

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE  
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(202) 546-5551

April 21, 1990

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

Dear Jim:

The two weeks following our Board meeting I had a bout with flu and a cold. That's gone and now I'm playing catch-up. Here are the minutes of the Board meeting. Also, some other matters I want to discuss with you.

Partly in response to queries from two foundations we are dealing with and partly because we need to be more systematic about our outreach and membership recruitment, I have drafted the enclosed "Goals for Membership and Contributions". My thought is that in the coming year we might concentrate particularly on one-third (24) of the United Methodist conferences where we have our best contacts, find people in these conferences who are willing to help us (Board members and others), set goals for new membership and special donations, and work systematically to achieve these goals. If we could sign up from 30 to 50 new members in these 24 conferences and obtain \$1,000 to 2,500 special, tax-exempt donations in each, we could achieve a stronger financial base.

Would you be willing to help us do this in the Central Pennsylvania

Conference? You would know the best way to do it. We could provide copies of our membership brochure and sample copies of *Peace Leaf* and *Peace/Justice Alert*. Part of our appeal is that we provide local church activists with pertinent, timely information on important issues dealing with disarmament, federal budget priorities, and other peace/justice matters. Furthermore, our members help support the only Methodist voice in Washington that is speaking out in favor of "policies for a just peace" as recommended by the United Methodist bishops in *In Defense of Creation*.

Beyond membership recruitment we want to make special appeals to persons who might be willing to give larger, tax-exempt contributions: \$100, \$500, \$1,000. You may know of such prospective donors in Central Pennsylvania and could make contact in our behalf. Or perhaps you know someone else who has a gift for this kind of fundraising, knows possible donors, has a commitment to peace issues, and would be willing to help us. Whatever you can do to assist us on this we will deeply appreciate.

The second foundation stimulus is from the Peace Development Fund (PDF), which turned down our grant application but indicated that they would consider a revised proposal that was more systematic in developing a much larger corps of local church contacts in our *Peace/Justice Alert* network. In conversation with PDF staff, I came up with the idea of forming a Working Group consisting of a contact in ten different United Methodist conferences to help us devise ways for our *Alerts* to reach many more local churches. The precise method would be tailored to what is most suitable for a particular conference.

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Because of your presence in Central Pennsylvania and other contacts we have there, your conference seems a natural to be part of this ten-conference sample. Therefore, I have taken the liberty of putting your name as the contact in Central Pennsylvania in the enclosed outline I sent to the Peace Development Fund. However, it is possible that your conference peace with justice coordinator or someone else might be a more appropriate person to help us develop these ideas. Work will be done by correspondence and telephone over the next six months.

I'll call you in a few days to discuss these matters and to ask your advice on how we can work more closely with the Methodist Federation for Social Action and assure George McClain and other MFSA leaders that we perceive yourselves as fellow-workers, not competitors, with MFSA.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

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Rev. Spencer Turnipseed  
606 N. 5th Street  
Florala, AL 36442

Dear Spencer:

The two weeks following our Board meeting I had a bout with flu and a cold. That's gone and now I'm playing catch-up. Here are the minutes of the Board meeting. Also, some other matters I want to discuss with you.

Partly in response to queries from two foundations we are dealing with and partly because we need to be more systematic about our outreach and membership recruitment, I have drafted the enclosed "Goals for Membership and Contributions". My thought is that in the coming year we might concentrate particularly on one-third (24) of the United Methodist conferences where we have our best contacts, find people in these conferences who are willing to help us (Board members and others), set goals for new membership and special donations, and work systematically to achieve these goals. If we could sign up from 30 to 50 new members in these 24 conferences and obtain \$1,000 to 2,500 special, tax-exempt donations in each, we could achieve a stronger financial base.

Would you be willing to work with Nancy Risch to do this in the Alabama-West Florida Conference? You would know the best way to do it.

We could provide copies of our membership brochure and sample copies of *Peace Leaf* and *Peace/Justice Alert*. Part of our appeal is that we provide local church activists with pertinent, timely information on important issues dealing with disarmament, federal budget priorities, and other peace/justice matters. Furthermore, our members help support the only Methodist voice in Washington that is speaking out in favor of "policies for a just peace" as recommended by the United Methodist bishops in *In Defense of Creation*.

Beyond membership recruitment we want to make special appeals to persons who might be willing to give larger, tax-exempt contributions: \$100, \$500, \$1,000. You may know of such prospective donors in Alabama-West Florida and could make contact in our behalf. Or perhaps you know someone else who has a gift for this kind of fundraising, knows possible donors, has a commitment to peace issues, and would be willing to help us. Whatever you can do to assist us on this we will deeply appreciate.

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Because of your presence in the Alabama-West Florida Conference and other

contacts we have there, your conference seems a natural to be part of this ten-conference sample. Therefore, I have taken the liberty of putting your name as the contact in Alabama-West Florida in the enclosed outline I sent to the Peace Development Fund. However, it is possible that your conference peace with justice coordinator or someone else might be a more appropriate person to help us develop these ideas. Work will be done by correspondence and telephone over the next six months.

Finally, have you been able to reach Thom Fassett to discuss our relationships with the General Board of Church and Society? I'll call you in a few days to talk about this and other matters I have raised in this letter.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

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Ms. Betty Nelson  
4100 Munson  
Topeka, KS 66604

Dear Betty:

The two weeks following our Board meeting I had a bout with flu and a cold. That's gone and now I'm playing catch-up. Here are the minutes of the Board meeting. Also, some other matters I want to discuss with you.

Partly in response to queries from two foundations we are dealing with and partly because we need to be more systematic about our outreach and membership recruitment, I have drafted the enclosed "Goals for Membership and Contributions". My thought is that in the coming year we might concentrate particularly on one-third (24) of the United Methodist conferences where we have our best contacts, find people in these conferences who are willing to help us (Board members and others), set goals for new membership and special donations, and work systematically to achieve these goals. If we could sign up from 30 to 50 new members in these 24 conferences and obtain \$1,000 to 2,500 special, tax-exempt donations in each, we could achieve a stronger financial base.

Would you be willing to help us with this in the Kansas East Conference?

You would know the best way to do it. We could provide copies of our membership brochure and sample copies of *Peace Leaf* and *Peace/Justice Alert*. Part of our appeal is that we provide local church activists with pertinent, timely information on important issues dealing with disarmament, federal budget priorities, and other peace/justice matters. Furthermore, our members help support the only Methodist voice in Washington that is speaking out in favor of "policies for a just peace" as recommended by the United Methodist bishops in *In Defense of Creation*.

Beyond membership recruitment we want to make special appeals to persons who might be willing to give larger, tax-exempt contributions: \$100, \$500, \$1,000. You may know of such prospective donors in Kansas and could make contact in our behalf. Or perhaps you know someone else who has a gift for this kind of fundraising, knows possible donors, has a commitment to peace issues, and would be willing to help us. Whatever you can do to assist us on this we will deeply appreciate.

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Because of your presence in the Kansas East Conference and other contacts we have there, your conference seems a natural to be part of this ten-conference sample. Therefore, I have taken the liberty of putting your name as the contact in Kansas East in the enclosed outline I sent to the Peace Development Fund. However, it is possible that your conference peace with justice coordinator or someone else might be a more appropriate person to help us develop these ideas. Work will be done by correspondence and telephone over the next six months.

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Ms. Doris Akers  
Rt. 1, Box 129  
Follett, TX 79034

Dear Doris:

We missed you at our Board meeting but understand why you couldn't attend (I went through weddings for my two daughters). The two weeks following our Board meeting I had a bout with flu and a cold. That's gone and now I'm playing catch-up. Here are the minutes of the Board meeting. Also, some other matters I want to discuss with you.

Partly in response to queries from two foundations we are dealing with and partly because we need to be more systematic about our outreach and membership recruitment, I have drafted the enclosed "Goals for Membership and Contributions". My thought is that in the coming year we might concentrate particularly on one-third (24) of the United Methodist conferences where we have our best contacts, find people in these conferences who are willing to help us (Board members and others), set goals for new membership and special donations, and work systematically to achieve these goals. If we could sign up from 30 to 50 new members in these 24 conferences and obtain \$1,000 to 2,500 special, tax-exempt donations in each, we could achieve a stronger financial base.

Would you be willing to help us with this in the Northwest Texas Conference? You would know the best way to do it. We could provide copies of our membership brochure and sample copies of *Peace Leaf* and *Peace/Justice Alert*. Part of our appeal is that we provide local church activists with pertinent, timely information on important issues dealing with disarmament, federal budget priorities, and other peace/justice matters. Furthermore, our members help support the only Methodist voice in Washington that is speaking out in favor of "policies for a just peace" as recommended by the United Methodist bishops in *In Defense of Creation*.

Beyond membership recruitment we want to make special appeals to persons who might be willing to give larger, tax-exempt contributions: \$100, \$500, \$1,000. You may know of such prospective donors in Texas and could make contact in our behalf. Or perhaps you know someone else who has a gift for this kind of fundraising, knows possible donors, has a commitment to peace issues, and would be willing to help us. Whatever you can do to assist us on this we will deeply appreciate.

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

Dear Cliff:

We welcomed your participation in our recent Board meeting and look forward to working with you in the months ahead. The two weeks following the Board meeting I had a bout with flu and a cold. That's gone and now I'm playing catch-up. Here are the minutes of the Board meeting. Also, some other matters I want to discuss with you.

Partly in response to queries from two foundations we are dealing with and partly because we need to be more systematic about our outreach and membership recruitment, I have drafted the enclosed "Goals for Membership and Contributions". My thought is that in the coming year we might concentrate particularly on one-third (24) of the United Methodist conferences where we have our best contacts, find people in these conferences who are willing to help us (Board members and others), set goals for new membership and special donations, and work systematically to achieve these goals. If we could sign up from 30 to 50 new members in these 24 conferences and obtain \$1,000 to 2,500 special, tax-exempt donations in

each, we could achieve a stronger financial base.

