

July 9, 1996

To: National Advisory Committee
Board of Directors

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

As part of our efforts on nuclear disarmament, we are circulating the enclosed Citizen's Pledge to work nuclear abolition, which was developed by the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation. You will notice that a number of Nobel laureates have signed the Pledge, including Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the XIVth Dalai Lama. For our part we are obtaining the signatures of heads of communion and other religious leaders who have a peace commitment.

I invite each of you to sign the Citizen's Pledge and return the sign-on form by mail or fax.

Furthermore, I encourage you to give the Citizen's Pledge wider circulation among your associates. For that purpose I can supply you additional copies of the Pledge and sign-on form, or you can make photocopies.

At an appropriate time the list of signers will be presented to top governmental officials and will be released to the news media.

Thanks for your participation in this endeavor.

July 9, 1996

Bishop Frederick H. Talbot
P.O. Box 147
Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Bishop Talbot:

These days Methodists United for Peace with Justice is playing a leadership role in a campaign aimed at the global abolition of nuclear weapons. One part of this effort is circulation of the enclosed Citizen's Pledge to work for nuclear abolition. We are inviting all members of our National Advisory Committee to sign this Pledge.

Beyond that we would like your advice on how we might best approach bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and invite them to sign the Citizen's Pledge.

In the case of the United Methodist Church. Bishop Melvin G. Talbert signed as secretary of the Council of Bishops, a position considered to be head of communion or ecumenical officer. We in turn are circulating the Pledge among United Methodist bishops and inviting them to sign.

Is there someone who is considered head of communion or ecumenical officer of the African Methodist Episcopal Church? Should we ask him to sign the Pledge and then circulate it to other bishops? Or would you sign the Pledge and either circulate it yourself or have us write to all active AME bishops? We want to do this in the proper manner. Therefore, we will appreciate your counsel.

With best regards,

*Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors*

July 9, 1996

Bishop J. Clinton Hoggard
Howard University School of Divinity
1400 Shepherd Street, NE, Suite 189
Washington, DC 20017

Dear Bishop Hoggard:

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Is there someone who is considered head of communion or ecumenical officer of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church? Should we ask him to sign the Pledge and then circulate it to other bishops? Or would you sign the Pledge and either circulate it yourself or have us write to all active AMEZ bishops?

We want to do this in the proper manner. Therefore, we will appreciate your counsel.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors

July 9, 1996

The Rev. Dr. Joseph E. Lowery
334 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta, GA 30303

Dear Dr. Lowery:

These days Methodists United for Peace with Justice is playing a leadership role in a campaign aimed at the global abolition of nuclear weapons. One part of this effort is circulation of the enclosed Citizen's Pledge to work for nuclear abolition. We are inviting all members of our National Advisory Committee to sign this Pledge.

In addition to inviting you to sign the Citizen's Pledge, we would like your advice on how we might broaden the base of those being invited to sign.

As you will note, we have signatures from a number of heads of communion and are in the process of inviting bishops and area executives in these denominations to sign. We would like to reach out to other religious leaders, including those active in the civil rights movement.

Are there prominent SCLC leaders we might approach? If so, would you be willing to contact them for this purpose? Or could you supply us with names and addresses so that we might write to them?

We will greatly appreciate your assistance in this endeavor.
With best regards,

*Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors*

July 9, 1996

Dr. Alan Geyer
5014 Smallwood Drive
Bethesda, MD 20816

Dear Alan:

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As you will note, we have signatures from a number of heads of communion and are in the process of inviting bishops and area executives in these denominations to sign. Now we want to reach out to other prominent religious leaders.

One category is seminary professors, particularly those teaching social ethics but also others who share this concern. Is there some kind of directory of such persons available? Or could you supply us with some names and addresses (or at least the names of individuals and their seminary)?

Are there other religious leaders you can suggest who might be willing to sign the Citizen's Pledge?

We will greatly appreciate your assistance in this endeavor.

With best regards,

*Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors*

July 9, 1996

Dr. Robert Edgar, President
School of Theology at Claremont
1325 N. College Avenue
Claremont, CA 91711-3199

Dear Bob:

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As you will note, we have signatures from a number of heads of communion and are in the process of inviting bishops and area executives in these denominations to sign. Now we want to reach out to other prominent religious leaders.

Will you please share this information with those on your faculty who might be willing to sign? Should we contact other seminary presidents? Is this something you would do in our behalf, or can you supply us with a list of names? Can you suggest prominent religious leaders in the West beyond bishops and seminarians who we might contact?

We will greatly appreciate your assistance in this endeavor.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors

December 4, 1995

Dear Member:

I would like to bring you up to date on the work of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. We continue to work for nuclear disarmament, our core issue since we organized in 1987. We are campaigning for ratification of the second Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START II) by the U.S. Senate. We are helping to organize a broad-based Nuclear Abolition Campaign. Our Board of Directors has developed a resolution on Nuclear Abolition to submit to the 1996 United Methodist General Conference. We are also supporting efforts to curtail trade in conventional weapons and the use of land mines. Our Board is exploring how we can support peaceful resolution of ethnic conflict that is now the greatest disturber of world peace. We continue to press for cutbacks in military spending for federal budget priorities that respond to human and community needs. We are exploring other justice issues to work on.

To reach out to youth and young adults, we are now sending *Peace Leaf* to campus ministers around the country, are adding youth and college student representatives to our Board, and are soliciting articles for *Peace Leaf* written by young people. The United Methodist General Board of Church and Society has given us a grant of \$2,000 to help in this outreach.

For the upcoming election for our Board of Directors, we are seeking nominations for persons to serve a three year term, beginning in February 1996 and ending in January 1999. If you have a nomination to make, please complete the enclosed form and return it to us by December 18.

We are now functioning entirely as a volunteer organization, but we have

expenses for printing, communications, and basic office operations. Therefore, we ask you to consider making a special contribution to Methodists United for Peace with Justice at this time. This will help us maintain our presence in Washington, D.C., where we work cooperatively with religious and secular organizations working for peace and justice. It will help us strengthen our outreach, particularly to the young generation of peace and justice activities.

Thanks for your support,

Howard W. Hallman, Chair
Board of Directors

December 4, 1995

Dear Friend:

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Thanks for your support,

Howard W. Hallman, Chair
Board of Directors

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION RETURN FORM

Yes, I would like to make a special contribution to support the work of Methodists United for Peace with Justice in the amount of \$_____.

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

Send to Methodists United for Peace with Justice
1500 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036

NOMINATION FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

Note: The Board of Directors of Methodists United for Peace with Justice is a working board. Members must be able to travel at their own expense to a board meeting twice a year (once in Washington, usually once elsewhere) and be willing to carry out assignments between board meetings.

