

# SEE THE POSSIBILITIES, LIVE THE PROMISES



See The Possibilities: What Do You See?  
Mark 8:22-26

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# THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE



**LEONARD E. FAIRLEY**  
Resident Bishop

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Executive Assistant

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

My wife, Dawn, and I count it a great honor to welcome you to the 2026 session of the South Carolina Annual Conference in Greenville. Our theme for the 2025-2028 quadrennium is “See The Possibilities, Live The Promises.” This year’s theme: “See The Possibilities: What Do You See?” serves to focus our direction toward where Jesus is moving in the world.

We have witnessed firsthand the beautiful seeds of hope, healing, and love being sown in so many areas of our life together as South Carolina United Methodists. It is clear that the Connection is alive and thriving in South Carolina.

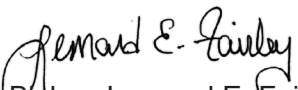
It is our prayer that you will receive and give witness to God’s presence as we practice Holy Conferencing. We will participate in two mission projects while we are together, being the hands and feet of Jesus for our neighbors both locally and around the world. Plan to participate in Rise Against Hunger as we pack 125,000 meals on Tuesday afternoon, and take a moment to write a note of encouragement and love to our college students and young people on stationery designed by residents of Epworth Children’s Home.

We are honored to hear Bishop Paul Leeland bring us a good word as we celebrate those being commissioned, ordained and retiring, and the Rev. Dr. Sheila Elliott Hodge, senior pastor of Virginia Wingard Memorial United Methodist Church in Columbia, as preacher during the Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving.

We give thanks to all the people that have made this Annual Conference possible, including, but not limited to: conference secretary, Rev. Mel Arant and the Committee on the Annual Conference; the people of the Greenville District and its superintendents, Rev. Chris Lollis, Rev. Cathy Mitchell and Rev. Steve Patterson; the congregation of our host church, Simpsonville United Methodist Church, and its pastor, Rev. Russell Freeman; and the countless volunteers who have given their time to support our gathering.

I pray each of you will come to Greenville with a sense of eager anticipation and a willingness to have eyes that see the movement of the Spirit among us as we celebrate together and discover what new things God has in store for the People called United Methodist in the South Carolina Annual Conference.

In Christ,

  
Bishop Leonard E. Fairley



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Rev. A. Melton Arant, Jr.

*Secretary of the Conference  
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Friends:

Grace and peace to you! Allow me to be among the first to welcome you the 2026 South Carolina Annual Conference. Our quadrennial theme is “See the Possibilities, Live the Promises!” – with a focus this year on “What do you see? Can you see anything?”

Midway through healing the blind man at Bethsaida, Jesus asks him, “Can you see anything (Mark 8:22-26)?” This is a unique miracle in the Gospels, as it happens in stages. That midway point or second touch in the miracle—where vision is blurry and people look like trees—is a vulnerable but necessary part of the journey toward seeing “everything clearly.” It is a beautiful reminder that wholeness is not always instantaneous. It often requires commitment, patience, and faithfulness to become what God has called us to be.

My hope is that this annual conference will give us the opportunities to stay focused on our mission to love boldly, serve joyfully and lead courageously. That we live into our purpose and calling in the midst of the mechanics of annual conference.

As you prepare for the business of the conference, keep in mind that registration will primarily be completed online, with registered pastors and lay members receiving their badges by mail. Leading up to the conference, materials and reports will be available at [umcsc.org/ac2026](http://umcsc.org/ac2026). Registered lay and clergy members will be able to pick up printed copies at the conference by showing their badges at one of the packet pickup tables.

The Ordination, Commissioning, and Retirement Service will be on Sunday evening, with Bishop Fairley presiding, and Bishop Paul L. Leeland preaching. The Rev. Dr. Sheila Elliott Hodge will serve as the preacher for our Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving. We will continue the practice of introducing some of our new clergy members as they lead the morning communion services. This year, one of our daily prayer and praise services will be an intergenerational worship moment.

May this conference be that “second touch” for us as we move toward being made perfect in love with God’s help.

**Rev. A. Melton Arant, Jr.**

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Grace and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

On behalf of the fifty-one churches and forty-two charges that make up the Greenville District, I welcome you to Greenville and to the 2026 session of the South Carolina Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. We would also like to extend our deep appreciation and gratitude to Bishop Leonard Fairley for his faithful leadership.

It is an honor to serve as your host district superintendent this year. We are in the midst of significant change in our conference. Districts may be restructured and the landscape may shift, but what remains clear is that the people called United Methodist in South Carolina continue to be faithful in doing the work of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Over the next few days, we gather for holy conferencing. In this sacred time, I pray that each of you will have opportunities to worship, to fellowship, to reconnect with friends and colleagues, to celebrate the ministries we share, and—most importantly—to reflect on how God may be calling you to go forth into our world and into our communities to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. I pray that we will all discern the possibilities before us and live into God's promises.

Special thanks and appreciation are extended to the Annual Conference Committee; our host congregation, Advent United Methodist Church; the Greenville Convention Center and its staff; and the many volunteers whose humble service has helped make this session of the South Carolina Annual Conference possible.

May God's blessings be upon us all as we conference together.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Christopher M. Lollis  
Greenwood/Greenville District Superintendent



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Dear Members of the Annual Conference of the South Carolina United Methodist Church,

On behalf of the congregation of Advent United Methodist Church and the Greenville District, it is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to Greenville.

This year's theme, "See the Possibilities: What do you see? Can you see anything?" (Mark 8:22–26), invites us to reflect on the story of Jesus healing the blind man at Bethsaida. In that moment, sight came gradually—first blurred, then clear. It reminds us that God continues to open our eyes so we may see the work of the Spirit unfolding among us and the possibilities that lie ahead for the church we love.

As we gather in Greenville, it is my prayer that we will experience not only meaningful worship, discernment, and connection, but also a renewed vision for what God is calling us to become. Annual Conference is a sacred gathering. May we see with fresh clarity the future God is shaping for the United Methodist Church in South Carolina.

At Advent United Methodist Church, we believe that God calls the church to create spaces of belonging, connect people, and call everyone to a life in Christ. Our vision is rooted in the conviction that when people encounter Christ in authentic community, they begin to see new possibilities for their lives, their faith, and their service.

We pray that during our time together we will experience that same spirit of welcoming, belonging, and hope. May this gathering help us all see more clearly how God is moving among us and inspire us to live faithfully into the promises God has given to the church.

As we embrace the theme "See the Possibilities, Live the Promises!", may the Holy Spirit open our eyes, strengthen our unity, and renew our courage to follow where Christ leads.

In Christ,

Rev. W. Russell Freeman

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**See The Possibilities, Live The Promises!**  
**What Do You See?—Mark 8:22-26**  
**“Can you see anything?” Mark 8:23**

**Sunday, June 7 – Wednesday, June 10, 2026**  
Greenville Center, Greenville, South Carolina | Bishop Leonard E. Fairley, Presiding



## 2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

### Sunday, June 7, 2026 – Day One

2:00 pm Packet Pick-Up for Registered Lay & Clergy Members (*until 6 pm*)  
*(until 6pm on Sunday, and reopens Monday morning)*

3-3:45 pm New Lay Member Orientation (Session 1)

4:30 pm Clergy Session

4-4:45 pm New Lay Member Orientation (Session 2)

7:00 pm Commissioning, Ordination and Retirement Recognition Service

*Presiding: Bishop Leonard E. Fairley, Resident Bishop, South Carolina United Methodist Annual Conference*

*Preaching: Bishop Paul L. Leeland, Retired Bishop of the United Methodist Church*

*The offering received this evening is for the SC Conference Seminary Students Scholarship Fund, an endowment of the South Carolina United Methodist Foundation, which provides scholarship awards to candidates for ministry from South Carolina attending United Methodist seminaries and theological schools. Checks should be made payable to Treasurer, SC Conference (memo line: Seminary Students Scholarship Fund). Donations can also be mailed to: The Office of the Conference Treasurer, 4908 Colonial Drive, Columbia, South Carolina, 29203.*

**Room 203**  
**Room 202-BC**  
**Room 203**  
**Ball Room**



**Seminary Students  
Scholarship Fund**

### Monday, June 8, 2026 – Day Two - Morning Session

8:00am Packet Pick-Up for Registered Lay & Clergy Members (*until 1 pm*)

9:00 am Opening Worship Service

*Presiding: Bishop Leonard E. Fairley, Resident Bishop, South Carolina United Methodist Annual Conference*

*Communion Stewards: District Superintendents, District Lay Leaders and newly commissioned/ordained clergy*

*The offering received this morning is for the Miracle Sunday Campaign for the Central Conference Theological Education Fund. Checks should be made payable to Treasurer, SC Conference (memo line: Miracle Sunday). Donations can also be mailed to: The Office of the Conference Treasurer, 4908 Colonial Drive, Columbia, South Carolina, 29203.*

10:15 am Conference Organization (*Welcome, Greetings & Introductions*)

Call to Order

Greetings from Host District Superintendent

Greetings from Pastor of Host Church (*Advent UMC, Simpsonville*)

Organizational Motions

Consent Calendar (*SR 22*)

Committee on Standing Rules (*SR 18*)

Committee on Nominations (*SR 19*)

Report of Committee on Episcopacy

United Methodist General Agency Greeting

**Ball Room**



**Miracle Sunday  
Endowment Donation**

## Monday, June 8, 2026 – Day Two - Afternoon Session

- 12:00 pm Lunch Recess  
Retiree Lunch **Room 202-BC**
- 2:00 pm Report from Epworth Children’s Home **Ball Room**  
Committee Council on Finance and Administration (SR21)  
Report of the Commission on Equitable Compensation  
Committee Resolutions and Appeals
- 4:15 pm Report of the Board of Ordained Ministry  
*(including the recognition of those who have completed the Licensing School of Pastoral Ministry)*
- 5:00 pm Evening Praise and Prayer  
*Leader: Rev. Darlene Dellinger, 2026 Provisional Elder, St. Mark UMC (Sumter), Hartsville District*
- 6:00 pm Evening Recess *(unless the president feels the need to reconvene after dinner)*

## Tuesday, June 9, 2026 – Day Three - Morning Session

- 7:30 am Holy Communion **Room 203**  
*Liturgist: Rev. Amber S. Forrest, 2026 Provisional Deacon, Grace UMC (North Augusta), Greenwood District*  
*Preacher: Rev. Tyner J. Jiunnies, 2026 Provisional Elder, Florence District*  
*Celebrant: Rev. Darlene B. Richardson, 2026 Elder-Full Member, Murray & Wesley (Summerville) UMCs, Charleston District*
- 8:00 am Laity Networking with Bishop Fairley **Room 202-ABC**
- 9:00 am Morning Praise and Prayer **Ball Room**  
*Leader: Rev. Steve Simoneaux, Clemson Wesley Foundation Campus Minister, Anderson District*
- 9:35 am Salkehatchie Summer Service Greeting **Ball Room**  
Report of the Board of Pension & Health Benefits  
Conference Connectional Ministries  
Elections-Committee on Nominations  
Report of the Cabinet (BOD 605.4) *(With Hope Fund Update)*  
Resolutions to Church Closing and Charge Line Change  
South Carolina United Methodist Related Colleges & Universities
- 12:00 pm Lunch Recess

## Tuesday, June 9, 2026 – Day Three - Afternoon Session

- 2:00 pm A Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving **Ball Room**  
*Preacher: Rev. Dr. Sheila Elliot Hodge, Virginia Wingard UMC, Columbia District*
- 3:15 pm Report of Methodist Center Trustees **Ball Room**  
Report of the Chancellor  
Report of the Conference Lay Leader (BOD 605.5)  
Lay Missioner Recognition
- 4:15 pm Rise Against Hunger Conference Mission Project **Hall 1**
- 6:00 pm Evening Recess *(unless the president feels the need to reconvene after dinner)*



Rise Against Hunger  
Volunteer/Donate

### Wednesday, June 10, 2026 – Day Four - Morning Session

7:30 am	Holy Communion <i>Liturgist: Rev. Sandra C. MacMillan, Provisional Deacon (Class of 2026), Greenville District Preacher: Rev. Sharome D. Henry, Local Pastor, New Haven UMC, Hartsville District Celebrant: Rev. Nona M. Woodle, Elder (Class of 2026), Congregational Specialist (RH-SP)</i>	Room 203
9:00 am	Morning Praise and Prayer <i>Intergenerational Worship-Planned by the Connecting Children in Worship Preacher: Rev. Melanie Gordon</i>	Ball Room
9:35 am	Cognitive Connection Ministry Greeting Adoption of Consent Calendar Africa University Report Council on Finance and Administration (SR 21) Date and Location of the 2027 Session of Annual Conference Expressions of Appreciation and Omnibus Motion	Ball Room
12:00 pm	Sending Forth and Fixing of the Appointments <i>Preacher: Leonard E. Fairley, Resident Bishop, South Carolina United Methodist Annual Conference</i>	

### 2026 SPECIAL EVENT LISTING

*Room listings are subject to change.*

*These listings reflect those that have been confirmed with the Secretary of the Conference to date.*

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026 – DAY ONE SPECIAL EVENTS

3-3:45 pm	New Lay Member Orientation (Session 1) attend either session <i>Come learn about Annual Conference if this is your first time attending as a lay delegate.</i>	Room 203
4-4:45 pm	New Lay Member Orientation (Session 2) attend either session <i>Come learn about Annual Conference if this is your first time attending as a lay delegate.</i>	Room 203
4:30 pm	Clergy Session <i>Active &amp; Retired, Full &amp; Provisional Clergy Members; Licensed Local Pastors; and Clergy &amp; Lay Members of the Board of Ordained Ministry.</i>	Room 202-BC
7:00 pm	Ordination, Commissioning & Retirement Service <i>Robing for worship participants, Ordination &amp; Commissioning Candidates, Retirees &amp; Spouses and BOM members will be in room 202A.</i>	Ballroom
9:00 pm	Ordination Service Reception <i>Immediately following the ordination service.</i>	Concourse

#### MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026 – DAY TWO SPECIAL EVENTS

12:00 pm	Stewardship Training <i>The Conference Council on Finance and Administration is sponsoring stewardship training during the lunch breaks on Monday and Tuesday of Annual Conference. Attendance is first come, first serve for up to 100 people.</i>	Room 101-AB
12:00 pm	Retiree Luncheon <i>Lunch held for retirees and their families. This gathering is by invitation only.</i>	202 A-B
12:00 pm	African American Clergywomen's Luncheon <i>Rise Up! Love Boldly! Bishop Robin Dease, Resident Bishop of the Georgia Episcopal Area will be the speaker. Ticket price is \$60.00. Contact Rev. Blondell Miller (843-307-0513 or <a href="mailto:bsmiller@umcsc.org">bsmiller@umcsc.org</a>) for tickets. Contact Rev. Thessa Smith for more information (<a href="mailto:tgsmith@umcsc.org">tgsmith@umcsc.org</a>).</i>	102-BC
5:00 pm	Black Methodist for Church Renewal (BMCR) Worship <i>The BMCR service will be at John Wesley UMC in downtown Greenville. Soul Food Dinner will be from 5:15-6:45 pm. Worship will begin at 7:00 pm. Rev. Dr. Derrick Cattenhead will be preaching. A bus will leave from the Convention Center at 5:00pm.</i>	John Wesley UMC

**TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026 – DAY THREE SPECIAL EVENTS**

7:15 am	South Carolina Reconciling Ministries Network Breakfast <i>SCRMN will hold their breakfast on Tuesday June 9th at Open Hearts UMC 2703 Augusta Street. The meal will begin at 7:15am and the program will include a panel discussion about Inclusion Ministries. The cost is \$20.00. Seating is limited at this venue so register early. Go to <a href="http://scrmn.org">scrmn.org</a> to register. We will have a table in the exhibition area. Stop by and pick up a "Love Like Jesus" pin.</i>	Open Hearts UMC
7:30 am	Holy Communion	203
8:00 am	Laity Networking with Bishop Fairley	Room 202-C
12:00 pm	Stewardship Training <i>The Council on Finance and Administration is sponsoring stewardship training at AC 2026. The training will take place during the lunch recess on Monday and Tuesday. The training is the same both days. There is no registration; it is first come, first serve and limited to 100 participants. We will not serve a meal. The idea is to give people a chance to grab a meal to-go from the Greenville Center and bring it to the classroom. They can eat during the presentation. The training will be in room 101-AB. The speaker is Dr. Rhodes Logan with Horizons Stewardship. His bio is attached. The topic is the "nuts and bolts of stewardship" with the goal of giving the participants actionable suggestions and resources to help them improve stewardship in the local church.</i>	Room 101-AB
11:00 am	Ministers' Spouses Luncheon <i>The Ministers' Spouses will be fellowshiping and worshipping together over lunch to share and bring more love between the Spouses as a group, and to spread that love throughout our church congregations. Being supportive of the United Methodist Church is what we endeavor to do bringing us all into a more intimate relationship with God. Contact Mrs. Johnnie L. Shuler for more information (<a href="mailto:jsimani1@gmail.com">jsimani1@gmail.com</a>). Send in registration by May 10, 2026. Registration form is here: <a href="http://www.umcsc.org/wp-content/uploads/Minister-Spouse-Luncheon-2026-GV.pdf">www.umcsc.org/wp-content/uploads/Minister-Spouse-Luncheon-2026-GV.pdf</a></i>	Room 102-A
12:00 pm	SC Gammon Alumni and Friends Scholarship Luncheon <i>You are cordially invited to Gammon Scholarship Luncheon, hosted by SC Gammon Alumni on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 12:00 PM in room 202-A where Rev. Dr. Marvin A Moss will be our dynamic speaker and TJ Edwards (St Mark UMC) will honor us with soulful Jazz Music. Tickets are \$75 per person. For Tickets please contact Rev. Dr. Christopher Thompson at 864-704-0728 or Rev Dr. Redonia Thomas at 844-325-9282.</i>	Room 202-A
	Claflin University Alumni & Friends Reception <i>Passing the Flame: Faith, Education, and Service Across Generations Claflin University's Torchbearer Legacy Luncheon will celebrate often unsung leaders within our congregations—spouses, lay leaders, retired clergy, and UMC-affiliated university alumni—while honoring the powerful legacy that binds Claflin University and the South Carolina United Methodist Conference. Rev. Calvin Alston Jr., Claflin University Class of 1979, whose first appointment was with the North Orangeburg United Methodist Church in 1997 and later served as UMC District Superintendent of the Olentangy River District in the West Ohio Conference until his retirement in 2024, will present the Luncheon message. Individual tickets are \$50; tables for ten guests can be reserved for \$450; sponsorships are available for \$1,000. For more information, please contact Claflin University Director of Church Relations, Rev. Vivian Lingard at <a href="mailto:vlingard@claflin.edu">vlingard@claflin.edu</a> or (843) 535-5377.</i>	Room 102-B
12:00-2:00 pm	Advocate Meet the Author Book Signing <i>Contact Jessica Brodie for more details <a href="mailto:jbrodie@advocatesc.org">jbrodie@advocatesc.org</a>.</i>	Information Area
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## BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAMPUS MINISTRY

I could tell a myriad of stories of campus ministries and United Methodist colleges making deep impacts in the lives of our students. I call them “our students” because they are. We as the South Carolina Annual Conference claim them as our own to nurture, support, and journey alongside as they figure out and discern their vocations during this sacred, pivotal time. Read the campus ministry reports for stories of transformation and interpersonal growth and commit them to memory because our collegiate ministries need YOU!

We need you to help us connect with your students. Really connect with them. Tell them to look out for us and our Welcome Week events. Most importantly, let them know we are here for them when the ship hits the sand and they don’t know where to turn. We are here for your students because they are our students too. For more information or to get in touch with a campus minister or chaplain email [bhecm@umcsc.org](mailto:bhecm@umcsc.org).