Would you be willing to help us with this in the Peninsula Conference? You would know the best way to do it. We could provide copies of our membership brochure and sample copies of *Peace Leaf* and *Peace/Justice Alert*. Part of our appeal is that we provide local church activists with pertinent, timely information on important issues dealing with disarmament, federal budget priorities, and other peace/justice matters. Furthermore, our members help support the only Methodist voice in Washington that is speaking out in favor of "policies for a just peace" as recommended by the United Methodist bishops in *In Defense of Creation*.

Beyond membership recruitment we want to make special appeals to persons who might be willing to give larger, tax-exempt contributions: \$100, \$500, \$1,000. You may know of such prospective donors in Delaware and could make contact in our behalf. Or perhaps you know someone else who has a gift for this kind of fundraising, knows possible donors, has a commitment to peace issues, and would be willing to help us. Whatever you can do to assist us on this we will deeply appreciate.

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Rev. John M. McCartney  
Nonviolent Action for National  
Defense Institute  
8200 W. Outer Drive  
Detroit, MI 48219

Dear John:

The two weeks following our Board meeting I had a bout with flu and a cold. That's gone and now I'm playing catch-up. Here are the minutes of the Board meeting. Also, some other matters I want to discuss with you.

Partly in response to queries from two foundations we are dealing with and partly because we need to be more systematic about our outreach and membership recruitment, I have drafted the enclosed "Goals for Membership and Contributions". My thought is that in the coming year we might concentrate particularly on one-third (24) of the United Methodist conferences where we have our best contacts, find people in these conferences who are willing to help us (Board members and others), set goals for new membership and special donations, and work systematically to achieve these goals. If we could sign up from 30 to 50 new members in these 24 conferences and obtain \$1,000 to 2,500 special, tax-exempt donations in each, we could achieve a stronger financial base.

Would you be willing to help us with this in the Detroit Conference? You would know the best way to do it. We could provide copies of our membership brochure and sample copies of *Peace Leaf* and *Peace/Justice Alert*. Part of our appeal is that we provide local church activists with pertinent, timely information on important issues dealing with disarmament, federal budget priorities, and other peace/justice matters. Furthermore, our members help support the only Methodist voice in Washington that is speaking out in favor of "policies for a just peace" as recommended by the United Methodist bishops in *In Defense of Creation*.

Beyond membership recruitment we want to make special appeals to persons who might be willing to give larger, tax-exempt contributions: \$100, \$500, \$1,000. You may know of such prospective donors in Michigan and could make contact in our behalf. Or perhaps you know someone else who has a gift for this kind of fundraising, knows possible donors, has a commitment to peace issues, and would be willing to help us. Whatever you can do to assist us on this we will deeply appreciate.

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Ms. Jennifer Garvin-Sanchez  
304 W. 29th Street  
Richmond, VA 23225

Dear Jennifer:

The two weeks following our Board meeting I had a bout with flu and a cold. That's gone and now I'm playing catch-up. Here are the minutes of the Board meeting. Also, some other matters I want to discuss with you.

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Would you be willing to work with John Copenhaver and Craig Barbour to do

this in the Virginia Conference? You would know the best way to do it. We could provide copies of our membership brochure and sample copies of *Peace Leaf* and *Peace/Justice Alert*. Part of our appeal is that we provide local church activists with pertinent, timely information on important issues dealing with disarmament, federal budget priorities, and other peace/justice matters. Furthermore, our members help support the only Methodist voice in Washington that is speaking out in favor of "policies for a just peace" as recommended by the United Methodist bishops in *In Defense of Creation*.

Beyond membership recruitment we want to make special appeals to persons who might be willing to give larger, tax-exempt contributions: \$100, \$500, \$1,000. You may know of such prospective donors in Virginia and could make contact in our behalf. Or perhaps you know someone else who has a gift for this kind of fundraising, knows possible donors, has a commitment to peace issues, and would be willing to help us. Whatever you can do to assist us on this we will deeply appreciate.

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

Dear John:

Here is the completed version of the minutes of the Board meeting. As part of the follow-up, there are a couple of matters I want to discuss with you.

Partly in response to queries from two foundations we are dealing with and partly because we need to be more systematic about our outreach and membership recruitment, I have drafted the enclosed "Goals for Membership and Contributions". My thought is that in the coming year we might concentrate particularly on one-third (24) of the United Methodist conferences where we have our best contacts, find people in these conferences who are willing to help us (Board members and others), set goals for new membership and special donations, and work systematically to achieve these goals. If we could sign up from 30 to 50 new members in these 24 conferences and obtain \$1,000 to 2,500 special, tax-exempt donations in each, we could achieve a stronger financial base.

Would you be willing to work with Jennifer Garvin-Sanchez and Craig Barbour to do this in the Virginia Conference? You would know the best

way to do it. We could provide copies of our membership brochure and sample copies of *Peace Leaf* and *Peace/Justice Alert*. Part of our appeal is that we provide local church activists with pertinent, timely information on important issues dealing with disarmament, federal budget priorities, and other peace/justice matters. Furthermore, our members help support the only Methodist voice in Washington that is speaking out in favor of "policies for a just peace" as recommended by the United Methodist bishops in *In Defense of Creation*.

Beyond membership recruitment we want to make special appeals to persons who might be willing to give larger, tax-exempt contributions: \$100, \$500, \$1,000. You may know of such prospective donors in Virginia and could make contact in our behalf. Or perhaps you know someone else who has a gift for this kind of fundraising, knows possible donors, has a commitment to peace issues, and would be willing to help us. Whatever you can do to assist us on this we will deeply appreciate.

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

Dear Craig:

At our recent Board meeting the members indicated that they want you to continue serve as a member and as secretary even though your mobility is restricted. John Copenhaver took the minutes for the meeting. They are enclosed. As part of the follow-up, there are a couple of matters I want to discuss with you.

Partly in response to queries from two foundations we are dealing with and partly because we need to be more systematic about our outreach and membership recruitment, I have drafted the enclosed "Goals for Membership and Contributions". My thought is that in the coming year we might concentrate particularly on one-third (24) of the United Methodist conferences where we have our best contacts, find people in these conferences who are willing to help us (Board members and others), set goals for new membership and special donations, and work systematically to achieve these goals. If we could sign up from 30 to 50 new members in these 24 conferences and obtain \$1,000 to 2,500 special, tax-exempt donations in each, we could achieve a stronger financial base.

Would you be willing to work with Jennifer Garvin-Sanchez and John Copenhaver to do this in the Virginia Conference? You would know the best way to do it. We could provide copies of our membership brochure and sample copies of *Peace Leaf* and *Peace/Justice Alert*. Part of our appeal is that we provide local church activists with pertinent, timely information on important issues dealing with disarmament, federal budget priorities, and other peace/justice matters. Furthermore, our members help support the only Methodist voice in Washington that is speaking out in favor of "policies for a just peace" as recommended by the United Methodist bishops in *In Defense of Creation*.

Beyond membership recruitment we want to make special appeals to persons who might be willing to give larger, tax-exempt contributions: \$100, \$500, \$1,000. You may know of such prospective donors in Virginia and could make contact in our behalf. Or perhaps you know someone else who has a gift for this kind of fundraising, knows possible donors, has a commitment to peace issues, and would be willing to help us. Whatever you can do to assist us on this we will deeply appreciate.

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Ms. Alice Ashton  
11601 Strickland Road  
Raleigh, NC 27612

Dear Alice:

The two weeks following our Board meeting I had a bout with flu and a cold. That's gone and now I'm playing catch-up. Here are the minutes of the Board meeting. Also, some other matters I want to discuss with you.

Partly in response to queries from two foundations we are dealing with and partly because we need to be more systematic about our outreach and membership recruitment, I have drafted the enclosed "Goals for Membership and Contributions". My thought is that in the coming year we might concentrate particularly on one-third (24) of the United Methodist conferences where we have our best contacts, find people in these conferences who are willing to help us (Board members and others), set goals for new membership and special donations, and work systematically to achieve these goals. If we could sign up from 30 to 50 new members in these 24 conferences and obtain \$1,000 to 2,500 special, tax-exempt donations in each, we could achieve a stronger financial base.

Would you be willing to work with Mark Wethington to do this in the North

Carolina Conference? You would know the best way to do it. We could provide copies of our membership brochure and sample copies of *Peace Leaf* and *Peace/Justice Alert*. Part of our appeal is that we provide local church activists with pertinent, timely information on important issues dealing with disarmament, federal budget priorities, and other peace/justice matters. Furthermore, our members help support the only Methodist voice in Washington that is speaking out in favor of "policies for a just peace" as recommended by the United Methodist bishops in *In Defense of Creation*.

Beyond membership recruitment we want to make special appeals to persons who might be willing to give larger, tax-exempt contributions: \$100, \$500, \$1,000. You may know of such prospective donors in North Carolina and could make contact in our behalf. Or perhaps you know someone else who has a gift for this kind of fundraising, knows possible donors, has a commitment to peace issues, and would be willing to help us. Whatever you can do to assist us on this we will deeply appreciate.

With best regards,

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Rev. Bruce K. Edwards  
835 Arch Street  
Thayer, MO 65791

Dear Bruce:

The two weeks following our Board meeting I had a bout with flu and a cold. That's gone and now I'm playing catch-up. Here are the minutes of the Board meeting. Also, some other matters I want to discuss with you.