I would like to nominate the following person to serve on the Board of Directors of Methodists United for Peace with Justice.

Name of person nominated: _____

Address _____

_____ Telephone _____

Qualifications:

I have talked with this person, and she/he understands the responsibilities of board members and is willing to participate fully.

Name of nominator _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

Date

December 2, 1995

To: Board of Directors

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

As agreed at the October board meeting, Bruce Edwards has drafted the attached resolution to the United Methodist General Conference on developing curriculum on nonviolent action and peaceful conflict resolution.

This resolution will go to General Conference under the name of our Board of Directors.

If you have any comments on the draft, please call me or send a fax no later than Tuesday, December 12 so that we can submit it prior to the December 17 deadline.

HOWARD W. HALLMAN
6508 Wilmett Road
Bethesda, MD 20817

December 4, 1995

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

Dear Phil:

I request reimbursement of \$183.45 for expenses entailed. Much of this is for the mailing to members, which I am now getting out. Items are as follows:

Photocopying	\$ 81.00
Supplies	6.49
Stamps	<u>96.00</u>
Total	\$183.45

Receipts are enclosed.

I don't receive Sojourners magazine, so I don't know what the "Cry to Renewal" network is. But if you want to invite someone from Sojourners to our March board meeting, it's all right with me.

Carol and Tim are looking toward next October to be in the Baltimore-Washington conference, so it would be premature to have them at

our March board meeting.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman

METHODISTS UNITED
for Peace with Justice

1500 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036

December 6, 1995

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

Dear Phil:

We have now received the bill for food service and security for our board meeting at Emory University. The amount is \$128.10, payable to Emory University Chaplain's Office.

As part of the Nuclear Abolition Campaign, I have obtained a videotape entitled "After Hiroshima". Please make a check of \$19.95 payable to Economists Allied for Arms Reduction. Billing letter is enclosed.

Also for your records here is a receipt for stamps purchased with an MUPJ check.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman

December 6, 1995

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

Dear Robin:

As we've discussed, an effort is underway to organize a Nuclear Abolition Campaign in the United States, linked to a global campaign. I'm hoping that various denominations and peace fellowships will participate. With that in mind I've developed the enclosed set of ideas on "How Religious Organizations Can Work Together for Nuclear Abolition", suggesting the following actions:

- Update denominational policy resolutions to make explicit a commitment to nuclear abolition.
- Get denominational leaders and others to sign a Citizen's Pledge, promising to take action to work for nuclear abolition.
- Join the Nuclear Abolition Campaign (several levels of commitment are suggested) and send a representative to our next meeting on February 3, 1996 in Philadelphia.
- Have prominent denominational leaders join together in "speaking truth power" by calling on top political and military leaders to make the case for nuclear abolition.
- Join together in educational activities and other kinds of action.

We hope that the GBCS's Peace with Justice Program will join with us in

working on these endeavors. As you know, we are submitting a resolution on "Nuclear Abolition" to the United Methodist Conference (final version enclosed). We will be circulating the Citizen's Pledge to United Methodist bishops and working to get top denominational leaders to work together to "speak truth to power". We would like to work with you on educational activities that reach out to conference and local church peace activists.

Would it be possible for the General Board of Church and Society or the Peace with Justice Program to become a member of the Nuclear Abolition Campaign? There are several ways this can happen, as spelled out on page 4. Would Thom Fassett be willing to sign the Citizen's Pledge? Would you? Would GBCS or your program sign on to the statement of principles developed by the

Ms. Robin Ringle
December 6, 1995
Page two.

NGO Abolition Caucus? Would you or somebody else from GBCS be able to attend the next meeting of the Campaign in Philadelphia on Saturday? February 3, 1996? Let's have a phone conversation on this subject.

On a related matter, Bruce Edwards has drafted the enclosed petition calling for the UMC to develop and publish curriculum focusing on nonviolent action and peaceful conflict resolution. I am circulating it to our Board for review. My inclination is to specify that this task should be handled by the General Board of Discipleship in consultation with the General Board of Church of Society. What do you think? Any other comments? I want to mail it by December 15, so I would like to hear from you before then.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors

FAX MESSAGE

December 14, 1995

To: Mr. Roger F. Kruse, Executive Director
UM Commission on the General Conference

Fax: 708 869-6972

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Dear Mr. Kruse:

We would like you to know that we have reserved space at the Holiday Inn in Denver to hold a Peace with Justice Breakfast for Wednesday morning, April 17, 1996 during General Conference.

We will be inviting several bishops to speak. Please put this event on your master calendar if you have one.

Please send us a conference schedule so that we will know when the Peace with Justice Breakfast should be completed on April 17.

In January we will want to send out an announcement to all delegates with a follow up in March. Therefore, we would like to obtain two sets of peel-off mailing labels for the conference delegates. (We have been able to obtain these for each of the last two General Conferences.) As an alternative we would accept a computer disk with the delegates' addresses and will print our own labels.

It would be great convenience if two of us could stay at the Holiday Inn in a

shared room. Therefore, we request a housing form as soon as possible so that we can make our reservation. You can mail it to our address or fax it to 301 620-0232.

Thank you for your cooperation.

FAX MESSAGE

December 19, 1995

To: Bishop Kenneth L. Carder

Fax: 615 742-3726

No. of pages: 1

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair
Board of Directors

Dear Bishop Carder:

Methodists United for Peace with Justice is sponsoring a Peace with Justice Breakfast at the 1996 United Methodist General Conference. It will take place on Wednesday morning, April 17 at the Holiday Inn, located one block from the Denver Convention Center. At this event we want to highlight some of the main issues that will be coming before General Conference on how the United Methodist Church addresses the political, economic, and social order during the next quadrennium.

We cordially invite you speak on peace issues at the Peace with Justice Breakfast. Because time is short, we suggest a four to five minute presentation. In that time you might highlight a resolution on "Nuclear Abolition" we have proposed (I'll send a copy by U.S. mail), any peace initiatives of the Council of Bishops, and key resolutions offered by the General Boards of Church and Society and Global Ministries.

We are inviting other bishops to cover such matters as the children's initiative, women's issues, shalom zones, other aspects of urban ministry, and the African initiative. We cannot cover every issue, but we want to show that

General Conference will be addressing some very important peace and justice concerns.

Based upon our experience at the last two General Conferences, we expect an attendance of 150 or so, mostly delegates. We will set the precise time for the Peace with Justice Breakfast when we know the conference schedule for the day. We will want to give delegates time to reach the convention floor for the opening worship.

