

**METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE**

**421 Seward Square, SE**

**Washington, DC 20003**

**Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors**

**March 30-31, 1990**

**Present:** Clifford A. Armour, Jr., Alice Ashton, John D. Copenhaver, Jr., Bruce K. Edwards, Jennifer Garvin-Sanchez, Howard W. Hallman, Sherman W. Harris, John M. Mecartney, Betty J. Nelson, Nancy Risch, Spencer Turnipseed, Mark W. Wethington, and James H. Zeisloft.

The meeting began at 10:00 p.m. with devotions by Betty Nelson followed by self-introductions. Sherman Harris presided as the agenda was perfected. A decision was made to discuss the letter from Bernice Smith after review of the minutes.

**Minutes.** James Zeisloft corrected the minutes: he was present at the Board meeting on October 20-21, 1989. John Copenhaver asked about the motion by Ed Helms for an alternative plan to staff MUPJ. Sherman said the Executive Committee simply overlooked the motion; they will respond at their next meeting.

**Smith letter.** Following the minutes the letter from Bernice Smith dated 2/23/90 was considered (Attached 1). Howard Hallman addressed the letter and its accusations, noting that MUPJ during the last 18 months has tried to work cooperatively with the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society. Sherman Harris discussed conversations with Sharon Garfield, peace with justice coordinator, and Thom Fassett, general secretary.

Several board members expressed concern about possible conflict with the General Board's Peace with Justice Program. Sherman and Howard indicated that MUPJ has supported funding for the Board's program and has carefully avoided duplication. The official Peace with Justice Program focus primarily on educational activities and training conference peace with justice coordinators while Methodists United concentrates on lobbying and information dissemination for that purpose.

Although Rev. Fassett had been scheduled to participate in the afternoon session of our Board meeting, he had called earlier in the day to say that he could not make it. The Board recognized the importance of having a positive relation with the General Board. Therefore, James Zeisloft moved that we contact Thom Fassett, asking for liaison with the General Board of Church and Society (two-way exchange). Alice Ashton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Spencer Turnipseed was designated to make contact in behalf of MUPJ's Board of Directors.

John Copenhaver moved that we ask the staff of the Peace with Justice Program to give us a written response to Bernice Smith's letter, specifically addressing the issues raised in 1b. & 1c. Betty Nelson seconded, and the motion passed.

James Zeisloft moved that the secretary write a letter to Bernice Smith acknowledging the receipt of her letter and accepting with regret her resignation.

The name of our organization was discussed again, and the Board decided to table further discussion of the name until after discussion with the representatives of the General Board.

**Report of the Executive Director.** Howard Hallman reported on recent

activities. The issues focus has been disarmament and federal budget priorities. Coalition activities involve working particularly with the Monday Arms Control Lobby and the Citizens' Budget Campaign. Through the Monday Lobby Howard has taken leadership to initiate a Disarmament Forum which holds monthly discussion of long-range policies for the 1990s. Since the last Board meeting Methodists United has published the *Peacemaker Handbook*, one issue of *Peace Leaf*, and three *Peace/Justice Alerts*.

Sherman Harris acknowledged that Howard Hallman was doing the work of MUPJ almost singlehandedly. Several Board members commended his work.

## **Finance**

**Accounts payable.** There was discussion of accounts payable held over from previous years, with special attention to the amount owed to Production Solutions for printing and envelopes used in MUPJ's initial direct mail campaign. The unpaid bill (not counting finance charges) is \$2,495.16. Cliff Armour moved that we pay this amount in 12 monthly payments of \$200 with a 13th payment of \$95.16. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Seeking foundation grants.** Howard reported his efforts in grant applications to foundations (Attachment 2) and evaluated the possibilities of receiving grants. Appreciation was expressed to Howard for initiatives taken in seeking grants.

**Budget.** Howard presented three options for the budget (Attachment 3). These budgets were prepared primarily for the purpose of applying for

grants. Mark Wethington moved that we accept the three proposed budgets for 1990 as options for foundation applications. Cliff Armour seconded the motion, and it passed.

Mark Wethington moved that the 1990 operating budget be based on Option 1 with the addition of accounts payable from previous years and with the following priorities related to availability of funds:

1. Nonpersonal expenses (except equipment)	\$17,675
Accounts payable (1987-89)	<u>7,939</u>
	25,614
2. Executive director	30,000
Fringe benefits (15% of salary)	<u>4,500</u>
	34,500
3. Rent (voluntary to Capitol Hill UMC)	1,200
Equipment and computer software	<u>3,000</u>
	4,200
Total (if sufficient funds raised)	\$64,314

Bruce Edwards seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mark Wethington moved that the Executive Committee be empowered to make decisions regarding expenditure of funds for the executive director's salary. John Mecartney seconded the motion, and it was adopted.

## Membership

During a discussion of membership, members of the Board made a

number of suggestions. The need to get members to renew their membership annually. The value of personal invitational letters within annual conference areas. That in addition to the new membership brochure, we need to talk more about how we go about our educational and lobbying activities. Get more about our activities in conference papers. Place an add for the *Witnessing* handbook in the *United Methodist Reporter* and in *Circuit Rider*. The need for more follow through on *In Defense of Creation*. The importance of keeping Methodists United a bottom-up organization with members working in their local communities. The desirability of make connections with the United Methodist Women's social involvement network and with local church peace advocates. The possibility of getting out information through annual conference coordinated mailings. Getting out a report on this Board meeting for publication in Methodist magazines and journals. Targeting large donors to MUPJ for further major contributions.

**Chapter guidelines.** John Copenhaver moved that we accept the proposal (Attachment 4) for the establishment and functioning of chapters of MUPJ. Jennifer Garvin-Sanchez seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 11 for and 1 against.

### **Organization and Relationships**

**Relations with MFSA.** James Zeisloft moved that we invite George McClain, executive director of the Methodist Federation for Social Action, to attend one of our meetings to discuss relations with MFSA. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Relations with GBCS.** By this time in the meeting Spencer Turnipseed had tried to reach Thom Fassett but was unable to do so. Mark Wethington moved that Spencer be authorized to continue trying to make contact with

Rev. Fassett in order to discuss Bernice Smith's letter and our relations with the General Board of Church and Society and then to write MUPJ Board members summarizing his discussion. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

**Pan-Methodist relations.** Since the formation of Methodists United for Peace with Justice, we have intended to gain participation from all major Methodist denominations in the United States, including the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the AME Zion Church, and the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. Howard reported on contacts made with persons from these denominations and with excellent possibilities for developing connections. He also reported contacts with the four major racial/ethnic caucuses of the United Methodist Church. John Mecartney moved that the Executive Committee be empowered to appoint representatives from the Pan-Methodist denominations and the UMC racial/ethnic caucuses to our Board of Directors and National Advisory Committee. Alice Ashton seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**National Advisory Committee.** Members of our National Advisory Committee are appointed for indefinite terms, but our bylaws require that they be contacted every year to determine if they want to remain as members. This will soon be done. Several persons were suggested for consideration for appointment to the National Advisory Committee, including national leadership of United Methodist Women. Bruce Edwards moved the persons suggested be contacted by the Executive Committee and invited to join that National Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded and adopted.