I have a senior in high school this year and I’m connecting him and all of his friends to the campus ministers or chaplains at each of their campuses. Each and every student is a beloved child of God and the campus ministers or chaplains at their schools are equipped, passionate and open to welcome all of them. As a pastor at a church who pays apportionments, I see our connectional giving as an opportunity that we can pool our resources to make a bigger, broader missional impact. Thank you for sacrificially giving to the mission of the church through our campus ministries and United Methodist colleges as we make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.

“For more information or to get in touch with a campus minister or chaplain email [bhecm@umcsc.org](mailto:bhecm@umcsc.org).”

**Blessings!**

Rev. Narcie M. Jeter, Chair  
Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry

## BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY

We appreciate you reviewing our report to the 2026 South Carolina Annual Conference, available at [umcsc.org/ac2026](http://umcsc.org/ac2026).

The Board of Ordained Ministry unites dedicated clergy and lay members to nurture future ministry. We invest time and talents in developing candidates, affirming their calling through prayer and support. Together, we encourage excellence, demonstrate compassion, and listen attentively, guiding them toward ordination and preparing them for a fulfilling ministry.

On Sunday evening, June 7, 2026, at 7 p.m., a Service of Commissioning and Ordination will take place at the Greenville Convention Center. This ceremony will celebrate individuals who have answered the call to ministry and successfully met the requirements for commissioning and ordination. These individuals are recognized as having attained the standards of readiness and effectiveness for ministry in local churches and other ministry settings.

The full elder ordination class is: Darlene Brenda Richardson, James Brunson Rogers, and Nona Margaret Woodle.

The provisional elder commissioning class is: Mary Antoinette Gaboton-Moss, Tyner Joseph Jiunnies, John Nicholas Kronz, Renee Moore Ritter, and Paula Jean Stover.

The provisional deacon commissioning class is: Amber Scates Forrest, Sandra Charlene MacMillan, and Natalie Faye Taylor.

Darlene Dellinger will be received as a provisional elder and transferring from a Non-Methodist Christian Denomination.

Daniel Troy Hembree, who was previously received as a provisional elder from a Non-Methodist Christian Denomination, will now have his ordination recognized and be received as a full elder in the South Carolina Annual.

Laurel Alice Capesius, who is an ordained elder in another United Methodist Conference, will transfer her membership to the South Carolina Annual Conference.

Karen Lail Jones, who was previously ordained as a Deacon in our conference, will transition from the order of Deacon and will be ordained an Elder.

Joshua Willam Tietje, who was previously ordained in another Methodist Denomination, will have his ordination recognized and will be received as a full elder in the South Carolina Annual Conference.

1 We thank everyone who has answered the call to ministry and committed to their education and ordination. We  
2 ask for God's blessings on their journey. We encourage local churches to invite individuals to explore their calling  
3 and nurture it through prayer.

4 The Board of Ordained Ministry will recognize the people who have completed the five-year Basic Course of  
5 Study for 2025 and received United Methodist Special Sunday scholarships at the Annual Conference.

6 We want to thank the local churches and the Annual Conference for supporting the Ministry Education Fund. Your  
7 contributions have helped reduce students' educational costs.

8 Please continue to support our future leaders committed to excellence in ministry. Direct your offerings to the S.C.  
9 Conference Seminary Students Scholarship Fund, managed by the South Carolina United Methodist Foundation,  
10 which provides scholarships to ministry candidates from South Carolina attending United Methodist seminaries.

11 We appreciate your generosity and will update you on the recipients during the Annual Conference.

12 District Committees on Ordained Ministry are essential to the ministry process as they meet with all candidates  
13 for ministry. These committees act as an extension of the Board of Ordained Ministry, offering crucial support and  
14 accountability to individuals. The Board of Ordained Ministry greatly values the hard work and dedication of every  
15 District Committee member.

16 We celebrate God's call for individuals to serve, lead, and experience the joy of ministry. Ministry is a continuous  
17 journey, and we are committed to providing growth opportunities. The Board of Ordained Ministry works diligent-  
18 ly to plan the annual Bishop's School of Ministry and Clergy Orders gatherings. We actively recruit and engage  
19 seminarians as potential leaders in the South Carolina Conference. Additionally, we discern and process Exten-  
20 sion Ministry requests as the ministry landscape evolves, and we participate in the Approval for Service requests  
21 for those seeking to join our Annual Conference. We actively receive and carefully consider requests for status  
22 changes from candidates and clergy.

23 Additionally, we engage with individuals who feel a call to ministry through our Candidacy Retreats. We have re-  
24 imagined our vision and need all clergy and local churches to assist us as we revitalize our goal of investing in our  
25 youth who may feel called to serve. For the second year, we hosted a time for youth, Called SC, to explore what  
26 a call into ministry may look like. This year, it was planned for Saturday, May 16, 2026. We also work in harmony  
27 with Connectional Ministries, CFA, Pension and Health Benefits, Congregational Development, Lay Leadership,  
28 and Communications as the Ministry Advisory Team. We strive to listen to God as we find a way forward to see  
29 our possibilities in the South Carolina Annual Conference.

30 The Board of Ordained Ministry extends heartfelt gratitude to two exceptional leaders: Rev. Mel Arant, Coordinator  
31 of Clergy Services, and Rev. Sharome Henry, Executive Assistant for Clergy Services. Their expertise, guidance,  
32 and compassion have been invaluable to our Board, and we recognize that our accomplishments would not have  
33 been possible without their dedicated leadership.

34 Thank you for taking a moment to consider the work of the Board of Ordained Ministry as you prepare for the  
35 2026 South Carolina Annual Conference session. Again, you can read our full report at [umcsc.org/ac2026](http://umcsc.org/ac2026).

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## BOARD OF PENSION AND HEALTH BENEFITS

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### PENSION SECTION

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#### Report Number One

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#### 42 A. Past Service Rate

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The Board of Pension and Health Benefits requests that the South Carolina Annual Conference fix **\$1035** per  
44 service year as the rate for annuity payments to retired ministers under the Supplement One of the Clergy  
45 Retirement Security Plan (otherwise known as Pre-82) for 2027. (This rate was **\$1007** for the year 2026.)

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This shall include service annuity credits approved prior to January 1, 1982. An eligible surviving spouse shall  
47 receive 75% of the formula benefit upon the death of the participant. This represents a 2.8% increase over  
48 2026.

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#### B. Direct Billing

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1. The Board of Pensions requests that direct billings to salary paying units be made to give the  
51 Board of Pension and Health Benefits (The Pension Fund), **\$2,573,361** for the retirement pro-  
52 gram of the South Carolina Annual Conference for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2027,

1 and that this sum be apportioned or billed to the churches of the South Carolina Annual Confer-  
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- 3 2. For 2027, each institution, organization or district to which a minister is appointed and enrolled  
4 shall pay to the South Carolina Annual Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits an  
5 amount equal to **\$150** per month and **seven percent (7%)** of each appointed clergy person's  
6 Plan Compensation for full-time clergy for the Compass Plan. This includes all full-time clergy  
7 (including deacons) who are under Episcopal appointment (receiving compensation) at a local  
8 church, charge, conference or conference responsible unit or entity related to the South Caro-  
9 lina Annual Conference. This includes an amount equal to four percent (4%) of the appointed  
10 participant's Plan Compensation for a dollar for dollar match. This amount must be matched by  
11 a contribution of 4% by the participating pastor in order to receive credit for the full 4% paid by  
12 the church. Any surplus funds collected will be used for actuarial and collection smoothing. The  
13 remaining three percent (3%) collected for the Compass plan will be remitted as a Non Matching  
14 Employer Contribution. An amount equal to 3% of the appointed participant's Plan Compensa-  
15 tion, limited by 200% of the Denomination Average Compensation, shall be paid for Compre-  
16 hensive Protection Plan funding or other benefit plan. Such payments shall be made for each  
17 minister so appointed, and paid monthly in twelve equal installments from deposits made in the  
18 Compass Account of the South Carolina Annual Conference with Wespath Benefits & Invest-  
19 ments, by the treasurer of the South Carolina Annual Conference. **Churches/charges partic-**  
20 **ipating in ACH automated payment system (bank draft) may receive up to a \$150.00 per**  
21 **month discount on their Direct Bill payment.**
- 22 3. All eligible clergy personal contributions to the Compass Plan will be remitted to the Annual Con-  
23 ference. Eligible Clergy will be automatically enrolled at a 4% contribution which will automatically  
24 escalate each year on January 1st by 1% up to a 10% personal contribution. 10% is the maxi-  
25 mum automatic escalation percentage, but an eligible clergy person can elect to contribute at a  
26 rate that is higher than 10% up to the IRS contribution limit. This contribution should be withheld  
27 from the pastor's pay and will be included with the monthly Direct Bill and Health Plan withhold-  
28 ings.
- 29 4. For 2027, the Board of Pension & Health Benefits recommends each institution, organization or  
30 district to which a part-time minister is appointed and enrolled contribute to a defined contribution  
31 403(b) pension program called the United Methodist Personal Investment Plan (UMPIP). For all  
32 clergy who are under Episcopal appointment and considered part-time (receiving compensation)  
33 at a local church, charge, conference or conference-responsible unit or entity related to the South  
34 Carolina Annual Conference, the salary paying unit shall pay an amount equal to 9.0% of the ap-  
35 pointed participant's Plan Compensation for the matching portion of the defined contribution por-  
36 tion of the UMPIP. The contribution by the church will be made if the clergy person contributes  
37 a minimum of 3% of his/her plan compensation in their United Methodist Personal Investment  
38 Account. Each church with a less than full-time clergy will be required to complete an adoption  
39 agreement with Wespath Benefits and Investments, a general agency of The United Methodist  
40 Church. The pension cost, both the church's share and the participant's match, will be billed from  
41 Wespath Benefits & Investments.
- 42 5. All churches with direct billing responsibilities will receive paperless statements. Statements will be  
43 emailed to the treasurer as reported during charge conference. The monthly statements will also  
44 be emailed to the pastor and any additional recipients upon request.

45 C. **Fiscal Year**

46 The fiscal year of the Board of Pensions shall be the same as that of the South Carolina Annual Conference.

47 D. **Moving Expenses**

48 The Board of Pension and Health Benefits authorizes one-time taxable moving and packing expense reim-  
49 bursement, not to exceed **\$4,000** for newly incapacitated ministers receiving CPP Incapacity Benefits, surviv-  
50 ing spouses of ministers, participants in the Voluntary Transition Program, or newly retired ministers in benefit,  
51 moving from the charge to which the clergy person was appointed. Persons moving must file for the one-time  
52 reimbursement grant no later than 90 days after first reception of pensions or disability benefits and may use  
53 the funds for moving expenses and/or for connection/tap on or hookup fees in the new residence. The reim-  
54 bursement amount for 2026 was \$2,500.

55 E. **Offset for the Expense of the Office of Pensions and Health Benefits**

56 The Board of Pensions and Health Benefits will offset the cost of the Office Pensions and Health Benefits in  
57 2027 by remitting \$200,000 to the Conference Council on Finance and Administration.

1 F. **Resolution Relating to Rental/Housing Allowances for Active, Retired or Disabled Clergypersons of**  
 2 **the South Carolina Annual Conference**

3 The South Carolina Annual Conference (the “Conference”) adopts the following resolutions relating to rental/housing allowances for active, retired, or disabled clergypersons of the Conference:  
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5 WHEREAS, the religious denomination known as The United Methodist Church (the “Church”),  
 6 of which this Conference is a part, has in the past functioned and continues to function through ministers of the gospel (within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code section 107) who were or are duly  
 7 ordained, commissioned, or licensed ministers of the Church (“Clergypersons”);  
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9 WHEREAS, the practice of the Church and of this Conference was and is to provide active Clergypersons with a parsonage or a rental/housing allowance as part of their gross compensation;  
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11 WHEREAS, pensions or other amounts paid to active, retired, terminated, and disabled Clergypersons are considered to be deferred compensation and are paid to active, retired, terminated, and disabled Clergypersons in consideration of previous active service; and  
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14 WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service has recognized the Conference (or its predecessors) as the appropriate organization to designate a rental/housing allowance for Clergypersons who are or were members of this Conference and are eligible to receive such deferred compensation;  
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17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: THAT an amount equal to 100% of the pension or disability payments received from plans authorized under *The Book of Discipline* of The United Methodist Church (the “*Discipline*”), which includes all such payments from the Wespath Benefits & Investments, during the years 2025, 2026, and 2027 by each active, retired, terminated, or disabled Clergyperson who is or was a member of the Conference, or its predecessors, be and hereby is designated as a rental/housing allowance for each such Clergyperson; and  
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23 THAT the pension, severance, or disability payments to which this rental/housing allowance applies will be any pension or disability payments from plans, annuities, or funds authorized under the *Discipline*, including such payments from the Wespath Benefits/Investments and from a commercial annuity company that provides an annuity arising from benefits accrued under a Wespath plan, annuity, or fund authorized under the *Discipline*, that result from any service a Clergyperson rendered to this Conference or that an active, a retired, or a disabled Clergyperson of this Conference rendered to any local church, annual conference of the Church, general agency of the Church, other institution of the Church, former denomination that is now a part of the Church, or any other employer that employed the Clergyperson to perform services related to the ministry of the Church, or its predecessors, and that elected to make contributions to, or accrue a benefit under, such a plan, annuity, or fund for such active, retired, or disabled Clergyperson’s pension or disability as part of his or her gross compensation.  
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34 **NOTE:** The rental/housing allowance that may be excluded from a Clergyperson’s gross income in any year for federal income tax purposes is limited under Internal Revenue Code section 107(2) and regulations thereunder to the least of: (1) the amount of the rental/housing allowance designated by the Clergyperson’s employer or other appropriate body of the Church (such as this Conference in the foregoing resolutions) for such year; (2) the amount actually expended by the Clergyperson to rent or provide a home in such year; or (3) the fair rental value of the home, including furnishings and appurtenances (such as a garage), plus the cost of utilities in such year.  
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**Report Number Two**  
**2027 Pension and Welfare Operating Budget**

44 Requirement	2026 Budgeted	2027 Estimated
45 Compass Flat Dollar Contribution	\$500,400	\$432,000
46 Compass 3% Non Matching Contribution	\$850,929	\$783,993
47 Compass 4% Matching Contribution	\$1,147,81	\$1,402,368
48 CPP Welfare Plan (3%) Benefits Funding	\$850,929	\$793,074
49 Office of Pensions and Benefits Offset		\$200,000
50 <b>Total Estimated Requirement</b>	<b>\$3,349,338</b>	<b>\$3,566,435</b>

1	<b><u>Estimated Income</u></b>		
2	Direct Bill Payments	\$2,989,338	\$2,932,635
3	ACH Discount From Investments	\$360,000	\$433,800
4	Offset from Investments		\$200,000
5	<b>Total Estimated Income</b>	<b>\$3,349,338</b>	<b>\$3,566,435</b>

7 Rev. Jonathan Harris, Chairperson

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9 **THE BOARD OF PENSION AND HEALTH BENEFITS**  
10 **GROUP INSURANCE SECTION**  
11 **Report Number One**  
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13 The insurance program of the South Carolina Conference is designed to provide its eligible employees (as de-  
14 fined herein), and their eligible dependents, with a comprehensive plan for major medical benefits and a Medicare  
15 supplement.  
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17 **A. Eligibility: The following are eligible for coverage under the program:**

- 18 1. Those employed and funded by a local church either as Full or Three-Quarter (3/4) time Elders in  
19 Full Connection, Associate Members, Local Pastors, Provisional Elders, *Non-retired Supply Pas-*  
20 *tors (lay persons; and clergy of other denominations), Deacons appointed as pastor in charge,*  
21 *within the South Carolina Annual Conference and included in the Hospitalization and Medical*  
22 *Expense Program Adoption Agreement. The salary-paying unit must sign an adoption agreement*  
23 *prior to enrollment for supply pastors and Deacons appointed as pastor in charge.*
- 24 2. Ministers who are full time or three-quarter time employees of and funded by the Annual Confer-  
25 ence boards, councils or agencies.
- 26 3. District Superintendents.
- 27 4. Lay persons who are full-time employees of and funded by the Annual Conference.
- 28 5. Ordained ministers from other United Methodist Annual Conferences and ordained ministers from  
29 other Methodist denominations, and other denominations, under Episcopal appointment fully em-  
30 ployed and funded by a local church or charge of the South Carolina Annual Conference under  
31 the provisions of Paragraphs 346.1 and 346.2 of the 2020/2024 *Book of Discipline*.
- 32 6. Full Deacons, Provisional Deacons, Provisional Deacons/1992, and Diaconal ministers related  
33 to and serving a local church enrolled and funded by a local church of the South Carolina Annual  
34 Conference currently meeting the underwriting guidelines of the South Carolina Annual Con-  
35 ference group insurance plan. The salary-paying unit will set the cost sharing and must sign a  
36 sub-adoption agreement.
  - 37 a. **The Board of Pensions and Health Benefits of the South Carolina Conference has**  
38 **received Resolution 2026-1 as a referral from the Conference Secretary and has**  
39 **agreed to convene a task force to study the questions it poses under the parame-**  
40 **ters it outlines.**

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42 **B. Eligibility: The following are eligible for coverage under the retiree program:**

- 43 1. Retired clergy who have been under full-time appointment to a local church with pension respon-  
44 sibility by the South Carolina Annual Conference, and who are immediately eligible to receive  
45 pension or incapacity benefits, and who have participation in the active group health plan of the  
46 South Carolina Annual Conference, the last ten (10) years of which were continuous and consec-  
47 utive, shall be eligible for participation in the retiree health care program of the Annual Confer-  
48 ence and their respective spouses if spouse is covered at least five continuous and consecutive  
49 years immediately prior to retirement. A Retired Participant at the time of his or her Early Retirement  
50 Date or Normal Retirement Date, will be allowed to be tolled if coverage under a previous  
51 employer's or spouse's group plan is available, during the period of time between the Termina-  
52 tion of Employment and the Early Retirement Date or Normal Retirement Date and loss of such  
53 coverage.
- 54 2. Retired lay employees who have attained age 62 and have been full-time employees of the  
55 South Carolina Annual Conference, and who are immediately eligible to receive United Methodist

1 pension or incapacity benefits, and who have participation in the active group health plan of the  
2 South Carolina Annual Conference, the last ten (10) years of which were continuous and consec-  
3 utive, shall be eligible for participation in the retiree health care program of the Annual Confer-  
4 ence and their respective spouses if spouse is covered at least five continuous and consecutive  
5 years immediately prior to retirement. A Retired Participant at the time of his or her Early Retirement  
6 Date or Normal Retirement Date, will be allowed to be tolled if coverage under a previous  
7 employer's or spouse's group plan is available, during the period of time between the Termina-  
8 tion of Employment and the Early Retirement Date or Normal Retirement Date and loss of such  
9 coverage.

- 10 3. Those retired clergy or incapacitated employees, referred to herein as lay persons, immediately  
11 eligible to receive pension or disability benefits from the General Board of Pension and Health  
12 Benefits at the beginning of the month following the month in which the retired relation or disabili-  
13 ty leave with disability benefits takes place, and who had a minimum of ten (10) continuous and  
14 consecutive years of active participation in the South Carolina Annual Conference group health  
15 plan at the time of retirement or the granting of Clergy Protection Plan incapacity benefits by the  
16 General Board of Pensions, and their respective spouses if spouse is covered at least five con-  
17 tinuous and consecutive years immediately prior to retirement.
- 18 4. Funding for the group insurance plans upon retirement in benefit from the South Carolina Annual  
19 Conference shall be based on full time employment by the Annual Conference, full time appoint-  
20 ment to a local church or eligible extension ministry with pension responsibility by the South  
21 Carolina Annual Conference. Funding shall be \$100.00 per month for single participants and  
22 \$200.00 per month for married participants and an additional \$100 per month for dependents.  
23 (This funding is \$200.00 per month for single participants and \$400.00 per month for married  
24 participants and an additional \$200 per month for dependents for those retirees who retired in  
25 2015 or earlier). This funding will be paid through a Health Reimbursement Account. This funding  
26 cannot be allowed to purchase an employer group policy other than one sponsored or adminis-  
27 tered by the Annual Conference or its designee. Enrollment in the HRA must be done through the  
28 AmWins Benefits Coordinator.

