginia

Rev. Bud Ruggia, San Antonio, Texas

All of these persons are United Methodists who are peace with justice leaders in their annual conferences and local churches as well as serving on the Board of our national association.

You can reach me by phone today (Thursday, September 28) at 301 620-0232 until 4:00 p.m. I will be available on Friday, Saturday, and Monday morning at 301 897-3668. After 2:30 p.m., Monday, October 2 I will again be at 301 620-0232, and for the rest of that week.

We look forward to working out suitable arrangements for our visit to the King Center.

Dr. Arthur S. Flemming
Save Our Securities
1331 F Street, NW, 5th Floor
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Arthur:

In our forthcoming issue of *Peace Leaf*, our quarterly bulletin, we want to have several short articles on the impact of budgetary decisions of the Contract with America on different segments of the population. I know you have spoken eloquently on the impact on older Americans. A couple of weeks ago at Foundry you mentioned to me your deep concern about reversing a 60 year commitment.

Would you be willing to provide us a statement of 500 to 750 words on this matter for publication in *Peace Leaf?* An adaptation of a statement you have made recently would be quite acceptable. We would need it by November 3. It would be published toward the end of November. By then the final budget decisions may have been made and may be different in detail than what's now being considered. However, the intent to undo the safety net will still be present.

If you or one of your assistants have any question about this request, please call me at 1-301 620-0232.

With best regards,
Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors

FAX MESSAGE

October 17, 1995

To: Mr. Roger F. Kruse, Executive Director

UM Commission on the General Conference

Fax: 708 869-6972

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Dear Mr. Kruse:

At the 1988 and 1992 United Methodist General Conference, Methodists United for Peace with Justice held a Peace with Justice Breakfast on the first Wednesday. In 1992 our speakers included Bishops Craig, Dew, May, and Minor.

We would like to hold a similar event at the 1996 General Conference. We have several questions to ask.

When does General Conference begin? If it starts on Tuesday, April 16, which is our understanding, we would want to hold a Peace with Justice Breakfast on Wednesday, April 17.

Do you know of any other organizations which are planning to hold a breakfast on that morning? We realize that often more than one organization has a breakfast on any particular day, but we don't want to compete with caucuses having similar interests.

What are the conference hotels in Denver? Which one is closest to the convention center? Naturally we would expect to make our own arrangements.

I would greatly appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible so that we can begin to our preparations.

With best regards,

Ms. Stella Fiagle Chaplain's Office, Cannon Chapel Emory University Atlanta, GA 30322

Dear Ms. Fiagle:

We greatly appreciate the use of the lounge in Cannon Chapel for the meeting of our Board of Directors last week. It was a good setting for us and contributed to a successful board meeting.

Please provide me with the bills for food service and security so that we can pay them promptly.

Sincerely yours,

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

Dear Risher:

We had a successful board meeting in Atlanta. Sorry you weren't able to attend. I'll be send out a report soon.

Cannon Chapel was a good meeting place. We appreciate your working out the arrangements.

One of the decisions was to get more young people on the Board. We wondered if there is a national organization of United Methodist college students. If so, we could invite that organization to appoint a representative to our Board. We received a \$2,000 grant from the UM General Board of Church and Society from which we can pay travel expenses for such a person. Can you provide guidance on this?

Our latest *Peace Leaf* with your letter to campus ministers is just going out. I'll let you know the response.

With best regards,

Ms. Sue Palmer & Mr. L. Kirk Wolcott The Carter Center One Copenhill

Atlanta, GA 30307

Dear Friends:

We wish to thank you for meeting with us last Friday to tell us about your work and help us get ideas on how we might contribute to ethnic conflict resolution. Our board members were quite impressed by the varied activities of the Carter Center, which go well beyond the publicized work of President Carter. We also got useful ideas for our own work.

Afterwards we spent time in the Carter Museum, which we found both inspirational and instructive. For me it brought back memories of the 1976 presidential campaign in which my wife and I were local volunteers.

Sincerely yours,

To: Contacts in Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, and New Hampshire

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Although the second Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START II) was signed by President George Bush and President Boris Yeltsin on January 3, 1993, it has not yet been ratified by the U.S. Senate. In spite of overwhelming support in the Senate for START II, treaty ratification is held up by Senators Jesse Helms, chair of the Foreign Relations Committee.

Key persons to get START II before the Senate for a vote before Congress adjourns for the year are Senator Robert Dole, majority leader, and Senator Richard Lugar, a recognized leader on arms control issues.