The Board adjourned for the day at 6:00 p.m.

**Saturday, March 31**

The Board reconvened at 9:25 a.m. Bruce Edwards presided because Sherman Harris had to go to New Jersey for his son's wedding.

**Tax status.** Howard Hallman reported that we are still waiting to hear from the Internal Revenue Service on our tax exempt applications: for 501(c)(4) status for Methodists United for Peace with Justice (our basic corporation) and for 501(c)(3) status for the Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund. Recently we received a letter indicating that our application has been referred from a regional IRS office to the national office for consideration.

**Bank account.** In order to be able to start up the Education Fund as soon as we receive IRS approval of its (c)(3) status, Howard moved that we open a bank account at the American Security Bank for the Methodists United Peace/ Justice Education Fund. Jim Zeisloft second the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **Membership of Board of Directors**

The Board discussed possibilities for expanding the membership of our Board of Directors. John Copenhaver moved, and Jim Zeisloft seconded, that we appoint two members from each of the AME, AME Zion, and CME denominations (one from each for a term ending in 1991 and one from each for a term ending in 1992) and that we nominate one from each denomination in this year's election of directors for a term ending in 1993. The motion carried unanimously.

James Zeisloft moved that we reconsider the previous motion of John

Mecartney that representatives of United Methodist racial/ethnic caucuses be added to our Board of Directors and our National Advisory Committee. The motion to reconsider was adopted.

John Mecartney moved to amend his previous motion to state that our Executive Committee be empowered to appoint one person to the Board of Directors and one person to the National Advisory Committee from each of the following United Methodist caucuses: Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Metodistas Asociados en La Causa de Hispano-Americanos (MARCHA), National Federation of Asian American United Methodists, and Native American International Caucus. Betty Nelson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

James Zeisloft moved, and Jennifer Garvin-Sanchez seconded, that the chair of the Board of Directors appoint a nominating committee to seek and make nominations from the membership for positions on the Board of Directors, that the Board be expanded to a total of 36 elected and appointed members, and that ten directors be elected by ballot for a three-year term ending in 1993. The motion passed unanimously. The ten candidates receiving the most votes will be elected.

**Next meeting.** John Mecartney moved that the Board of Directors meet next on Friday and Saturday, October 19 and 20, 1990 in Washington, D.C., running from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday and from 9:00 to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. Jim Zeisloft seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **Long-range Goals and Objectives**

The Board had extensive discussion of the long-range goals and

objectives of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. We came to no final conclusion but decided that this important topic deserved further consideration at our next meeting. Therefore, Jennifer Garvin-Sanchez moved that early in the next Board meeting we use an outside facilitator, skilled in group processes, to help us arrive at consensus on our current statement of purpose, goals, and implementation. James Zeisloft second the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Recognizing that Methodists United started with an emphasis upon the United Methodist bishops' pastoral letter, *In Defense of Creation*, we agreed that our executive director should contact the Council of Bishops and asked them to give us direction on further steps to implement their pastoral letter and foundation document. Individual Board members are urged to contact their own bishops for advise on implementation with their conferences.

### *Closing Worship*

James Zeisloft led the Board in closing worship before we adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*John D. Copenhaver,*

Jr.

*Acting Secretary*

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**Present:** Joy E. Arthur, Lovenger Bowden, Kathy Brown, Margaret Bryan, John D. Copenhaver, Jr., Joseph Davis, Bruce K. Edwards, Margaret Fertschneider, Howard W. Hallman, Sherman W. Harris, Nancy Risch, Rollin L. Rothhaar, and Cindy Tappan.

**Friday, October 19**

The Board convened for an orientation breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Sherman Harris and Howard Hallman reviewed the history of Methodists United for Peace with Justice and answered questions from the new members. Members introduced themselves and told about their experience in peace and justice activities.

After a short break, Sherman Harris led the Board in worship.

**Minutes.** The business meeting opened with Sherman Harris presiding. The Board reviewed minutes of the preceding meeting and approved them as circulated.

**Organization of MUPJ.** Howard Hallman reviewed highlights of his written report on "Organization of Methodists United for Peace with Justice" (October 5, 1990). A major accomplishment since the last Board meeting

was obtaining approval from the Internal Revenue Service for our basic corporation, Methodists United for Peace with Justice, as a 501(c)(4) tax-exempt organization, and our Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. The latter enables us to receive tax-deductible contributions and foundation grants.

Carrying out decisions of previous Board meetings, the Board has expanded to include three representatives from the African Methodist Episcopal Church, two from the AME Zion Church, two from Black Methodists for Church Renewal, and one from the Native American International Caucus. Pending are appointments from the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Methodistas Asociados Representando la Causa de los Hispanos-Americanos (MARCHA), and National Federation of Asian American United Methodists. Ten directors were elected by the membership for three year terms, including six persons new to the Board.

Most members of the National Advisory Committee (NAC) reaffirmed their commitment to serve in this capacity (an annual process required by the Bylaws). Some other persons have been invited to join the NAC. So far acceptance come from Geraldine Heilman, Rev. Hae-Jong Kim, Rev. Joseph Lowery, Bishop Roy Sano, Rev. Peter Sun, Bishop Frederick H. Talbot. Several other invitations are pending. Nancy Risch indicated that she will explore getting some national leaders of United Methodist Women to join our National Advisory Committee. Joy Arthur suggested that Bishop Judith Craig be invited to become a member of the NAC.

Nancy Risch brought up the question of our name and possible conflict and confusion with the Peace with Justice Program of the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society. A discussion followed. The consensus seemed to be that we should retain the name and press ahead in our own

work, always making clear in literature that we are independent.

**Program activities.** The Board reviewed Hallman's report on "Program Activities, 1989-90" (October 5, 1990). On our behalf, he does a lot of coalition work in the Washington. He is often asked to be a signatory on peace and justice letters to Congress and President Bush on public issues related to our agenda. He has responsibility for getting out *Peace/Justice Alerts* and publishing *Peace Leaf*.