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30 **Report Number Two**  
31 **Major Medical Insurance Benefits**

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33 The Board recommends the following:

34 **A. HealthFlex Exchange**

35 The South Carolina Annual Conference has elected to participate in the HealthFlex Exchange, managed  
36 health care plan of Wespath Benefits and Investments for active participants and eligible dependents.  
37 The HealthFlex Exchange provides an array of plans to help the needs of our appointed clergy and  
38 eligible lay employees. **In 2027 the Healthflex Exchange will no longer offer the C3000 and H2500**  
39 **healthplans.** HealthFlex Exchange offers participants the ability to select between the remaining four  
40 medical, three dental, and three vision plans, and the ability to participate in health and dependent care  
41 reimbursement accounts. Plan summaries are located on the conference website at [umcsc.org/health-](http://umcsc.org/healthflex)  
42 [flex](http://umcsc.org/healthflex).

43 **B. Additional Information**

44 Additional information on medical, dental and vision plans is available from the Board of Pension and  
45 Health Benefits by visiting [umcsc.org/healthflex](http://umcsc.org/healthflex).

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47 **Report Number Three**  
48 **Retiree Medical Primary Benefits**

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50 **A. Post 65 Retirees**

51 The South Carolina Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church offers their post 65 retirees two  
52 group Medicare plans or the ability to choose a custom Supplemental plan through the Retiree Benefits  
53 Choice™ through AmWINS Group Benefits. The two group medical plans offered are: The Standard Plan  
54 and the Humana Advantage Plan. A custom option is also available and will be a hybrid Medicare Ex-  
55 change by which a retiree can choose a plan from the Medicare Marketplace. There will be correspond-  
56 ing Rx options with the Standard Plan and the Humana Advantage Plan.

1 **B. Administrator**  
2 AmWINS Group Benefits will be the administrator for the retiree benefit plans. AmWINS Group Benefits  
3 specializes in retiree benefit programs for companies, municipalities and religious organizations. Am-  
4 WINS Group Benefits has over 700 retiree benefit clients nationally.

5 **C. Services Provided**  
6 AmWINS Group Benefits will provide the following services for retirees of the South Carolina Annual Con-  
7 ference of The United Methodist Church.

- 8 ● Retiree communications enrollment kit
- 9 ● Group retiree meetings
- 10 ● Retiree call center services
- 11 ● Retiree website
- 12 ● Billing and collecting of premiums
- 13 ● Ongoing service and support for retirees

14 **D. Handbook**  
15 A handbook explaining the provisions of Medicare is available from the Social Security Administration  
16 office or by visiting [medicare.gov](http://medicare.gov).

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18 **Report Number Four**  
19 **Administrative Procedures**  
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21 **A. Enrollment**  
22 Enrollment in HealthFlex, the group insurance plan of the South Carolina Annual Conference, must be  
23 made within the first thirty days of eligibility or the first day actively at work. Late enrollment or enroll-  
24 ment for January 1 of any year must be completed with Wespath Benefits & Investments during annual  
25 election, which is prior to November 30<sup>th</sup> of the preceding year. It should be noted that any continua-  
26 tion, changes, or initiation of Flexible Spending Accounts (Medical Reimbursement or dependent care  
27 accounts) must be done during this time through the open enrollment process and not on the ministerial  
28 support form. Health Savings Account amounts can be updated at any time (H2000 and H5000 plans  
29 only).

30 **B. Eligibility Requirements**  
31 Eligibility requirements are also set forth in the *HealthFlex Administrative Manual* published by the Center  
32 for Health of Wespath Benefits & Investments, 1901 Chestnut Avenue, Glenview, IL 660025-1604.

33 **C. Billing**  
34 At the first of each month, the Board of Pension and Health Benefits will send premium statements to  
35 the salary-paying unit of the participants enrolled in the Conference Insurance Program and participants  
36 with Flexible Spending Accounts. Payments for group health premiums and Flexible Spending Accounts  
37 premiums shall be made on a monthly basis.

38 **D. Cancellation of Coverage**  
39 It is imperative that each church/charge remit to the Annual Conference the participant's portion of the  
40 Health Benefits withheld from the participants compensation on a monthly basis. **The Board of Pension  
41 and Health Benefits has instructed the benefits administrator to cancel the Insurance Coverage,  
42 Medical Reimbursement Accounts, and/or Dependent Care Accounts of any participant whose  
43 payroll withholdings are not paid by the end of the month for which the church/charge has been  
44 billed. Clergy whose accounts are 60 days in arrears will be subject to immediate cancellation.  
45 Once cancelled the participant's coverage cannot be reinstated until the next open enrollment  
46 period, and then only if the unpaid balance has been paid. Churches or salary paying units are  
47 responsible for withholding premiums and other Flexible Spending Accounts from the compensa-  
48 tion of participants and remitting payment to the Annual Conference when billed.**

49 **E. Ministers Serving in Eligible Extension Ministries**  
50 It is required that all Conference Boards and Agencies, served by ministers and others eligible for group  
51 insurance participation, pay for the "institutional share" of the insured's premium. This provision shall  
52 apply to the District Superintendents, Conference Staff and those serving United Methodist agencies for  
53 whom the South Carolina Annual Conference has pension responsibility. In every case, the full cost of the  
54 group health premium must be paid by the insured, the employer, or through the combined payments of  
55 the insured and the employer.

1 Premium payments shall be made in accordance with the instructions printed on the monthly "Statement  
2 of Account". Premium payments are due at the first of the month for which the participant is billed.

3 **F. Applications for Enrollment**

4 Applications for enrollment in the Conference Insurance Program are available from the Board of Pension  
5 and Health Benefits, 4908 Colonial Drive, Columbia, SC 29203. The changed enrollment form must be  
6 completed and in the hands of the benefits administrator within 30 days from the date of eligibility. If not,  
7 the applicant will be ineligible until the next following enrollment period.

8 **G. Board Oversight**

9 The Board of Pension and Health Benefits is charged with oversight of the group insurance program  
10 of the South Carolina Annual Conference, the benefits of which are outlined in the reports of the Board  
11 submitted to the Annual Conference. The Annual Conference approves the group insurance budget of the  
12 Board of Pension and Health Benefits. The Board is authorized to negotiate and contract with carriers or  
13 the Hospitalization and Medical Expense Program Administrator to maintain the level of benefits for the  
14 eligible participants, as defined by the Annual Conference.

15 **H. Plan of First Refusal**

16 The group health plan of the South Carolina Annual Conference (Conference Plan) shall be the plan  
17 of first refusal for covering dependents of clergy appointed to local churches in the Conference. Where  
18 covered clergy wish to cover their dependents, the local church will seek to cover such dependents  
19 through the Conference Plan, rather than purchasing outside health insurance. Local churches may be  
20 excused from this requirement in cases where such dependents may be covered through the employer  
21 of a covered clergyperson's spouse, or through a governmental plan, such as an SCHIP, and in cases of  
22 demonstrable financial hardship.

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**Report Number Five  
Group Health Insurance Operating Budget**

26 <b>Requirements</b>	<b>2026 Budgeted</b>	<b>2027 Estimated</b>
27 Active & Non-Medicare Retiree Group	\$6,546,252	\$6,728,052
28 Medicare Eligible Retiree Group	\$707,184	\$620,040
29 Other Benefit Obligations	\$50,000	\$50,000
30 <b><u>Total Estimated Requirements</u></b>	<b><u>\$7,303,436</u></b>	<b><u>\$7,398,092</u></b>
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32 <b>Estimated Income</b>		
33 Billing to Salary Paying Units	\$6,213,118	\$6,372,699
34 Apportioned to Churches	\$0	\$0
35 HMEP Fund Investments	\$383,134	\$405,353
36 Retiree Medical Investments	\$707,184	\$620,040
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38 <b><u>Total Estimated Income</u></b>	<b><u>\$7,303,436</u></b>	<b><u>\$7,398,092</u></b>

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**Report Number Six 2027 Group Health Costs**

42 The Board of Pension & Health Benefits makes the following recommendation for action by the 2026 South Caroli-  
43 na Annual Conference.

44 **1. Billing**

45 The sum of \$6,372,699 will be billed to the local church/charge and salary paying units for the Conference  
46 Insurance Program in 2027.

47 **2. Apportionment Request**

48 The Board of Pension & Health Benefits requests an apportionment of \$0 for unfunded benefits such as Tran-  
49 sitional Pension Funding and grants for incapacitated and/or suspended participants.

1 **3. Premium Payments effective January 1, 2026**

2 Active personal group insurance health premiums for eligible active clergy/survivor/conference lay employee  
3 categories (Categories delineated in A.1, A.2, A.3, A.4, and A.5 of Report Number One) shall be funded as  
4 shown below:

5 **a. Health Benefit Fee**

6 Churches/Charges who have an eligible appointed clergy/lay participants (see report Number One  
7 A.1) will be billed a health benefit fee of \$1,400.00 per month or \$16,800.00 annually. *This fee is  
8 an increase of \$150 per month or \$1,800 per year from 2026.*

- 9 i. **This fee will be billed regardless of the clergyperson/eligible participant's enrollment in coverage or waiving coverage.**

11 **b. Premium Credit**

12 The Premium Credit toward the HealthFlex Exchange according to coverage tier as shown below.

- 13 i. Premium Credit for Participant Only coverage is expected to be \$1,194 per month  
14 (\$14,328 annually).  
15 ii. Premium Credit for Participant + one dependent coverage is expected to be \$2,204  
16 per month (\$26,448 annually).  
17 iii. Premium Credit for Participant plus family coverage is expected to be \$2,933 per month  
18 (\$35,196 annually).

19 **4. Total Premiums**

20 Total Premiums for the 2027 HealthFlex Exchange Plans are outlined in the table below:

21 <b>Plan</b>	<b>Participant</b>	<b>Participant +1</b>	<b>Participant + Family</b>
22 B1000	\$1,617	\$3,072	\$4,204
23 C2000	\$1,504	\$2,857	\$3,910
24 <del>E3000</del>	No	longer	offered
25 H2000	\$1,455	\$2,765	\$3,784
26 <del>H2500</del>	No	longer	offered
27 H5000	\$1,220	\$2,317	\$3,171

28 **5. Default Plan**

29 If a participant fails to make an election during the annual election (open enrollment) period or within thirty  
30 (30) days of becoming newly eligible, that participant and any covered dependents will be automatically en-  
31 rolled in the H2000 plan. **Note: This does not constitute a recommendation by the Annual Conference;**  
32 **in fact, it may not be the right plan for most participants, but is merely a plan default.**

33 **6. Optional Coverages**

34 Participants have the option to select expanded Vision (Vision Core is included) and Dental Coverages.

35 **7. Dental Care Premiums**

36 <b>Plan</b>	<b>Participant</b>	<b>Participant +1</b>	<b>Participant + Family</b>
37 Passive PPO 2000	\$52	\$104	\$156
38 Dental PPO	\$43	\$86	\$129
39 Dental HMO	\$18	\$32	\$56

41 **8. Vision Care Premiums**

42 <b>Plan</b>	<b>Participant</b>	<b>Participant +1</b>	<b>Participant + Family</b>
43 Vision Core	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
44 Vision Full Service	\$9.00	\$14.00	\$22.00
45 Vision Premier	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$40.00

46 **Retiree (Retiree Spouse) Premiums Non Medicare**

47 Rates for pre-65 retirees covered under HealthFlex would be the premium found in section 4 of this re-  
48 port reduced by the Defined Contributions for retirees. For those retired before July 1, 2015, the Defined  
49 Contribution would be \$200 for single Participants and for a couple with a participating spouse it would  
50 be \$400 per month under the provisions of Report Number One Paragraph A.5. For those retiring after  
51 July 1, 2015, the Defined Contribution would be \$100 for single Participants and for a couple with a par-  
52 ticipating spouse it would be \$200 per month under the provisions of Report Number One Paragraph A.5.

1 **9. Covered Participants with Negotiated Service, Compensation, & Benefits**

2 The estimated 2027 monthly group health insurance premiums for persons with negotiated service, com-  
3 pensation and benefits, Deacons in Full Connection employed full time, full-time Diaconal Ministers and  
4 full-time Lay Employees of local churches, premium for all the plans above and the church or plan sponsor  
5 will be billed the entire premium for dental and vision benefits (7-8) and the entire rate for health coverage  
6 (section 12). The cost sharing between the participant and the church or plan sponsor will be determined by  
7 the church or plan sponsor. Enrollment must be made within 30 days of new hire status, or 60 days prior to  
8 January 1, 2027.

9 **10. Board of Pension & Health Benefit Authority**

10 It is recommended that the South Carolina Annual Conference delegate to the South Carolina Annual Confer-  
11 ence Board of Pension & Health Benefits the authority to adjust rates and plan designs to meet the require-  
12 ments of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

13 **11. 2027 HealthFlex Exchange Rates**

14 **Proposed Monthly HealthFlex Rate Summary for**  
15 **Itinerant Clergy, Deacons Employed by the Annual Conference, Conference Lay Employees,**  
16 **Non-retired Supply Pastors (lay persons; and clergy of other denominations),**  
17 **Deacons appointed as pastor in charge.**

18 <u>Plan</u>	<u>Participant</u>		<u>Participant +1</u>		<u>Participant + Family</u>	
19 <u>Elected</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2026</u>
20 B1000	\$423	\$375	\$868	\$769	\$1,271	\$1,127
21 C2000	\$310	\$318	\$653	\$660	\$977	\$978
22 <del>E3000</del>	No	\$140	longer	\$322	offered	\$516
23 H2000	\$261	\$283	\$561	\$594	\$851	\$888
24 <del>H2500</del>	No	\$94	longer	\$235	offered	\$396
25 H5000	\$26	\$23	\$113	\$100	\$238	\$211

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27 **Proposed Monthly HealthFlex Rate Summary\***  
28 **for**  
29 **Deacons with Negotiated Service, Compensation, & Benefits; Lay Employees of Local Church**  
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31 \*Full Amount Billed to the Local Church/Plan Sponsor.

32 Actual Cost to participant is negotiated between participant and church/plan sponsor.

33 <u>Plan</u>	<u>Participant</u>		<u>Participant +1</u>		<u>Participant + Family</u>	
34 <u>Elected</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2026</u>
35 B1000	\$1,536	\$1,361	\$2,918	\$2,587	\$3,994	\$3,540
36 C2000	\$1,429	\$1,307	\$2,714	\$2,483	\$3,715	\$3,398
37 <del>E3000</del>	No	\$1,138	longer	\$2,162	offered	\$2,959
38 H2000	\$1,382	\$1,274	\$2,627	\$2,421	\$3,595	\$3,313
39 <del>H2500</del>	No	\$1,094	longer	\$2,080	offered	\$2,845
40 H5000	\$1,159	\$1,027	\$2,201	\$1,951	\$3,012	\$2,670

41 **12. Future Years Health Benefit Premium Increase:** As most are aware, the cost of healthcare in the  
42 United States continues to rise at a rapid pace. While efforts are being made to reduce the cost to local  
43 churches and participants in the plan, the Board of Pension and Health expects rates to continue to rise  
44 as well. In 2027 our rates increased by 12.8%. **2028 rates are expected to rise by a minimum of 5%**  
45 **for both the health fee and personal portion of the participants.**  
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48 **The Board of Pension and Health Benefits**  
49 **Welfare Plan Section**  
50 **Report Number One**

51 **Welfare Plan Structure**

52 The welfare plan made available to South Carolina Conference clergy is the Comprehensive Protection Plan  
53 (“CPP”) sponsored by Wespath.

54 The CPP disability benefits are as follows:

- 1 • Clergy disabled on or after January 1, 2002, the CPP disability benefit equals 70 percent of Plan Com-
- 2 pensation, with compensation capped at 200 percent of the DAC (Denominational Average Compensa-
- 3 tion.)
- 4 • Clergy disabled prior to January 1, 2002, will continue to receive the same CPP disability benefit per
- 5 the plan document in-force at the time of their disability claim originated.

6 The following generally describes the death benefit amounts payable under the CPP to eligible participants  
7 and their beneficiaries.

8 **Active and Retired Participant Death Benefits:** payable upon the death of an eligible active CPP participant, as  
9 follows:

- 10 • Active Participant: \$50,000, payable in 12 monthly installments or one lump sum
- 11 • Retired Participant: \$24,000
- 12 • Spouse of active and retired participant: \$16,000
- 13 • Surviving spouse of active and retired participant: \$12,000
- 14 • Child of active and retired participant: \$8500
- 15 • Annual surviving spouse annuity benefit of 20% of DAC, less the annuity benefit payable from CRSP.
- 16 • Annual surviving child benefit of 10% of DAC, payable in 12 monthly installments (for those age 17 and
- 17 younger; benefits are paid through the month in which the child attains age 18)
- 18 • Annual surviving child educational benefit up to 20% of DAC, payable in equal installments (for those
- 19 age 18 through 24 and attending school full-time)

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21 **Retired Participant Death Benefits:** to be eligible for death benefits in retirement, a clergyperson must  
22 have been covered in CPP for a specified number of years. The 2012 General Conference approved a  
23 change to the CPP program which increases the length of service requirement for retirees. Retirees with  
24 25 or more years of enrollment in CPP are eligible for the death benefits in retirement, and the eligibility for  
25 those with fewer than 25 years in CPP is phased in with one-year increments, as detailed on the following  
26 table. \*\*Those who retire under the 20-year rule are ineligible for CPP Death Benefit.

27	28 Retirement Year	29 CPP Enrollment Requirement 30 or Death Benefit Eligibility
31	2013	6 of last 10 years
32	2014	7 of last 10 years
33	2015	8 of last 11 years
34	2016	9 of last 12 years
35	2017	10 of last 13 years
	2018	11 of last 14 years
	2019+	12 of last 15 years

36 **Denominational Average Compensation**

37 Several of the pension and welfare plans incorporate the Denomination Average Compensation (“DAC”) into  
38 the formula for determining the plan benefit. Per the action of the 2020/2024 General Conference the DAC will  
39 increase 2% per year. The 2026 DAC is **\$81,603**. The 2027 DAC is **\$83,235**.

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41 **The Board of Pensions and Health Benefits**  
42 **Direct Bill Arrearage Report**  
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44 **A. Forgiveness**

45 At the direction of the 2024 Session of the South Carolina Annual Conference all direct billing arrearag-  
46 es accrued by churches before March 1st, 2024 were forgiven. The total arrearage forgiven was  
47 \$3,463,097.09 for 90 churches. The benefits provided to clergy for which these arrearages were  
48 incurred were paid from the reserve investment accounts held by the Board of Pensions and Health  
49 Benefits at the time the benefits were provided. While this forgiveness did not impact our reserves at the  
50 time the forgiveness was executed, continued arrearages may impede the Board of Pensions and Health  
51 Benefits’ ability to provide the discounts and subsidies currently offered to all churches and participants in  
52 our benefit plans.

53 **B. Current Arrearages**

54 As of March of 2026 (two years after the direct bill arrearage forgiveness took effect), there are currently  
55 20 churches who are in arrears on their direct billing, down from 29 churches in March of 2025 with a total

1 arrearage of \$159,518.50, for a total current arrearage of \$223,606.07. Seventeen of those 20 churches  
2 had their direct bill arrearages forgiven by the Annual Conference in 2024. The total amount those 17  
3 churches had forgiven in 2024 was \$707,059.91. Of the 17 churches who had their direct bill arrearage  
4 forgiven and who have current direct bill arrearages, all have paid something toward their direct bill since  
5 the forgiveness was granted.

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## SOUTH CAROLINA UNITED METHODIST ADVOCATE

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### 10 **Purpose:**

11 The *Advocate* fosters discipleship within South Carolina United Methodism by providing relevant news in various  
12 formats to unite followers in Christ. We strive to be the premier independent news source and voice for South  
13 Carolina United Methodists by building relationships through strategic partnerships.