If you have any questions, please call me at 301 620-0232. You can fax a reply to the same number or write me at the address indicated above.

Cordially yours,

FAX MESSAGE

December 19, 1995

To: Bishop Charles Wesley Jordan

Fax: 515 283-8672

No. of pages: 1

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair
Board of Directors

Dear Bishop Jordan:

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We cordially invite you speak at the Peace with Justice Breakfast, particularly highlighting urban justice issues, such as shalom zones, the drug initiative, and urban ministry, and also the African initiative. Because time is short, we suggest a four to five minute presentation.

We are inviting other bishops to cover such matters as nuclear abolition and other key peace issues, the children's initiative, and women's issues. We cannot cover every issue, but we want to show that General Conference will be addressing some very important peace and justice concerns.

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If you have any questions, please call me at 301 620-0232. You can fax a reply to the same number or write me at the address indicated above.

Cordially yours,

FAX MESSAGE

December 19, 1995

To: Bishop Sharon Zimmerman Rader

Fax: 608 837-0281

No. of pages: 1

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair
Board of Directors

Dear Bishop Rader:

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We cordially invite you speak at the Peace with Justice Breakfast, particularly highlighting the children's initiative and women's issues. Because time is short, we suggest a four to five minute presentation.

We are inviting other bishops to cover such matters as nuclear abolition and other key peace issues, shalom zones, urban ministry, and the African initiative. We cannot cover every issue, but we want to show that General Conference will be addressing some very important peace and justice concerns.

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If you have any questions, please call me at 301 620-0232. You can fax a reply to the same number or write me at the address indicated above.

Cordially yours,

FAX MESSAGE

December 19, 1995

To: Bishop Rüdiger R. Minor

Fax: 011 7501 258 7561 No. of pages: 1

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair
Board of Directors

Dear Bishop Minor:

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We cordially invite you speak at the Peace with Justice Breakfast, offering the perspective of your experience in Russia and elsewhere in Eastern Europe during this transitional period. Because time is short, we suggest a four to five minute presentation.

We are inviting other bishops to cover such matters as nuclear abolition and other key peace issues, the children's initiative, women's issues, shalom zones, urban ministry, and the African initiative. We cannot cover every issue, but we want to show that General Conference will be addressing some very important peace and justice concerns.

Based upon our experience at the last two General Conferences, we expect an attendance of 150 or so, mostly delegates. We will set the precise time for the Peace with Justice Breakfast when we know the conference schedule for the day. We will want to give delegates time to reach the convention floor for the opening worship.

If you have any questions, please call me at 301 620-0232. You can fax a reply to the same number or write me at the address indicated above.

Cordially yours,

FAX MESSAGE

December 19, 1995

To: Bishop Hae-Jong Kim

Fax: 716 271-3404

No. of pages: 1

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair
Board of Directors

Dear Bishop Kim:

Methodists United for Peace with Justice is sponsoring a Peace with Justice Breakfast at the 1996 United Methodist General Conference. It will take place on Wednesday morning, April 17 at the Holiday Inn, located one block from the Denver Convention Center. At this event we want to highlight some of the main issues that will be coming before General Conference on how the United Methodist Church addresses the political, economic, and social order during the next quadrennium.

We cordially invite set the tone for the Peace with Justice Breakfast by offering the opening invocation. We are inviting other bishops to cover such matters as nuclear abolition, other key peace issues, the children's initiative, women's issues, shalom zones, urban ministry, and the African initiative. We cannot cover every issue, but we want to show that General Conference will be addressing some very important peace and justice concerns.

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the day. We will want to give delegates time to reach the convention floor for the opening worship.

If you have any questions, please call me at 301 620-0232. You can fax a reply to the same number or write me at the address indicated above.

Cordially yours,

FAX MESSAGE

January 17, 1996

To; Ms. Cynthia J. Haralson
United Methodist General Council
on Finance and Administration

Fax: 708 869-6972

No. of pages: 1

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair
Board of Directors

Dear Ms. Haralson:

Please send us two sets of peel-off labels for the delegates to the 1996 United Methodist General Conference, both U.S. and overseas delegates.

Please send them to directly to me:

Howard W. Hallman
4619 Araby Church Road
Frederick, MD 21704-7791

You may bill us at the address on the letterhead.

If you have any questions, please call me at 301 620-0232.

Thanks for your assistance,

FAX MESSAGE

January 17, 1996

To: Bishop Rüdiger R. Minor

Fax: 011 7501 258 7561 No. of pages: 1

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Dear Bishop Minor:

On December 19, 1995 I faxed you an invitation to speak at a Peace with Justice Breakfast we are sponsoring on Wednesday morning, April 17, 1996 at the United Methodist General Conference. Because we have not had a reply, perhaps the fax did not reach you. The breakfast will take place from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn, located one block from the Denver Convention Center.

We would like for you to discuss key peace and justice issues arising in Russia and other parts of Eastern Europe during this transitional period and what responses, if any, are appropriate for Christians living elsewhere. Because time is short, we suggest a four to five minute presentation.

We are inviting other bishops to cover such matters as nuclear abolition and other key peace issues, the children's initiative, women's issues, shalom zones, urban ministry, and the African initiative. We cannot cover every issue, but we want to show that General Conference will be addressing some very important peace and justice concerns.

Based upon our experience at the last two General Conferences, we expect an

attendance of 150 or so, mostly delegates. We intend to adjourn in time for delegates to reach the convention floor for the morning worship.

You may fax a reply to me at 301 620-0232. I can also be reached by telephone at this number in case you have any questions.

Cordially yours,

January 17, 1996

To: Board of Directors

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

As previously announced, the next meeting of the Board of Directors will take place on Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2, 1996. We will meet at Foundry United Methodist Church, 1500 16th Street, NW in Washington, D.C.

The meeting will run from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 1 and from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 2 with lunch available after adjournment. We will have coffee, tea, and pastries available each morning and will provide lunch on Friday. Friday evening members will be on their own for dinner, but there are nearby restaurants for those who would like to eat together.

We have invited Duane Shank of the Sojourners to join us for lunch on Friday to talk about the "Cry for Renewal" movement which has been initiated during the past year as a means for offering an alternative faith vision in politics to that of the Christian Coalition. We are seeking an opportunity to visit the U.S. Institute of Peace, located nearby, to learn more about their activities, especially those dealing with conflict resolution.

We are privileged to add to our Board of Directors Morie Griffin of Missoula, Montana, a college student representing the Steering Committee of the United Methodist Student Forum, and Jonathan Randolph of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, a high school student representing the United Methodist Youth Ministry Organization. They will both attend the March meeting.