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Would have time to start such an effort in the Missouri East Conference

before you head for Georgia? Also, you said you have contacts in Arkansas. You would know the best way to do it. We could provide copies of our membership brochure and sample copies of *Peace Leaf* and *Peace/Justice Alert*. Part of our appeal is that we provide local church activists with pertinent, timely information on important issues dealing with disarmament, federal budget priorities, and other peace/justice matters. Furthermore, our members help support the only Methodist voice in Washington that is speaking out in favor of "policies for a just peace" as recommended by the United Methodist bishops in *In Defense of Creation*.

Beyond membership recruitment we want to make special appeals to persons who might be willing to give larger, tax-exempt contributions: \$100, \$500, \$1,000. You may know of such prospective donors in Missouri and could make contact in our behalf. Or perhaps you know someone else who has a gift for this kind of fundraising, knows possible donors, has a commitment to peace issues, and would be willing to help us. Whatever you can do to assist us on this we will deeply appreciate.

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

Dear Ed:

We missed your participation at the recent Board meeting. Here are the minutes. In your absence we were not able to talk about the possibility of a "bishops' voting test". Perhaps you will have something ready for the next meeting, scheduled for October 19 and 20 in Washington. If so, it would be useful to get a proposal in the hands of Board members several weeks before the meeting.

We look forward to the financial contribution you promised. We have reached a take-off point in fundraising but still need support to sustain our efforts.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman  
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Mr. Ralph L. Clark  
4307 North 39th Street  
Arlington, VA 22207

Dear Ralph:

We missed your participation at the recent Board meeting. Here are the minutes.

We are stepping up membership recruitment. In addition, we want to make special appeals to persons who might be willing to give larger, tax-exempt contributions: \$100, \$500, \$1,000. Would you may have any leads on prospective donors in Virginia? Could make contact in our behalf? Or perhaps you know someone else who has a gift for this kind of fundraising, knows possible donors, has a commitment to peace issues, and would be willing to help us. Whatever you can do to assist us on this we will deeply appreciate.

With best regards,

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Mr. Sherman W. Harris  
11508 Karen Drive  
Potomac, MD 20854

Dear Sherman:

Here are the minutes of our recent Board meeting. In sending them to Board members I have written each of them individually to enlist them in membership recruitment and fundraising from prospective donors who will give to our tax-exempt fund.

Partly in response to queries from two foundations we are dealing with and partly because we need to be more systematic about our outreach and membership recruitment, I have drafted the enclosed "Goals for Membership and Contributions". My thought is that in the coming year we might concentrate particularly on one-third (24) of the United Methodist conferences where we have our best contacts, find people in these conferences who are willing to help us (Board members and others), set goals for new membership and special donations, and work systematically to achieve these goals. If we could sign up from 30 to 50 new members in these 24 conferences and obtain \$1,000 to 2,500 special, tax-exempt donations in each, we could achieve a stronger financial base.

A second foundation stimulus has come from the Peace Development Fund (PDF), which turned down our grant application but indicated that they would consider a revised proposal that was more systematic in developing a much larger corps of local church contacts in our *Peace/Justice Alert* network. In conversation with PDF staff, I came up with the idea of forming a Working Group consisting of a contact in ten different United Methodist conferences to help us devise ways for our *Alerts* to reach many more local churches. The precise method would be tailored to what is most suitable for a particular conference. I'm now getting in touch with the listed conference contacts to find out if they will work with us on this.

You and I need to get our heads together to figure out ways we can recruit more members and obtain special donations in the Baltimore conference.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

April 21, 1990

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

Dear Mr. Alegrett:

When our Board of Directors met on March 30-31, we discussed the outstanding bill owed to Production Solutions for printing ordered by previous officers of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. The Board authorized me to make a proposal to you. Immediately thereafter I came down with the flu and a cold and was out of commission for two weeks. Now I am catching up.

The Board agreed to accept responsibility for the outstanding \$2,495.16 for printing done by Production Solutions, not counting any finance charge, if you will agree to our stretching out our payments. We propose to pay you \$200 a month for twelve months and then to make a thirteenth and final payment of \$95.16. You are holding a \$200 check we sent you in January. That would be the first payment. Others will follow as soon as we receive word from you in writing that this arrangement is acceptable.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

April 24, 1990

Dr. Edward W. Bauman  
Foundry United Methodist Church  
1500 16th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Ed:

This March marked the third anniversary of the founding of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. In the intervening 36 months we have become a useful presence in the nation's capital for advocacy and lobbying on issues of disarmament, federal budget priorities, and other peace and justice issues. We had a positive impact on the 1988 United Methodist General Conference. We have established a communications network with local churches, peace and justice activists, and United Methodist conference officials in all 50 states. This enables us to conduct grassroots education and mobilization.

Last fall we installed an elected Board of Directors, which held its second meeting on March 30-31. We are now in the process of making ourselves a truly Pan-Methodist organization by seeking persons from the African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal Churches to join our Board of Directors and National Advisory Committee.

We greatly appreciate your service on our National Advisory Committee. Your association with us in this manner has given us creditability. Furthermore, members of the National Advisory Committee have provided us with counsel on a number of matters and have signed calls and letters to public officials. These are pluses for Methodists United.

Our bylaws state that members of the National Advisory Committee "shall serve indefinite terms, but shall be polled annually to determine if they wish to continue to serve." Therefore, we are asking you for such affirmation. Naturally we want to retain your participation on the National Advisory Committee. So we ask you to complete and return the enclosed consent form, using the stamped, self-addressed envelope. If you have any questions, please call me at (301) 897-3668.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

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

- Yes, I am willing to continue to serve as a member of the National Advisory Committee, Methodists United for Peace with Justice.
- I have decided not to continue as a member of the National Advisory Committee.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (if applicable)

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Street, office or apt. no.

City

State

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Organization (if applicable)

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Street, office or apt. no.

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April 24, 1990

Mrs. Edith Ming  
2138 St. Bernard Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70229

Dear Mrs. Ming:

When I took over as executive director of Methodists United, you were listed as a member of our National Advisory Committee but for some reason your mailing address was missing. This is the best one that I could come up with. I hope that our mail has been reaching you.

We hope you will continue to be on the National Advisory Committee. If there is a different mailing address, please indicate on the consent.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

April 25, 1990

Bishop J. Clinton Hoggard  
African Methodist Episcopal Church  
1511 K Street, NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Bishop Hoggard:

I welcomed the opportunity to talk with you earlier this month about Methodists United for Peace with Justice and to explore possible relationships with the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

When we organized in 1987 as a national association of laity and clergy, we chose the name "Methodists United" to indicate an orientation to the broad sweep of Pan-Methodism in the United States. The founders came from a United Methodist background, but from the beginning we have had a commitment to seek participation of persons belonging to the African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal Churches. This would be expressed through involvement on our Board of Directors, on our National Advisory Committee, and in our ongoing activities.

At a recent meeting our Board of Directors voted to add three persons from each of the three denominations to the Board, as follows:

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The appointed positions would be filled as soon as we receive nominations from AME, AME Zion, and CME leaders. The elected position would be chosen as part of an election we will conduct this summer. On the ballot there will be a position earmarked for each denomination, but there could be more

than one candidate for that position. We will also be electing ten directors at-large in this election, and they can come from all four of the major Methodist denominations.

Therefore, we request you to nominate persons for the two appointed positions; the Board of Directors will formally appoint whom you nominate. And we ask you to nominate one or more persons to go on the ballot for the AME seat for a three-year term ending September 1993. Board members can be either clergy or laity. Brief biographies of current members are enclosed so that you can see who is now serving. The Board meets twice a year, usually in October and March in Washington, D.C. The next Board meeting is Friday and Saturday, October 19 and 20, 1990. As a low-budget operation, we are not able to pay travel and hotel expenses of Board members but we have been able to arrange housing with host families in the Washington area.

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April 25, 1990

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As further background, a history of Methodists United for Peace with Justice is enclosed. The stimulus for starting was the United Methodist bishops' pastoral letter and foundation document, *In Defense of Creation*, on the nuclear weapons crisis. For that reason, nuclear disarmament and US/Soviet relations received most of our initial attention. We now working diligently on federal budget priorities, for peace and justice issues come together in budgetary decision. Our agenda, which is determined by our Board of Directors, is open so that new directors will have input and influence. As we move into the 1990s with the winding down of the Cold War and numerous unmet justice needs coming to the forefront, we would benefit from the perspective that the AME Church offers.

We hope to receive your nominations for both the Board of Directors and the

National Advisory Committee. If you have any questions, please call me at 897-3668.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

April 25, 1990

Bishop Frederick H. Talbot  
P.O. Box 684  
Frederiksted, VA 00841

Dear Bishop Talbot:

Three years ago Methodists United for Peace with Justice formed to provide greater witness for peace and justice, as urged by the United Methodist Council of Bishops in their pastoral letter, *In Defense of Creation*. Consistent with the bishops' concern, we have been working for disarmament, and we have tried to apply their vision of justice as expressed in the concept of *shalom*. During the last 18 months we have given considerable attention to federal budget priorities with the objective of shifting resources away from excessive military expenditures to programs responding to human and community needs.

When we organized in 1987 as a national association of laity and clergy, we chose the name "Methodists United" to indicate an orientation to the broad sweep of Pan-Methodism in the United States. The founders came from a United Methodist background, but from the beginning we have had a commitment to seek participation of persons belonging to the African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal Churches. This would be expressed through involvement on our Board of Directors, on our National Advisory Committee, and in our ongoing activities.

Accordingly, we have been learning more about these denominations, their leadership structure, and emphases. Among others I have talked with Rev. Carroll R. Chambliss at Metropolitan AME Church in Washington. At his

suggestion, I am writing to you because of your position as ecumenical officer for the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

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enclosed. This material reflects our initial emphasis. However, our agenda, which is determined by our Board of Directors, is open so that new directors can have input and influence. As we move into the 1990s with the winding down of the Cold War and numerous unmet justice needs coming to the forefront, we would benefit from the perspective that the AME Zion Church offers.