### 14 **Key moments from the previous year:**

- 15 • Produced 12 strong editions of the *Advocate*, each designed to inform, inspire, encourage, or connect  
16 United Methodists across the state
- 17 • Launched new website (<https://advocatesc.org>)
- 18 • Produced six more titles in 2025 and early 2026 by the Advocate Press (total 39), available via the  
19 Advocate website and on Amazon, achieving our best year in sales yet:
  - 20 ○ Having Coffee with God, Mark Barnette
  - 21 ○ Stories from My Journey, Arthur Holt
  - 22 ○ Can Lizzy Help? Kathy Hart
  - 23 ○ A Moment to Breathe, Amenti Sujai and Daniel Hembree
  - 24 ○ Silver Linings, Leonard Fairley
  - 25 ○ Purple Book Hymns, Amiri Hooker
- 26 • Producing five more books in 2026
- 27 • Earned eight awards: six for journalism, two for video/promotion
- 28 • Held listening sessions in every district in the state to improve the *Advocate* and understand readers'  
29 needs
- 30 • Continued a survey of reader wants and needs to gauge feedback and improve
- 31 • Offered three college scholarships to students attending United Methodist colleges in SC
- 32 • Adopted new mission, vision and diversity/equity/inclusion statements
- 33 • Joined several new organizations in an effort to learn more, grow and improve
- 34 • Hosted book signings
- 35 • Planned a branding campaign with geofencing and targeted ads to reach laity who might not have heard  
36 about the Advocate
- 37 • Developed enhanced marketing materials
- 38 • Produced a Daily Advocate every day of business during Annual Conference
- 39 • Launched a new media kit with new pricing and opportunities
- 40 • Increased subscription and ad rates to meet rising print/postage costs
- 41 • Started frequent emails and social media campaigns to share information more widely
- 42 • Planning to launch video-based news coverage

### 43 **Objectives for the coming year:**

- 44 • Continue with 12 more strong, encouraging and informative editions of the Advocate, with continued  
45 focus on connectionalism and shining the light of Christ in a difficult world
- 46 • Launch new app
- 47 • Release several more books this year and increase book sales over last year
- 48 • Launch video news segments
- 49 • Offer enhanced email communication updates

### 50 **Action(s) required from the 2026 Annual Conference:**

51 Approve our Board of Trustees nominations

### 52 **If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:**

53 The award-winning *Advocate* is a rarity in Methodism—an independent print and digital news publication that  
54 has been in existence since 1836 and is still going strong. The *Advocate* is free to all South Carolina clergy and  
55 available by subscription to anyone. Individual rates are \$30/year (\$20 online only). Group plans are \$15/person  
56 per year. Online-only church plans also available for \$1.50/member. The *Advocate* helps United Methodist church-

17 es in South Carolina stay connected and helps church members become stronger disciples. All news is welcome.  
18 Advocatesc.org or info@advocatesc.org.

19 **Narrative:**

20 The *Advocate* affirms its affiliation, allegiance and bias to United Methodism while welcoming all views of inter-  
21 est to South Carolina United Methodists and to the advancement of knowledge, faith and discipleship.

22 The *Advocate* is the voice of the people of The United Methodist Church in South Carolina, transparently shar-  
23 ing news of relevance to people of faith around advancing knowledge, spiritual growth and discipleship. Our future  
24 will focus on heavier emphasis on digital growth, expanding and growing the Advocate Press, and establishing  
25 new and improved communication with the conference as we work to tell the stories of the church at work in the  
26 world. Our mission is to foster discipleship within South Carolina United Methodism by providing relevant news  
27 in various formats to unite followers in Christ. Our vision is to be the premier independent news source and voice  
28 for South Carolina United Methodists by building relationships through strategic partnerships. We aim to prioritize  
29 digital expansion, grow the Advocate Press and enhance communication strategies as we continue to share the  
30 impactful stories of the church at work in the world.

31 **Respectfully submitted**

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35 **Other ministry members:**

36 2025-2026 members of the Board of Trustees:

37 Rev. Michael Henderson, chair	Rev. Darlene Kelley	Rev. Paula Stover
38 Rev. Rebecca Rowell, vice chair	Henrietta McCollough	Diane Wilson
39 Jeff Wallace, secretary	Sadie Moss	Rev. Cameron Levi, ex officio
40 David Bryant, treasurer	Beth Padgett	Rev. Millie Nelson Smith, ex officio
41 Rev. Eleanora Coaxum Ellington	Licita Rogers	
42 Rev. Sharon Spann Gamble	Rev. Ed Stallworth III	

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45 **JAMES L. BELIN BOARD OF TRUST**

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47 **Purpose:**

48 The purpose of the James L. Belin Board of Trust is to ensure that ministry will take place as directed by the intent  
49 of the James L. Belin Trust and that all property of the James L. Belin estate, both real and personal, be direction  
50 and appropriated for the benefit of missions.

51 **Key moments from the previous year:**

52 Overall, the James L. Belin Board of Trust had a good year. The Trustees oversaw the investment, and it has  
53 grown being invested with Mercer. Mercer took over Vanguard's nonprofit investments, and the Trust was pre-  
54 viously invested with Vanguard. The Trustees completed their commitment to Epworth Children's Home for a  
55 \$50,000 scholarship. This money will be administered through The South Carolina United Methodist Foundation,  
56 Inc. We are getting materials together to have a display at the 2026 Annual Conference concourse advertising  
57 what the James L. Belin Grant is for and how churches can apply to create new ministries that benefit their con-  
58 gregation.

59 **Objectives for the coming year:**

60 The James L. Belin Board of Trust is going to keep overseeing the investment and making sure that it grows and  
61 is managed well. Our objectives are to: Meet quarterly, decide on another multi-year (large impact) or endowment  
62 we would like to seed next, keep giving 3% of the interest to the Board of Global Ministries for the Belin Grant, and  
63 have our annual audit completed. We would like to hear more about how local churches are using the grant and  
64 hear stories connected to the ministries that are created from the monies awarded.

65 **If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:**

66 The James L. Belin Board of Trust exists to help churches seed new ministry opportunities. We are grateful to be  
67 a part of this opportunity. Our hope is that churches in the SC Annual Conference continue to thrive and the mon-  
68 ey that is awarded be a large part in helping congregations to succeed in reaching people for the Kingdom of God.

69 **Respectfully submitted:**

70 Meredith Marie Dark, Secretary  
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72 (864) 597-9525

1 **Other ministry members**

2 Charlie Thomas, President

3 Collin Crick, Treasurer

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**UNITED METHODIST CENTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

7 **Purpose:**

8 To provide office space for the South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church, and to operate, super-  
9 vise and maintain such facilities, renting the space therein to offices, agencies, and affiliates of the Conference.

10 **Key moments from the previous year:**

11 The Trustees modified the rent charged to the offices and agencies in the building in 2024. In preparation for the  
12 change in rents, the office space was measured and assigned to the appropriate occupant, the common areas  
13 were measured and allocated to the occupants, and a new rent per square foot established. The rent per square  
14 foot in 2024 was \$8.50 per month. The rent increase scheduled for 2025 was delayed because of the perceived  
15 need to hold steady during uncertain times.

16 However, during the last three years, the operations of the United Methodist Center have resulted in deficits  
17 despite attempts to minimize expenses. Rent escalations for building occupants has resumed with the 2026 rent  
18 per square foot being \$8.75 and the 2027 rent per square foot being \$9.00. The scheduled rent increases are not  
19 enough to offset the expected operating deficit.

20 **Objectives for the coming year:**

21 We recognize the building is approaching an age where renovation and/or refurbishment will be needed. The  
22 Trustees are seeking alternatives for office space with the goal of reducing the cost.

23 **Action(s) required from the 2026 Annual Conference:**

24 The United Methodist Center "is a subsidiary of and amenable to the South Carolina Conference of The United  
25 Methodist Church" as defined in its bylaws. The Trustees of the United Methodist Center seek authorization from  
26 the annual conference to investigate options for providing office space to the offices, agencies, and affiliates of  
27 the Conference. These options may include, but are not limited to, selling the current property at 4900 and 4908  
28 Colonial Drive in Columbia, South Carolina; entering into a purchase agreement for another office space; entering  
29 into a lease agreement for another office space; and/or pursuing other options as may be discovered. A separate  
30 resolution is presented seeking this authority.

31 **If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:**

32 The Trustees are at work to provide the space needed in cost effective ways and to be excellent stewards of the  
33 funds provided.

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39 **Other ministry members:**

40 Rev. Doris Bright

41 Ms. Kathy Hart

42 Rev. Sarah Johnson

43 Rev. David McManus

44 Ms. Debbie Smoak

45 Ms. Mamie Thomas

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**Resolution: United Methodist Center Office Space and Property Authorization**

48 Whereas, the United Methodist Center was constructed in 1981 and expanded and renovated in 2002; and

49 Whereas, the space needs and operational requirements of the building's occupants have changed since the origi-  
50 nal construction, expansion, and renovation; and

51 Whereas, the operation of the United Methodist Center as a facility has resulted in operating deficits during the past  
52 three fiscal years (2023–2025); and

53 Whereas, the current facility requires substantial renovation and capital investment to extend its useful life and to  
54 enable more efficient and effective use of space;

**Respectfully submitted,**  
Mr. Hal Clarkson, Chair  
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1 Therefore, be it resolved, that the South Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, in accordance with ¶2512 and ¶2513 of the Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, hereby authorizes the United Methodist Center Trustees to identify, evaluate, select, and execute the most appropriate alternative or alternatives for providing office space for the offices, agencies, and affiliated entities of the Annual Conference, and to take all actions necessary to implement that alternative, without the need for further approval by the Annual Conference.

6 Be it further resolved, that the authority granted herein includes, but is not limited to, the authority to:

- 7 1. Sell the current properties located at 4900 and 4908 Colonial Drive, Columbia, South Carolina, and to execute  
8 listing agreements, sales contracts, closing documents, and other instruments necessary to complete such sale  
9 or sales;
- 10 2. Purchase other real property suitable for office space and conference operations, and to execute purchase  
11 agreements and closing documents;
- 12 3. Lease other property suitable for office space and conference operations, and to negotiate and execute leases  
13 and related agreements; and
- 14 4. Pursue and implement other feasible options identified through the Trustees' due diligence, and to execute  
15 agreements and instruments necessary to carry out the selected alternative or alternatives.

16 Be it further resolved, that any net proceeds from the sale of the current United Methodist Center properties shall  
17 be used to provide for replacement office space for the Annual Conference and its related offices, agencies, and  
18 affiliates.

19 Be it further resolved, that the authority granted herein does not include obtaining a mortgage for the acquisition of  
20 property. Such authority must be granted separately by the Annual Conference.

21 Be it further resolved, that in evaluating and selecting office space alternatives, the United Methodist Center Trustees shall seek input from current building occupants; however, such input shall be advisory, and the Trustees shall retain full responsibility for the final decision and selection of the alternative or alternatives to be implemented.

24 Be it further resolved, that in all decisions and actions taken under this resolution, the United Methodist Center Trustees shall prioritize faithful stewardship of apportionment funds used to support conference office space and property, consistent with their fiduciary responsibilities under the Book of Discipline.

27 Be it further resolved, that the Trustees shall report the final decision and the material terms of the selected alternative or alternatives to the Annual Conference once a decision has been made and implementation is underway.

28 Submitted by the United Methodist Conference Center Board of Trustees  
29 SC Conference of the United Methodist Church  
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## 32 33 **THE TRUSTEES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE** 34

35 The primary work of the Board of Trustees ("Board") as set forth in The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church ¶ 2512 (2020/2024, ed.), the Trustees shall receive, collect, and hold in trust for and on behalf of the South Carolina Annual Conference, investment of assets, proceeds from the real or personal properties from closed churches, and oversee the maintenance of closed church properties that are listed for sale. The Trustees are also responsible for reviewing the insurance coverage for the Annual Conference.

40 In 2025, six closed church properties were sold: Ebenezer/Moncks Corner (Charleston), Woods Chapel (Greenville), Friendship (Hartsville), Old Galilee (Marion), Asbury Park (Spartanburg), and Good Samaritan (Rock Hill). After expenses were paid, 10% of the remaining proceeds were retained for the Trustees' legal fund and 20% for the Trustees' operating fund. The remainder of the proceeds from the sale of these properties was distributed to the districts in which they were sold. (Attachment: Trustees of the Annual Conference Accounting by Property). Furthermore, as reported last year at the Annual Conference, after distributing the "benevolent act" funds, the Trustees invested \$10,000,000 (ten million) with Wespath in a Short-Term Investment Fund.

47 As of December 31, 2025, the Trustees held approximately \$5,300,000 (5.3 million) in operating/undesignated funds, \$5,200,000 (5.2 million) for litigation, \$1,100,000.00 (1.1 million) for the Boy Scouts litigation, and \$469,000 (four hundred and sixty-nine thousand) in unfunded pension obligations collected from the sale proceeds of closed churches and from 2023 and 2024 separating churches. As of the writing of this report, the United Methodist Conference of South Carolina has filed 72 lawsuits, which are pending in the District Court.

52 With the cabinet's consent, the Trustees hired the law firms of Haynesworth Sinkler Boyd and Cassidy and Coates to represent the Conference on February 25, 2026. As a result of unilateral actions by churches inconsistent with the clear language of the BOD, churches have declared that they are no longer United Methodist. To preserve the

1 connection and the assets of the conference, the Conference has brought lawsuits against these churches.

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**Respectfully submitted,**  
Rev. Claire Van Den Berg, Chair  
South Carolina Conference Board of Trustees

6 Summary of Insurance Coverages  
7 Policy Begin Date: 09/01/2025 Policy End Date: 09/01/2026  
8 Broker: HUB International Southeast, Columbia, SC

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10	<b>Insurance Company</b>	<b>Coverage type</b>	<b>Description of Coverage</b>
11	Nexus	Claims made	Directors and Officers, Employment Practices
12	Nexus	Discovery	Crime Coverage
13	Philadelphia Insurance Companies	Occurrence	General Liability, Auto, Property, Professional Liability, Sexual/Physical Abuse
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15	Philadelphia Insurance Companies	Occurrence	Umbrella Liability
16	Tokio Marine	Claims made	Cyber Liability
17	United States Liability		
18	Insurance Group	Occurrence	General Liability on Vacant Properties
19	Accident Fund	Occurrence	Workers Compensation
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This is the report that is shared with the Annual Conference.

Trustees of the Annual Conference  
Accounting by Property for AC Trustees  
December 31, 2025

Property	District	12/31/2024 Balance	Sale Proceeds	Other Receipts	Expenses	Transfer to beneficiary	Retained by Trustees	Ending Balance	Designation
Arial	Anderson	-	-	75,616.31	(85.00)	-	-	74,761.31	Not urban
Grace/Abbeville	Anderson	-	-	169.53	(775,281.95)	-	-	(775,281.95)	Not urban
Moore's Chapel	Anderson	(1,688.32)	-	-	(167.76)	-	-	(1,856.08)	Not urban
Orville (South Main Chapel & Mercy Center)	Anderson	(50,018.84)	-	-	(13,444.00)	-	-	(63,462.84)	Not urban
Smiths Chapel	Anderson	(1,983.76)	-	-	(114.96)	-	-	(2,098.72)	Undesignated
Zion Wallalla	Anderson	15,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	15,000.00	Not urban
Berea (Cordesville)	Charleston	109.63	-	-	-	-	(109.63)	(0.00)	Not urban
Berea (Cordesville) cemetery	Charleston	15,209.17	-	-	-	-	-	15,209.17	Funds held for cemetery
Ebenezer/Moncks Corner	Charleston	-	279,007.11	2,139.59	(26,280.52)	-	-	254,866.18	Not urban
Two Rivers (new church start)	Charleston	45,387.97	-	-	(280.04)	-	-	45,107.93	Urban
College Place	Columbia	(225.73)	-	-	-	-	225.73	0.00	Urban
St Mark	Columbia	-	-	272.50	(13,366.84)	-	-	(13,094.34)	Urban
Bowers Chapel	Florence	(771.52)	-	-	-	-	771.52	-	Not urban
Trinity	Florence	54,681.59	-	-	-	(39,370.74)	(15,310.85)	-	Not urban
Trinity cemetery	Florence	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Not urban
Concord (Greenville Korean Mission)	Greenville	6,111.01	-	-	(8,888.00)	-	-	(2,776.99)	Urban
Trinity (new church Open Hearts)	Greenville	(58,666.36)	-	-	(33,248.00)	-	-	(91,914.36)	Urban
Woods Chapel	Greenville	-	547,710.00	6,753.42	(15,972.29)	-	-	538,491.13	Not urban
Zion-Andrews (New Beginnings)	Greenville	59,626.78	-	-	-	-	-	59,626.78	Urban
Belvedere	Greenwood	84,964.53	-	-	(14,249.41)	-	-	70,715.12	Not urban
Epting Memorial	Greenwood	-	-	1,306.00	(6,745.25)	-	-	(5,439.25)	Not urban
Lebanon	Greenwood	-	-	19.42	(3,577.71)	-	-	(3,558.29)	Not urban
Mt Vernon	Greenwood	(8,978.70)	-	-	(650.00)	-	-	(9,628.70)	Not urban
Ashland/Bishopville	Hartsville	(2,736.65)	-	1,250.00	(1,915.16)	-	-	(3,401.81)	Not urban
Bethel/W Darlington	Hartsville	-	-	-	(1,712.08)	-	-	(1,712.08)	Not urban
Friendship	Hartsville	15,467.95	129,597.00	1,000.00	(6,148.10)	-	-	139,916.85	Not urban
Hebron	Hartsville	7,457.20	-	817.00	(363.00)	-	-	7,911.20	Not urban
Snowhill	Hartsville	(620.80)	-	-	-	-	620.80	-	Not urban
Christ/Myrtle Beach	Marion	(237,960.88)	-	-	(24.93)	-	-	(237,985.81)	Not urban
Iona	Marion	(2,393.75)	-	-	(114.96)	-	-	(2,508.71)	Not urban
Old Galilee	Marion	(240.41)	3,000.00	-	(792.00)	-	-	1,967.59	Not urban
Central Rowesville	Orangeburg	12,075.88	-	-	-	(8,694.63)	(3,381.25)	0.00	Not urban
Cleffin	Orangeburg	(628.00)	-	-	(2,016.20)	-	-	(2,644.20)	Not urban
Good Samaritan	Rock Hill	(371,884.30)	1,757,719.50	294.60	(32,701.82)	(974,468.15)	(378,959.83)	-	Not urban
Asbury Park	Spartanburg	(37,450.00)	7,363.00	1,000.00	(2,193.05)	-	31,280.05	-	Not urban
Lockhart	Spartanburg	(7,763.69)	-	-	(4,363.43)	-	-	(12,127.12)	Not urban
Unity	Spartanburg	(5,122.31)	-	-	(3,815.44)	-	-	(8,937.75)	Not urban
Trinity/Smocks	Walton	-	-	-	(2,355.13)	-	-	(2,355.13)	Not urban
Retained by Trustees, all funds	Conference	16,051,206.05	-	650,621.14	(896,696.97)	(8,819,314.86)	4,935,996.46	11,921,811.82	Not urban
Held for Cabinet	Conference	-	-	-	(536,028.40)	800,000.00	-	263,971.60	For displaced pastors
Held for Congregational Development	Conference	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		15,578,163.74	2,724,396.61	741,259.51	(2,404,531.93)	(9,041,848.38)	4,571,133.00	12,168,572.55	

## COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

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### **Purpose:**

The Commission on Archives and History maintains the conference's historical records and helps researchers—conference officials, clergy, local church historians, genealogists, or scholars—learn about Methodism in South Carolina. We maintain archival repositories at Wofford College and Claflin University.

### **Key moments from the previous year:**

The archives staff provided information about the history and records of churches when requested by the conference staff. This represented a considerable amount of work this year.

Beginning in the summer of 2025, the archives staff began digitizing old church records and posting them in our online repository. This will make them more widely available and is part of our commitment to preservation and greater access to our records. These are available at [digitalcommons.wofford.edu/churchrecords](https://digitalcommons.wofford.edu/churchrecords)

We have continued to arrange and describe conference records.