Please return the enclosed form, indicating whether you will attend the March 1-2 Board meeting. Indicate whether you would like to stay with a local host, want a hotel room, or will make other arrangements. Phil Miller is finding out hotel rates close to Foundry, so we can advise you what is available.

To: Methodists United for Peace with Justice
1500 16th Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

I ____ will, ____ will not attend the meeting of the Board of Directors in Washington, D.C. on March 1 and 2, 1996.

For housing, I --

____ would like to stay with a local host

____ want to stay at a hotel and want suggestions for one near the meeting place.

____ will make my own arrangements.

Signed _____

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1500 16th Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

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1500 16th Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

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____ will make my own arrangements.

Signed _____

January 17, 1996

Mr. Jonathan Randolph
160 Ralston Road
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Dear Jon:

We would like to welcome you to the Board of Directors of Methodists United for Peace with Justice as a representative of the United Methodist National Youth Ministry Organization. Your viewpoint and your contacts with students around the country will be an asset to our Board.

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

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2, 1996 at Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C. We look forward to your joining us then. We will pay your travel expenses and meals and will provide housing accommodations in Washington. Our board members who fly to the meeting usually stay over Saturday night in order to get the best airfare, and you may want to do so also. If you need a travel advance or a quick reimbursement for your ticket, please let me know.

As further background I am enclosing the minutes of our last meeting, the latest *Peace Leaf* (our quarterly newsletter), and a resolution on "Nuclear Abolition" we are proposing to the 1996 United Methodist General Conference.

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

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors

January 17, 1996

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

Dear Morie:

We look forward to your attending the next meeting of the Board of Directors on Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2, 1996 at Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C.

The enclosed announcement provides details.

As I previously indicated, we will pay your travel expenses and meals and will provide housing accommodations in Washington. Our board members who fly to board meetings usually stay over Saturday night in order to get an advantageous airfare, and you may want to do likewise. If you need a travel advance or quick reimbursement, please let me know.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors

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Yours for peace and justice,

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Board of Directors*

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Board of Directors*

FAX MESSAGE

January 25, 1996

To: Bishop Rüdiger R. Minor

Fax: 011 7501 258 7561 No. of pages: 1

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Dear Bishop Minor:

We greatly appreciate your willingness to participate in the Peace with Justice Breakfast at the 1996 United Methodist General Conference in Denver. Other participants will include Bishop Kenneth L. Carter, Bishop Charles Wesley Jordan, Bishop Hae-Jon Kim, and Bishop Sharon Zimmerman Rader.

The Breakfast will take place on Wednesday morning, April 17, 1996 in the ballroom of the Holiday Inn, one block from the Colorado Convention Center. The breakfast buffet will open at 6:45 a.m., and the program will run from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m., adjourning in time for delegates to reach the convention floor for the opening of the morning session of General Conference.

We are sending letters of invitation to all delegates, all active bishops, key staff of general boards, councils, and commissions, and representatives of United Methodist caucuses and affiliated groups. The Peace with Justice Breakfast is, of course, open to any others who want to attend.

As the time for General Conference approaches, I will get in touch with you

again to discuss final details.

Cordially yours,

HOWARD W. HALLMAN
6508 Wilmett Road
Bethesda, MD 20817

February 5, 1996

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

Dear Phil:

I've accumulated a number of bills for expenses entailed in behalf of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. I request reimbursement as follows:

11-14-95	Staples	photocopy, supplies	\$ 24.29
12-9	Staples	photocopy	14.10
1-7-96	Staples	photocopy	1.20
1-23	Staples	photocopy	42.57
1-25	Staples	photocopy	3.00
1-26	Post Office	stamps	72.00
1-29	Post Office	stamps	6.00
2-1	Staples	photocopy	7.50
2-2	Sojourners	conference registration	25.00
2-3	Amtrak	ticket to Philadelphia for meeting on nuclear abolition	48.00

	Total		\$243.60

Also enclosed is a receipt for stamps bought with an MUPJ check.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard W. Hallman

FAX MESSAGE

To: Dr. Charles Nelson
U.S. Institute for Peace

Fax: 202 429-6063 No. of pages: 3

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Phone/Fax: 1-301 620-0232

As we discussed on the phone, our Board of Directors is meeting in Washington on Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2, 1996 at Foundry United Methodist Church, 1500 16th Street, NW. We are in the process of exploring how we can contribute to peacemaking in the post-cold war era as ethnic conflict and civil strife have become the dominant disturber of world peace.

Therefore, we would like to visit the U.S. Institute for Peace to learn more about your work, especially activities related to conflict resolution. Around 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon, March 1 would best fit our schedule, but we have flexibility. There will be a dozen or so persons. A session of 45 to 60 minutes would be fine.

When our Board met in Atlanta in October, we made a similar visit to the Carter Center, and this was helpful to us in helping to clarify our interests in conflict resolution.

Information about Methodists United for Peace with Justice is attached. If you or your staff have any questions, please get in touch with me. I'm working out of my wife Carlee's parsonage in Frederick where she is serving as an ordained minister in a United Methodist Church. My phone is 1-301 620-0232 on Monday to Thursday, but I can be reached at our house in Bethesda on Friday at 301 897-3668.

With best regards,

February 8, 1996

President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Attn: Dr. Anthony Lake, National Security Council

Dear Mr. President:

We were alarmed the other day to read that you are considering reopening the B-2 bomber issue. We thought that it was firmly decided that 20 B-2 bombers are enough (really too many in our view).

The B-2 bomber is a relic from the Cold War. To commit further funds to build even more would be a vast waste of public funds in a budget-cutting era. Worse it would be another example of taking food out of the mouth of the hungry, to paraphrase President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Therefore, we hope that you will halt all efforts to build additional B-2 bombers.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

1500 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036

FAX TRANSMITTAL MEMO

Date: February 13, 1996

To: K.C. Knauer, Director of Catering
Holiday Inn, Denver Downtown

Fax: 303 572-1113 No. of pages: 2

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair
Board of Directors

Voice/Fax: 301 620-0232

You indicated that for our breakfast meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 1996 we can be exempt from sales tax if we present you a valid exemption certificate from the District of Columbia. Such a certificate is attached. Although it shows our previous address, it remains valid.

We are looking forward to this event on April 17.

February 21, 1996

Ms. Anna Rhee
United Methodist Women's Division
100 Maryland Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Anna:

I would like to confirm my invitation for you to meet with the Board of Directors of Methodists United for Peace with Justice at 11:30 a.m., Friday, March 1, 1996 -- if you can work it into your busy schedule prior to the Interfaith Impact Legislative Briefing. We are meeting in the Helen Harris Parlor of Foundry United Methodist Church at 16th and P Streets, NW. There will be 12 to 15 of us.