This led to discussion of topics to cover in the publications and the focus of Methodists United. Joseph Davis expressed an interest in dealing with the economic base and economic conversion. Lovenger Bowden spoke of the need for reforming the economy for peace. Maggie Fertschneider identified a need for analytical information, such as on defense cuts. Joy Arthur indicated that Hallman's "Reflections on the Middle East Crisis" was very timely and useful and that he was able to share it with others in the Detroit Conference. Howard said that a number of other United Methodist conference contacts had reported likewise.

From this discussion, there was a feeling that the program activities and publications of Methodists United are productive and useful.

The Board recessed for lunch.

**Goals and objectives.** After lunch Robert Griffin facilitated a discussion goals and objectives.

First, we all addressed the question: "What would we like to see happen by 2010?" These goals were placed on newsprint. We lumped them into three areas: quality of life, transformation of institutions, and environment.

Second, we examined the question: "What is keeping us from these goals?" Third, we developed confessions around the issues that hinder us in achieving the goals. Fourth, we each were asked to decide on five actions moving toward a solution. Fifth, these actions were collected and configured in various areas.

We recessed for dinner. Then we returned to organize the action suggestions into major categories, as follows:

(1) Promote growth of MUPJ; denominational responses.

- (a) Help the Church be a communicator.
- (b) Each one reach one.
- (c) Recruit peace & justice advocates in local church, district, & conference.
- (d) We need more money. Collect \$1.00 from every UM church.

Spirituality of peacemaking.

(2) Inner preparation & dedication of leadership (individual & corporate)

- (a) Read, pray, & study toward leading.
- (b) Dedication & rededication.
- (c) Convert power structure of the UM Church.
- (d) Clergy & laity refocus on Christian purpose of life & church mission.

(3) Biblical basis for peace & justice.

- (a) Help Church to model stewardship/shalom.
- (b) Address people's legitimate needs for security.
- (c) Pray, study & obey God's word.
- (d) Become instruments of peace & justice.
- (e) Teach peacemaking in every local church & provide curriculum.

(4) Address specific needs in church & society.

- (a) Lobby locally & nationally.

- (b) Work with Jews & Muslims on peace with justice.
- (c) Sensitivity to cross-cultural understanding of security.
- (d) Abolish styrofoam cups from churches.
- (e) Put more emphasis on justice.

**Program priorities.** We turned to Howard Hallman's proposal for "Decisions to Make" (page 4 of "Program Activities, 1989-1990"). To this outline we decided to add the following:

1.C.3. Conceptualization and/or transformation to a economy based on peace.

- a. Support economic conversion legislation and Harvest for Peace Resolution.

4. Ecclesial

- a. Pan-Methodist resources.
- b. Regional conference for Pan-Methodist peace/justice activists.
- c. United Methodist General Conference.
- d. World Methodist Council.

The revised outline is Attachment 1 of these minutes.

Lovenger Bowden stressed the importance of getting better acquainted with resources now available from Pan-Methodist denominations and working with existing structures. Sherman Harris mentioned that some people in the Baltimore United Methodist Conference would like to stage a peace/justice conference with people from other United Methodist conferences and the other Pan-Methodist conferences in the Middle Atlantic region. Howard Hallman indicated that the UM General Board of Church and Society will be going to the 1992 General Conference with a request to continue the Peace with Justice Offering and the Peace with Justice Program and that we should support this action. John Copenhaver suggested that we

get the UM General Conference to adopt a call to nonviolence and peacemaking, including a preference for conscientious objection to participation in war. Sherman proposed that we give some attention to the work of the World Methodist Council, which is meeting in Singapore in July 1991.

In terms of issues, Maggie Fertschneider urged us to get behind the Harvest for Peace Resolution, developed by Bread for the World, which calls for transfers from military spending to human needs at home and abroad. She also pointed out that it is important to promote a comprehensive test ban because this subject comes up in January 1991 in an international amendment conference on the Partial Test Ban Treaty. This has a crucial link with nuclear nonproliferation.

On the Middle East situation, the Board agreed with the points in a draft "Resolution on Middle East Crisis", which Hallman presented. The Board decided that section on troop levels should state that U.S. forces should not exceed 25 percent of a combined force under United Nations command. It was agreed that Methodists United should publish this not as a formal resolution but rather as a statement addressed to Pan-Methodist denominations for study and education. The revised statement is Attachment 2.

It was agreed that it would be appropriate for officers of Methodists United to sign letters and calls on the Middle East, such as the one coming from the Alliance for our Common Future and the one circulated by the United Methodist Office for the UN.

The meeting recessed until the next morning.

**Saturday, October 20**

The Board reconvened with Sherman Harris presiding. He asked for responses to the work of yesterday. People expressed that the day had been challenging, sometimes frustrating, but helpful. We decided to continue building on the production from yesterday.

Sherman Harris led a brief service of morning prayer.

**Program priorities (continued).** We returned to the process of deciding on goals and objectives. Various people took assignments to work on matters in the "Ecclesial" category, as follows:

4. Ecclesial

- a. Develop a compendium of Pan-Methodist resources.  
Lovenger Bowden agreed to work on AME Zion resources, and Bruce Edwards on UMC resources.
- b. Hold a Mid-Atlantic meeting of Pan-Methodist peace and justice activists. Sherman will take the lead on this activity.
- c. Look ahead to the 1992 United Methodist General Conference.
  - i. Work for continuation of the Peace with Justice Offering and the Peace with Justice Program. Howard and Sherman will work on this.
  - ii. Consider getting the UM General Conference to adopt a call to nonviolence peacemaking with a preference for conscientious objection to military service. John Copenhaver will prepare a draft before the next Board meeting.
- d. Make contact with activities of the World Methodist Council. Cindy Tappan and Carroll Chambliss will be delegates to the 1991 session in Singapore.

[At this point in the meeting, John Copenhaver, who was taking minutes, had to leave. Margaret Bryan took over minute taking.]

The Board decided that disarmament and federal budget priorities would remain as major issue priorities for Methodists United in the coming year. Disarmament should encompass support for nuclear disarmament, getting troops out of Europe, comprehensive test ban, and economic conversion. We will support the Harvest for Peace Resolution.

We will deal with the Middle East crisis, both the conflict in the Persian Gulf area, as discussed the previous day, and conflict between Israel and Palestinians. As part of this effort, we will make contacts with Jews and Muslims to promote positive relationships.

We will offer strong support to the United Nations and will encourage the United States to pay its arrearage in dues.

On all of these issues we will maintain a firm biblical and spiritual base for our activities.

To get a sharper focus on justice issues, the Board of Directors will function as a "committee of correspondence" between now and the next Board meeting. We will share our ideas with one another on both domestic and global justice issues. Joy Arthur suggested that Sherman and Howard write position papers and circulate them for critique.