We are joining with 20/20 Vision and other organizations to urge Senators Dole and Lugar to bring START II to the Senate floor. We would like persons in their home states, Kansas and Indiana, to contact them for this purpose. We also invite persons in Iowa and New Hampshire, where the two senators are campaigning for the Republican presidential nomination, to get in touch with them.

This message is contained on the enclosed card. If you want an additional supply, please let me know. You can reach me by phone or fax at 301 620-0232.

Thanks for your efforts.

FAX MESSAGE

October 23, 1995

To: Bishop Roy I. Sano, President

United Methodist Council of Bishops

Fax: 818 796-7297

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Board of Directors

Dear Bishop Sano:

Two important arms control treaties are waiting consideration by the U.S. Senate but are bottled up in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. They are the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START II)

and the Chemical Weapons Convention.

I urge the United Methodist Council of Bishops at its forthcoming meeting to adopt a resolution, addressed to Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole, urging him to bring these two treaties to the Senate

floor for a vote within the next few weeks. This is elaborated on the next page.

For many years the United Methodist General Conference has supported arms reduction treaties of this sort, including a resolution on "Nuclear Disarmament: the Zero Option", adopted in 1992. Also, these treaties are consistent with objectives set out in the Council of Bishops foundation document and

pastoral letter, "In Defense of Creation".

If you need further information, please call me at 301 620-0232 or fax your communication to the

same number

With best regards,

cc: Bishop Joseph H. Yeakel

Bishop C. Dale White

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METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE 1500 16th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036

FAX TRANSMITTAL MEMO

Date: November 2, 1995

To: Hal Hartley

Fax: 615 340-7048 No, of pages: 3

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Board of Directors

Voice/Fax: 301 620-0232

At Risher Brabham's request, I am sending you a copy of our brochure, which tells about Methodists United for Peace with Justice.

As he indicated to you, we would welcome having a college student from the Steering Committee of the United Methodist Forum join our Board of Directors. The next meeting will be on Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2 in Washington, D.C. We will be able to pay that persons travel expenses to attend board meetings.

If you have any questions, please call me.

To: United Methodist Conference

Peace with Justice Coordinators

As the enclosed issue of *Peace Leaf* indicates, Methodists United for Peace with Justice is maintaining its strong advocacy for nuclear disarmament. At a recent meeting of our Board of Directors, we adopted a resolution on "Nuclear Abolition", which we will submit to the 1996 United Methodist General Conference. We are also developing a resolution to encourage the United Methodist Church to develop and publish curriculum material focusing on nonviolent action and peaceful conflict resolution for use by children, youth and adults. The spring issue of *Peace Leaf* will deal with this subject.

Meanwhile in our work in Washington, D.C. we are allied with other religious organizations working to protect programs meeting urgent human needs from meataxe budget cuts. We continue to advocate reductions in excessive military spending, though at the moment this goes against the mood of Congress and the Clinton administration.

We're a low budget operation, functioning entirely through volunteers without paid staff. We are supported by contributions of individuals, local churches, and conference units. In October the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society gave us a grant of \$2,000 so that we could expand our outreach to youth and young adults. We need your support, too.

Some conference peace with justice committees have made annual contributions ranging from \$100 to \$500. We invite you to join them. For your contribution we will send you copies of *Peace Leaf* each quarter, which you can distribute to your key contacts. We are also willing to mail *Peace*

Leaf directly to persons in your conference if you will provide us a suitable mailing list. We will mail four issues to up to 100 persons for \$100/year, and to more for a larger contribution. If you would like to discuss this arrangement, please call me at 301 620-0232 or Jim Hipkins, editor of Peace Leaf at 423 428-2104.

We look forward to continue working with you on matters of mutual concern.

Yours for peace and justice,

November 7, 1995

Mr. Phillip H. Miller 5122 Cliffhaven Drive Annandale, VA 22003

Dear Phil:

I want to represent Methodists United at the annual Monday Lobby Retreat in January, which will be held at the Coolfont Resort. I need to make a deposit of \$179.70, payable to the Council for a Livable World Education Fund, as show on the enclosed form. Please provide me a check for that amount.

With best regards,

November 7, 1995

Rev. Joy Arthur 183 Spring Street Midland, MI 48640

Dear Joy:

As we agreed at our board meeting, I am writing to the United Methodist conference peace with justice coordinators, sending them the latest issue of *Peace Leaf* and encouraging them to make a financial contribution to Methodists United and to distribute *Peace Leaf* to their key contacts. You agreed to make follow-up contacts with peace with justice coordinators in Michigan and Indiana. Would you be willing to add Illinois and Wisconsin?