We would like to hear from you about efforts of the Women's Division and others in behalf of the needs of children. Because this is the focus of a Bishops' Initiative, it may be an issue where we can play a supportive role. We have scheduled a half hour for your presentation and our discussion with you.

If you have time, we invite you to join us for lunch. Duane Shank will be there then to talk about the Cry for Renewal movement.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors

March 12, 1996

To: Board of Directors

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

We had an excellent meeting in Washington, D.C. on March 1 and 2. You will receive the minutes with a full report as soon as they are ready.

Three new members added a lot to our proceedings: Jonathan Randolph representing the United Methodist National Youth Ministry Organization, Morie Griffin representing the Steering Committee of the Student Forum of the United Methodist Church, and Rev. Schuyler Rhodes, pastor of Washington Square United Methodist Church in New York City and president of the Methodist Peace Fellowship.

Among other matters we reviewed a petition to the UM General Conference from the UM General Board of Church and Society to amend the resolution on "The United Methodist Church and Peace" in *The Book of Resolutions, 1992*. We concluded that the section on "Disarmament" should be strengthened to make a stronger and more complete statement on nuclear abolition. Accordingly, I have written the enclosed draft, which also adds language on conventional disarmament. Please give me your comments by March 29 so that I can finalize it prior to General Conference.

We decided that the next board meeting will be on Friday and Saturday, October 18 and 19, 1996 in New York City at the Washington Square United Methodist Church. On Friday afternoon we will visit the United Nations headquarters and talk with United Methodist staff in their building across from the UN. Schuyler Rhodes will arrangement for relatively

inexpensive accommodations near his church. Details will be forthcoming, but please mark the dates on your calendar.

With best regards,

FAX MESSAGE

March 12, 1996

To: Mr. Roger F. Kruse, Executive Director
UM Commission on the General Conference

Fax: 708 869-6972

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Dear Mr. Kruse:

As we have written you previously, we are holding a Peace with Justice Breakfast on Wednesday morning, April 17, 1996 at the Holiday Inn in downtown Denver. Speakers include Bishops Carder, Jordan, Kim, Minor, and Rader.

We have written to all General Conference delegates and active bishops, inviting them to the Peace with Justice Breakfast. So far we have received a significant number of reservations.

On Tuesday, April 16 we would like to sell the remaining tickets to the Breakfast in the lobby of the Colorado Convention Center outside where the General Conference is meeting. Therefore, we request a table and two chairs for that purpose. We would like to install a sign on the table either late Monday evening or early Tuesday morning. We will have somebody at the table all day on Tuesday except when General Conference is in session.

We greatly appreciate your assistance in this matter. If you have any

questions, please call me at 301 620-0232 or use the same number for a fax reply.

With best regards,

March 12, 1996

Ms. Odell Thompson
1740 Sixth Street
Beloit, WI 53511

Dear Ms. Thompson:

In reviewing the Daily Christian Advocate Advance Edition, Volume 1, I note that our petition entitled "Nuclear Abolition" seems to have been assigned to the Ministry Legislative Committee as petition #21373-MN-NDis-O (DCA Advance Edition, pp.1098-1100).

In the 1992 General Conference a similar resolution entitled "Nuclear Disarmament: The Zero Option" was handled by the Church and Society Legislative Committee. I'm wondering whether that is a more appropriate assignment. If so, perhaps the petition on "Nuclear Abolition" could be shifted from Ministry to Church and Society.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors

METHODISTS UNITED
for Peace with Justice

1500 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036

March 12, 1996

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

Dear Sherman:

Would you please make up a flyer for our Peace with Justice Breakfast with the choice of font you have. A suggested text is enclosed along with a disk with WordPerfect 5.1+.

Also, we need a new letterhead to reflect board changes. Copy is enclosed.

After I get the Breakfast flyer printed, I may need some help in getting out the mailing to General Conference delegates -- if you have some time.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman

HOWARD W. HALLMAN
6508 Wilmett Road
Bethesda, MD 20817

March 12, 1996

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

Dear Phil:

I am submitting herewith two sets of bills for expenses I have entailed in behalf of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. The first is for administrative expenses, as follows:

12-18-95	Staples	supplies	\$ 7.68
2-3-96	Amtrak Station	parking	4.00
2-26	Staples	photocopying, supplies	55.62
2-29	Staples	photocopying	33.80
2-29	Giant Food	supplies (board meeting)	10.22
3-6	Staples	photocopying	12.25
3-6	Staples	photocopying	6.00
3-12	Staples	photocopying	<u>8.00</u>
		Total	\$137.57

The second is for student members of Board of Directors, as follows:

2-29-96	National Airport	parking (pick up Griffin)	\$ 2.00
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3-1	Rua Restaurant	meals (Griffin, Randolph)	28.00
	Northwest Airline	ticket (Griffin)	<u>671.00</u>
		Total	\$701.00

Receipts are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard W. Hallman

HOWARD W. HALLMAN
6508 Wilmett Road
Bethesda, MD 20817

March 12, 1996

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

Dear Phil:

I thought we had an excellent board meeting. We are grateful to Foundry United Methodist Church for making its facilities available and to the Peace Mission for serving us lunch on Saturday. Please convey our thanks to the appropriate people.

Now I'm ready to "raid" the treasury. Enclosed are sets of bills for administrative expenses and for expenses of our student members. I had the travel agent charge Morrie Griffin's plane fare to my VISA account. She claimed that she obtained the best fare possible.

Beyond that I need eight more rolls of stamps for a second mailing to General Conference delegates. Please provide me a check of \$256.00 payable to "Postmaster". Thanks.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman

March 12, 1996

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

Dear Jaydee & Robin:

At its recent meeting our Board of Directors reviewed the petition of the General Board of Church and Society to the 1996 General Conference to amend the resolution on "The United Methodist Church and Peace". Members thought that the section on Disarmament could be stronger by calling forthrightly for nuclear abolition and by incorporating other policy recommendations contained in our separate petition on "Nuclear Abolition."

Therefore, I was instructed to draft some language to offer to the Church and Society Legislative Committee at General Conference. I've done this and am now circulating the enclosed draft to our board members. I'm sending it to you for your information and any comments you might have.

We understand the concern for "word righteousness", but we also know that the United Methodist Church through leadership by the Council of Bishops has made nuclear disarmament one of its major issues. Therefore, we will continue to push for a separate resolution on "Nuclear Abolition". We will ask that the resolution on "The United Methodist Church and Peace" be consistent with the one on "Nuclear Abolition".