**Election of officers.** We turned our attention to the annual election of officers of the Board of Directors. Rollin Rothhaar moved that all current officers remaining on the Board be reelected. The notion was seconded and passed unanimously. The reelected officers are as follows:

Chair

Sherman Harris

Vice Chair

Doris Akers



conference boards can be an important source of support, and also, larger donations. With this in mind the Board reviewed the "goals for membership" contained in Hallman's report on "Membership Recruitment" (October 5, 1990).

Among the comments were these: We should build a sense of value of Methodists United as a source of information. Some people want to join a Methodist peace organization rather than a non-religious one. Some people may want to form a local group to affiliate with Methodists United, and we have provision for this in the chapter guidelines adopted at the last Board meeting. Our appeal to local churches is that we supply peace advocates with information to enable them to have a helpful impact.

Bruce Edwards pointed out that we are unique because of (1) our faith connection, (2) our church connections, (3) our support for *In Defense of Creation*, the pastoral letter of the United Methodist bishops, (4) our work that complements and does not compete with things the church structure is doing, and (5) our Pan-Methodist relationship with four Methodist denominations. He said that a letter to request membership and support should mention these points.

A question was asked how we differ from the Methodist Federation for Social Action. It was explained that currently the Federation is concentrating mostly on United Methodist policy issues. As a 501(c)(3) it doesn't undertake much lobbying on public issues. In contrast, Methodists United makes influencing public policy through direct and grassroots lobbying its primary activity. To foster closer relations with the Federation, Hallman met with their National Executive Committee last May. We invited the George McClain, the Federation's executive director, to attend this meeting of our Board, but he could not attend. Some members of our Board, such as James Zeisloft, are active members in the Federation, and this helps us to

maintain a working relationship.

Information about the United Methodist caucus groups was requested. *The United Methodist Directory, 1990* lists ten caucuses which focus on particular issues or viewpoints or represent particular constituencies. Methodists United and the Methodist Federation for Social Action are two of them. Four are founded on racial and ethnic constituencies, have official recognition, and receive some financial support through the United Methodist Commission on Religion and Race. They are the ones we have invited to be represented on our Board of Directors and National Advisory Committee (see page 1 of these minutes).

The Board discussed the "goals for membership" sheet (Attachment 2), which suggests concentrating especially on 24 United Methodist conferences in 1991 to build membership. "Which 24?" was asked. The answer: those where we have board members and where we have strong supporters.

Rollin Rothhaar suggested that we ask the United Methodist Council of Bishops to help us. Howard replied that last spring we wrote to about 30 bishops, requesting them to help us recruit members and to suggest persons in their area who might help us find major donors. We didn't get much response from the bishops. However, ten of the 49 resident bishops are members of Methodists United.

Cindy Tappan wondered if we are asking conference church and society members to help us build membership. Howard responded that we are indeed trying to tie into such networks for membership recruitment. We invite conference boards and peace with justice task forces to join as an organizational member and in exchange we place some of their members on our mailing list (@ \$20). Nine conference groups have joined. We are now collecting from all conferences their lists of church and society board

members and local peace advocates, and we will use these lists for membership recruitment. Also, about a dozen local churches have joined as organizational members (suggested membership contribution of \$50 or more). There is potential for many more.

Joy Arthur reported that the Detroit Conference peace with justice task force has joined and put its district representatives on the Methodists United mailing list. Now these district people need to reach out to educate local church contacts and to add members. Our material is included in the conference's coordinating mailing and a twice-a-year mailing to peace with justice contacts. A one page sheet with a clip off membership form could be used in such a mailing.

**Next meeting.** The Board agreed that its next meeting would take place on Friday and Saturday, March 15-16, 1991 in Washington, D.C. This is just before the National Impact Briefing, which some board members will want to attend.

The Board recessed for lunch.

**Budget.** The Board took up the proposed 1991 budget for Methodists United, as presented by Howard Hallman (Attachment 4). By way of explanation, Hallman indicated that the "minimal" column (A) represented what it would cost to continue *Peace Leaf* and *Peace/Justice Alerts* with all work done by volunteers. The "moderate" column (B) is what it costs to have one staff person (executive director). The "better" column (C) adds an administrative assistant and some funds for board travel. The "more ambitious" indicates the kind of additional staff and consultants that could be added if even more funds were available.

Sherman Harris stated that as long as we must rely on grassroots

support, column B is a stretch for us. Rollin Rothhaar said that we should aim for "B" but prioritize expenditures: 1st, nonpersonnel; 2nd, salary; 3rd, equipment. The discussion indicated that board members feel it is realistic to adopt a two-level budget, which we can present to foundations to show our potential.

Maggie Fertschneider moved that the 1991 budget of Methodists United be established as column B as "minimum" and column C as "goal". The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously. It was understood that Rollin's suggested priorities, including accounts payable as part of first priority, would guide expenditures.

**Board commitment.** Board members present committed themselves to help with membership recruitment and fundraising in their localities. It was assumed that absent board members would make a similar commitment.

Several members indicated a desire to have the board minutes as soon as possible so that they could share the information with their appointing source or conference. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Copenhaver, Jr.  
Secretary

Margaret Bryan  
Assistant Secretary

*Attachment 1*  
*Choices of Activities for Methodists United*

*I. Issues to work on*

*A. Peace*

- 1. Dismantling Cold War militarism*
  - a. Strategic nuclear disarmament*
  - b. General disarmament in Europe*
  - c. Naval disarmament*
  - d. Korean disarmament and unification*
  - e. Withdrawal from far-flung bases, such as in Philippines*
- 2. Resolving regional conflict*
  - a. Middle East*
  - b. Africa*
  - c. Central America*
  - d. Elsewhere*
- 3. Strengthening international institutions*
  - a. Structures for peace (global and regional)*
  - b. Processes for dispute resolution*
  - c. International peacekeeping force*
- 4. Assistance to developing nations*
  - a. Shifting from military to development assistance*
  - b. Third World debt reduction*

*B. Justice*

- 1. Federal budget priorities*
- 2. Economic (poverty, need for greater opportunity)*
- 3. Population groups*
  - a. Children, youth*
  - b. Families*
  - c. Elderly*
- 4. Human rights*

5. Drug abuse
  6. Health care
  7. Other
- C. Other public policy issues
1. Environment
  2. Economic conversion
- D. Ecclesial
1. Pan-Methodist resources
  2. Regional conferences with peace/justice activists
  3. United Methodist General Conference
  4. World Methodist Council

## **II. Focus of work**

- A. National
1. Advocacy
  2. Lobbying
  3. Methodist liaison
  4. Research and policy development
- B. Grassroots
1. Outreach
    - a. Publications
    - b. Other network contacts
  2. Petitions, sign-on letters
  3. Training, technical assistance