We hope to receive your nominations for both the Board of Directors and the National Advisory Committee. If you have any questions, please call me at (301) 897-3668.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

April 25, 1990

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

Dear Bishop Coleman:

Three years ago Methodists United for Peace with Justice formed to provide greater witness for peace and justice, as urged by the United Methodist Council of Bishops in their pastoral letter, *In Defense of Creation*. Consistent with the bishops' concern, we have been working for disarmament, and we have tried to apply their vision of justice as expressed in the concept of shalom. During the last 18 months we have given considerable attention to federal budget priorities with the objective of shifting resources away from excessive military expenditures to programs responding to human and community needs.

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Accordingly, we have been learning more about these denominations, their leadership structure, and emphases. Among others, I have talked with Dr.

Bester Bonner because she is a member of the Commission on Pan-Methodist Cooperation and lives locally. At her suggestion, I am writing to you because of your position as senior bishop of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

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We hope to receive your nominations for both the Board of Directors and the National Advisory Committee. If you have any questions, please call me at (301) 897-3668.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

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April 26, 1990

Dr. Bester D. Bonner  
1619 Webster Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20017

Dear Dr. Bonner:

I appreciate the insights about the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and its social mission that you shared with me in a telephone conversation about a month ago. This information was useful for our Board of Directors, which has decided to seek three CME representatives for Board membership and also to add prominent CME leaders to our National Advisory Committee.

As you suggested, I have written to Bishop C. D. Coleman, Sr. about this matter. A copy of my letter to him is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

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April 26, 1990

Rev. Carroll R. Chambliss  
Metropolitan AME Church  
1518 M Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Rev. Chambliss:

I appreciate the insights about the African Methodist Episcopal Church and its social mission that you shared with me in our conversation about a month ago. This information was useful for our Board of Directors, which has decided to seek three AME representatives for Board membership and also to add prominent AME leaders to our National Advisory Committee.

As you suggested, I have written to Bishop Frederick Talbot about this matter. A copy of my letter to him is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

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April 26, 1990

Rev. Richard Thompson  
7427 9th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20012

Dear Rev. Thompson:

I appreciate the insights about the AME Zion Church and its social mission that you shared with me in our conversation about six weeks ago. I followed through with a visit to Bishop Hoggard. This information was useful for our Board of Directors, which has decided to seek three AME Zion representatives for Board membership and also to add prominent AME Zion leaders to our National Advisory Committee.

We are requesting Bishop Hoggard to assist us in this regard, as shown in the enclosed letter.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

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April 26, 1990

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

Dear Bishop Hoggard:

In looking over the letter I wrote you yesterday, April 25, requesting your assistance in adding AME Zion representatives to our Board of Directors and National Advisory Committee, I note that I inadvertently omitted "Zion" in reference to your church. That shows that I still have a ways to go in absorbing the variations of Pan-Methodism. I apologize for this error. Our request, as corrected, still stands.

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April 27, 1990

To: Board of Directors

From: Howard W. Hallman, Executive Director

When I sent out the minutes of the March 30-31 meeting of the Board of Directors, I omitted the attachments. Here they are.

I want to share with you a letter we received from Eleanor L. Richardson, who nominated Bernice Smith to our Board, and my reply, which offers a biblical perspective and deals with the points that Bernice raised in her letter of resignation.

I have written to Sharon Garfield requesting a copy of her letter to Bernice, the names of persons who may have joined Methodists United through misunderstanding, and a copy of the handbook written by the General Board of Church and Society. She has not yet responded. Spencer Turnipseed has tried unsuccessfully to reach General Secretary Thom Fassett by telephone and is now working on a letter to express our solidarity with the General Board and our desire for a cooperative relationship. We'll keep you informed.

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April 27, 1990

Ms. Bernice Smith  
1205 N. Crossing Way  
Decatur, GA 30033

Dear Bernice:

Because Eleanor Richardson received a copy of your letter of resignation, she asked us for clarification of some of the points you raised. My reply is enclosed. I wrote in a spirit of good will toward you, realizing that there are various gifts and different perspectives, but that we are all one in spirit.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

May 9, 1990

Dear Member:

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

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

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

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

We thank you for whatever you can afford to give.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

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May 10, 1990

Rev. Henry Schwarzmann, Chairperson  
Peace with Justice Task Force  
614 Brandy Lane  
Westminster, MD 21157

Dear Henry:

We are submitting a request for a grant of \$300 from the Peace with Justice Task Force to help facilitate our work in the Baltimore Conference.

Methodists United for Peace with Justice organized in 1987 in response to the United Methodist bishops' call for more effective witness "In Defense of Creation." As a national association of laity and clergy, our mission is to be a voice of public advocacy in Washington on issues raised by the bishops in the pastoral letter and foundation document and to get timely information to Methodists around the country on legislative issues, especially related to disarmament and federal budget priorities. In particular, we publish a quarterly newsletter, *Peace Leaf*, which offers background information on current issues, and *Peace/ Justice Alerts*, which provide timely information on legislative matters under consideration by Congress.

In exchange for your contribution, we would like to send these publications to members of your Task Force, or others you suggest in the Baltimore

Conference. We suggest one person for each \$20 contribution. This is an arrangement we have worked out with other United Methodist conferences. We also want to work closely with you to get local church activists to become part of our network to receive *Peace/Justice Alerts* and other information we provide.

If you have any questions about our request, please call me at (301) 897-3668.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

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May 15, 1990

To: Nominating Committee -- John Mecartney (chair), Doris Akers, Nancy Risch, Sherman Harris (ex officio)  
Executive Committee -- Sherman Harris, Doris Akers, Bruce Edwards, Craig Barbour, and Jennifer Garvin-Sanchez

From: Howard W. Hallman, Executive Director

Re: Nominating process for Board election

The bylaws of Methodists United for Peace with Justice specify that a majority of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the members of Methodists United. Directors serve three-year, staggered terms that end in September of successive years. Persons elected must be members of Methodists United. The Board of Directors is responsible for determining the election process.

At the Board meeting on March 31, 1990 the Board decided that ten directors shall be elected for a three-year term ending in 1993. Last fall when we assigned directors to terms by lot, the following persons were designated for a term ending in September 1990: Doris Akers, Clifford A. Armour, Jr., Jennifer Garvin-Sanchez, Howard W. Hallman, Sherman W. Harris, and Bernice Smith. All are eligible for re-election to a three year term. Of these, Bernice Smith has resigned, and I was appointed executive director, and thereby am ex officio a voting member of the Board as long as I

fill that position. The other four should be polled to find out if they want to be nominated for a three-year term.

The Board also decided to invite leaders of the African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal Churches to appoint one director each for terms ending in 1991 and 1992 and to nominate one director each for election to a term ending in 1993. The latter would appear on the forthcoming ballot.

To develop and carry out the nominating process for the ten directors to be elected from MUPJ members, Sherman Harris, chair of the Board of Directors, has appointed a Nominating Committee consisting of John Mecartney (chair), Doris Akers, and Nancy Risch. Sherman will participate ex officio, and I will provide staff support. The Executive Committee will review and ratify the process that the Nominating Committee develops.

To get the process rolling, I have outlined the attached set of options for consideration and a suggested schedule. This schedule calls for the Nominating Committee to review my proposals and send their comments to other members no later than Friday, May 25 (stamped, addressed envelopes and extra copies of the option outline are enclosed; and you may make copies of additional comments and send them around). If we find, after these have been circulated, that we are near a consensus, I will confer with members of the Nominating Committee individually by telephone to work out final refinements. But if there are differing ideas that require more discussion, I will arrange for a conference call, suggested for May 30 or 31.

I am also sending copies of the proposed nominating process to members of the Executive Committee, who may feed in comments to the Nominating Committee by May 25. When the Nominating Committee agrees upon a

process, the Executive Committee will be asked to review and ratify it.

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

## Options for MUPJ Nominating and Election Process

1. In addition to Bernice Smith's resignation (term ending in September 1990), Mark Wethington has resigned because of the press of other responsibilities (term ending September 1991). The Board elected Delphinia Bowen of Detroit to Board membership but didn't designate a term. It is suggested that she fill the position for the term ending September 1991, opened by Mark's resignation, and that the position for the term ending September 1990 remain unfilled until replaced as part of the forthcoming election for the term ending September 1993.

Agree       Disagree (specify alternative)

2. The Board of Directors decided to elect ten directors for the three-year term ending September 1993. How many persons should be nominated and their names placed on the ballot for the ten positions?

Only 10 (including current members seeking re-election)

15

20

As many persons as nominated by members (and others)

Other; specify:

3. Who should be invited to make nominations? Check one or more.

Nominating Committee

- Entire Board of Directors
- All MUPJ members
- Selected United Methodist conference contacts. We have lists for:
  - Bishops
  - Conference council directors
  - Conference staff assigned to church and society
  - Conference chairs, church and society
  - Conference peace with justice coordinators
- Others; specify:

4. Should the nominating committee reach out to fill voids, such as persons on the West Coast, particular racial/ethnic/gender groups?

- Yes, as appropriate
- No, respond only to incoming nominations

5. Should the Nominating Committee have responsibility for choosing among persons nominated? For example, if we decide to place 20 names on the ballot and more than 20 persons are nominated, should the Nominating Committee choose which 20, taking into consideration qualifications, geographic spread, racial/ethnic/gender diversity?

yes       no

If yes, please specify main criteria for choosing:

6. Is the attached nominating and election schedule acceptable?

yes       no

If no, please indicate suggested changes:

7. Is the attached nominating form acceptable?

yes       no

If no, please indicate suggested changes:

*8. Other comments on nominating and election process:*

Please send copies to other members of Nominating Committee by May 25. Members are John Mecartney, Doris Akers, Nancy Risch, Sherman Harris (ex officio), plus Howard Hallman (staff).