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors

March 16, 1996

Dear General Conference Delegate:

As the 1996 United Methodist General Conference approaches, you no doubt are busily studying the issues and voluminous material. As you do so, we would like to ask your support for several measures related to peace and nuclear disarmament.

First, we have submitted a petition on "Nuclear Abolition". This resolution builds upon the United Methodist Bishops' prophetic statement in *In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Just Peace* (1986) and updates the resolution "Nuclear Disarmament: The Zero Option", adopted by the 1992 General Conference. Our proposal appears as petition #21373-MN-DisO on pp. 1098-1100 of Daily Christian Advocate Advance Edition, Volume I.

Second, we have submitted a petition for "Curriculum on Nonviolent Action and Peaceful Conflict Resolution." It requests the General Board of Discipleship, with cooperation from the General Board of Church and Society, to develop and publish during the 1996-2000 quadrennium curriculum material focusing on nonviolent action and peaceful conflict resolution for use by children, youth, and adults. Again this draws upon *In Defense of Creation*, which recommended education for peaceful alternatives. We don't know the petition number, but it should appear in Volume II of the DCA Advance Edition.

Third, we have heard that a proposal is pending to modify the historic position of the United Methodist Church on "War and Peace", as contained in the Social Principles, found on pp. 105-106 of *The Book of Discipline* and on pp. 50-51 in *The Book of Resolutions*. We urge you to retain the current

language.

Lastly, we repeat an earlier announcement, inviting you to participate in the Peace With Justice Breakfast we are holding on Wednesday morning, April 17 at the Downtown Holiday Inn, one block from the Colorado Convention Center. If you haven't already returned your reservation form, please mail it in time to reach us at our Washington, D.C. office no later than Friday, April 12.

We look forward to a spirit-filled, productive General Conference.

Yours for peace and justice,

Howard W. Hallman, Chair
Board of Directors

March 14, 1996

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

Dear Jim:

Here is information on the Stand for Children rally on June 1. The primary organizer is the Children's Defense Fund. I suggest that you put an announcement about it in the next issue of *Peace Leaf*.

I have an invoice from Interfaith Impact for \$29.50 for material sent to Char. Should I give this to Phil for payment? Or has he received a copy?

I believe that I owe you an article on the Nuclear Abolition Network. I'll get to it early next week and send it to you.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors

March 14, 1996

Mr. Harold V. Hartley III
Director, Campus Ministry Section
P.O. Box 871
Nashville, TN 37202-0871

Dear Mr. Hartley:

Earlier this month we had our first board meeting in which Morie Griffin participated as a representative of the Steering Committee, Student Forum of the United Methodist Church. Also joining our board at this time was Jonathan Randolph, a high school student from Mississippi, representing the United Methodist Youth Ministry Organization. Previously we had elected Sarah Cadle, a student at Wesley Theological Seminary. Having their perspective added a lot to our discussion.

Thus, we want to thank you for helping us bring Morie onto our board.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors

cc. Morie K. Griffin
Risher Brabham

March 14, 1996

Ms. Angela Gay Kinkead
UM National Youth Ministry Organization
P.O. Box 840
Nashville, TN 37202-0849

Dear Ms. Kinkead:

Earlier this month we had our first board meeting in which Jonathan Randolph participated as a representative the United Methodist Youth Ministry Organization. Also joining our board at this time was Morie Griffin, a college student from Montana, representing the Steering Committee, Student Forum of the United Methodist Church. Previously we had elected Sarah Cadle, a student at Wesley Theological Seminary. Having their perspective added a lot to our discussion.

Thus, we want to thank you for helping us bring Jon onto our board.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors

cc. Jonathan Randolph

March 18, 1996

Betty J. Nelson
4100 S.W. Munson
Topeka, KS 66604-1817

Dear Betty:

I'm glad to see that you are again a delegate to the United Methodist General Conference. Sherman Harris and I will be in Denver the first week and hope to see you.

Once again we are putting on a Peace with Justice Breakfast, this time on Wednesday morning, April 17. I recall that in Louisville four years ago, you pitched in and helped us. Would you be willing to do so again this year? In particular, we need someone to be at a table where caucus representatives can sign in so that they can be introduced during the breakfast.

We are trying to get a table in the lobby of the Colorado Convention Center for Tuesday, April 16 to see tickets. So you can find us there. Otherwise Sherman and I are staying at Adams Mark Hotel.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors

March 18, 1996

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

Dear Risher:

At its recent meeting the Board of Directors reluctantly accepted your resignation from the Board. We will miss your participation.

We are especially grateful to you for helping us achieve a closer connection with campus ministers, for enabling us to add a representative of the UM Student Forum, and for arranging our board meeting in Atlanta.

We'll keep in touch with you.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors

FAX MEMO

March 25, 1996

To: Bishop M. Stanley Mogoba
Methodist Church of Southern Africa

Fax: 011 27 31 217 674 No. of pages: 3

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair
Board of Directors

Phone/fax: 1 301 620 0232

Dear Bishop Mogoba:

I note that you are helping to organize a two day seminar on "The Power of the Holy Spirit: Transforming the World of Injustice" at the 17th World Methodist Conference, taking place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in August 1996. As you address issues of war and peace, we are wondering if you might consider the need to achieve the global abolition of all nuclear weapons. There is a growing international citizens movement for nuclear abolition, and World Methodism could play an important role.

This issue has been a major concern of the United Methodist Church since the Council of Bishops in 1986 issued their pastoral letter and foundation document, *In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Just Peace*. The 1988 United Methodist General Conference endorsed the bishops' report in which they said "No!" to nuclear deterrence. The 1992 General Conference adopted a resolution entitled "Nuclear Disarmament: The Zero Option".

When it meets in April, the 1996 General Conference will consider the attached resolution on "Nuclear Abolition" to update its policy on this issue.

The language of this proposed resolution lays out the case for nuclear abolition and outlines a set of initiatives that move toward that goal. These ideas, combined with the biblical and spiritual exposition of *In Defense of Creation*, suggest matters that might be covered in the seminar. If you are interested, I could suggest resource people who might lead a discussion.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman

March 28, 1996

Ms. Paula Johnston
1825 Jewell Drive
Longmont, CO 80501

Dear Paula:

We appreciate the opportunity to sell tickets for our Peace with Justice Breakfast at the information booth at General Conference. The event is Wednesday morning, April 17, so we will want to be in the booth during the day on Tuesday, April 16.

You indicated a willingness to have a sign made for us. The enclosed flyer provides the necessary information.