During 2025, the archives answered 246 total questions, 170 of which were on the Methodist collection. We help researchers by email and phone and in person. We also try to share information about Methodism in any possible way, including our website and a column in the *Advocate*.

### **Objectives for the coming year:**

The archives always tries to make more records available for researchers and will continue to do that this year.

We will continue to digitize legacy church records and post them online.

We are continuing to orient our new commission members and look forward to their ideas and energy.

We are ready to collaborate with any group who wants help in sharing history, but also in using history to help share the story of United Methodism in South Carolina.

### **If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:**

You don't always realize how much you need the archives until you suddenly need them. The archives is here not just to maintain the records of the past, but to maintain the records we produce today so that the future also has a past. Archives and history are as much about who we are today as who we were in the past.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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## THE COMMISSION ON EQUITABLE COMPENSATION

### **Purpose:**

The main purpose of the Commission on Equitable Compensation (CEC) is to make sure that full-time ministers in the South Carolina Conference are paid to meet the minimum wage which the annual conference establishes each year upon recommendation by CEC.

### **Key Moments from the Previous Year:**

CEC has continued to work hard to ensure our clergy are sufficiently compensated for their time and effort. CEC ended 2025 with expenses exceeding received funds by slightly more than 50%. Due to the demands of these transitional times, we anticipate an additional reduction in the surplus held in our operating fund by the end of the year and for 2027 based on current grant projections.

In these transitional times, particularly with respect to denominational disaffiliations, CEC is adapting. We continue the task of ensuring that full-time ministers in South Carolina are paid to meet the minimum wage established by the annual conference with available surplus resources including new church starts and mission situations. Our existing operating surplus and reserves are sufficient to meet this need in the near-term. CEC will continue to prayerfully use the resources provided to support the mission of the church, making disciples of Jesus Christ, throughout the state of South Carolina.

There are no significant changes to our policy to report.

1 **Objectives for 2026:**  
2 Foremost, to meet any challenges which 2026-2027 will bring for churches struggling to compensate their full-time  
3 ministers. Continue helping Congregational Development in providing ministry opportunities for this conference.  
4 Continue to have a working relationship with the cabinet and extended cabinet.

5 **Actions Required by the 2026 Annual Conference:**  
6 As the rate of inflation continues to decrease, the CEC is recommending a cost of living increase of 2.0% to our  
7 minimum salary in 2026. We have asked for a minimum of \$325,000 from the CF&A for 2026 which is the same  
8 amount was budgeted for 2025. We will strive to make the best use of whatever funds are provided by the confer-  
9 ence.

10 **If You Take Away Nothing Else from This Report, Know This:**  
11 The funds you provide allow ministry to happen in places where we would otherwise not be able to have a pres-  
12 ence. CEC has always been, and will continue to be, good stewards with the money supplied by the conference.  
13 Your generosity has not been taken lightly by our committee. We are thankful for all that you have done so we can  
14 continue to make sure we take care of our pastors. With that being said, we ask that churches make sure your  
15 pastors take their designated time off. A rested minister will function better to promote the ministry God has in  
16 store for your church.

17 **Respectfully Submitted,**  
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21 **Below are the members of CEC whom I would like to thank:**  
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25 **THE COMMISSION ON EQUITABLE COMPENSATION**  
26 **(Detail Report)**

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28 **Report Number 1**

29 **A. The Mission and Changing Focus of the Conference Commission on Equitable Compensation**  
30 Historically, the CEC has served to support the full-time clergy in the charges of the South Carolina Annual  
31 Conference. Through the years, the CEC has been guided by the United Methodist Book of Discipline; the  
32 latest version states the following: "It is the purpose of the commission on equitable compensation to support  
33 full-time clergy serving as pastors in the charges of the annual conference by: (a) recommending confer-  
34 ence standards for pastoral support; (b) administering funds to be used in base compensation supplemen-  
35 tation; and (c) providing counsel and advisory material on pastoral support to district superintendents and  
36 committees on pastor-parish relations; and (d) submitting an arrearage policy to be adopted by the annual  
37 conference." (The Book of Discipline, 2020/2024, Paragraph 624.2 at pg. 455) The CEC supports the overall  
38 ministry of the local church, especially in transitional situations.

39 **B. Total Compensation for Clergy**  
40 1. The commission on equitable compensation reminds churches and charges that salary is only one  
41 portion of total compensation. Churches and charges are urged to consider dispersing compensation  
42 in ways that will assist clergy and their families to retain as great a portion of their income as is legally  
43 possible. Churches and charges are reminded to consider total compensation, not just salary, when  
44 thinking of clergy family needs. Likewise, clergy are reminded that they are supported in a variety of  
45 ways, and total compensation most often exceeds salary.  
46 2. Churches and pastors are urged to keep informed of their income tax responsibilities and rights.  
47 Pastors are advised to seek qualified assistance in making decisions that will affect their income tax  
48 liabilities.

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50 **Report Number 2**

51 **A. Budget Request for 2026**  
52 The CEC requests that a line item apportionment of a minimum of \$325,000 be made to fund the CEC op-  
53 erational budget for 2026. These funds will be used for salary support for *base compensation supplements,*  
54 *renewed vitality situations, new church starts, special situations, cooperative parishes, mission situations, and*  
55 *Hispanic/Latino ministries* for clergy and situations who meet the criteria to receive funding.

1 **B. Schedule of Total Minimum Compensation for Clergy Serving in the South Carolina Annual Confer-**  
2 **ence.**

- 3 1. In accordance with the mandate of the Book of Discipline, the CEC recommends that the South Car-  
4 olina Annual Conference fix the following as its minimum base compensation scale, effective January  
5 1, 2026 and continuing until changed by action of the annual conference.  
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7 **FOR FULL TIME CLERGY APPOINTMENTS IN THE LOCAL CHURCH**

	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>
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9 a. Members in Full Connection, Elders and Deacons	\$55,335	\$56,442
10 b. Provisional, Commissioned, Associate Members	\$50,303	\$51,309
11 c. Licensed Local Pastors	\$46,666	\$47,599
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13 We are recommending a cost of living increase of 2.0% for the following reasons.

- 14 a. For 2026, the Social Security cost of living increase was increased from 2.5% to 2.8%.  
15 The Federal Reserve's long-run inflation target is 2%.  
16 b. We do not know what inflation will be in 2026; however, recent trends have been de-  
17 creasing.  
18 c. Based on the clergy population and salaries in 2025, the 2.0% increase would render  
19 only 6% of the clergy population at or below the proposed minimum salaries.  
20 d. The increase has a minimal impact on the variable costs of direct billing.

- 21 2. Full-time ordained deacons, in accordance with Paragraph 330 of The Book of Discipline  
22 2020/2024, beginning at pg. 257, *shall be compensated by the local church not less than the*  
23 *minimum amount for an ordained elder of the annual conference.* (See Paragraph 331.6(b) of  
24 The Book of Discipline 2020/2024, pg. 264) *Deacons who are employed by the congregation,*  
25 *charge, or cooperative parish less than full time shall be compensated proportional to the per-*  
26 *centage of time being served.* (Half time would receive not less than half the minimum salary.)  
27 Deacons not employed by a congregation, charge, cooperative ministry, or who are appointed  
28 under Paragraph 331.2(d) are not affected.

29 3. Longevity Increases

30 A clergy person, who has completed 5 or more year's full time service in the United Methodist  
31 Church, shall receive in addition to the minimum base, a supplement of \$175.00 per year of  
32 service for up to 10 years of service. (In practical terms, this increase would not be applied until  
33 the fiscal year following the completed annual conference year. In other words, the first increase  
34 would not be applied until the January after the Annual Conference at which the clergy person  
35 completes their fifth year.)

36 Example:

37 Year 6 Minimum base compensation plus \$875.00

38 Year 7 Minimum base compensation plus \$1,050.00

39 Year 8 Minimum base compensation plus \$1,225.00

40 Year 9 Minimum base compensation plus \$1,400.00

41 Year 10 Minimum base compensation plus \$1,575.00

42 Year 11+ Minimum base compensation plus \$1,750.00

43 **C. Housing Allowances**

44 The Commission recommends that all money given to the pastor for housing by the charge he/she serves be  
45 considered income if the pastor is not a resident in close proximity to the charge which he/she serves.

46 **D. Cross Racial Appointments**

47 If the Bishop and Cabinet, in making a cross-racial appointment, find it necessary to request an equitable  
48 compensation supplement, special consideration will be given on an individual basis.

49 **E. Utilities Allowance**

50 The Commission requests that the South Carolina Annual Conference designate 15% (or estimate of actual  
51 expenses as requested by recipient) of base compensation assistance funded by this Commission as person-  
52 age utilities allowance. This request is made to satisfy the requirements of the Internal Revenue Service. Un-  
53 der IRS Guidelines, this money may be used for household expenses including mortgage or rent payments.

1 **F. Investment of Reserve Fund**

2 The Commission on Equitable Compensation recommends that all funds held in reserve be invested and the  
3 interest reinvested or used in the Commission’s operating account depending on the needs at the time. In  
4 accordance with guidelines established with CF&A in 2013 and presented to the 2013 Annual Conference,  
5 the floor of the reserve is to be set at \$300,000 in order to meet general projection shortfalls, to allow for the  
6 unanticipated start of a new church or missional situation, or to deal with an unexpected disaster. The reserve  
7 fund shall be invested with the aim of preserving the principal investment, targeting its growth rate to meet or  
8 exceed inflation over a given ten year period.

9 **G. Interpretation**

10 The commission recommends that an interpretation of its task and policy procedures be given as a part of the  
11 District Pastor/Staff Parish Relations Committee Workshops. It is further recommended that this interpretation  
12 be done by a member of the Commission upon invitation by the District Superintendent.

13 **H Compensation Guidance**

14 The Commission recommends that District Superintendents assist churches and charges in setting appropri-  
15 ate compensation and work load packages in accordance with Paragraph 419.4 419.6 of The Book of Disci-  
16 pline 2020/2024 (pg. 352)

17 **I. Reimbursement for Travel and Professional Expenses**

- 18 1. The Commission recommends that each church set up a reimbursement account for travel and  
19 professional expenses incurred by the pastor in performing pastoral duties. Reimbursement for  
20 non-commuting church-related travel shall be at the IRS rate in effect at the time of travel. The  
21 pastor(s) shall submit a voucher and a log each month for reimbursement. For reimbursement for  
22 actual professional expenses (books, subscriptions, periodicals, etc.) the pastor(s) shall submit  
23 a voucher with supporting documentation for reimbursement. Remember that failure to submit  
24 the proper documentation means the reimbursement funds received becomes taxable income.  
25 The amount set by the charge as reimbursement for travel and professional expenses should  
26 be determined after consultation with the pastor(s) (and the District Superintendent, if desired or  
27 needed) by the Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations Committee. Each charge should annually evaluate  
28 the local needs and expectations of its pastors and set an amount for reimbursement accordingly.  
29 Also, the procedures for reimbursement should be clearly stated.
- 30 2. The Commission recommends that the reimbursement for travel and professional expenses be a  
31 part of the administrative cost of each local church and not considered or reported as part of the  
32 pastor’s compensation.

33 **J. Continuing Education**

34 Each charge shall place in its budget an amount of \$750 or more per year to be used by the pastor as a  
35 continuing education fund. If the full amount is not used in a given year, the unused portion may be carried  
36 forward from year to year during the tenure of a pastor, not to exceed a total amounting to three year’s con-  
37 tinuing education allowance inclusive of the current year’s amount.

38 **K. Vacation Policy**

39 The Commission reminds churches and ministers that vacation time, plus time for renewal and reflection,  
40 are an expected part of compensation. Time away is necessary for personal, spiritual, and family health. It is  
41 recommended that all full-time clergy and diaconal ministers be granted, at a minimum, annual vacation and  
42 days of renewal according to the following schedule:

43	<b>Total Years of Service</b>	<b>Number of Weeks</b>
44	Less than 5 years	a minimum of 2 (including Sundays)
45	5 years - 10 years	a minimum of 3 (including Sundays)
46	More than 10 years	a minimum of 4 (including Sundays)

47 In addition to the above, it is recommended that the minister, regardless of years of service, be granted one  
48 day of retreat a month for prayer and reflection. Also, it is expected that the minister will have at least one day  
49 off a week. “Years of Service” reflects the number of years under appointment in the ministry of the United  
50 Methodist Church, and not the number of years of service on a given charge. “Vacation” is meant as freedom  
51 from any responsibility in the local church or charge, district, conference area, jurisdiction, or general confer-  
52 ence. Vacation should be a time of rest, recreation, and renewal. It should not be interpreted to mean time the  
53 pastor works at a church camp, is on a mission trip, or at a meeting of a general board/agency of the confer-  
54 ence/district. Time away from the charge for annual conference and continuing education events shall not be  
55 considered vacation time. The charge shall make available as necessary the funds for pulpit supply while the

1 pastor is on vacation. It is asked that the Lay Member to the Annual Conference communicate this information  
2 to the Pastor/Staff Parish Relations Committee and to the local church.

### 3 **L. Arrearages**

4 An arrearage occurs when full payment of a regularly scheduled payroll, accountable reimbursement, or  
5 housing allowance installment is not made to the appropriate pastor. The current procedure for handling an  
6 arrearage is outlined in detail at the conclusion of the Commission on Equitable Compensation's report in the  
7 2013 Journal. The Arrearage Policy is also available on the conference website, [www.umcsc.org](http://www.umcsc.org).

### 8 **M. CEC Grants**

9 Salary supplementation grants are disbursed by the CEC using the processes and categories described in  
10 report 3. All supplements are disbursed utilizing the CEC's annual operational budget and/or reserve funds if  
11 the need arises (as outlined in point F. of this report).

## 12 **Report 3**

### 13 **A. Applying for a CEC Grant**

- 14 1. The District Superintendent shall request the supplementation assistance required by each  
15 charge twice each year (by May 15 for the July through December compensation assistance  
16 period and by December 15 for the January through June compensation assistance period);  
17 these requests must be approved by the Commission before payment can be made. This request  
18 from the District Superintendent shall be accompanied by an application form provided by the  
19 Commission and completed by the pastor, the pastor-parish relations committee, and the District  
20 Superintendent indicating income from all sources. Grants shall be made based on fiscal years  
21 (January to December).
- 22 2. Application Procedure  
23 CEC requests the following for initial grant consideration:
  - 24 a. An application form that includes information about the nature of the grant, the reason for the  
25 grant request, percentages to be paid to the various churches involved, the email of the pas-  
26 tor, contact information of the church/charge treasurer (name, address, phone number, email)  
27 and other information as designated by the CEC Chairperson.
  - 28 b. The above application form is to be presented and approved in accordance with Cabinet poli-  
29 cy and then forwarded to the CEC Chairperson by the appropriate District Superintendent.
  - 30 c. At the discretion of the CEC Chairperson or request by a member of the CEC Executive  
31 Committee, further financial information may be required including, but not limited to: church  
32 budgets, bank statements, audit forms, treasurer's reports, etc. Failure to produce the re-  
33 quired documents would be cause for non-approval of the grant.
- 34 3. Ineligibility  
35 The Commission on Equitable Compensation recommends that the following not be eligible for  
36 Equitable Compensation support:
  - 37 • Retired supply pastors
  - 38 • Part-time local pastors
  - 39 • Pastors on leave of absence except as provided in Standing Rule 99
  - 40 • Special appointment categories within the itinerancy of the United Methodist Church as  
41 defined in Paragraph 344.1 a, b, c of The Book of Discipline 2020/2024 (pg. 282-284).
  - 42 • Deacons as defined in Paragraphs 329 and 330 of The Book of Discipline 2020/2024  
43 (pg. 257) (except as appointed with regard to Report 2.B.1-2. and Paragraph 624.4 of  
44 The Book of Discipline 2020/2024, pg. 456).

### 45 **B. Disbursement of Supplements**

46 All compensation supplements from the CEC shall be paid to the local church involved for disbursement to  
47 the pastor or clergyperson, and shall be disbursed monthly. In the case of new mission situations or churches,  
48 monies will be disbursed directly to the pastor (as a Conference employee) until there is a church treasurer.  
49 Equitable compensation funds will not be used for moving expenses, businesses expenses, or church ad-  
50 ministration. For charges receiving CEC supplements, changes to the total compensation may be made for  
51 longevity (see Report 2.B.3. Longevity Increases above), changes in clergy status, and to reflect changes in  
52 minimum base compensation as approved by the Annual Conference. The CEC's maximum salary supple-  
53 ment will be 100% of the minimum salary for the clergy status and applicable longevity increases multiplied by  
54 the percentage of support scheduled for that year. The churches on the charge are encouraged to contribute  
55 additional monies to the pastor's compensation, but the total salary paid may not exceed 150% of the applica-  
56 ble minimum.  
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1 **C. Grant Guidelines and Schedules**

2 1. Base Compensation Assistance (BCA)

3 BCA supplements are designed to help local churches achieve the total minimum compensa-  
4 tion for full time clergy. Grants shall be made based on fiscal years (January to December), and  
5 unless otherwise designated, shall decrease 25% annually. For grants beginning in July, 100%  
6 of the approved amount will be provided for the first eighteen (18) months and will decrease 25%  
7 annually thereafter.

8 2. New Church Starts

9 a. Salary supplementation for new church starts shall be as follows:

10 **Year 1 and 2:** The Commission on Equitable Compensation will pay the minimum base  
11 compensation according to the minister's category and half of the payment of the direct  
12 billing for pensions and health benefits. (New church starts that begin in July will receive  
13 100% funding for the first two and a half years.)

14 **Year 3:** Support from Equitable Compensation will not exceed 67% of the minimum base  
15 compensation amount. The Commission will pay half of the payment of the direct billing  
16 for pensions and health benefits.

17 **Year 4:** Support from Equitable Compensation will not exceed 33% of the minimum base  
18 compensation amount. The Commission will pay half of the payment of the direct billing  
19 for pensions and health benefits.

20 **Year 5:** Support from Equitable Compensation will cease for both the base compensation  
21 supplement and for payment of the direct billing for pensions and health benefits.

22 b. New Church Travel: Upon request and appropriate documentation, the Commission  
23 on Equitable Compensation will provide travel allowance for new church pastors at the  
24 following rates:

25 **First year and a half:** up to \$4,000.00 annually

26 **Second full year:** up to \$3,000.00 annually

27 **Third full year:** up to \$2,000.00 annually

28 **Fourth full year:** up to \$1,000.00 annually

29 3. Renewed Vitality Situations (RVS)

30 RVS are those places that the Conference Committee on Congregational Development has eval-  
31 uated and determined that short term assistance would possibly greatly enhance the effective  
32 ministry taking place. RVS grants would be for a maximum of 2 years and subject to the criteria  
33 proposed and adopted by the Conference Committee on Congregational Development. Failure  
34 to meet said criteria will result in termination of the grant. Grants will consist of: Up to minimum  
35 compensation (as described in Report 2.B.1. above) and up to one-half the appropriate Direct  
36 Billing.

37 4. Mission Situations

38 a. Mission situations are new and existing churches in transitional circumstances that are in  
39 areas that demand an effective ministry but are incapable of providing such ministry with-  
40 out equitable compensation assistance. Mission situations may also include intentional  
41 ministry to persons of low income.

42 b. Eligibility: To be eligible for equitable compensation assistance in mission situations the  
43 following procedures must be followed:

44 • The District Board for Congregational Development shall be the authorizing body to  
45 project a transitional situation. The District Board for Congregational Development in  
46 consultation with the District Superintendent will refer this to the Conference Commit-  
47 tee on Congregational Development for verification as a transitional situation.

48 • The potential new mission situation will then be referred to the Cabinet for approval.  
49 The Cabinet will strive to inform the CEC of potential new mission situations one year  
50 ahead of the time the appointment is to start. The CEC will budget for new mission  
51 situations after Cabinet approval.

52 • At the time of appointment, the Cabinet will then designate a pastor or clergy person  
53 and request an appropriate base compensation for that particular mission situation.