## Possible Schedule for MUPJ Board Election

- May 15 Mail options outline to Nominating Committee and Executive Committee.
- No later than Nominating Committee members send comments to one another.
- May 25 Executive Committee members may also send comments to Nominating Committee.
- By May 31 Nominating Committee agrees upon process; conference call, if necessary on May 30 or 31. Send to Executive Committee for ratification.
- By June 8 Executive Committee ratification; conference call if necessary.
- June 11 Send out invitation for nominations (see options).
- June 29 Deadline for receipt of nominations at MUPJ office in Washington, D.C.
- July 2-16 Nominating Committee confers by mail and telephone and agrees on names to be placed on the ballot.
- July 18 Mail ballot to MUPJ members.
- August 6 Return ballots must be postmarked by this date.
- August 15 Count ballots and notify candidates of results.
- October 19-20 Meeting of Board of Directors in Washington, D.C.

Nomination for Board of Directors  
Methodists United for Peace with Justice

To be submitted for arrival in Washington, DC.  
no later than June 29, 1990

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

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

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

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

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

I have conferred with the nominee. He/she understands and is committed to the purposes of Methodists United and is willing to serve if elected, including attendance at at least two Board meetings each year.

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

May 18, 1990

Rev. Cindy Tappan  
1425 Forest Hills Boulevard  
Cleveland Heights, OH 44118

Dear Rev. Tappan:

We have heard from Carolyn Anderson that you are willing to serve on our Board of Directors as a representative of Black Methodists for Church Renewal. We welcome you and look forward to your participation in our activities.

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I look forward to meeting you personally as you become associated with Methodists United for Peace with Justice.

Yours for peace and justice,

Sherman W. Harris  
Chair, Board of Directors

May 18, 1990

Rev. William Robinson  
4000 W. 13th Street  
Little Rock, AR 72204

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Chair, Board of Directors

May 18, 1990

Ms. Sue Herne  
Route 1, Box 31  
Roosevelt Road  
Hogansburg, NY 13655

Dear Ms. Herne:

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Yours for peace and justice,

Sherman W. Harris  
Chair, Board of Directors

May 18, 1990

Rev. Yolanda Pupo Ortiz  
Bethesda Hispanic Mission  
8300 Old Georgetown Road  
Bethesda, MD 20814

Dear Rev. Ortiz:

I have learned from Howard Hallman that you will serve as liaison to our Board of Directors in behalf of MARCHA until such time as the MARCHA board considers appointing an official representative. We welcome you and look forward to your participation in our activities.

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Chair, Board of Directors

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May 21, 1990

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

Dear Craig:

As you continue to serve as the official secretary of Methodists United for Peace with Justice, we need your signature on the three enclosed documents.

- (1) The IRS says that our resolution to establish the Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund requires two signatures. Therefore, will you please sign a fresh copy of the resolution. Sherman will be the other signator.
- (2) The Board passed a resolution to authorize opening a bank account for the Education Fund. We need your signature twice on the bank resolution form.
- (3) We also need your signature on the two yellow bank cards: as an authorized signature and to certify the resolution. Sign once on each side of both cards. Please return all the documents to me.

I hope that your recovery is going on schedule and that your mobility is

increasing.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

June 14, 1990

Internal Revenue Service  
Attn: Ms. Pomares  
E:EO:R 2-4 Room 6138  
1111 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20224

Dear Ms. Pomares:

We are replying to your letter of May 17, 1990 requesting further information related to our application for recognition of exemption under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code.

- (1) Enclosed is our financial statement showing receipts and expenditures and balance sheet for the year ending December 31, 1989.
- (2) As noted in the enclosed copy of minutes for July 6, 1988, the Interim Board of Directors agreed to retain Howard Hallman on a commission basis to carry out a membership campaign and to help develop a 501(c)(3) entity. Compensation would be one-third of revenue from membership contributions. The Interim Board approved this for a three-month period of August-October 1988 and later extended it through September 1989. As it turned out, the revenue from membership contributions was sufficient only to pay for some but not all operating expenses. For that reason, we still have accounts payable to Hallman for his commission and for some expenses not yet reimbursed.
- (3) Recent copies of *Peace Leaf* and *Peace/Justice Alert* are enclosed.

(4) Regarding national policy activities:

- (a) We have never participated in political campaigns, groups or efforts on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office. We do not contemplate any such participation in the future.
- (b) Since filing our application in October 1989, we have undertaken the following activities (copies of material enclosed where relevant):
  - o Circulated among U.S. religious leaders a letter to President Bush and President Gorbachev prior to their summit meeting in Malta.
  - o Published several *Peace/Justice Alerts*.
  - o Issued a statement on "German Reunification and European Disarmament."
  - o Participated in the Monday Arms Control Lobby and signed several group letters to members of Congress.
  - o Participated in the Citizens' Budget Campaign, signed group letters to Congress, and published a flyer on "The Progressive Income Tax."

Internal Revenue Service

To: Ms. Pomares

Re: 14, 1990

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I expect that our national policy activities in the foreseeable future will have a similar

pattern.

If you want further information, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

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*Executive Director*

June 14, 1990

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We are replying to your letter of May 17, 1990 requesting further information related to our application for recognition of exemption of Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

- (1) Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund is a separate fund established by the Board of Directors of Methodists United for Peace with Justice, as explained in Chapter 3 of IRS Publication 557 (Rev. Oct.88), p. 8, col. 2. Therefore, the Education Fund itself functions as an association, in your terminology, and is not incorporated separately.
- (2) A fresh copy of the resolution creating Methodists United Peace/ Justice Education Fund, signed by two officers, is enclosed. It contains the language outlined in #1 a and b of your letter.
- (3) & (4) The Board of Directors of Methodists United for Peace with Justice is the governing body for Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund. The Board follows procedures specified in the Bylaws of Methodists United, and the Education Fund does not have separate bylaws.

(5) Since Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund was established, we have produced two publications of an educational nature: (i) *Witnessing for Peace and Justice: Peacemaker Handbook* and (ii) an issue of *Peace Leaf* (copies are enclosed). After we receive recognition as a 501(c)(3) entity, we will be able to obtain tax-exempt contributions and thereby increase the pace of our educational activities. We plan to devote much of our efforts to providing educational material and assistance to persons active in local churches of four major Methodist denominations: African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, Christian Methodist Episcopal, and United Methodist Churches. We will work cooperatively with district, conference, and national officials of these four denominations.

(6) We have obtained a separate federal employer number for Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund. The Board of Directors has authorized a separate bank account (copy of resolution enclosed), and we will open that account as soon as our tax status is clarified and we receive money for the Education Fund. To the extent that employees work for both the parent corporation,

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Methodists United (a 501(c)(4) entity), and the Education Fund, we will keep time records and will prorate use of office space, equipment, and other assets in proportion to employee time devoted to the respective entities. These records will be available for examination by IRS auditors, if requested.

If you want further information, please let us know.

*Sincerely yours,*

*Howard W. Hallman*  
*Executive Director*

January 16, 1990

To: Board of Directors  
Methodists United for Peace with Justice

From: Howard W. Hallman, Executive Director

1. The next meeting of the Board of Directors of Methodists United for Peace with Justice will take place on Friday and Saturday, March 30 and 31, 1990. We will convene at 10:00 a.m. on Friday and adjourn no later than 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. It is likely that we will be meeting Friday evening as well as during the day. The meeting will take place in Washington, D.C. at the Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, 421 Seward Square, SE (where we met in October).
2. Please make your own arrangements for travel and sleeping accommodations. For the latter, here are some choices:
  - a. Upon request, we will arrange overnight sleeping accommodations with a host family. If interested, please let us know by March 1.
  - b. Hereford House, 604 South Carolina Avenue, S.E., Washington, DC 20003; (202) 543-0102. A guest house with 4 rooms. Single room, \$35 + tax; double occupancy, \$50-60 + tax. Walking distance to Capitol Hill United Methodist Church.
  - c. Best Western Skyline Inn, South Capitol and Eye Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024; (202) 488-7500. Special rate of \$59 + tax for single. Write or call Lorraine Arora and mention Methodists United. About a mile from the church; we can help with transportation connections from hotel to meeting place.

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

3. We have followed the priority determined by the Board of Directors in October and have completed and published *Witnessing for Peace and Justice: Peacemaker Handbook*. A copy is enclosed. We have skipped a couple issues of *Peace Leaf* to have funds for the *Witnessing* handbook. We are mailing it to all persons who have made a financial contribution to Methodists United since we organized in 1987 because it was promised in early membership brochures. We are also sending complimentary copies to peace/justice leaders and some others in United Methodist conferences in order to promote its use.

4. Several reports are enclosed: Membership, December 1989; Treasurer's, December 1989; and Financial Statement for 1989. The latter reveals that we have received the first \$500 contribution for our new Education Fund. Also enclosed is page 5 of the Bylaws containing the first line which was missing from copies previously given to you.

5. We have filed an application to the Internal Revenue Service for tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) for our new Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund. With the first contribution we have started the agreed-to arrangement with the Civic Action Institute, a (c)(3) corporation, to receive and channel such money until our own Education Fund receives IRS approval.

6. We have started applying to foundations for grants. Applications submitted so far include:

Peace Development Fund, Amherst, MA	\$ 5,000
Ploughshares Fund, San Francisco, CA	5,000
C.S. Fund, Freestone, CA years)	15,000 (each of 2

North Shore Unitarian Universalist Veatch

Program, Plandome, NY  
years)

25,000 (each of 2

7. The Executive Committee met on January 11 in Richmond and worked out some fundraising ideas. We will soon write you in greater detail and will provide information on other Executive Committee actions and recommendations.