## Attachment 2

### Statement on the Middle East Crisis by Board of Directors Methodists United for Peace with Justice

*Methodists United for Peace with Justice is a membership association of laity and clergy. In this statement, we draw upon principles adopted by the General Conference of the United Methodist Church. We offer these ideas on the Middle East crisis to United Methodists and also to members of other Methodist denominations for thoughtful study and prayer.*

#### Basic Principles Articulated by United Methodist Church

1. "We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to freedom for all peoples, and to the rule of justice and law among nations." (from "Our Social Creed", United Methodist Church)

2. "We believe war is incompatible with the teaching and example of Christ. We therefore reject war as an instrument of national foreign policy and insist that the first moral duty of all nations is to resolve by peaceful means every dispute that arises among them." (from "Social Principles", United Methodist Church)

3. "The United Methodist Church categorically opposes interventions by more powerful nations against weaker ones. Such actions violate our Social Principles, and are contrary to the United Nations Charter and international law and treaties." (from "In Support of Self-Determination and Non-Intervention," a resolution adopted by the 1988 General Conference)

4. "Believing that international justice requires the participation of all peoples, we endorse the United Nations and its related bodies and the International Court of Justice as the best instruments now in existence to achieve a world of justice and law." (from "Social Principles")

## Findings

1. On August 2, 1990 Iraqi military forces invaded and occupied Kuwait. Subsequently Iraq announced that it had annexed Kuwait. This is a case of intervention by a more powerful nation against a weaker one. Furthermore, Iraq is holding foreign citizens as hostages, contrary to international law.

2. The United Nations Security Council has adopted a series of resolutions condemning Iraqi occupation of Kuwait and instituting an economic boycott to put pressure on Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait. The League of Arab States by majority vote has also denounced the invasion.

3. On August 7 the United States sent ground and air forces to Saudi Arabia with the stated intent of defending that nation from Iraqi invasion and insuring the continued flow of oil to the United States and other nations. By November U.S. troop strength is likely to reach 200,000 men and women. Other nations have sent much smaller military contingents.

4. Although President Bush has stated that U.S. forces are in Saudi Arabia only for defensive purposes, some of the weapons systems have primarily offensive capability. Administration officials have indicated that if war breaks out, U.S. forces will attack military installations in Iraq, might bomb cities, and could invade Kuwait and Iraq. If this occurred, it would be another case of military intervention by a more powerful nation against a weaker one.

## *Conclusions*

1. We condemn the Iraqi attack and subsequent annexation of Kuwait and call for the immediate withdrawal of Iraq from Kuwait.

2. The United Nations offers the best hope for developing and carrying out a peaceable solution to the conflict. Emphasis should be upon diplomacy and negotiations. The United States and other nations should work through and as part of the United Nations and should avoid unilateral actions.

3. The U.S. military build-up should be halted and the U.S. military presence should be reduced so that it is no larger than 25 percent of the combined forces assembled to deal with Iraq.

4. Military forces mobilized to oppose Iraq should at the earliest possible date come under full UN authority and control.

5. It is wrong in all situations of conflict to use civilians as pawns, shields, and hostages. International humanitarian principles must be upheld. Therefore, Iraq should immediately free all civilians held as hostages, and food and medicine should be exempt from the U.N.-sanctioned economic blockade. The international community, including the United States, should provide increased emergency assistance to meet the needs of refugees fleeing Kuwait and Iraq.

6. The current crisis must not be used as a rationale for increased arms sales and transfers to an already over-militarized region.

7. A strenuous effort should be made to deal with a wider range of issues

*in the Middle East, including achievement of self-determination for Palestinians residing in presently occupied territories, security for Israel, peace agreements between Israel and Arab states, and justice for the poor and dispossessed in the region.*

*8. Care must be taken to avoid demagoguery, manipulation, and image-making which labels Arabs and Muslims in a negative way and to refrain from stereotypical and bigoted statements against Muslims and Islam, Arabs and Arabic culture.*

*9. U.S. dependence upon oil imports should be substantially reduced through energy conservation policies and development of renewable sources of energy.*

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### Attachment 3

#### Goals for Membership and Contributions, 1991 to 1993

##### Goal for 1991

Concentrate on 24 (one-third) of the 72 United Methodist Conferences

<u>Combined total</u>	<u>From each conference</u>					<u>Special</u>	
<u>conferences</u>	<u>Number of</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>(\$20 average)</u>	<u>donations</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
	<u>Members</u>						
6	50	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$15,000	300	
6	50	1,000	1,000	2,000	12,000	300	
6	40	800	700	1,500	9,000	240	
6	30	600	400	1,000	6,000	180	
24	10	200	--	200	4,800	240	
<u>24</u>	5	100	--	100	<u>2,400</u>	<u>120</u>	
72					<u>\$49,200</u>	1,380	

Membership contributions

27,600

Special donations

21,600

Begin to get membership in 41 conferences of other 3 Pan-Methodist denominations

(African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal Churches).

### Goal for 1992

Concentrate on 48 (two-thirds) of 72 United Methodist conferences and on 20 of the 41 AME, AME Zion, and CME conferences.

Expect lesser membership and special donations from other 24 UMC conferences and other 20 AME, AME Zion, and CME conferences.

2,400 members @ \$20	\$48,000
Special donations	<u>32,000</u>
	\$80,000

### Goal for 1993

Concentrate on all 103 Pan-Methodist conferences.

3,600 members @ \$20	\$ 72,000
Special donations	<u>48,000</u>
	\$120,000

Note: This goal statement is a revision of schedule contained in "Membership Recruitment" report of October 5, 1990 to change the schedule to calendar years.

Attachment 4

BUDGET ALTERNATIVES FOR 1991

	A <u>Minimal*</u>	B <u>Moderate</u>	C <u>Better</u>
<b>Nonpersonnel</b>			
Printing	\$ 6,300	\$ 7,500	\$ 8,500
Postage	3,780	5,000	6,000
Telephone	900	1,000	1,500
Supplies, books	420	500	1,000
Administrative	600	1,000	1,200
Coalition activities			300
Travel			300
Rent	_____	_____	
<u>1,200</u>			
	\$12,000	\$15,000	\$20,000
Equipment		3,000	4,000
Board travel		_____	
<u>6,000</u>			
		\$18,000	\$30,000
<b>Personnel**</b>			
Executive director		\$30,000	\$30,000
Administrative assistant			15,000
Fringe benefits (15%)		<u>4,500</u>	<u>6,750</u>
		\$34,500	\$51,750

<i>Accounts payable</i>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$18,000	\$65,250	\$87,750

\* Based upon 24 months' experience, October 1988 to September 1990.

\*\* Positions could be phased in: half-time or part of year.