54 • In all cases where a new mission situation is to be launched, the District Superin-  
55 tendent shall notify the CEC by December 15<sup>th</sup> preceding the Annual Conference  
56 at which an appointment is to be made providing, at that time, the projected base  
57 compensation cost to be incurred in July.

1 **Note 1:** The local church's share of this base compensation schedule shall take into consideration all  
2 sources of income from the local church or from any other source. In all cases where a mission  
3 situation is attached to an existing charge, these become charge figures.

4 **Note 2:** The District Superintendent may apply to the Commission for a compensation that is more in  
5 keeping with the amount received by this pastor in his or her previous appointment.

6 c. Continuation of Supplements and Annual Evaluation- If the ministry being served is  
7 unable to meet the schedule below for two years in a row, support from Equitable Com-  
8 pensation will cease after the next year following. An evaluation shall be done annually  
9 on each mission situation. The Conference Director of Congregational Development shall  
10 provide a report of this evaluation to the Commission on Equitable Compensation by  
11 January 1st.

12 d. Payment of Direct Billing Costs for Pensions and Health Benefits in Mission Situations  
13 Only- The CEC will pay only the direct billing costs of persons in mission situations  
14 according to the compensation schedules listed below. The Commission will send its  
15 proportional share directly to the conference office of Pensions and Health Benefits.

16 e. Compensation Schedules for Mission Situations- Equitable Compensation assistance in  
17 mission situations will be provided for a pastor or clergy person, when requested by the  
18 Cabinet, over a ten and a half year period decreasing as follows:

19 **First Year and a Half:** The amount of Equitable Compensation support will be accord-  
20 ing to the pastor's category. If the sole salary paying unit in this mission situation is the  
21 Commission of Equitable Compensation, it will pay 100% of the clergyperson's direct bill  
22 for pensions and health benefits. If there are other funding sources included, the grant  
23 schedule will remain the same, decreasing from the original grant amount.

24 **After One and a Half Years:** Support from Equitable Compensation will decrease by  
25 5% for both the base compensation supplement and for payment of the direct billing for  
26 pensions and health benefits.

27 **After Two and Half Years:** Support from Equitable Compensation will decrease by  
28 another 5% for both the base compensation supplement and for payment of the direct  
29 billing for pensions and health benefits.

30 **After Three and a Half Years:** Support from Equitable Compensation will decrease by  
31 another 5% for both the base compensation supplement and for payment of the direct  
32 billing for pensions and health benefits.

33 **After Four and a Half Years:** Support from Equitable Compensation will decrease by  
34 another 10% for both the base compensation supplement and for payment of the direct  
35 billing for pensions and health benefits.

36 **After Five and a Half Years:** Support from Equitable Compensation will decrease by  
37 another 10% for both the base compensation supplement and for payment of the direct  
38 billing for pensions and health benefits.

39 **After Six and a Half Years:** Support from Equitable Compensation will decrease by  
40 another 10% for both the base compensation supplement and for payment of the direct  
41 billing for pensions and health benefits.

42 **After Seven and a Half Years:** Support from Equitable Compensation will decrease by  
43 another 10% for both the base compensation supplement and for payment of the direct  
44 billing for pensions and health benefits.

45 **After Eight and a Half Years:** Support from Equitable Compensation will decrease by  
46 another 15% for both the base compensation supplement and for payment of the direct  
47 billing for pensions and health benefits.

48 **After Nine and a Half Years:** Support from Equitable Compensation will decrease by  
49 another 15% for both the base compensation supplement and for payment of the direct  
50 billing for pensions and health benefits.

51 **After Ten and a Half Years:** Support from Equitable Compensation will cease for both  
52 the base compensation supplement and for payment of the direct billing for pensions and  
53 health benefits.

54 Travel for persons in mission situations will be provided by the District(s) in which the ministry  
55 is located.

1 5. Ministry With Hispanic/Latino People

2 a. The Commission on Equitable Compensation will operate in light of the Annual Conference's  
3 decision to make ministry with the Hispanic/Latino population a priority. Support for clergy  
4 working in ministry with Hispanic/Latino people shall be made in accordance with the Sched-  
5 ule for Mission Situations (Report 3.C.4.e.). CEC recognizes that adjustments may be neces-  
6 sary on a case by case basis. The District Superintendent, after consultation with the Cabinet  
7 and the Conference Hispanic Committee may request adjustments in the following areas:

- 8 • An extension of the initial time period from 1-1/2 years up to 2-1/2 years in which  
9 Equitable Compensation shall pay 100% of the clergy person's salary and direct  
10 bill for pensions and health benefits. In no case shall this period extend beyond  
11 2-1/2 years. After the extension expires, support will decrease as follows:

12 **After Two and a Half Years:** Support from Equitable Compensation will de-  
13 crease by 5% for both the base compensation supplement and for payment of  
14 the direct billing for pensions and health benefits.

15 **After Three and Half Years:** Support from Equitable compensation will de-  
16 crease by another 5% for both the base compensation supplement and for  
17 payment of the direct billing for pensions and health benefits.

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20 payment of the direct billing for pensions and health benefits.

21 **After Five and a Half Years:** Support from Equitable Compensation will de-  
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23 payment of the direct billing for pensions and health benefits.

24 **After Six and a Half Years:** Support from Equitable Compensation will decrease  
25 by another 10% for both the base compensation supplement and for payment of  
26 the direct billing for pensions and health benefits.

27 **After Seven and a Half Years:** Support from Equitable Compensation will  
28 decrease by another 10% for both the base compensation supplement and for  
29 payment of the direct billing for pensions and health benefits.

30 **After Eight and a Half Years:** Support from Equitable Compensation will  
31 decrease by another 10% for both the base compensation supplement and for  
32 payment of the direct billing for pensions and health benefits.

33 **After Nine and a Half Years:** Support from Equitable Compensation will de-  
34 crease by another 15% for both the base compensation supplement and for  
35 payment of the direct billing for pensions and health benefits.

36 **After Ten and a Half Years:** Support from Equitable Compensation will de-  
37 crease by another 15% for both the base compensation supplement and for  
38 payment of the direct billing for pensions and health benefits.

39 **After Eleven and a Half Years:** Support from Equitable Compensation will  
40 cease for both the base compensation supplement and for payment of the direct  
41 billing for pensions and health benefits.

- 42 • A salary supplement for clergy living in areas where the cost of living is high. The  
43 maximum yearly supplement shall be \$2,400.
- 44 • Assistance with travel expenses. In limited circumstances, Equitable Compensa-  
45 tion shall provide up to a yearly maximum of \$4,000 to supplement the support  
46 provided by the district. When assistance with travel expenses is requested, the  
47 District Superintendent shall certify that the district will spend at least \$15,000 in  
48 the current year to provide housing and travel for the clergyperson.
- 49 • A salary supplement for experience in ministry with Hispanic/Latino people.  
50 This supplement will be in addition to any experience merit that a clergyperson  
51 receives on the basis of the policy set forth in Report 2.B.3. A clergy person who  
52 has served 5 or more years full time service in United Methodist ministry with  
53 Hispanic/Latino people shall receive a supplement of \$175.00 per year of service  
54 for up to fourteen years of service.

Example:

- Year 6: \$875 in addition to Equitable Compensation base and experience merit
- Year 7: \$1,050 in addition to Equitable Compensation base and experience merit
- Year 8: \$1,225 in addition to Equitable Compensation base and experience merit
- Year 9: \$1,400 in addition to Equitable Compensation base and experience merit
- Year 10: \$1,575 in addition to Equitable Compensation base and experience merit
- Year 11: \$1,750 in addition to Equitable Compensation base and experience merit
- Year 12: \$1,925 in addition to Equitable Compensation base and experience merit
- Year 13: \$2,100 in addition to Equitable Compensation base and experience merit
- Year 14: \$2,275 in addition to Equitable Compensation base and experience merit
- Year 15+: \$2,450 in addition to Equitable Compensation base and experience merit

All requests for adjustments shall be made in writing. Requests must be approved by the Commission before payment can be made.

6. Special Grants

Occasionally, unforeseen circumstances, both crises and opportunities, arise in which a church or churches would benefit from a short term grant from the CEC. The commission reserves the right to make grants outside of the parameters of the grants outlined above and below, so long as those Special Grants would be consistent with the mission of the CEC and do not exceed a period of 12 months. Special Grants may be issued up to the maximum applicable base compensation without direct billing. Prior to issuing the grant, the CEC will ask for a comprehensive rationale in writing to substantiate the need for a Special Grant.

7. Cooperative Parish Ministries

The initial directors or coordinators of a cooperative parish ministry, which has been approved by the Board of Global Ministries, and application made by the District Superintendent to the commission by January 1st preceding the appointment in June of the same year, may be eligible for funds not to exceed \$7,000.00. No pastor shall be eligible to receive funds unless the charge they serve agrees in writing to release them for these added duties. Assistance will be provided over a 4-1/2 year period and will decrease by 25% each year after the first year and a half.

**Report 4**

Grant Category	2022		2023		2024		2025	
	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
New Church	2	71,159	4	151,873	4	192,426	4	195,510
BCA	6	93,407	4	40,807	4	40,403	5	118,859
Special	5	78,210	4	78,100	1	10,000	1	12,000
Low Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hispanic/ Latino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cooperative Parish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mission	2	60,542	2	55,175	4	153,405	4	193,766
RVS	1	34,917	0	0	0	0	0	0
Direct Billing Costs		60,108		72,246		71,792		103,733
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>398,343</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>398,201</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>468,026</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>623,868</b>

**Categories of Pastors Receiving Support:**

	December 2022	December 2023	December 2024	December 2025
Full Members	8	7	8	9

Provisional Members	2	2	2	2
Associate Members	0	0	0	1
Local Pastors (Full Time)	4	2	1	1
Other	2	3	2	1
Totals	16	14	13	14

### COMMITTEE ON THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The work of the Committee on the Annual Conference entails planning, implementing, and evaluating the sessions of the annual conference. The committee works to be relevant, responsive and sensitive to the state of the church as we balance remembering and looking forward. The theme chosen for this quadrennium is “See the Possibilities, Live the Promises!” The focus this year will be “See the Possibilities, what do you see? ‘Can you see anything (Mark 8:22-26)?’” This theme and scripture remind us that our spiritual growth and wellbeing as individuals and a people is a process. To become what God has called us to be will require us to stay focused on our mission to love boldly, serve joyfully and lead courageously.

**Date and Location:** ¶603.2 of the 2020/2024 Book of Discipline provides that the dates and times of annual conference are appointed by the Bishop. Under the leadership of Bishop Fairley, June 6-10, 2027 are set as the dates for the next Annual Conference. Last year in accordance with Standing Rule 63c the Committee recommended and the Annual Conference approved that the 2027-2029 sessions be held in the Florence Center, in Florence, South Carolina.

**Retiree Annual Conference Per Diem:** For 2027, the Conference Secretary, recommends that retired clergy members of the South Carolina Annual Conference, who are not under appointment and live more than twenty (20) miles from Florence, receive a \$130.00 per diem for the days they attend the South Carolina Annual Conference.

The cost of printing and renting venues large enough to host a gathering of this size continues to rise. The Committee on the Annual Conference continues to work with the Secretary of the Conference to find ways to reduce the cost of conducting annual conference without reducing our standard of excellence in worship, experience and ministry. While the business of the annual conference is part and parcel to what we do, our goal is to provide each member of the annual conference with such an experience of excellence that they will want to reproduce that same standard of excellence in every ministry setting across this annual conference. Our annual conference will include inspiring worship, an opportunity for service, and robust Christian conferencing.

The committee expresses its profound gratitude to the 2027 Host/Logistics team under the leadership of Chris Lynch. This team together with the “VisitGreenvilleSC” staff have worked tirelessly planning, arranging and carrying out important details. The fact that many of these details will go unnoticed is a testimony to their hard work. We are grateful for the spirit of hospitality we’ve experienced from our Host District Superintendent, the

Rev. Chris Lollis, the Greenwood District Superintendent sharing coverage for Greenville District this year. A word of gratitude is offered to our host church, Advent United Methodist Church and its team under the leadership of the Rev. Russell Freeman. The Worship team under the leadership of Rev. Beverly CroweTipton has also worked overtime to ensure that our time together is both productive and meaningful. We are grateful to the many volunteers from the Greenville District and across the state who have supported this conference with their best gifts. A special word of gratitude is offered to the Rev. Sharome Henry and Mrs. Lollie Hasleden for once again going above and beyond the call of duty in this conference season. This team and all of our volunteers have been working hard to build upon our wonderful experience in Greenville in 2026. They have tried to care for every detail along the way.

Finally, with sadness we offer a word of thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Pat Mack one last time. Pat retired earlier this year after spending forty-nine years working for the Conference in one capacity or another. There is very little, if any that exists related to Annual Conference that she has not touched over the years. She has offered a steady and consistent presence for many years at the registration and information tables during Annual Conference. Her presence on conference staff will be missed greatly, and her legacy of love and welcome will continue.

Leonard E. Fairley, Resident Bishop  
A. Melton Arant, Jr., Conference Secretary

## THE COMMITTEE OF CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT 2025-2026

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### Purpose:

The purpose of the Committee of Congregational Development shall be to work with the Bishop and Cabinet (Appointive and Extended) to provide long and short-term planning and provide the framework for all the efforts of the Annual Conference related to new church development, church redevelopment and congregational revitalization.

We exist to continue finding ways to create new opportunities, new places, and new spaces for new people. We work with existing congregations to develop processes to revitalize and develop transformative and impactful ministries and some building projects so that we are able to develop more maturing world-transforming disciples of Jesus Christ.

We work with the District Boards of Congregational Development, the Bishop, the Cabinet and Connectional Ministries to identify, resource, assist, support, fund, discover where to deploy planters and develop new church plants, missions, ministries initiatives to reach the people of existing, new communities and changing areas across the state of South Carolina. We strive to be a vital resource for local pastors and laity of local congregations as we seek more excellent ways to share the loving gospel of Jesus Christ and Christ Church in extending the Kingdom of God to all of creation.

### Key moments from the previous year:

We were able to participate in one District Orientation and Tri-district meeting. Our director was able to help lead training for the Charleston/Orangeburg/Walterboro districts in August 2025. The director also shared online the PowerPoint presentation used during the Tri-District meeting with the Hartsville District pastors.

We as a committee have continued to offer opportunities for MissionInsite orientation and training for the local congregations of the Annual Conference so that local churches, pastors and laity may better see, invite, connect, engage, know, disciple and serve the people of their communities better. The plan is to offer a training session of MissionInsite Training for training the trainer for clergy and laity across the Annual Conference during the summer or early fall of 2026 through ASC Technology. The purpose of training will be to have trained personnel across the Annual Conference to help local congregations better know, connect, engage, invite, disciple, and transform the lives of the people in their communities with the love and grace of God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We were able to support four of our existing congregations who applied for grants through Existing Church Grant funds totaling **\$54,496.00**, grant support that span the spectrum of vital ministries, missional situations, and capital improvements to improve and provide needed support for people in our various communities across this conference.

Your generosity and financial investments from local congregations into our mission, ministries, and services of the people called United Methodist in South Carolina of **\$639,408.17** or **79.42%** of our

**\$805,000.00** budget line of our **2025** Conference Apportionment for Congregational Development has allowed us to support local congregations in variety of ways. Thank You!!!

We are also grateful for your generosity and financial investments of **\$163,489.09** through our new church and acquisition funds. This allows and gives us opportunities to support new ministries in new places for new people in the various communities in 2025-2026 around the state.

Again, these accomplishments are possible because of you and your local church's generosity and commitment to our God given mission of making principled and life transforming disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

While we celebrate all you have given and allowed us to collaborate with our sisters and brothers across the connection here in South Carolina through your generosity and investments, we also grieve many of our siblings in our United Methodist Family in South Carolina and across the Connection who has decided to take legal steps and efforts to leave from our faith family after the Judicial Council ruling concerning the process we used for local congregation separations. "Lord In Your Mercy! Hear Our Prayers!"

Yet, while we grieve the events of this past conference year, we celebrate God's gathering of United Methodist and other people of faith who continue to love boldly, God, neighbor, oneself, love more and more like Jesus, serve joyfully, and lead courageously across the Annual Conference.

We celebrate and continue to support the following new plants and missional ministries in 2025 and beyond.

- **Carolina Forest** is a new church start in the Myrtle Beach area. First/Conway UMC is collaborating by being an anchor church and providing administrative support and shared space for this new church plant. Rev. Tyler Strange has been meeting with people, establishing relationships, creating an emerging core team in the Carolina Forest area.
- **The Circuit of the Rock Hill District** is a new missional situation pastored by Rev. Mallory Nickerson. She is currently leading the small groups meetings started by her and her former ministry partner the Rev. Michael Jarrell who died and join the Church Triumphant in the fall 2025. The Circuit is more of a

- 1           missional rather than a typical new church start, meeting in small groups. They are creating church in  
 2           the community similar mostly on the Fresh Expressions models of church.
- 3       • **Open Hearts/Greenville** is in its third year and seeing steady growth. They have begun a community  
 4       ministry, Let's Break Bread, where they meet in homes for fellowship and discussions among several  
 5       other ministry opportunities in the community.
  - 6       • **Grace/North Augusta Sweetwater Satellite Campus** now has a new pastor appointed in the person  
 7       of Rev. Patrick Taylor since July 1, 2024 and working with Lead Pastor Cathy Jamieson to bring a  
 8       fresh approach of Evangelistic Love to the Sweetwater Community of Edgefield County and the North  
 9       Augusta area.
  - 10      • **Harris-Trinity/Greenwood** is a missional situation supported by Congregational Development and Eq-  
 11      uitable Compensation. It is a partnership between an African-American church and a Euro-American  
 12      church under the leadership of Rev. Thessa Smith.
  - 13      • **The Brook/Myrtle Beach** is a new church start that came as the result of a merger of three existing  
 14      local churches in 2023 under the leadership Rev. Deborah Patterson.
  - 15      • **O'Neal Street/Newberry** designated as a missional situation July 2024 under the leadership of Rev.  
 16      Edward (Ed) Stallworth serves as pastor of the church and this mission.
  - 17      • **Aldersgate/Sumter**—is a Renewal Vitality Situation where we assist a local congregation for two  
 18      years when and where the District Superintendent and Cabinet believe there is hope for renewal.
  - 19      • **Cokesbury/North Charleston**—is also a Renewal Vitality Situation where we assist a local congre-  
 20      gation for two years when and where the District Superintendent and Cabinet believe there is hope for  
 21      congregational renewal.
  - 22      • **St. John/Rock Hill**—is also Renewal Vitality Situation where we assist a local congregation for two  
 23      years when and where the District Superintendent and Cabinet believe there is hope for congregational  
 24      renewal.
  - 25      • **Easley Charge/Easley**—is also Renewal Vitality Situation where we assist a local congregation for  
 26      two years when and where the District Superintendent and Cabinet believe there is hope for congrega-  
 27      tional renewal.

28           As a committee, we will continue working as a team as we transition to the new office of Innovation and Strat-  
 29           egy as of July 1, 2026 that was created by our vote at the called Annual Conference on October 18, 2025. One of  
 30           our goals is be the best stewards of what we have received from our local congregations of the annual conference  
 31           and be as generous as we are able to support local congregations.

32           **Objectives for the coming year:**

33           Our goal is always continuing and improving upon our ideal of being a supportive resource for local church-  
 34           es interested in new ministry opportunities and possibilities, and being a significant catalyst for the change and  
 35           transformation needed to expand and extend the Kingdom of God through the Gospel of Jesus Christ in South  
 36           Carolina. We will continue supporting our churches through every means of grace and resources God provides  
 37           for us to support the local congregations through the Conference Committee on Congregational Development and  
 38           our District Boards of Congregational Development.

39           We hope to continue our learning best practices from within this Conference and conversations with other Con-  
 40           ferences, so that we can continue making what is good better, and what is better the best it can be for the sake of  
 41           Christ Jesus and Christ Church in the Wesleyan Traditions.