8. We are preparing for press an issue of *Peace Leaf* on the federal budget, featuring one-page articles by five United Methodists who are members of Congress: Senators Dole (R-KS) and Sasser (D-TN); Congressmen Goodling (R-PA), Hamilton (D-IN), and Hawkins (D-CA). Just after January 29 when President Bush reveals his budget proposal, we will send out this *Peace Leaf* along with a *Peace/Justice Alert* suggesting what people can do to influence the budget making process.

I'm looking forward to our March meeting.

Howard W. Hallman

To: Methodists United for Peace with Justice

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Doris Akers  
Rt 1, Box 129  
Follett, TX 79034

Dear Doris:

Here is the first of three items I am sending you for distribution at the United Methodist Convocation in Albuquerque. It is a new version of our membership brochure. For convenience in mailing, I have not folded it. I hope you don't mind doing so.

There will be a resource room at the Convocation. In charge of it are Robert and Marilyn McClean from the Peace and World Order Division, General Board of Church and Society. I talked to Marilyn, and she said that she would have space for us. I gave her your name as contact.

I'm hoping to have a new issue of *Peace Leaf* with articles by five Members of Congress who are United Methodists, but I'm still awaiting the last two. Furthermore, the person who does our typesetting layout is out of the country, so I have to find someone else. And I want to do a *Peace/Justice Alert* on the federal budget after President Bush presents his FY 1991 budget on January 29. That's close time, but through air express I hope to get these to you either at your home or at the hotel in Albuquerque. I'll call you next

*week to let you know.*

*Thanks for taking on this task.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director*

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Washington, DC 20003  
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Dear Sherman:

I'm in desperate need of a printout of the MUPJ membership list. I want to mail out *Witnessing for Peace and Justice: Peacemaker Handbook* along with a letter telling about an opportunity for members to make a tax-exempt contribution in support of our work. Furthermore, *Peace Leaf* is at the typesetter's and will soon be ready for mailing along with a *Peace/Justice Alert* on the federal budget.

I realize that you are quite busy with your census job, but I hope that you can squeeze in some time to run off this list.

Thanks,

Howard W. Hallman

Mr. Sherman Harris  
11508 Sharon Drive  
Potomac, MD 20854

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE  
421 Seward Square, SE  
Washington, DC 20003  
(202) 546-5551

Mr. Bob Edgar  
Committee for National Security  
1601 Connecticut Avenue, NW, # 301  
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Bob:

I've initiated a couple of things which the Committee for National Security may want to relate to. There have been handouts at the Monday Lobby, but I'm not sure whether your representative was there and may have brought you the material.

First, I have taken the lead in organizing a Disarmament Forum, which will be a monthly discussion of long-range ideas on disarmament for the 1990s. It will take place the third Thursday of each month from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Methodist Building. Ed Snyder will be the speaker at the first one, scheduled for February 15. We are working out the speakers for subsequent sessions. The organizations which so far have agreed to be sponsors are listed on the attachment. Several others are pending. Would the Committee for National Security be willing to a sponsor? If so, we would list you as such on flyers. We would urge you to publicize the forum and to have you, your staff, and board members participate. There is no financial obligation.

Second, I have drafted the enclosed letter to President Bush about force reduction in Europe. In some respects it is a follow-through of the November 22, 1989 letter from religious leaders to Presidents Bush and Gorbachev. Would you be willing to be a signer of this one?

This week on Tuesday I will be at (301) 795-3669 (long distance) and the rest of the week locally at 897-3668.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

February 14, 1990

Mrs. Faith Richardson  
168 Mt. Vernon Blvd  
Newtownville, MA 02160

Dear Faith:

I called Infoserv for a listing of names and addresses of members of the Committee on Social Concerns of the Pan-Methodist Commission, but they had only the name of the chair and staff (you). Therefore, would you please provide me this information.

We are committed to working with people from AME, AME Zion, and CME Churches and in getting persons from these denominations on your Board of Directors and National Advisory Committee. That's why we call ourselves Methodists United. This information will help us with our outreach.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

February 16, 1990

Mr. Germán Acevedo-Delgado  
Executive Director  
MARCHA  
P.O. Box 708  
Perth Amboy, NJ 08862

Dear Mr. Acevedo-Delgado:

I appreciate the congratulations you wrote in November after I was appointed executive director of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. We indeed feel solidarity with the work you are doing.

Along those lines we want to achieve closer relations with the main ethnic caucuses within United Methodism by getting some people who are active in them to serve on our Board of Directors and our National Advisory Committee. Therefore, we would like to have your suggestions for names.

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Membership on our National Advisory Committee is an honorary position. It consists of prominent people who don't have time to be a member of the working Board but who are willing to have their names on our letterhead, to receive material from us from time to time, and to offer their advice. Perhaps you might suggest a couple of prominent MARCHA leaders or other well-known Hispanic-American United Methodists who we could invite to join the National Advisory Committee.

If you would like to discuss my request, I can be reached at (301) 897-3668.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

February 6, 1990

Ms. Carolyn Anderson, Executive Director  
Black Methodists for Church Renewal  
601 W. Riverview  
Dayton, OH 45406

Dear Ms. Anderson:

As a fairly new organization in Methodist circles, we are seeking to work with other Methodists who share many of the same values and objectives. In particular we want to achieve closer relations with the main ethnic caucuses within United Methodism by getting some people who are active in them to serve on our Board of Directors and our National Advisory Committee. Therefore, we would like to have your suggestions for names.

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If you would like to discuss my request, I can be reached at (301) 897-3668.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

February 6, 1990

Rev. Naomi Southard, Executive Director  
National Federation of Asian-American United Methodists  
Glide Memorial United Methodist Church  
330 Ellis Street  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Rev. Southard:

As a fairly new organization in Methodist circles, we are seeking to work with other Methodists who share many of the same values and objectives. In particular we want to achieve closer relations with the main ethnic caucuses within United Methodism by getting some people who are active in them to serve on our Board of Directors and our National Advisory Committee. Therefore, we would like to have your suggestions for names.

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If you would like to discuss my request, I can be reached at (301) 897-3668.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

February 6, 1990

Ms. Sue Herne  
Route 1, Box 31  
Roosevelt Road  
Hogansburg, NY 13655

Dear Ms. Herne:

Three years ago Methodists United for Peace with Justice formed to provide greater witness for peace and justice, as urged by the United Methodist Council of Bishops in their pastoral letter, *In Defense of Creation*. Consistent with the bishops' concern, we have been working for disarmament, and we have tried to apply their vision of justice as expressed in the concept of shalom. In particular we have given considerable attention to federal budget priorities with the objective of shifting resources away from excessive military expenditures to programs responding to human and community needs.

Last fall our members chose the first nationally elected Board of Directors. According to our bylaws, the elected directors may appoint additional persons to serve on the Board, especially to provide better representation of the broad spectrum of Methodism. As one part of board expansion, we would like to add persons who have been active in the main ethnic caucuses of the United Methodist Church. I talked to Rev. Sam Wynn for suggestions of persons active in the Native-American International Caucus, and he suggested that I get in touch with you.

Would you consider joining the Board of Directors of Methodists United for Peace with Justice? The Board meets twice a year for two days. The next meeting is in Washington, D.C. on March 30-31, 1990. Unfortunately as a

low budget organization we are not presently able to pay travel expenses of our directors, but we can provide housing accommodations in Washington with host families for those interested in this arrangement.

Enclosed is a list of present membership of the Board of Directors and some of our publications to give you an idea of our work. If you want to discuss the possibility, please call me at (301) 897-3668. Or you might want to call one or more of the directors to gain their perspective.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director  
cc. Rev. Sam Wynn

March 7, 1990

Ms. Delphinia Bowen  
15895 Hartwell  
Detroit, MI 48227

Dear Ms. Bowen:

As John Mecartney has discussed with you, we invite you to become a member of the Board of Directors of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. We are a national membership association of laity and clergy who work together on peace and justice issues. Our inspiration for forming was the pastoral letter *In Defense of Creation*, issued by the United Methodist bishops in 1986. It dealt with issues of nuclear disarmament and also contained a strong call for witness and action on justice issues. When we organized, we decided that we should involve people from all the major Methodist denominations in the United States. That's why we call ourselves "Methodists United."

The Board meets next on Friday and Saturday, March 30-31, 1990 in Washington, D.C. The agenda of the meeting and background material is enclosed. As a low-budget operation we are not in a position to pay travel expenses for board members, but we can provide housing accommodations with host families and we serve several meals in the course of the Board meeting. Even if you cannot make this meeting, we would welcome your membership on the Board. And if you have comments on agenda items, you can send them in writing, share them with John Mecartney, or call me at (301) 897-3668. Also, please call me if you have questions about Methodists United.

We look forward from hearing from you and hope that you will be able to join us on March 30 and 31.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

March 19, 1990

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

Dear Bishop Hoggard:

As I mentioned on the phone, Methodists United for Peace with Justice is interested in establishing a relationship with all the major branches of Methodists in the United States. Our inspiration for starting was the United Methodist bishops' pastoral letter, *In Defense of Creation*, focusing on nuclear disarmament but also expressing concern for justice within the context of shalom. From the beginning we made a commitment to Pan-Methodism. That's why we call ourself "Methodists United".

We are a national membership association. We lobby in Washington on peace and justice issues, and we reach out to people in local churches to help them in their educational and grassroots lobbying activities. Enclosed is some background information about who we are and what we are doing. Included are issues of *Peace Leaf*, our quarterly newsletter, and samples of *Peace/Justice Alert*, which we send out on legislative issues.

I look forward to meeting with you at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 4 to explore how we can relate more closely to the AME Zion Church.