**More ambitious**

Add staff positions with increments in nonpersonnel expenses, such as:

Field director

Intern(s)

Lobbyist

Pan-Methodist liaison

Have funds for consultants to undertake

Training and technical assistance

Issue analysis

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BUDGET FOR 1991  
Adopted by Board of Directors  
October 20, 1990

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Goal</u>
<b>Nonpersonnel</b>		
Printing	\$ 7,500	\$ 8,500
Postage	5,000	6,000
Telephone	1,000	1,500
Supplies, books	500	1,000
Administrative	1,000	1,200
Coalition activities		300
Travel		300
Rent	_____	
<u>1,200</u>		
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TOTAL	\$65,250	\$87,750

### *Priorities for Minimum Budget*

- (1) Nonpersonnel and accounts payable
- (2) Salary and fringe benefits
- (3) Equipment

### *In reserve for possible future expansion*

*Add staff positions with increments in nonpersonnel expenses, such as:*

*Field director*

*Intern(s)*

*Lobbyist*

*Pan-Methodist liaison*

*Have funds for consultants to undertake*

*Training and technical assistance*

*Issue analysis*

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**Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors**

**March 15-16, 1990**

**Washington, D.C.**

*Present:* Hilda Arndt, Kathy Brown, John Copenhaver, Joseph Davis, Bruce Edwards, Margaret Fertschneider, Howard Hallman, Sherman Harris, John Mecartney, Rollin Rothhaar, and Spencer Turnipseed.

**Friday, March 15**

*Worship.* After a period of sharing joys and sorrows of the past six months, Spencer Turnipseed led in worship by reflecting on Micah 6:6-8 and sharing a poem by Alan Paton.

*Agenda.* Sherman Harris introduced the agenda for consideration, and it was approved.

*Minutes.* The minutes of the last meeting were accepted without correction.

**Board, NAC Membership**

*Resignations.* Three directors have submitted their resignations. Alice Ashton has too many other commitments to keep up. Ralph Clark is cutting back on activities. Howard Warriner is curtailing activities because of a

health problem but is willing to remain on the Board until the next election. Margaret Fertschneider suggest that Betty Benton, peace with justice coordinator of the UM Desert Southwest Conference (where Warriner is from) might be asked to take his place. Rollin Rothhaar moved that the Board accept the resignations of Alice Ashton and Ralph Clark and that the Executive Committee work out the possible replacement for Howard Warriner. The motion was seconded and passed.

**National Advisory Committee.** Since the last board meeting Bishop Judith Craig and Ethel R. Johnson have agreed to serve on the National Advisory Committee.

### **Peace Issues**

Bruce Edwards chaired a discussion of peace issues. John Copenhaver passed out a proposal to the United Methodist General Conference related to the church's position on military service. Bruce decided that it should be discussed in the afternoon session on Pan-Methodism.

**Gulf War.** Board members expressed their feelings about the Persian Gulf War. Highlights include the following observations. Joe Davis: A deep concern about the Iraqi casualties in this war against a Third World nation, and the long term effects....John Copenhaver: The shock of the attack on retreating vehicles on the open road....Margaret (Maggie) Fertschneider: Our nation is in a dangerous place. We think we're the king of hill, can do what we want, and no one can control us. But, to use a Nebraska farm expression, we're really "a rooster on

top of a dung heap"....Hilda Arndt: A child's picture had this caption -- "We care about Iraqis, it's Saddam we question." A concern for refugees and for Arab/ Israeli relations....Rollin Rothhaar: We didn't really try sanctions with patience, but in East Europe we waited many years because we couldn't defeat the Soviet Union. As a big bully, we're selective on whom to fight.

John C.: The Fellowship of Reconciliation has a civilian casualties fund to provide medical support, which a delegation will deliver and document conditions, or send through the Red Crescent. A local peace group in his area is raising \$500. A resolution will be presented to the Virginia UM Annual Conference to send a delegation and take supplies. We should share this with other annual conferences....There was a consensus that Methodists United should send around a draft (see Attachment 1).

Spencer: We should be careful with language, such as how we use the term "new world order" to assure that it has a Christian interpretation....Sherman: It is important to understand how we integrate information into our system. The language Bush uses, the sound bites do not convey that Palestinians, for example, are our brothers and have rights....Bruce: There is a lot of anguish to share. People feel manipulated. We can be healers....John McCartney: As a positive note the United Nations was brought to the forefront, and sanctions were working. There is a need to know the number killed. But protest is not enough. We need to offer alternatives, such as nonviolent defence. We could offer resolutions to annual conferences to emphasize the United Nations.

Sherman: During the war some were saying that opposition was un-American....Rollin: Radio talk shows were emphasizing patriotism. Call-in responses were necessary....Kathy Brown: During the war the media was managed by the Bush administration....Howard: When the McNeil/Lehrer

conveyed the administration line about the civilian deaths in the bunker incident, he wrote to urge them to put on more guests who opposed the war. In a follow-up call, they said others had objected. Subsequently they did a little better.

Maggie: Her pastor opposed the war policy but supported the troops who were called upon to serve. After the war ended, he prayed for God's forgiveness....Sherman: Now there is an effort to restore the weaponry used. It's the cost of defense versus cost of serving people. The peace dividend is dead. We need to be concerned about economic conversion....Maggie: The budget agreement is an obstacle.

Howard reported that he is working on an issue of *Peace Leaf* that considers lessons from the Persian Gulf War and offers a perspective on the new world order. A draft was distributed for comment.

**Peace/Justice Alerts.** Howard reviewed our publications, *Peace/Justice Alerts* and *Peace Leaf*, and discussed his work with coalitions and organizations in Washington. The Board commended Howard for his work and discussed ways of using the material provided by MUPJ. Sherman encouraged board members to share our information in their region and to take more responsibility for leadership. Several board members commented on the usefulness and timeliness of our information and promised to help achieve greater dissemination.

The Board recessed for lunch.

### **Justice Issues**

Rollin Rothhaar led the discussion of justice issues, using statements written by board members and circulated in advance.

**Jury system.** Discussion started with Kathy Brown's letter dealing with the justice of the jury system. Rollin summarized the discussion by saying that we seem to agree that the jury system is not perfect, but it is presently the best system available to us.

**Human needs.** Hilda Arndt discussed her ideas on six domestic issues: health, racism, environmental justice, budget priorities, especially human needs, alcohol and drug abuse, and crime. Howard indicated that he is working through the Citizens Budget Campaign on an idea to seek a \$15 billion emergency appropriation for children and youth, the same amount as the supplemental appropriation for the Gulf War. The Board supported this idea.