Enclosed is a listing of names and phone numbers to the extent they are available. If you find errors or further information, please let me know.

Our offer extends to the Detroit conference, which has been a generous contributor. Jim Hipkins needs your up-to-date list of key contacts and a larger list if you want *Peace Leaf* to go directly to more people. He and Char will be sending out the next issue of *Peace Leaf* in early December and will need your list by then.

With best regards,

November 7, 1995

Rev. Bruce Edwards
P.O. Box 1416
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Bruce:

Thanks for your notes on the board meeting, which I will work into minutes. I am looking forward to receiving your draft of a General Conference resolution on education for nonviolent action, etc. The submission deadline is mid-December, so I would like to get the draft soon for circulation to the Board.

As we agreed at our board meeting, I am writing to the United Methodist conference peace with justice coordinators, sending them the latest issue of *Peace Leaf* and encouraging them to make a financial contribution to Methodists United and to distribute *Peace Leaf* to their key contacts. I recall that you agreed to make follow-up contacts with peace with justice coordinators in your region. Perhaps you will want to get Kathy Brown to help you.

I've marked conferences on the enclosed list. If you find errors in the names and phone numbers or further information, please let me know.

I don't have contribution records, so I don't the status of the Missouri East

Conference. If the conference has made a financial contribution during the past year, Jim and Char need a up-to-date list of key contacts. They will be sending out the next issue of *Peace Leaf* in early December and will want this list by then.

With best regards,

METHODISTS UNITED for Peace with Justice

1500 16th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036

November 7, 1995

Mr. Sherman Harris 11508 Karen Drive Potomac, MD 20854

Dear Sherman:

When I was picking up the copies of *Peace Leaf*, I meant to ask you if you would be willing to make a few follow-up calls in our contact with United Methodist conference peace with justice coordinators. They are the ones marked on the list. The letter I wrote them is enclosed. They should have it by November 13.

Thanks for your help.

With best regards,

November 7, 1995

Rev. Bud Ruggia 8620 Wood Place San Antonio, TX 78251

Dear Bud:

At our board meeting in Atlanta, we decided that I should write to the United Methodist conference peace with justice coordinators, send them the latest issue of *Peace Leaf*, and encourage them to make a financial contribution to Methodists United and to distribute *Peace Leaf* to their key contacts. I have done this with the enclosed letter. Niw it's time for follow-up.

Would you be willing to make contact with the peace with justice coordinators in Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico? The list is enclosed, as obtained from Robin Ringler. If you find changes or errors in the names and phone numbers or further information, please let me know.

We had a good board meeting. I now have notes that people took and will get out the minutes in the near future. In the meantime, please put on your calendar that the next board meeting is Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2, 1996 in Washington, D.C. This precedes the annual Legislative Briefing sponsored by the interdenominational community.

With best regards,

November 7, 1995

Mr. Cliff Churn 932 West Teak Street Brea, CA 92521

Dear Cliff:

At our board meeting in Atlanta, we decided that I should write to the United Methodist conference peace with justice coordinators, send them the latest issue of *Peace Leaf*, and encourage them to make a financial contribution to Methodists United and to distribute *Peace Leaf* to their key contacts. I've done this with the enclosed letter, and it's time for follow-up.

Would you be willing to make contact with the peace with justice coordinators in the Western Jurisdiction? The list is enclosed, as obtained from Robin Ringler. If you find changes or errors in the names and phone numbers or further information, please let me know.

Also, our offer to mail *Peace Leaf* in exchange for financial contributions applies to the contribution you obtained from the California-Pacific Conference. You can supply names and addresses to Jim and Char Hipkins, 348 Reed School House Road, Sevierville, TN 37862

We had a good board meeting. I now have notes that people took and will get out the minutes in the near future. In the meantime, please put on your

calendar that the next board meeting is Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2, 1996 in Washington, D.C. This precedes the annual Legislative Briefing sponsored by the interdenominational community.

With best regards,

November 7, 1995

Jayne E. Mardock 503 Belford Place Tacoma Park, MD 20812

Dear Jayne:

At our board meeting in Atlanta, we decided that I should write to the United Methodist conference peace with justice coordinators, send them the latest issue of *Peace Leaf*, and encourage them to make a financial contribution to Methodists United and to distribute *Peace Leaf* to their key contacts. I've done this with the enclosed letter, and it's time for follow-up.