Sherman Harris and I will be arriving Monday evening and probably won't get to the Convention Center until the first thing Tuesday morning. We will be staying at the Adams Mark Hotel, but the Peace with Justice Breakfast will be at the Downtown Holiday Inn.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors

March 28, 1996

Ms. Ruth Robinson
3963 Haddon Road
Denver, CO 80205

Dear Ruth:

We appreciate your willingness to help check people in and take tickets at the Peace with Justice Breakfast we are having at the United Methodist General Conference on Wednesday morning, April 17. The enclosed flyer provides the information.

We will have the breakfast buffet open at 6:30 a.m., so ticket takers will need to be there a little before that. Two persons probably can handle the task, but one or two more would help expedite the process. The only benefits are our thanks and a free breakfast!

Most of those attending will have made advance reservations. We will have an alphabetized list available and can divide it into segments of the alphabet.

I am sending some extra flyers that you can give to local peace with justice activists who may want to attend. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors

April 2, 1996

Rev. Jim W. Morris
Red Bird Missionary Conference
6 Queendale Center
Beverly, KY 40913

Dear Rev. Morris:

I appreciate your letter of support for our petitions to General Conference and your explanation why the Red Bird Missionary Conference cannot be represented at the Peace with Justice Breakfast on April 17.

Although you didn't ask for it, we would be pleased to provide a complimentary ticket to the Peace with Justice Breakfast to one person from your conference. Just let me know who it will be so that we can have the name on our check-in list.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors

April 15, 1996

To:Bishop Kenneth L. Carder
Bishop Charles Wesley Jordan
Bishop Jae-Jong Kim
Bishop Ruediger R. Minor
Bishop Sharon Zimmerman Rader

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: Peace with Justice Breakfast, April 17, 1996

We greatly appreciate your willingness to participate in the Peace with Justice Breakfast we are sponsoring at the 1996 United Methodist General Conference. The purpose is to highlight major peace and justice issues that the General Conference will consider and to create a feeling that many delegates share these concerns and will work together on them. Our focus is upon issues of public policy rather than internal matters of the United Methodist Church (even though some of them are justice issues).

Attached is an outline of the program for the Peace with Justice Breakfast. It is for use of the speakers and will not be handed out. Please note the schedule, order of presentations, and suggested topics each speaker will cover.

We won't have a head table but rather ask you to have your breakfast at a table near the speakers platform. You don't all have to sit at the same table so that you can have a chance to visit with some of the delegates. At a minute or two before 7:00, please take a seat on the speakers platform.

I will preside and introduce each of you by name and area served just before

your turn to speak. To save time, I won't attempt to review your many accomplishments. We have allotted five minutes for each of the four speakers. A timekeeper sitting in the front of the audience will display a yellow-orange sheet when you have one minute left and a red sheet when your time has expired.

We will give attendees opportunity to ask questions or make brief comments from the floor (we will have two floor mikes available). One or more of you may reply if appropriate. I will end discussion at 7:58 and ask Bishop Kim to dismiss us with a benediction.

If you have any last minute questions, Sherman Harris and I will be at the General Conference information booth in the Convention Center lobby on Tuesday, April 16 until 1:15 p.m. We are staying at the Adams Mark Hotel: 893-3333.

HOWARD W. HALLMAN
6508 Wilmett Road
Bethesda, MD 20817

April 22, 1996

To: Phillip Miller, Treasurer
Methodists United for Peace with Justice

Please reimbursement me for expenses entailed in representing Methodists United for Peace with Justice at the 1996 United Methodist General Conference in Denver, Colorado from April 15 to 21. My expenses totaled \$997.25, as follows:

Airfare	\$308.12
Hotel (room for Hallman and Harris)	522.67
Meals (including three for Harris)	139.96
Limosine to airport	15.00
Tips and miscellaneous	<u>11.50</u>
Total	\$997.25

Respectfully submitted,

Howard W. Hallman

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

1500 16th Street, NW

Washington, DC 20036

FAX TRANSMITTAL MEMO

Date: April 29, 1996

To: Tonja Koepke, Accounts Receivable
Holiday Inn, Downtown Denver

Fax: 303 572-1113 No. of pages: 1

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair
Board of Directors

Voice/Fax: 301 620-0232

As you requested I am providing you a copy of our tax exemption certificate from the District of Columbia.

May 1, 1996

Morie K. Griffin
1327 Arthur Avenue
Missoula, MT 59801

Dear Morie:

Your draft of the minutes came as I was completing preparation for General Conference. Since then I have been busy with catch-up tasks, but now I have finally had a chance to review them.

You did an excellent job of pulling together notes from three sources. Attached are my editorial suggestions to offer clarity and make some corrections. I rewrote the sentence regarding Lovenger Bowden because this is a sensitive matter ("dismiss" is too strong a term). Sherman doesn't go as "Sherm". You kept omitting the "u" in Schuyler's name. It's preferable to spell out terms like "General Conference". But overall you prepared a good set of minutes.

I'll let you send them out. I assume you have the attachments that are mentioned in the minutes. If not, let me know, and I'll send you a set. You can bill us for cost of copying and mailing if you like.

I hope you'll be able to attend the October 18-19 board meeting in New York. Schuyler is already working on plans for it.

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

May 1, 1996

To: Board of Directors

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

We had an excellent United Methodist General Conference.

Approximately 150 persons, mostly delegates, attended our Peace with Justice Breakfast. The five bishops who prayed and spoke were great: incisive and concise. We had good questions and comments from the floor. This year we opened the breakfast buffet at 6:30 a.m. and started the program a little after 7:00, and this avoided the pile up at the buffet table we experienced in 1988 and 1992. During the week Sherman and I were there, we heard many favorable comments about the breakfast.

Our resolutions passed easily. The one on Nuclear Abolition passed the legislative committee by a vote of 91-0 with one abstention. The one on curriculum on nonviolent action passed a subcommittee 24-0, but I don't know the committee vote. Both of them went through the entire body on the consent calendar. Likewise Peace with Justice as a special program and Peace with Justice Sunday were reaffirmed with virtually no dissent. Petitions to alter the United Methodist Church's strong stand against war were rejected. Various justice issues received solid support.

Schuyler Rhodes is working on plans for our next board meeting, scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 18 and 19, 1996 in New York City. On Friday afternoon we will visit the United Nations and the church's UN headquarters. Please put this date on your calendar.

Although our revenues from the Peace with Justice Breakfast exceeded the food costs, the mailings, travel, and hotel expenses for Sherman and me have seriously depleted our treasury. So I ask all of you to recruit some new members, get United Methodist conferences to make financial contributions to our work, and in other ways raise some funds for Methodists United.