**Concerns of blacks.** Joseph Davis and Sherman Harris helped us explore the black perspective on justice. Sherman noted a strong concern for people with marginal existence. Joe reported a black interest in "how can I make it in America", predicated on loyalty to America and the view of the army as equal employment opportunity. Among black parents there is a strong focus on "what's best for my children." Sherman observed that people of color are far too often attacked, such as in the recent incident of police violence in Los Angeles.

**Economic justice.** Maggie indicated that low-income people have an overriding concern for survival, for food and housing, while middle class people have more time to work on world peace issues. But there are ties between peace and economics. John C. stated that if the country puts money for the poor first, everything else falls into place. Rollin, drawing on ideas in his paper, referred to the uneven-handedness of justice, illustrated by differential sentences, including the death penalty, and the unjust nature of

the economic system.

### **Peace/Justice Relationship**

After a short break, the Board returned to its discussion with Joseph Davis presiding. The Board discussed what focus our planning should take: peace and justice or peace with justice. Should we have a double agenda, including peace and justice issues as separate agendas or should we focus on peace issues that achieve justice? Peace with justice describes peacemaking that is more than absence of war but presence of justice and well-being. The Board decided that our work requires us to address both peace and justice issues, but closely connected. We need to be concerned with justice issues abroad, such as the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, as well as those at home.

**Federal budget priorities.** Joe pointed out the federal budget affects our entire life and deals with both peace and justice issues. Bruce suggested that we work through the political system and local communities to express our concerns with national budget priorities. We should tie budget priorities to local issues and needs. The Board reaffirmed Howard's work on federal budget priorities.

**Drugs.** The drug problem was discussed at some length. Sherman asked where the leadership was coming from. We decided to examine Bishop May's findings and ask him what we can do to respond to the problem. We will also ask him where the leadership and funding will come from in addressing this concern. While we are awaiting this report, we will work for a drug-free society, through individual and ecclesial efforts.

**Nuclear weapons.** Maggie suggested that we continue to emphasize the need for a comprehensive test ban (CTB) treaty. Howard described the

current status of CTB and said no action is required now. He will keep us informed. We decided to join the Coalition Against Proliferation, which is now forming to deal with both CTB and the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), in order to keep abreast of nuclear issues. We will work for the abolition of all weapons of mass destruction and support other organizations working toward this end, including the Global Anti-Nuclear Alliance (GANA), an international citizen body.

**United Nations.** John Mecartney suggested that we (1) urge the United States and the United Nations to emphasis nonviolent sanctions (excluding food and medicine) in settling international disputes, (2) call for an expansion of the peacekeeping role of the United Nations, and (3) call for the UN to develop a cadre of trained mediators to work in conflict situations. Howard added that we should urge the United States to pay all its arrearage to the UN. The Board supported these ideas.

**Arab/Israeli conflict.** Hilda presented a resolution on Arab/Israeli conflict from the Louisiana UM Conference for our consideration. The Board was favorably inclined but decided to have copies made before making a decision.

We recessed for dinner.

### **Pan-Methodism**

**Regional conference.** Sherman and Howard reported on contacts made to plan a Pan-Methodist gathering in the Mid-Atlantic region on peace and justice issues. The Board approved continuation of this effort, looking toward a regional conference in the fall. If the planning committee desires, it could occur on a Saturday that follows a Friday meeting of this Board, but the committee should have complete discretion to pick the best date.

**United Methodist position on military service.** The Board returned to consideration of John Copenhaver's proposed resolution to the UM 1992 General Conference to amend the section on military service in the Social Principles. John Mecartney suggested that the section add a reference to nonviolent, civilian-based defense, but other board members thought that this idea should be treated elsewhere. Bruce moved approval of John Copenhaver's proposal, Rollin seconded, and it was adopted 10-1-0 (Attachment 2).

**Peace with Justice Sunday.** Maggie brought up issues around the observance of Peace with Justice Sunday by the United Methodist Church. She noted that previously it occurred during Peace with Justice week in October when there was ecumenical emphasis and material. Now it is on Trinity Sunday, the week after Pentecost, though some churches are sticking with the fall date. The Board discussed the pros and cons of the two dates. Maggie agreed to talk with Anna Rhee of the UM General Board of Church and Society about the preferred date for the next quadrennium.

**UM resources.** Bruce presented a brief guide to United Methodist resources on peace and justice (Attachment 3). He invited board members to suggest additional resources. We will be collecting resources listings from other Methodist denominations.

**Arab/Israeli conflict.** The Board returned to Hilda's resolution of Arab/Israeli conflict. Rollin moved its adoption, as amended, John C. seconded, and the motion carried unanimously (Attachment 4).

The Board recessed for the night at 9:00 p.m.

*Saturday, March 16*

*Sherman reconvened the Board and asked Margaret Fertschneider to chair the morning session.*

### *Ways and Means*

*Finance and membership reports.* Howard Hallman presented reports on finance and membership (Attachments 5-9). He noted that we are making progress on accounts payable. With the \$6,000 grant from the Winston Foundation, he was able to receive salary for two months. But we are still tight financially and have a low balance in both bank accounts: the General Fund (c-4) and the Education Fund (c-3). Currently we have only one actively pending foundation proposal, but are in touch with three other foundations as they determine their priorities for the year.

*Our membership role now has 404 names. About 15 of these are non-contributors from the National Advisory Committee. Approximately 75 people are on the list as part of group membership from UM conferences. Thus, we have about 345 individuals and organizations who have made a financial contribution within the past 15 months.*

*Fundraising and recruitment.* Maggie asked board members for ideas on fundraising and membership recruitment. There was discussion of whether to continue mailings to people who receive MUPJ literature free of charge, such as UM conference officials. The feeling was that this was acceptable, but that we might conduct a survey to find out about their use of our material....Howard indicated that we don't get a large response from membership brochures handed out at annual conference and other meetings, and not much from impersonal mailings. Several persons emphasized the

need for direct contact....Members present made a renewed commitment to recruit more members. They requested a printout of members in their states and former members who did not renew, whom they could contact. (The list of current members was available at the meeting and will be sent to absentee board members. The list of expired membership will be printed and distributed.)

There was discussion of the frequency of special fundraising appeals. The first one occurred in late November for year-end giving and yielded a seven percent response. Most members felt that two fundraising letters a year, one being the annual membership appeal, was an appropriate number.

### **Board Election**

After a break, Maggie reconvened us. The next item of business was the annual election of board members. After some discussion, Rollin Rothhaar moved that we nominate 20 persons and the top 10 will be elected for a term ending in September 1994 and the next highest will fill vacancies in terms expiring in 1992 and 1993. John Mecartney seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The chair will appoint a nominating committee to handle this process.

Rollin moved that the top number of elected and appointed members on the Board be 48. Bruce seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Next Meeting**

Kathy Brown moved that the next board meeting be held on October 18 and 19, 1991 in Washington, D.C. The motion was seconded by Hilda Arndt and passed unanimously.