Would you be willing to make contact with some peace with justice coordinators in the East? A list is enclosed, as obtained from Robin Ringler. If you find changes or errors in the names and phone numbers or further information, please let me know.

We had a good board meeting. I now have notes that people took and will get out the minutes in the near future. In the meantime, please put on your calendar that the next board meeting is Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2, 1996 in Washington, D.C. This precedes the annual Legislative Briefing sponsored by the interdenominational community.

With best regards,

November 7, 1995

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

Dear Risher:

At our board meeting in Atlanta, we decided that I should write to the United Methodist conference peace with justice coordinators, send them the latest issue of *Peace Leaf*, and encourage them to make a financial contribution to Methodists United and to distribute *Peace Leaf* to their key contacts. I've done this with the enclosed letter, and it's time for follow-up.

Would you be willing to make contact with some peace with justice coordinators in the Southeast? A list is enclosed, as obtained from Robin Ringler. If you find changes or errors in the names and phone numbers or further information, please let me know.

We had a good board meeting. I now have notes that people took and will get out the minutes in the near future. In the meantime, please put on your calendar that the next board meeting is Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2, 1996 in Washington, D.C. This precedes the annual Legislative Briefing sponsored by the interdenominational community.

With best regards,

METHODISTS UNITED for Peace with Justice

1500 16th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036

November 7, 1995

Jim and Charlotte Hipkins 348 Reed School House Road Sevierville, TN 37682

Dear Jim and Char:

The fax I sent with the Open Letter to the President by Marian Wright Edelman never went through because my fax machine kept hanging up before yours answered. Since then I have concluded that might was on automatic, and I haven't yet figured out how to make it try longer. Next time I will send it on manual so that I can be in control.

Anyway here is the letter. I have permission from the Children's Defense Fund to use it as long as you re-key it and don't photocopy the text and format from the Washington Post. You may want to indicate the details of the legislation may have changed by the time *Peace Leaf* is published but the religious principles she state remain valid.

On another matter I have sent the enclosed letter with a copy of *Peace Leaf* to all United Methodist conference peace with justice coordinators. Char, would you please follow up with some in your region, as indicated on the enclosed list. The list is from Robin Ringler with some corrections I am aware of. If you find other corrections or missing phone numbers, please let me know.

As of today I haven't received anything from Dr. Flemming.	I'll try some
MOVE.	

With best regards,

November 14, 1995

To: Board of Directors

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Enclosed are the minutes of the board meeting held in Atlanta on October 13 and 14. As you will discover when you read them, it was a very positive meeting. The Board took several actions to strengthen the work of Methodists United for Peace with Justice.

The next meeting of the Board will take place on Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2, 1996 at Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C. This will be immediately before the annual interdenominational Legislative Briefing. Please mark this date on your 1996 calendar.

We will soon be having our annual election of board members. We will ask members of Methodists United for nominations. Your suggestions will be greatly appreciated, particularly to broaden our geographic, racial, and ethnic coverage.

I have a supply of membership flyers available. I hope that each board member will request some and begin recruiting members for Methodists United.

Jim and Charlotte Hipkins are always looking for articles for *Peace Leaf*.

Please contact them if you are interested.

We have added two new board members: Rev. Schuyler Rhodes from New York, who is president of the Methodist Peace Fellowship, and Morie K.

Griffin, a student at the University of Montana, who has been designated by the Steering Committee of the Student Forum of the United Methodist Church.

A new board roster is enclosed. If there is any error in your listing, please let me know.

With best regards,

November 14, 1995

Mr. Morie K. Griffin 1327 Arthur Avenue Missoula, MT 59801

Dear Morie:

We would like to welcome you to the Board of Directors of Methodists United for Peace with Justice as a representative of the Steering Committee of the United Methodist Student Forum. Your viewpoint and your contacts with students will be an asset to our Board.

As the enclosed flyer indicates, Methodists United for Peace with Justice organized in 1987 in response to the call of the United Methodist Council of Bishops for greater witness and action for peace and justice, made in their pastoral letter, In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Just Peace. With this origin we have maintained a consistent witness for nuclear disarmament but have also moved to other areas of concern, such as federal budget priorities.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2, 1996 at Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C. We will pay your travel expenses and meals and will provide housing accommodations in Washington. I will get in touch with you after the first of the year on precise arrangements. We look forward to your joining us in March.