With best regards,

*Howard W. Hallman*  
*Executive Director*

March 19, 1990

Rev. William DeVaux  
Metropolitan AME Church  
1518 M Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Rev. DeVaux:

I want to confirm the appointment I made to see you at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, March 22 to discuss the work of Methodists United for Peace with Justice and how it relates to the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

We are a national membership association, founded in 1987. Our inspiration for starting was the United Methodist bishops' pastoral letter, *In Defense of Creation*, focusing on nuclear disarmament but also expressing concern for justice within the context of shalom. From the beginning we made a commitment to Pan-Methodism. That's why we call ourself "Methodists United".

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I look forward to meeting with you on Thursday.

With best regards,

*Howard W. Hallman*  
*Executive Director*

March 27, 1990

Rev. Yolanda Pupo Ortiz  
Bethesda Hispanic Mission  
8300 Old Georgetown Road  
Bethesda, MD 20814

Dear Rev. Ortiz:

We are looking forward to your participation this Friday in the meeting of our Board of Directors. Enclosed is the agenda.

You indicated that you will be able to attend only on Friday afternoon. Therefore, we have scheduled discussion of relationships with various aspects of Methodism for the period following lunch on Friday so that you can be part of this discussion. I hope that you can join us for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and stay as long as you like.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

March 27, 1990

Rev. Peter Y. K. Sun  
Korean United Methodist Mission  
River & Goldsboro Roads  
Bethesda, MD 20814

Dear Rev. Sun:

We are looking forward to your participation in the meeting of our Board of Directors this Friday afternoon. Enclosed is the agenda.

You will note that we have scheduled discussion of relationships with various aspects of Methodism for the period immediately following lunch. We want you to be part of this discussion. I hope that you can join us for lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

April 6, 1990

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

Dear John:

I have typed out the minutes for our Board meeting, based primarily upon your notes. In some places I made a few additions from my notes to give the flavor of discussion on some topics that didn't lead to a vote. Please review them, make any corrections you see necessary, and return them to me. I would appreciate your signing your name on the last page in black ink. Even if changes are required on that page, I can cut and paste your signature.

I felt that we had a very productive meeting. Our discussion helped clarify a number of matters. The Board is taking hold as a true governing body of an organization that previously had a less structured arrangement for decision making. That is positive.

Thanks for your willingness to handle the minutes.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

March 6, 1990

Sherman:

Here are the minutes of the Board meeting, based primarily upon John Copenhaver's record with a few additions from my notes. If you have any corrections to suggest, please get in touch with by Wednesday, April 11. I want to get them out as quickly as possible. I have sent a copy to John for his review and signature.

Sincerely,

Howard W. Hallman

Mr. Sherman W. Harris  
11508 Karen Drive  
Potomac, MD 20854

March 11, 1990

Bishop Jack M. Tuell, President  
United Methodist Council of Bishops  
P.O. Box 6006  
Pasadena, CA 91102

Dear Bishop Tuell:

As you may be aware, Methodists United for Peace with Justice formed in 1987 in response to the call of the United Methodist bishops for "more faithful witness and action in the face of the worsening nuclear crisis." This call came in your pastoral letter, *In Defense of Creation*. We joined you in saying "a clear and unconditional No to nuclear war and to any use of nuclear weapons." We started distributing a newsletter, *Peace Leaf*, to educate Methodists on these issues, and *Peace/Justice Alerts* to mobilize grassroots action on legislative issues. We have established a strong presence in Washington, D.C. to serve as a public advocate on matters of disarmament and shifts in federal budget priorities.

Recently when our Board of Directors held its semi-annual meeting, we discussed what we and other Methodists should be doing in coming months in light of changes occurring in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe and the apparent winding down of the Cold War. These dramatic changes offer improved opportunities for achieving a just peace, a distinct change of atmosphere from what prevailed four years ago when the Council of Bishops adopted *In Defense of Creation*.

So we turn to the Council of Bishops for advice. We ask the same question the people asked John the Baptist: what then shall we do? We would greatly

appreciate your counsel on what issues we should concentrate, what policies for a just peace we should pursue, what kind of actions we should undertake. How can we help United Methodists be relevant to the opportunities of the 1990s?

We stand firmly behind the leadership the Council of Bishops offers to United Methodist Church. We pledge to continue to support your initiatives and to mobilize United Methodists in pursuit of objectives you recommend.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

cc. United Methodist resident bishops

April 12, 1990

To: Board of Directors

At our recent Board meeting, we agreed to write to the United Methodist Council of Bishops and ask their advice on what we should be doing these days to further implement the ideas and policies *In Defense of Creation*. The enclosed letter does this.

We also agreed that individual Board members should write to the bishop in their area, asking for his/her recommendations for actions within the conference area. Every resident bishop is receiving a copy of our letter to the Council of Bishops and should have a copy by the time this memo reaches you. Therefore, your follow-up would be timely. Also, the Council holds its semi-annual meeting in early May, so it would be useful for your bishop to hear from you before that meeting.

I am following through on other decisions made at the Board meeting and will keep you informed.

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

April 12, 1990

The Rev. Sharon Garfield  
Peace with Justice Program  
United Methodist General Board  
of Church and Society  
100 Maryland Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Sharon:

At its recent semi-annual meeting, the Board of Directors of Methodists United for Peace with Justice considered the enclosed letter from Bernice Smith of Decatur, Georgia in which she submitted her resignation and made a number of serious charges against Methodists United. Our Board accepted her resignation with regret and appointed members of the Board to follow-through with matters raised regarding our relationships with the General Board of Church and Society.

As part of this process, the Board instructed me to undertake two tasks. First, Bernice's charges are based upon information which she received from staff of the General Board. On page two she quotes a letter from "a person connected with the PWJ Program." If that letter is from you or some other member of the General Board's staff, we kindly request a copy.

Secondly, she states: "Some Peace with Justice Coordinators across the country have bought memberships and/or sent money thinking they were supporting the official Peace with Justice Program work of the United Methodist Church." If you know who these persons are, would you please supply us their names (and addresses and telephone numbers, if possible)?

We would like to contact them and offer to refund any money they contributed through misunderstanding.

After our October Board meeting I contacted you to find out whether the Peace with Justice Program had some kind of a peacemaker's handbook, as Bernice had suggested, for I had never seen such a document. You responded by supplying me with copies of peace with justice material you sent out commencing in September 1987, but no handbook. Therefore, I assumed that nothing was available in print. But if you do indeed have a publication entitled, "Peace with Justice in the Local Church: Prayer, Study, Action Suggestions", please send me a copy.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

April 18, 1990

Dear Member:

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Now it is time for us to catch up on some housekeeping matters, including membership renewals. Our records indicate that we received your last membership contribution in February 1989. We ask for an annual contribution in order to help cover the costs of *Peace Leaf*, *Peace/Justice Alerts*, and the other activities of Methodists United. Therefore, it is time for you to renew your membership. A renewal form and return envelope are enclosed.

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

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## SECOND NOTICE FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

April 18, 1990

Dear Member:

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We need your continued support during the 1990s, a decade which holds great promise for achieving peace and justice objectives. Events in Eastern Europe are opening remarkable possibilities for accomplishing European disarmament. And the easing of East/West confrontation makes it much easier to achieve nuclear disarmament. The reduced threat to U.S. national security makes it possible to make significant shifts in federal budget priorities -- reducing excessive military spending and redirecting resources to vital human and community needs. But these changes will not come automatically. It is essential that we citizens continue to press our government to move quickly in arms reduction negotiations and to bring about budgetary changes. Methodists United is working vigorously on these matters.

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We look forward to your continued participation in our efforts.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
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## SECOND NOTICE FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

April 23, 1990

Dear Member:

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We look forward to your continued participation in our efforts.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

April 20, 1990

The Honorable Eleanor L. Richardson  
State Representative, District 52  
755 Park Lane  
Decatur, GA 30033

Dear Representative Richardson:

I want to reply to your request for clarification regarding the resignation of Bernice Smith of Decatur, Georgia from the Board of Directors of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. Ordinarily this would be an internal matter, but since she has sent you a copy of her letter of resignation, we want to respond to her stated reasons for resigning.

**Biblical foundation.** Our basic approach is expressed in the 12th and 13th chapters of I Corinthians. We believe that there are varieties of gifts, service, and workings but the same Spirit, the same Lord, the same God (12:4-6). Our gift is a deep commitment to work "in defense of Creation." Our service is to organize national and grassroots lobbying and to provide timely, pertinent information. Our working is through Methodists, manifested in four major denominations in the United States.

We consider ourself to be but one of many members of the body of Christ (12:14). Each member has its function. The body has two eyes, two arms, two legs, ten fingers for a purpose, and it matters not that the right arm and left arm (etc.) have the same name. Moreover, all members have care for another (12:26), expressed in the spirit of love. "Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Loves does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at

wrong, but rejoices in the right." (13:4-6).

**Our name.** Methodists United for Peace with Justice organized in 1987 in response to a call for greater witness and action for peace and justice, as expressed in the 1986 pastoral letter of the United Methodist Council of Bishops, *In Defense of Creation*. "Methodists United" indicates an orientation to all Pan-Methodist denominations in the United States. We have always made clear that we are a "national association of laity and clergy" and have never claimed to be an official church agency. "Peace with Justice" summarizes our focus, indicating that we cannot have peace unless there is justice. It is a generic term with widespread use. For instance, for many years the National Council of Churches has sponsored Peace with Justice Week. There are statewide "peace and justice" coalitions in Maryland, Florida, and elsewhere.

After we were incorporated and had functioned for a year, the peace with justice coordinator of the United Methodist General

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Board of Church and Society asked us to change our name. Our Interim Board considered the matter, and even explored the possibility of reversing the terms to "justice and peace", but decided that "peace with justice" best describes our approach, that people are used to seeing that term used by a variety of organizations and learn to distinguish who does what.