42           **Action(s) required from the 2026 Annual Conference:**

43           There are no specific actions or votes needed for our report, only submitting it to the record and for your prayers  
 44           for our assignment going forward.

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**THE COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY**

49           Three tenets of good stewardship are service, sacrifice, and support. This committee strives to be good stewards  
 50           of our portion of the life of the Annual conference. We are charged with the care of our Bishop and how this care  
 51           enhances and enriches the whole body of the South Carolina Annual Conference.

52           We serve as we are called upon; but especially by our attendance at and dialogue with the bishop at meetings  
 53           scheduled several times a year. The committee is configured with four task group: Administrative, parsonage con-  
 54           cerns, courtesy, and evaluation. Each task group maintains communication with the whole.

1 The committee sacrifices through time and prayer; so that, we might be fortified for the betterment of the confer-  
2 ence, beyond our personal agenda. We never start our gatherings without intentional concern sharing and prayers  
3 for food for the journey. Many of us travel far distances in order to be a part of that to which we have been called.  
4 Support is perhaps the greatest gift that we supply. This is done by continuous remembrances of the milestones in  
5 the episcopal family. We strive to give them care so that they are able to keep doing what they do well. As a part  
6 of this support, the committee engages in evaluation of the Bishop. This evaluation tool is provided by the South-  
7 eastern Jurisdiction's Committee on Episcopacy. It's a reminder that we are United Methodists "moving toward  
8 perfection"  
9 We are pleased with our Bishop Leonard Fairley and wish the best for him and his spouse Dawn. We pray for him  
10 as he travels into all parts of our Annual Conference providing spiritual and visionary leadership.  
11 Michael Jennings (Co-Conference Lay Leader) leads our parsonage task group; Dr Loretta Felder McKelvey  
12 leads our courtesy task group; while Rev. Kenneth Nelson and Judge Jackie Jenkins (Representatives of the SEJ)  
13 lead us in the work of Evaluation. You may find the names of the full committee stewards below,  
14 You may find our budget request, under the Council on Finance & Administration's report.

15 **Respectfully submitted by:**

16 Rev. J. Jeannette' Cooper, Chair

17 Genevieve F. Burgess

18 Rev. David Taylor

19 Dr. Loretta McKelvey, episcopal relations

20 Judge Ronnie Norton

21 Herman Lightsey, vice chair

22 Rev. Dr. Stephen Love

23 Rev. Melissa Williams, secretary

24 Cassie Watson

25 Sheila Shanklin

26 Betty Void, Co-Conference Lay Leader

27 Michael Jennings, Co-Conference Lay Leader, episcopal residence

28 Rev. Ken Nelson, SEJCOE Rep

29 Judge Jackie Jenkins, SEJCOE Rep

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## LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES

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### 34 **Purpose:**

35 Lay Servant Ministries is a program of lay leadership development. It is an equipping and empowering system  
36 which provides laity the opportunity to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ who then go and make other disciples.  
37 The primary focus of this ministry is formation of better equipped and excited disciples for service in His kingdom.

### 38 **Key moments from the previous year:**

39 The 2025 yearly Lay Servant Academy drew more participants than we have seen since COVID interrupted our  
40 time together in person. Toni Taylor, a layperson, presented the morning session on leading and teaching adults.

41 Her session was well received and folks left wanting more. Therefore, we have invited her to present again at  
42 the 2026 Academy on August 1, 2026.

43 Bishop Kenneth Carder was present for the Academy and helped to lead along with Sandy Shaffer of the  
44 Greenwood District the afternoon session of Ministry with the Forgotten. Bishop Carder wrote both the textbook  
45 and leaders guide for this textbook.

46 Introduction to Youth Basic was facilitated by Pamela Goodwine-Glover. All afternoon overview sessions were  
47 well received.

48 Many of our districts have seen very successful lay servant schools this past year. One district had around 100  
49 participants, and several others, 50+ participants. Again, the numbers are increasing once again.

50 Co-Director David Salter attended the 2025 CLM Networking and AACDLSM conferences. He was scheduled  
51 to attend the 2026 conferences in Nashville, but as of this writing it has been postponed due to the significant  
52 damage in Nashville from the ice storm of 2026. At these conferences, many ideas are shared from all over the  
53 denomination, and new courses for Lay Servant Ministries are introduced.

54 Many districts are beginning to offer more diverse Advanced Courses to better fit the needs of our local church-  
55 es.

1 The Conference Committee meets via Zoom to connect with one another and share how the ministry is going  
2 in each district.

3 **Objectives for the coming year:**

4 A major objective in the coming year is to connect with more of our local church youth. Many of our districts are  
5 now offering the Youth Addendum as part of the Basic Course and are welcoming our youth into the program. We  
6 are striving to welcome greater numbers of youth into lay servant ministry.

7 There is need to increase the visibility of Lay Servant Ministries in the local churches. Many of our church-  
8 es have no lay servants at all. An objective in the coming year will be to better educate clergy and laity on the  
9 purpose and value of lay servant ministries. Many folks still think of this ministry as lay speaking. Our objective  
10 is to increase awareness of how lay servants may serve in ways other than speaking.

11 Another objective is to not only educate clergy and laity about lay servant ministries, but to help clergy un-  
12 derstand that these certified or local church lay servants should be incorporated into the local church to help  
13 in ministry. These folks have been trained in prayer, spiritual gifts, worship, United Methodist polity, United  
14 Methodist heritage, ministry with folks with dementia, and numerous other ministries. Lay Servants should be  
15 recognized and tapped for service. Clergy and Laity partnerships are important in the ministry of the church.

16 **Action(s) required from the 2026 Annual Conference:**

17 No official action, other than to help us make Lay Servant Ministries more visible in our conference, districts, and  
18 local churches.

19 **If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:**

20 If you take nothing else from this report, please know that Lay Servant Ministries is for ALL laity. The Basic lay  
21 servant course would make a great study for anyone entering into membership in The United Methodist Church.

22 The Basic Class, which is the required first Lay Servant Class, is an overview of Wesleyan theology and prac-  
23 tice.

24 We encourage you to find a Lay Servant School near you and try it out, you will never be the same.

25 **Narrative:**

26 Lay servant ministries originated in early Methodism. As the Methodist movement grew, there were more soci-  
27 ety meetings than there were clergy to serve them. John Wesley realized that laity could be effective leaders of  
28 these meetings. From this early movement, lay servant ministry continues today to equip laity in leadership in  
29 local churches, districts, conferences, and the general church. Lay servant ministry has grown into a discipleship  
30 program which helps to form better disciples of Jesus Christ. The motto is: Leading – Caring – Communicating.

31 **Respectfully submitted,**  
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33 Conference Lay Servant Ministries  
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38 **THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS**

39 **Report number One** is for the election of those institutions that relate to the Annual Conference, who either select  
40 and nominate their own board members or their members are nominated by another body, and who, by standing  
41 rules, pass these nominations directly to the Annual Conference by way of the Conference Committee on Nomina-  
42 tions. These nominations are before the Annual Conference for your election.

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44 **Report Number Two** contains the nominations for the Welsey Foundations and Fellowships.

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46 **Report Number Three** is divided into three sections A, B, and C.

47 Section A contains the nominations for the two non-quadrennial boards elected by the Annual Conference.

48 Section B is the list of the quadrennial committees, councils, and commissions of the annual conference.

49 Section C is the list of the Conference Boards and Committees whose nominations come from the Bishop.

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51 **Report Number Four** contains the nominations for the various district quadrennial positions, boards and commit-  
52 tees. They are submitted by the districts for Annual Conference election.

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**REPORT NUMBER ONE**  
**Conference Related Institutions**

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- 3 **1. The Trustees of the Wesley Commons**
- 4 Elect Cameron Levi (26-28-32) to replace Amanda Richardson, resigned
- 5 **2. Trustees of the Advocate**
- 6 Chairperson: Michael Henderson
- 7 Vice Chairperson: Rebecca Rowell
- 8 **3. Columbia College**
- 9 Elect for a new term:
- 10 1. Major General Patricia R. Wallace
- 11 2. Ms. Seema Shrivastava
- 12 3. Mr. Tony Richardson, alternate
- 13 Renewed for a new term:
- 14 1. Mrs. Cathy Adams
- 15 2. Mr. Tim Arnold
- 16 3. Mr. John Marshall Mosser
- 17 4. Dr. Ershela Sims
- 18 **4. Methodist Manor**
- 19 Replace Rev. Keith Stewart with Rev. Katherine Crimm
- 20 Replace Rev. Joseph James with Rev. Angela Marshall
- 21 Elect laity Jill Lewis
- 22 **5. Spartanburg Methodist**
- 23 Reelect Grant Close
- 24 Reelect Betty Montgomery
- 25 Reelect Ashley Williams
- 26 Replace John Moore with Hamp Lindsey
- 27 **6. Epworth Children's Home**
- 28 Replace Pat Hudson with Felecia Howard
- 29 Re-elect Betsy Myers
- 30 **7. Wofford College Board of Trustees**
- 31 Remove Thomas L. Bower, Class of 2027
- 32 Remove The Hon. Costa M. Pleicones
- 33 Remove Joyce Payne YetteAdd James Switzer, Class of 2027
- 34 Elect Mr. Wesley Goings
- 35 Elect Dr. Richard L. Williams, Jr.
- 36 **8. The Trustees of the United Methodist Center**
- 37 Chairperson: Hal Clarkson
- 38 Elect David McManus to fill vacancy (class of 2027)
- 39 Replace clergy Doris Bright, TBN
- 40 **9. James L. Belin Board of Trustees**
- 41 Replace Rev. Charlie Thomas with Rev. Kevin Lindley
- 42 Replace Rickey Levon Stuckey with Rev. Meredith Dark
- 43 Replace Ray Taylor with Ceil Fewox
- 44 **10. Aldersgate Board of Trustees**
- 45 Replace Rev. Will Brown with Rev. Stephen Taylor
- 46 Correct Mike Simpsons class year to 2027 (editorial)
- 47 Replace Earline Ulmer with Mike Heaton
- 48 Replace William Hammett with Susan Kovas
- 49 Elect Jacquelyn Odell to fill vacancy

**REPORT NUMBER TWO**  
**Wesley Foundations and Fellowships**

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- 53 **1. Charleston Wesley Foundation**
- 54 Relect:
- 55 David Boudolf  
Ella Kasten

- 1 June Stovall
- 2 William Rhodes
- 3 Replace William Axson with Denise Cutchins
- 4 Student Board Member – Miles Chisolm, (UM) The Citadel
- 5 **2. Clemson Wesley Foundation**
- 6 Class of 2029
- 7 Re-elect Rev. Laura Allen Kerlin
- 8 Re-elect Christopher Nelon
- 9 Re-elect Gracie Pope Student Board Member: Luke Hiller
- 10 Student Board Member: Lauren Chapple Student Board Member: Amelia Rodgers
- 11 **2. Coastal Carolina Wesley Foundation**
- 12 Elect Kara Schultz (class of 2027)
- 13 Remove Norman McQueen
- 14 Remove Ronald Norton
- 15 **3. Furman Wesley Fellowship**
- 16 Replace Shawna Vanderlune with Brian Humphries
- 17 Replace Bob Stillwell with Ted Vereen
- 18 Replace Ray Magee with Vanessa Harrison
- 19 Elect David Stanley Chair

**REPORT NUMBER THREE**

**Section A  
Non-Quadrennial Boards**

- 24 **1. Board of Pension and Health Benefits**
- 25 **Clergy**
- 26 Elect Dr. Margo Williams to replace Cheryl Johnson, term expired
- 27 Elect Monique Summerhill to replace Blondell Miller, term expired
- 28 **Laity**
- 29 Elect Jeanie Middleton to replace Kim Neel, term expired
- 30 **2. Trustees of the Annual Conference**
- 31 **Clergy**
- 32 Re-elect Keith Stewart Elect Faye Jones
- 33 **Laity**
- 34 Re-elect Sherry Eisom
- 35 Elect Justin Johnson to replace Harold McFadden, resigned

**Section B  
Quadrennial Board**

- 39 **1. Council on Finance and Administration Laity**
- 40 Elect Amanda Cann, ad-interim to replace Dan Bozard, resigned
- 41 **2. Committee on Resolutions and Appeals Laity**
- 42 Elect Mary Montgomery, ad-interim to replace Jeanette McDowell, non-attendance
- 43 **3. Archives and History**
- 44 **Officers for 2026**
- 45 President: Rev. Joseph D. Kovas, 117 Third Street, Cheraw 29709
- 46 Vice President: Rev. Meredith M. Dark, 1126 E. Montague Avenue, North Charleston 29405
- 47 Secretary-Treasurer: Rev. Roger M. Gramling, 31 Palmetto Wood Court, Irmo 29063-2882
- 48 Editor, *The Mark*: Dr. A.V. Huff, Jr., 50 Arboretum Trail, Apt. 412, Greenville 29617
- 49 **4. Committee on Nominations**
- 50 Elect Louis Ashley as Chair, ad-interim to replace Juliette Phillpot, resigned
- 51 **At Large**
- 52 Elect Laity TBN, to replace Sylvia Harris Greene, resigned
- 53 **5. Board of Ordained Ministry**
- 54 Elect Rev. Stephen L. Love (25-28-32) ad-interim, to replace Rev. Keith Hunter, (deceased)

- 1 Elect Rev. Heather S. Baird, (25-28-32) ad-interim, to replace Rev. Thomas H. Norrell, (resigned)
- 2 Elect Rev. Margaret R. Cantey, (25-28-32) ad-interim, to replace Rev. Karen H. L. Jones, (resigned)
- 3 Elect Faye Latta (GV/AN Dist, BFL) to replace Maureen Thomas (resigned)
- 4 Elect Felicia Howard (CO Dist, BFL) to replace Chandra Dillard (resigned)
- 5 Elect Lee Williams (CO Dist, BML) to replace Dan Canada (term expired)
- 6 Elect Rev. Brian Gilmer (GV/AN Dist, WMC) to replace Jeff Childress (term expired)
- 7 Elect Rev. Chris Thompson (WA to SP Dist, BMC) to replace Jerry Gadsden (term expired)
- 8 Elect Rev. Heather Humphries (SP Dist, WFC) to replace Scarlett Hester (term expired)
- 9 Elect CA Wilson (HA Dist, BML) to replace Joe Heyward (term expired)
- 10 Elect Rev. Edward McCutcheon (GV/AN Dist) to replace Smoke Kanipe (term expired)
- 11 Elect Rev. Kim Bryant (CH Dist, BFC) to replace Tiffany Knowlin (term expired)

**REPORT NUMBER FOUR**  
**District Boards and Committeess**

**District Boards of Congregational Development**  
**2026-2027**

- 17 **ANDERSON DISTRICT:** Linda Ferguson, Jessica Lomax, Kevin B. Lindley, Sandra MaGee, Beth McWilliams,
- 18 Roy Mitchell, Justin Lee Ritter, Kurt L. Stutler, Margaret "Meg" Wilkes.
- 19 **CHARLESTON DISTRICT:** Sarah Bozier, Ben Burt, Richard Irving, Susan Leonard, Gillis McAlister, David
- 20 Powell, Mae Taylor.
- 21 **COLUMBIA DISTRICT:** Lyndon Alexander II, Lee Floyd, Sandra Harrison, Faye Jones, John Jordan, Kermit
- 22 Moss, Mike Penland, Rebecca Shirley.
- 23 **GREENWOOD DISTRICT:** Gerald Clinkscales, Bonnie Ramage, Leo Roy, Sandy Shaffer, Myra Taylor, Cathy
- 24 Trevino.
- 25 **HARTSVILLE DISTRICT:** Jamie Campbell, Willie Mae Cannon, J. Jeannette' Cooper, Rusty Crimm, Deborah
- 26 Frost-Richardson, Lou Jordan, Corinthia Mack, Blondell Miller, Allen Nesmith, Jacqueline Greene-Stuckey, Bet-
- 27 ty Swinton
- 28 **MARION DISTRICT:** Brenda Cooper, Bob Elwood, Grayson Fallaw, Quinn McClam, Jennifer Price, Carol
- 29 Stoops, Tyler Strange, Kim Strong, Hendley Williams.
- 30 **ORANGEBURG DISTRICT:** Matt Alexander, Vernise Corley, Bill McCown, Kenneth Middleton, Arthur Rose.
- 31 **ROCK HILL DISTRICT:** Pete Berntson, Renee Garrison, Tammy Grey, Ken Jones, Emily Sutton, Michael
- 32 Walker, Nona Woodle.
- 33 **SPARTANBURG DISTRICT:** Sharon Bennett, Donna Campsen, Rusty Godfrey, Ricky Howell, Narcie Jeter, Jim-
- 34 my Lewis, Steve Smith, Kyu-Seok Shin, Calvin Slade, Amenti Sujai, Lainey Wood-Hannon, Prudi Youngblood.
- 35 **WALTERBORO DISTRICT:** Kim Eanes, James Grant, Scarlett Hester, Steve Patterson, Lisa Way, Curtis Young.

**District Boards of Church Location and Building**  
**2026-2027**

- 39 **ANDERSON DISTRICT:** MarKeith Brock '26, Joey Gambrell "28, Stephen Graham '26, Willis Lee '27, Gayle
- 40 M. Beaudrot '27.
- 41 **CHARLESTON DISTRICT:** Fadetra Boyd '29, Brent Dehlbom '28, Deborah Dowdle '29, Ed Givens '29, Pattie
- 42 Gordon '28, Victor Hainline '27, Gillis McAllister '27, Barry Morphis '27, Michael Ritter '28, Mike Wood '28.
- 43 **COLUMBIA DISTRICT:** Anna Barrier '27, Fran Connell '29, Gene Key '29, Shay Long '27, Ed Trussell '29.
- 44 **GREENWOOD DISTRICT:** Denise Aull '30, Joseph James '29, George Lark '28, Dustin Powell '30, Myra Taylor
- 45 '29, Glenn Williams '29, Melanie Wyatt '30.
- 46 **HARTSVILLE DISTRICT:** Melinda Brown '28, Mary Bryant '28, John Crouch '29, Freddie David '28, Darlene
- 47 Dellinger '27, Robert Johnson '27, Jeffrey Tadlock '27, Charles Teal '28, Pernerva Thomas '29,
- 48 Fran Knotts '29.
- 49 **MARION DISTRICT:** Michael Byrd '28, Verne Cappell '29, Glen Dameron '29, Bob Dunn '27, Corey LaSane '28,
- 50 Angela McWhorter '28, JV Mott '29, Patrick Wilson '27.

- 1 **ORANGEBURG DISTRICT:** James Dantzler '28, Anna G. Miller '27, Janell Mitchell '27, Ron Turnblad '28.
- 2 **ROCK HILL DISTRICT:** Greg Adams '28, Heather Baird '28, Scott Gilmer '30, John Howle '29, Wayne Sandifer
- 3 '28, Chad Williams '30, Neal Woods '29, Nelson Wright '30.
- 4 **SPARTANBURG DISTRICT:** Allan Burden '29, Donna Campsen '27, Brad Gray '27, Sharon Parham '27,
- 5 Rebecca Rochester '27, Bruce Schug '27, David Smith '28, Jeff Tillerson '27, Lainey Wood-Hannon '28.
- 6 **WALTERBORO DISTRICT:** William Court '28, Wilbert Hankins '28, Vivian Lingard '27, Frank Lybrand '28.