Enclosed are the minutes of our last meeting, the latest *Peace Leaf* (our quarterly newsletter), and a resolution on "Nuclear Abolition" we are

proposing to the 1996 United Methodist General Conference.

If you have any questions about our work, please write or fax me or give me a call.

With best regards,

November 14, 1995

Rev. Schuyler Rhodes

Washington Square United Methodist Church

135 W. 4th Street

New York, NY 10012

Dear Schuyler:

We would like to welcome you to the Board of Directors of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. Your long experience in working for peace and justice and your leadership of the Methodist Peace Fellowship will be an asset to our Board.

As the enclosed flyer indicates, Methodists United for Peace with Justice organized in 1987 in response to the call of the United Methodist Council of Bishops for greater witness and action for peace and justice, made in their pastoral letter, In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Just Peace. With this origin we have maintained a consistent witness for nuclear disarmament but have also moved to other areas of concern, such as federal budget priorities.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2, 1996 at Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C. We usually begin with a continental breakfast on Friday morning and end with lunch on Saturday. We will send out more details after the first of the year.

Enclosed are the minutes of our last meeting, a board roster, the latest *Peace Leaf* (our quarterly newsletter), and a resolution on "Nuclear Abolition" we

are proposing to the 1996 United Methodist General Conference. We will sponsor a Peace with Justice Breakfast on the first Wednesday of General Conference.

Would you please supply me your phone number (and fax number if you have one), which I don't seem to have. If you have any questions about our work, please get in touch with me.

With best regards,

November 14, 1995

Jim and Charlotte Hipkins 348 Reed School House Road Sevierville, TN 37862

Dear Jim and Char:

Enclosed are a couple of items you might consider for the next Peace Leaf.

The first is brief mention in Newscope of a churchwide initiative on children and the poor, which the UM Council of Bishops is launching. I have a call into Bishop Carder's office to find out more about it. If there is a document, I'll have one sent to you. Mention of this initiative could go with Marian Wright Edelman's letter to the president. (I imagine that she had a hand in instigating the initiative.)

The second is a pledge that Student Pugwash USA is circulating. We might publicize this as part of our new outreach to students. There is a number to call for more information.

You might want to mention our two new board members, Morie Griffin representing the Steering Committee of the United Methodist Student Forum, and Schuyler Rhodes, who is president of the Methodist Peace Fellowship.

I've never received anything from Arthur Flemming and probably won't.

I'm attending a meeting in Philadelphia on November 18 on the Nuclear Abolition Campaign and may have something to fax to you. I hope your visit to Washington was successful.

With best regards,

November 15, 1995

To: Key Contacts in Kansas, Iowa, and New Hampshire

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

The second Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START II) still hasn't been scheduled for a vote by the U.S. Senate. But Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole has power to bring START II to the floor, thereby getting around the obstruction of Foreign Relations Chairman Jesse Helms.

Therefore, we are joining with a number of organizations to have many people call Senator Dole's office on Tuesday, November 28. Particularly important are calls from his home state and from Iowa and New Hampshire, where he is campaigning hard for the Republican presidential nomination.

Please circulate the enclosed flyer and help us get calls to Senator Dole from as many persons as possible in Kansas, Iowa, and New Hampshire.

You should note that the United Methodist Council of Bishops at their recent meeting at Lake Junaluska, N.C. passed a resolution asking Senator Dole to bring START II and also the chemical weapons convention to a vote.

Thanks for your assistance.

November 15, 1995

Ms. Odell Thompson 1740 Sixth Street Beloit, WI 53511

Dear Ms. Thompson:

We are pleased to submit a petition entitled "Nuclear Abolition" for consideration by the 1996 United Methodist General Conference. This resolution was reviewed by our National Advisory Committee and adopted by our Board of Directors on October 14, 1995.

We perceive this resolution as updating and replacing the resolution on "Nuclear Disarmament: The Zero Option" adopted by the 1992 General Conference.

Sincerely yours,

HOWARD W. HALLMAN 6508 Wilmett Road Bethesda, MD 20817

November 20, 1995

Mr. Phillip H. Miller 5122 Cliffhaven Drive Annandale, VA 22003

Dear Phil:

I request reimbursement for the following expenditures:

Photocopying	\$ <i>57.75</i>
Postage	10.75
Trainfare to Philadelphia for meeting	
of Nuclear Abolition Campaign	48.00
Total	\$116.50

Receipts are attached.

Respectfully submitted,