We regret that some peace with justice coordinators may "have bought memberships and/or sent money thinking they were supporting the official Peace with Justice Program work of the United Methodist Church." We have written to Rev. Sharon Garfield, peace with justice coordinator, asking for the names and addresses of any such persons so that we can offer refunds.

**Peacemaker Handbook.** From its earliest days Methodists United for Peace with Justice has had an interest in producing a Peacemaker Handbook to give people in local churches ideas on how best to proceed. We provided a draft of this Handbook to our Board of Directors in October 1989. Ms. Smith said that there was already a similar handbook produced by the official Peace with Justice Program. As an active worker in this field, I was not aware of this. Shortly after the Board meeting I called Rev. Garfield to ask her to send me such a handbook, if it existed. She provided me copies of resource material she had sent out since September 1987, and this contained no handbook. Unfortunately Ms. Smith lacked the trust in us to provide us a copy. Since we were forgoing two issues of our newsletter, *Peace Leaf*, to pay the cost of our new Peacemaker Handbook, we would gladly have put it aside if we had known that similar publication was available. Now I find that the United General Board of Discipleship has such a handbook, apparently written by Rev. Garfield's predecessor, but it has been a well-kept secret. I'm trying to

get a copy but haven't received it yet.

**Duplication of effort.** From the beginning we have considered ourselves to be a strong supporter of the official United Methodist Peace with Justice Program, not a competitor. For instance, we worked at the 1988 General Conference to have the official program strengthened and assigned greater resources. We see the two efforts as two arms working together so that we take advantage of both the institutional church and the free association of laity and clergy dedicated to common objectives. If I were on the staff of the General Board of Church and Society, I would say to people about us, "sure, they're our support group."

**Comparison with Mission Society.** Methodism in the United States is a pluralistic institution with four major denominations and several smaller ones. According to the *United Methodist Directory, 1990*, there are 10 caucuses and 26 affiliated groups associated with the United Methodist Church. They represent particular constituencies and interests, such as blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asians, Christian educators, musicians, conference lay leaders, evangelists, youth ministers, church business administrators, and others. United Methodism is enriched by these associations. To my knowledge only one of the 36, the Mission Society for United Methodists has the reputation of aggressively challenging an official United Methodist board and setting itself up in competition with it. We have no connection with the Mission Society, and we reject their style of operation. To characterize Methodists United for Peace with Justice as being like the Mission Society is both wrong and unfair.

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We are very supportive of the General Board of Church and Society and do

not go around bad-mouthing the Board and its staff. We have carefully chosen issues which the Board is not working on, such as disarmament and federal budget priorities, and our lobbying on these issues in Washington and through grassroots mobilization complements, and does not compete with, what the Board is doing. Several United Methodist bishops serve on our National Advisory Committee, and last year 35 of the 49 resident bishops signed one or both of two documents we issued: "A Call for Shift in Budget Priorities from Military to Human Needs" (April 1989) and a letter to Presidents Bush and Gorbachev on disarmament issues (November 1989). So the bishops do not see us as a divisive organization. Rather they welcome our efforts to support the call they issued in *In Defense of Creation*.

I hope that I have clarified the issues raised by Bernice Smith and that you will continue to be one of our strong supporters.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE  
421 Seward Square, SE  
Washington, DC 20003  
(202) 546-5551

Ms. Bernice S. Smith  
1205 North Crossing Way  
Decatur, GA 30033

Dear Bernice:

At its recent meeting the Board of Directors of Methodists United for Peace with Justice received your letter of resignation and voted to accept your resignation with regret.

We wish you the best as you pursue peace and justice objectives in other ways.

Sincerely yours,

John D. Copenhaver,  
Jr.  
Secretary Pro Tem

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

Dear John:

Thanks for getting the signed minutes back to me promptly.

In going through them I noted that the Board voted to accept Bernice Smith's resignation with regret and to have the secretary write her. Since you served as acting secretary, would you sign and mail her the enclosed letter. Thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

April 20, 1990

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

Dear Dale:

A year ago February you contributed \$250 to the work of Methodists United for Peace with Justice, drawing on peace and justice funds of the New York Conference. To keep our work going we seek annual contributions from our members and supporters. This helps cover the costs of *Peace Leaf*, *Peace/Justice Alerts*, and other activities of Methodists United.

Therefore, we request from you a 1990 contribution of \$250 or more to Methodists United. In the past year a number of conferences have made such contribution. In exchange we have placed on our mailing list the names of key leaders, such as conference peace with justice coordinators, district coordinators, or members of the conference peace with justice task force (one for each \$20 contribution). We make the same offer to the New York Conference.

Beyond this membership renewal we ask your help in two other matters of fundraising. We are expanding our operations, including having paid staff for the first time, and need to strengthen our financial base. We can do this by expanding our membership and by seeking special donations. For the latter we have created a 501(c)(3) vehicle so that we can receive tax-exempt contributions.

So that we can add more individual and local church members in the New York Area, we wonder if you could suggest one or more persons in the New York Conference and in the Troy Conference who would be supportive our work and would be willing to help with membership recruitment. We could provide membership brochures (one is enclosed) and sample copies of *Peace Leaf* and *Peace/Justice Alert*.

Beyond that could you help us identify some people in your area who might be willing to make larger donations to Methodists United: \$100, \$500, \$1,000. Perhaps you know someone who has a gift for this kind of fundraising, knows prospective donors, has a commitment to peace issues, and would be willing to help us. Whatever you can do to assist us we will deeply appreciate.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

April 21, 1990

Little Rock United Methodist Conference  
Board of Church and Society  
Attn: Ms. Ruby Lee Jackson  
715 Center Street  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Ms. Jackson:

A year ago you contributed \$100 to the work of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. In addition to sending you our material, last summer we placed on our mailing list the names of several other persons in the Little Rock Conference which you supplied us.

To keep our work going we seek annual contributions from our members and supporters. This helps cover the costs of *Peace Leaf*, *Peace/Justice Alerts*, and other activities of Methodists United.

Therefore, we request from you a 1990 contribution of \$100 or more to Methodists United. As we did before, we will send our material to key leaders you name (one for each \$20 contribution).

Beyond this membership renewal we ask your help in two other matters of membership recruitment and fundraising. We are expanding our operations, including having paid staff for the first time, and need to strengthen our financial base. We can do this by expanding our membership and by seeking special donations. For the latter we have created a 501(c)(3) vehicle so that we can receive tax-exempt contributions.

So that we can add more individual and local church members from the Little

Rock Conference, we wonder if you or someone you suggest one would be willing to help with membership recruitment. We could provide membership brochures (one is enclosed) and sample copies of *Peace Leaf* and *Peace/Justice Alert*.

Beyond that could you help us identify some people in your area who might be willing to make larger donations to Methodists United: \$100, \$500, \$1,000. Such donations can be tax exempt. Perhaps you know someone in the Little Rock Conference who has a gift for this kind of fundraising, knows prospective donors, has a commitment to peace issues, and would be willing to help us. Whatever you can do to assist us we will deeply appreciate.

Sincerely yours,

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Executive Director

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

Dear Mark:

The two weeks following our Board meeting I had a bout with flu and a cold. That's gone and now I'm playing catch-up. Here are the minutes of the Board meeting. Also, some other matters I want to discuss with you.

Partly in response to queries from two foundations we are dealing with and partly because we need to be more systematic about our outreach and membership recruitment, I have drafted the enclosed "Goals for Membership and Contributions". My thought is that in the coming year we might concentrate particularly on one-third (24) of the United Methodist conferences where we have our best contacts, find people in these conferences who are willing to help us (Board members and others), set goals for new membership and special donations, and work systematically to achieve these goals. If we could sign up from 30 to 50 new members in these 24 conferences and obtain \$1,000 to 2,500 special, tax-exempt donations in each, we could achieve a stronger financial base.

Would you be willing to help us do this in the North Carolina Conference? You would know the best way to do it. We could provide copies of our

membership brochure and sample copies of *Peace Leaf* and *Peace/Justice Alert*. Part of our appeal is that we provide local church activists with pertinent, timely information on important issues dealing with disarmament, federal budget priorities, and other peace/justice matters. Furthermore, our members help support the only Methodist voice in Washington that is speaking out in favor of "policies for a just peace" as recommended by the United Methodist bishops in *In Defense of Creation*.

When our Executive Committee met in January you indicated that you would be willing to talk to Bishop Minnick about ways to reach people who would make larger donations to our tax-exempt fund. I believe you said that you also know Bishop Bashore and would be willing to talk with him. In addition to helping find major donors, maybe Bishop Bashore could identify persons in the Western Pennsylvania Conference who could help with membership recruitment (he himself is a member). I'll hold off other contacts in Western Pennsylvania until I hear from you.

The second foundation stimulus is from the Peace Development Fund (PDF), which turned down our grant application but indicated that they would consider a revised proposal that was more systematic in developing a much larger corps of local church contacts in our *Peace/Justice Alert* network. In conversation with PDF staff, I came up with the idea of forming a Working Group consisting of a contact in ten different United Methodist conferences to help us devise ways for our *Alerts* to reach many more local churches. The precise method would be tailored to what is most suitable for a particular conference.

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The North Carolina Conference seems a natural to be part of this

ten-conference sample. Therefore, I have taken the liberty of putting your name as the contact in North Carolina in the enclosed outline I sent to the Peace Development Fund. However, it is possible that your conference peace with justice coordinator or someone else might be a more appropriate person to help us develop these ideas. Work will be done by correspondence and telephone over the next six months.

I'll call you in a few days to discuss these matters and to ask your advice on how we can work more closely with the Methodist Federation for Social Action and assure George McClain and other MFSA leaders that we perceive yourselves as fellow-workers, not competitors, with MFSA.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director