## *Issues Priorities*

*The Board reviewed earlier actions at the meeting that added the following matters to our working agenda:*

- *Decision to join Coalition Against Proliferation, which will work for a comprehensive test ban and nuclear nonproliferation.*
- *Concern for Iraqi relief, working through UMCOR and encouraging action by UM annual conferences and the UM Council of Bishops.*
- *Focus on Arab/Israeli conflict, as expressed in adopted resolution.*
- *Support for UM Bishops' drug initiative.*
- *UM 1992 General Conference, including resolution on military service and matters dealing with Peace with Justice Sunday.*

*Bruce Edwards was asked to continue working on United Methodist peace/ justice resources, getting them to Howard for distribution to other board members. Howard will work with people from other Methodist denominations to identify their resources.*

*John Mecartney moved that we adopt a resolution which he and John Copenhaver wrote which would add civilian-based defense to the UM Social Principles statement on War & Peace. It was seconded by Hilda and passed unanimously (Attachment 10).*

*Sherman Harris adjourned the meeting with a fellowship circle at 11:50 a.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

Jr.

*John D. Copenhaver,*

*Secretary*

*Attachments to Minutes of  
Meeting of Board of Directors  
Methodists United for Peace with Justice  
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- 1 Resolution on Iraqi Relief*
- 2 Proposal to Change Wording on Military Service in United Methodist Social Principles*
- 3 United Methodist Resources for Peace with Justice*
- 4 Resolution on Arab-Israeli Conflict*
  
- 5 Treasurer's Report, February 1991*
- 6 Financial Statement, Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1990*
- 7 Accounts Payable, December 31, 1990 and February 28, 1991*
- 8 Membership Report, January-February 1991*
- 9 Membership Report, January-December 1990*
  
- 10 Proposal to Add a Section on "Civilian-based Defense" to United Methodist Social Principles.*

Attachment 1

*A Resolution on Iraqi Relief  
Proposed for Consideration by United Methodist Annual Conferences*

*Whereas, Jesus taught us to love our enemies, even as God makes the sun to rise*

*on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous (Matthew 5:45);*

*Whereas, the Apostle Paul has taught us not to repay anyone evil for evil, but that if our enemies are hungry to feed them, if they are thirsty to give them something to drink (Romans 12:17 & 20);*

*Whereas, the Church is called to embody God's love for all people;*

*Whereas, although President Bush stated repeatedly that the United States has*

*no quarrel with the Iraqi people, many Iraqi civilians were killed or injured as a result of coalition bombing in the Persian Gulf War;*

*Whereas, the people of Iraq suffered from massive destruction of their roads, bridges, utilities, and airfields, leaving them unable to provide necessary medical and relief services;*

*Whereas, President Bush has stated that not one dime of U.S. taxpayers' money*

*will be spent to rebuild Iraq;*

Therefore, be it resolved that the \_\_\_\_\_ Conference of the United Methodist Church call upon the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries to organize delegations and work teams to visit Iraq with medical and relief supplies (purchased with funds raised by special offerings), working with Christian churches in Iraq. Wherever possible, these groups are asked to coordinate their purchasing and relief efforts with the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

Be it further resolved that we call upon the Council of Bishops to send a similar delegation to Iraq to express the deep concern of the whole Church for those who suffer.

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Attachment 2

*A Proposal to Change Wording on Military Service  
in United Methodist Social Principles*

*To be offered to 1992 United Methodist General Conference  
by John Copenhaver with endorsement of Board of Directors,  
Methodists United for Peace with Justice*

Attachment 3

## Attachment 4

### *A Resolution on Arab-Israeli Conflict*

*Even as we experience the end of war, we are also concerned about the aftermath of the Persian Gulf conflict and especially the heightening of tensions and hostilities generated by the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians.*

*We pray that the government of Israel and the Palestinians will enter into negotiations over legitimate concerns of both, rather than pursuing methods of retaliation.*

*We call upon the U.S. government to take the initiative in promoting and participating in multilateral negotiations for peace in the Middle East, including all parties involved in the conflict as well as permanent members of the Security Council of the United Nations.*

*Because Jesus has commanded us to be peacemakers, we call upon United Methodist congregations to take the following actions.*

- 1. Pray for peace in the Middle East in both personal and group prayers.*
- 2. Write President Bush and members of Congress urging of our government's promotion and participation in multilateral negotiations on this conflict.*
- 3. Avoid stereotyping Arabs and Jews or labeling them in a negative way.*

4. *Call for the protection of civil liberties and welfare of American-Arabs and Jews who might be at risk of discrimination.*

5. *Contribute to humanitarian aid to refugees through such organizations as the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), other religious agencies, United Nations, or non-governmental organizations.*

6. *Urge the General Boards of Church and Society and of Global Ministries and the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns to develop and disseminate educational materials which aim to help United Methodists understand the intricacies of the Arab-Israeli conflict.*

7. *Seek opportunities in local churches to develop a deeper understanding of the beliefs and cultures of Muslims and Jews.*

*Proposed by Hilda Arndt, adopted by Board of Directors, Methodists United for Peace with Justice on March 15, 1991.*

Attachment 5

Attachment 6

Attachment 7

Attachment 8

Attachment 9

Attachment 10

*A proposal to add a section on "civilian-based defense"  
to United Methodist Social Principles.*

*To be submitted to 1992 United Methodist General Conference  
by Board of Directors, Methodists United for Peace with Justice*

*Whereas, the United Methodist Council of Bishops in their foundation document,*

*In Defense of Creation, stated (P. 80):*

*"We encourage special study of nonviolent defense and peacemaking forces. In testimony to our hearing panel, Gene Sharp of Harvard University reported, 'A vast -- but neglected -- history exists of people who have nonviolently defied foreign conquerors, domestic tyrants, oppressive systems, internal usurpers, and economic masters.' Among notable moderns examples are Gandhi's satyagraha (soul force) in India, Norway's resistance during Nazi occupation to keep schools free from fascist control, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s civil rights movement, and Solidarity in Poland. Every prospect that either military establishments or revolutionary movements might effectively replace armed force with nonviolent methods deserves Christian support."*

*And whereas, the U.S. Catholic Bishops in 1983 and the Presbyterian General Assembly in 1988 also urged a study of nonviolent civilian-based defense.*

*Therefore, let it be resolved that the following be added as the last statement*

to

*the United Methodist Social Principles' statement on War and Peace:*

*"Having rejected war as a means of resolving conflicts, we urge consideration of a nonviolent civilian-based defense system as a method of national security consistent with the teachings and example of Christ."*

*Adopted by*

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