With best regards,

May 2, 1996

Bishop William Boyd Grove
215 Lancaster Street
Albany, NY 12210-1131

Dear Bishop Grove:

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Working with other religious organizations, we are inviting top religious leaders in the United States to sign the Citizen's Pledge. First, we are asking heads of communion and other top denominational leaders to sign. Then with these names listed the Pledge will be circulated to all bishops and equivalent area leaders in non-episcopal denominations.

Previously Bishop Melvin Talbert signed the Citizen's Pledge as secretary of the United Methodist Council of Bishops and also as president of the National Council of Churches. His signature remains valid in the latter capacity, but we would now like to have United Methodist signers reflect the new officers of the Council of Bishops. Therefore, would you be willing to sign as ecumenical officer?

As the enclosed list indicates, we have signatures from leading Catholics and heads of communion of American Baptist Churches, Episcopal Church, and the historic peace churches. We have invitations to other heads of communion and expect to be hearing from them soon.

Bishop William Boyd Grove
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For your convenience I am enclosing a pledge form and a stamped return envelope. Or you may fax your reply to 301 620-0232. If you have any questions, please call me.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors

May 2, 1996

Bishop Woodie W. White
1100 W. 42nd Street
Indianapolis, IN 46208

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Bishop Woodie W. White

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Howard W. Hallman

Chair, Board of Directors

May 2, 1996

Bishop Sharon Zimmerman Rader
750 Windsor Street, #303
Sun Prairie, WI 53508

Dear Sharon:

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Bishop Sharon Zimmerman Rader

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With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman

Chair, Board of Directors

May 8, 1996

Bishop Charles Wesley Jordan
1019 Chestnut Street
Des Moines, IA 50309

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I came away from General Conference with the feeling that peace and justice concerns remain very strong within the United Methodist. I hope that the Council of Bishops will provide us leadership during the next quadrennium so that we can effectively maximize our strengths in working together on important public issues.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors

May 8, 1996

Bishop Kenneth L. Carder
Executive Park
520 Commerce Street, Suite 201
Nashville, TN 47203-3714

Dear Ken:

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

May 8, 1996

Bishop Hae-Jong Kim
1010 East Avenue
Rochester, NY 14607

Dear Bishop Kim:

We are grateful to you for your participation in the Peace with Justice Breakfast at General Conference. In the days that followed a number of delegates told us that the breakfast helped set a very positive tone for peace and justice concerns and that carried into the work of legislative committees. Your invocation and benediction framed our discussion with spiritual values.

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Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors

FAX MESSAGE

To: Bishop Ruediger R. Minor

Fax: 011 7501 258 7561 No. of pages: 3

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Dear Bishop Minor:

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With best regards,

May 8, 1996

Rev. Dr. Rosa Clements
1259 Circle Drive
Akron, OH 44310

Dear Rosa:

Sherman Harris and I were pleased to run into you in Denver while attending the United Methodist General Conference.

I told our treasurer about your losing the check for your travel expenses related to the Gathering of the Methodist Family in Kirkwood, Missouri. He has written a new one, which is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

1500 16th Street, NW

Washington, DC 20036

FAX TRANSMITTAL MEMO

Date: June 4, 1996

To: Schuyler Rhodes

Fax: 212 673-0826

No. of pages: 3

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair
Board of Directors

Voice/Fax: 301 620-0232

Dear Schuyler:

Thanks for developing an agenda and working out logistics for our October board meeting. I have marked your cover memo and draft agenda with suggested changes.

I am suggesting a visit to the International Peace Academy to learn about their work in dispute resolution. This will tie into our previous visits to the Carter Center in Atlanta and the U.S. Institute of Peace in Washington. I

would appreciate your making contact to arrange a visit.

I'm looking forward to the October board meeting and the opportunity to visit the Washington Square United Methodist Church.

With best regards,

June 14, 1996

To: Board of Directors

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

In May I had an opportunity to visit Hiroshima when I was in Japan to attend a public administration conference. It was a very moving experience and inspired to me work harder for nuclear abolition.

As follow through I have written the enclosed letter to President Clinton and will write Citizen Bob Dole with a similar message. I have also written the enclosed memo to persons in the U.S. Nuclear Abolition Network and to contacts in denominational offices and religious peace fellowships, offering several action suggestions. I would be interested in your reaction to these ideas.

Phil Miller, our treasurer, informs me that our current balances are \$112.82 in the General Fund and \$145.20 in the Education Fund. Sherman Harris has not yet submitted a bill for his travel expenses to General Conference amounting to \$300+. We have monthly telephone bills and want to get out a Peace Leaf this summer.

We have in the works a membership invitation letter to persons attending the Peace with Justice Breakfast at General Conference, and we will soon be billing members for annual dues. In addition, I hope that each person on the Board will help raise some funds by recruiting members, getting one or more local churches to "adopt" us, getting your conference peace with justice program to support our work.

Schuyler Rhodes is mailing out information about our next board meeting in New York, scheduled for October 18-19. Please make plans to attend.

My wife is retiring from the ministry at the end of June. We will be living full time at our house in Bethesda, Maryland. Effective June 18 the phone/fax number for Methodists United for Peace with Justice will be 301 896-0013.

Cordially yours,

HOWARD W. HALLMAN
6508 Wilmett Road
Bethesda, MD 20817

Phone: 301 897-3668
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July 8, 1996

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

Dear Phil:

Here is the latest detailed phone bill for MUPJ. Bell Atlantic agreed to prorate the \$98.50 charge for connection of service over a six months' period, starting next month.

While the phone technicians was at our house installing the MUPJ line, I had him put in another jack for our home phone. Enclosed is a check for \$16.00 to cover the additional labor charge.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman

August 9, 1996

Ms. Sandy Ferguson
Baltimore-Washington United
Methodist Conference
5124 Greenwich
Baltimore, MD 32339

Dear Sandy:

As I mentioned on the phone recently, we have invited Rev. Carol Windrum and Tim Fickenscher, a wife-and-husband, peace-with-justice team from Nebraska, to the Washington area for the period of October 10 to 14, 1996. This is part of a nationwide tour they are conducting, described in the enclosed flyer, which indicates their capabilities and lists possible program topics.

I am in the process of scheduling several events in which they will provide leadership and am looking for other possibilities. Do you have suggestions on how we can use their notable talents? Are there churches, district committees, or conference units which might want to call upon their services? I am also getting in touch with Nan McCurdy and Cristian De La Rosa.

If you have any ideas, please let me know, preferably by the end of August. You can reach me by phone or fax at 301 896-0013.

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