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8 **District Committees on Ordained Ministry**  
9 **2026-2027**

- 10 **ANDERSON DISTRICT:** Kathryn M Bariou, Amy D. Bratton, Deana Gentry, Michael J. Hood, Stephen L. Love,
- 11 Steven P. Simoneaux, Jr., S. Alexander Stevenson, Adrienne E. Stokes. **Laity:** Cara Hamilton, Patricia Jackson.
- 12 **CHARLESTON DISTRICT:** Mike Bruce, Elenora Ellington, Cindy Shaw, Tim Shaw, Lillian Washington.
- 13 **Laity:** Evelyn Burwell, Ceil Fewox, Gillis McAllister, Constance Wilborn.
- 14 **COLUMBIA DISTRICT:** David Anderson, Leatha Brown, Norman Brown, Robert Cox, Adrienne Fink, Sarah
- 15 Tucker Fletcher, Hope Morris, Susan Ulmer. **Laity:** Daniel Canada, Remond Cooper, Veronica Williams.
- 16 **GREENWOOD DISTRICT:** Terry Fleming, Janice Hughey, Joe Long, Ed Stallworth, Thessa Smith, Jason Wil-
- 17 son. **Laity:** Mary Ann Arnold, Jonathan Creswell, David Salter, Sandy Shaffer.
- 18 **HARTSVILLE DISTRICT:** Katherine Crimm, Paul Frey, Alisha Hansen, Joseph Kovas, Reggie Lee, Robert
- 19 Malachi, Angela Marshall, Fred McDaniel, Jerry McManus Sr., Gracie Singletary, Thomas Smith, Rickey Stuck-
- 20 ey. **Laity:** Clarice Blakeney, Marilyn Harrington, Joe Heyward, Jacquelyn Session, Carol Stackhouse-Hall.
- 21 **MARION DISTRICT:** Tony Adams, Gene Aiken, Shawn Chestnut, Ernest Frierson, Jerry Gadsden, Emily Kirby,
- 22 Nick Lyerly, Barry McFadden, David McManus, Sandra Stevens-Poirel, Walter Strawther, Charles Wilbanks.
- 23 **Laity:** Trudy Drawhorn, Susan Jones, Kim Proctor, Carol Stoops.
- 24 **ORANGEBURG DISTRICT:** Judson Barnes, Derrick Cattenhead, Anna Miller, Nancy Reed, Brenda Thomas,
- 25 Sheri White, Laura Whitt. **Laity:** Doug Baldwin, Judith Salley, Sheila Shanklin, Ronald Speight, Earline Ulmer.
- 26 **ROCK HILL DISTRICT:** Wanda Altman-Shirah, Thomas Bowman, Sr., Robin Griffith, Mallory Nickerson, Karen
- 27 Radcliffe, Neal Woods. **Laity:** Pat Cook, Susan Floyd, Wesley Wright.
- 28 **SPARTANBURG DISTRICT:** Russell Freeman, Heather Humphries, Narcie Jeter, Cathy Joens, Jimmy Lewis,
- 29 David Nichols, Christopher Thompson, Morris Waymer, Merritt Wentz. **Laity:** Donna Campsen, Annie Crocker,
- 30 Rick Hammett, Gary Hyman.
- 31 **WALTERBORO DISTRICT:** Angela Ford Broughton, Jerry Dicks, Scarlett Hester, Alfonza Jones, James P.
- 32 Smith, Bryson Williams, Jr. **Laity:** Jackie Jenkins, Sally LeSage, Jay Parks.

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34 **Committees on the District Superintendency**  
35 **2026- 2027**

- 36 **ANDERSON DISTRICT:** Freda Brock, Beverly CroweTipton, A. Judson King, Kevin B. Lindley, Stephen L. Love,
- 37 Valerie K. Mireb, Kurt L. Stutler, Sandra Thrasher.
- 38 **CHARLESTON DISTRICT:** Mike Bruce, Kim Bryant, George Jenkins, Gillis McAllister, Susan Pennock, Davie
- 39 Sanders Jr., Cooper Stonestreet, Lillian Washington, Roxanne Whitney.
- 40 **COLUMBIA DISTRICT:** Julie Songer Belman, Herbert Boykin, John Frick, Carolyn James, Michael Jennings,
- 41 Mack McDowell, Stephen Taylor.
- 42 **GREENWOOD DISTRICT:** John Bolin, Ralph T. Bowling III, David Henderson, Don Hocker, Uwe Klauck, Di-
- 43 anne Oliver, Sandy Shaffer, Thessa Smith, Ulysses Smith, Greg Thompson, Suzanne Weisert.
- 44 **HARTSVILLE DISTRICT:** Troy Cato, Gloria Cook, Franklin Garrett, Minnie Harris, Michael Henderson, Larry
- 45 McCray, Patricia Parr, Sandra Stubbs, Michael Toms, Paige Wheeler, Gwendolyn White, Jimmie Williamson.
- 46 **MARION DISTRICT:** Norma Bartelle, Brenda Fleming, Franklin Holmes, Colby Hudson, Mark Mitchell, Pearl K.
- 47 Pressley, Kyle Randle, Stevee Scott, Sandra Stevens-Poirel, Carson Wittington, Andrew Wolfe.
- 48 **ORANGEBURG DISTRICT:** Minnie Anderson, Rosa Kennerly Dance, Michael French, Lisa Fusco, Lamont
- 49 Green, Sheila Shanklin, Charlie Thomas, Stephon Void, Sheera Yates.

- 1 **ROCK HILL DISTRICT:** Jim Dougherty, Renee Garrison, Bob James, James Kimble, Martha McGill, Peggie  
2 Palmer, Cindy Rumsey, Charles Smalls, Cameron Treece.
- 3 **SPARTANBURG DISTRICT:** Donna Campsen, Twana Cruell, Angela Etheredge-Erwin, Scott Fleming, Chris-  
4 topher Greene, Rick Hammett, Cathy Joens, Sylvia Landrum, Angelia Price, Redonia Thomas, Rhonda Young.
- 5 **WALTERBORO DISTRICT:** Anne G. Bridgers, Tracy Colleton-Glover, Kim Eanes, George Palmer Hudson,  
6 Jackie Jenkins, Rickie Jenkins, James A. Ross, Bradley Smith.

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8 **District Boards of Trustees**  
9 **2026-2027**

- 10 **ANDERSON DISTRICT:** Karen Carter, Wayne Coats, David Hunter, Annie B. Jackson, Edna Rider, Thomas B.  
11 Wilkes, III.
- 12 **CHARLESTON DISTRICT:** Sarah Bozier, Gillis McAllister, Victoria Richardson, Constance Wilborn, Mike Wood.
- 13 **COLUMBIA DISTRICT:** Cary Ballentine, James Graham, Flo Johnson, Ward Smith, Geneva Stafford, Larry  
14 Waters.
- 15 **GREENWOOD DISTRICT:** Janice Hughey, Paul Johnson, Thomas Miller, Randy Rita, Thessa Smith, Keith  
16 Stewart, Jo Ann Stone.
- 17 **HARTSVILLE DISTRICT:** Angela Bethea, Patricia Bowman, Gwendolyn Coleman, Garland Jacobs, Jacob Mc-  
18 Leod, Maurice McZeke, Martin Quick, James M. Smith, Frank Strickland, Vanessa Wilhelm, Jacqueline Woods,  
19 Lloyd Hunter.
- 20 **MARION DISTRICT:** Louis Ashley, Isiah Brown, Lewis Evans, Mike Jackson, Sadie Parmley, Paula Stover,  
21 Wellons Williams.
- 22 **ORANGEBURG DISTRICT:** Ardelia Coward-Wright, Lamont Green, Karen Lee, Andrea Matthews, Buddy  
23 Pough, Dennis Shanklin, Lanny Wolfe.
- 24 **ROCK HILL DISTRICT:** Judy Anderson, Edgar Cole, Audrey Culp, Mike Griffin, Wayne McGuirt, Fred Moore,  
25 Joe Wix, Dexter Williams, Debbie Wood.
- 26 **SPARTANBURG DISTRICT:** Coley Altman, Kevin Bobo, Donna Campsen, Edward Enlow, Sylvia Landrum,  
27 Melissa Lusk, Mary Nichols, Bryan Pigford, Leonard Starks, Terry Taylor, Merritt Wentz, Wayne Wingate.
- 28 **WALTERBORO DISTRICT:** Lamonte Hodges, Jack Walter Hutto, Margalene Irvin, Whitney Lingard, San Ro-  
29 man King, Phyllis Murdock.

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32 **RESOLUTIONS**

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34 **RESOLUTION 2026-01**

35 ***Received by the deadline (8:30 am, Sunday, March 1, 2026) in the proper format and signed by lay or clergy***  
36 ***members of the conference. ACTION: Under Standing Rule 70a, this resolution has been referred to the Con-***  
37 ***ference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits. The Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits will***  
38 ***report on RESOLUTION 2026-01 at the 2026 Annual Conference***  
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40 Exploring Pension and Health Benefit Coverage for Provisional and Ordained Deacons

41 WHEREAS The United Methodist Church “call[s] upon United Methodists around the world to accept responsibility  
42 for modeling health in all its dimensions” and to do so “we call upon specific entities within our United Methodist  
43 connection to take steps toward health and wholeness” and “encourage annual conferences to: ... undertake spe-  
44 cific actions to promote clergy health, physical, mental, emotional and spiritual” (Book of Resolutions 2020/2024,  
45 pp. 538-41); and

46 WHEREAS deacons are often appointed by the bishop to extension ministry settings within the United Methodist  
47 connection, which may or may not provide health benefits; and

48 WHEREAS *The Book of Discipline 2020/2024* paragraph 331.6c – *Support for Deacons and Provisional Deacons*  
49 *Appointed by a Bishop* states that “Deacons and provisional deacons shall participate in the denominational pen-  
50 sion and benefit plans and programs of the annual conference subject to the provisions and standards of those pro-  
51 grams as established by the annual conference when health benefit coverage is not provided from another source,”

1 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the South Carolina Annual Conference establish a task force to explore the  
2 necessary provisions and standards to allow provisional and ordained deacons to participate in the denominational  
3 pension and benefit health plans and programs of the annual conference, including family health coverage, when  
4 appointed as an employee of the annual conference or a local United Methodist church;

5 THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this task force be convened by the Conference Board of Pen-  
6 sions and Health Benefits and include at least the following additional personnel:

- 7 • at least one deacon
- 8 • a member of the cabinet
- 9 • the Conference Benefits Officer
- 10 • a member of the committee on Equitable Compensation

11 And that this task force consult with the conference Chief Financial Officer, Committee on Finance and Administra-  
12 tion, Wespath, and others whose expertise may inform the work of this task force;

13 THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this task force conduct appropriate research to address the  
14 following questions:

- 15 • Who are the individuals under appointment who need access to the denominational pension and benefit plans  
16 and programs of the annual conference, and what circumstances prevent them from accessing these benefits?
- 17 • How can the annual conference address these barriers to access?
- 18 • What constraints related to participation by the health insurance carrier (Healthflex) are present?
- 19 • Who would pay the employer portion of the health benefit and how would it be funded?
- 20 • What would be the cost to the annual conference to provide access?
- 21 • Any other considerations necessary to draft a report in the following manner:

22 THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this task force prepare a report on possibilities to address the  
23 above concerns and establish necessary provisions and standards to allow provisional and ordained deacons to  
24 participate in the denominational pension and benefit plans and programs of the annual conference, including fam-  
25 ily health coverage, when appointed as an employee of the annual conference or a local United Methodist church.

26 Submitted by

27 Rev. Meg Bryce Jiunnies, Chair of the Order of Deacons

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#### RESOLUTION 2026-02

30 ***Received by the deadline (10:33 pm, Saturday, February 28, 2026) in the proper format and signed by lay or***  
31 ***clergy members of the conference. ACTION: Under Standing Rule 70a, this resolution has been referred to***  
32 ***the Conference Connectional Ministries. The Conference Connectional Ministries will report on RESOLUTION***  
33 ***2026-02 at the 2026 Annual Conference.***

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35 Resolution to Develop and Expand Campus Ministries in the South Carolina Annual Conference

36 WHEREAS John Wesley was the original Methodist campus minister, and Methodism was first a campus ministry,

37 WHEREAS college campuses remain a vital arena for disciple making among young adults,

38 WHEREAS Millennials and Gen Z Christians are attending church more frequently than before and much more  
39 often than are older generations,<sup>1</sup>

40 WHEREAS the proportion of young clergy (under 35) in the United Methodist Church has been on a sharp decline  
41 since 2017, including the number of elders, deacons, and local pastors,<sup>2</sup>

42 WHEREAS many clergy recognize campus ministry as playing significant a role in the development of their call,

43 WHEREAS the 2025 Special Called Annual Conference received a report from the Missional Priorities Jeremiah  
44 Team which named Campus Ministry as one of the conference's top five priorities for the future,

45 THEREFORE the South Carolina Annual Conference recognizes Campus Ministry as vital to the future of its mis-  
46 sion and ministry,

47 THEREFORE the Board for Higher Education of the South Carolina Annual Conference will develop a 10-year  
48 plan to be presented to the 2027 Annual Conference, including a strategy for expanding campus ministries to all  
49 colleges or universities in South Carolina with a minimum threshold of student enrollment, including resourcing for  
50 and cooperation with local churches for engaging in campus ministry,

51 THEREFORE the South Carolina Annual Conference aspires to fully fund salaries as well as annual operating  
52 costs for established Wesley Foundations of South Carolina,

1 AND THEREFORE the South Carolina Annual Conference aims to be a leader in the United Methodist Church for  
2 Campus Ministry.

3 1. New Barna Data: Young Adults Lead a Resurgence in Church Attendance, September 2, 2025, barna.com

4 2. Number of Young Elders in The United Methodist Church Reaches a Record Low Number in 2023, Lovett  
5 H. Williams, Jr., Lewis Center for Church Leadership

6 Signers:

7 Rev. Matthew Alexander – Full Member

8 Rev. Mallory Forte – Full Member

9 Rev. Rachel Headden – Provisional Member

10 David Salter – Lay Member

11 Rev. Dr. J. Christopher Greene – Full Member

12 Rev. Shirley Peterson Gordon – Full Member

13 Rev. Morgan Byars – Full Member

14 Sandra Shaffer – Lay Member

15 Rev. R. Brent Crimm – Provisional Member

16 Rev. Melissa Williams – Local Pastor

17 Rev. Mason Cantey – Full Member

18 Rev. Robby Lybrand – Local Pastor

19 Eugenia Vicars – Lay Member

20 Sandy Davis – Lay Member

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#### RESOLUTION 2026-03

23 ***Received by the deadline (10:33 pm, Saturday, February 28, 2026) in the proper format and signed by lay***  
24 ***or clergy members of the conference. ACTION: Under Standing Rule 70a, this resolution has been referred***  
25 ***to the Conference Committee on Resolutions and Appeals. The Conference Committee on Resolutions and***  
26 ***Appeals will report on RESOLUTION 2026-03 at the 2026 Annual Conference.***

27

28 Resolution to Increase Support and Resourcing of Local Pastors in the South Carolina Annual Conference  
29 WHEREAS the proportion of local pastors in the United Methodist Church has been on a sharp rise since 1990,  
30 going from two local pastors for every ten elders to 6.3 local pastors for every ten elders,<sup>1</sup>

31 WHEREAS there are currently more local pastors serving in the South Carolina Annual Conference than non-re-  
32 tired elders,

33 WHEREAS more than one third of pastors in the South Carolina Annual Conference are local pastors,

34 WHEREAS at least three-fourths of local pastors are appointed less than full time, which significantly limits their  
35 ability to fully benefit from connectional support systems like mentors, covenant groups, Bishop's School, clergy  
36 gatherings, and even Annual Conference,

37 WHEREAS local pastor mentor groups vary greatly both in terms of content and format,

38 WHEREAS loneliness and lack of support are among the leading causes of pastoral burnout,<sup>2</sup>

39 THEREFORE the South Carolina Annual Conference recognizes the significant contribution of local pastors to the  
40 ministry of the conference, as well as the urgent need to increase support and resourcing of local pastors, especially  
41 for those who are appointed less than full time,

42 THEREFORE the South Carolina Annual Conference encourages the bishop and cabinet to continue to consider  
43 ways to reduce the number of part-time appointments within the annual conference,

44 THEREFORE the South Carolina Annual Conference encourages District Superintendents and District Commit-  
45 tees on Ministry to consider ways to coordinate, collaborate, and elevate support for local pastors,

46 THEREFORE the South Carolina Annual Conference encourages all elders to consider ways to better support and  
47 resource local pastors for the wellbeing of local pastors and the ministries they serve,

48 AND THEREFORE the South Carolina Annual Conference aims to be a leader in the United Methodist Church for  
49 the development and support of local pastors.

50 1. Number of Young Elders in The United Methodist Church Reaches a Record Low Number in 2023, Lovett H.

1 Williams, Jr., Lewis Center for Church Leadership

2 2. The Silent Struggle: How Pastors Navigate Loneliness by Brent Dyer, Renewing Hope Counseling

3 Signers:

4 Rev. Matthew Alexander – Full Member

5 Rev. Mallory Forte – Full Member

6 Rev. Athena Dickey-Cathcart – Local Pastor

7 David Salter – Lay Member

8 Rev. Dr. J. Christopher Greene – Full Member

9 Rev. Shirley Peterson Gordon – Full Member

10 Rev. Morgan Byars – Full Member

11 Sandra Shaffer – Lay Member

12 Rev. R. Brent Crimm – Provisional Member

13 Rev. Kenneth L. Nelson – Full Member

14 Rev. Melissa Williams – Local Pastor

15 Rev. Mason Cantey – Full Member

16 Rev. Robby Lybrand – Local Pastor

17 Eugenia Vicars – **Lay Member**

18 Sandy Davis – Lay Member

19 Rev. Faye Jones – Provisional Member

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#### RESOLUTION 2026-04

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***Received by the deadline (10:33 pm, Saturday, February 28, 2026, in the proper format and signed by lay or clergy members of the conference. ACTION: Under Standing Rule 70a, this resolution has been referred to the Conference Connectional Ministries. The Conference Connectional Ministries will report on RESOLUTION 2026-04 at the 2026 Annual Conference.***

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Resolution to Develop and Expand Ministries with Young Adults in the South Carolina Annual Conference  
WHEREAS young adults currently have little directed ministry within the South Carolina Annual Conference,

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WHEREAS Millennials and Gen Z Christians are attending church more frequently than before and much more often than are older generations,<sup>1</sup>

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WHEREAS the proportion of young clergy (under 35) has been on a sharp decline since 2017, including the number of elders, deacons, and local pastors,<sup>2</sup>

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WHEREAS the South Carolina has a growing and thriving youth ministry,

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THEREFORE the South Carolina Annual Conference recognizes the urgency of ministry with young adults in South Carolina both for the present witness and the future mission of the church,

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THEREFORE the South Carolina Annual Conference recognizes the urgency of creating pathways for retaining youth through adulthood,

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THEREFORE the Committee on Connectional Ministries (or its successor) will create a 10-year plan to develop a South Carolina Annual Conference Ministry with Young Adults to be presented to the 2027 Annual Conference, including a proposed funding plan, a strategy for collaborating with local churches, and annual retreat/events for Young Adults,

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AND THEREFORE the South Carolina Annual Conference aims to be a leader in the United Methodist Church for Ministry with Young Adults.

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1. New Barna Data: Young Adults Lead a Resurgence in Church Attendance, September 2, 2025, barna.com

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2. Number of Young Elders in The United Methodist Church Reaches a Record Low Number in 2023, Lovett H. Williams, Jr., Lewis Center for Church Leadership

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Signers:

Rev. Matthew Alexander – Full Member

Rev. Mallory Forte – Full Member

Rev. Rachel Headden – Provisional Member

David Salter – Lay Member

- 1 Rev. Dr. J. Christopher Greene – Full Member
- 2 Rev. Shirley Peterson Gordon – Full Member
- 3 Rev. Morgan Byars – Full Member
- 4 Sandra Shaffer – Lay Member
- 5 Rev. R. Brent Crimm – Provisional Member
- 6 Rev. Kenneth L. Nelson – Full Member
- 7 Rev. Melissa Williams – Local Pastor
- 8 Rev. Mason Cantey – Full Member
- 9 Eugenia Vicars – Full Member
- 10 Sandy Davis – Lay Member

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#### RESOLUTION 2026-05

13 *Received by the deadline (10:33 pm, Saturday, February 28, 2026, in the proper format and signed by lay or clergy*  
14 *members of the conference. ACTION: Under Standing Rule 70a, this resolution has been referred to the Conference*  
15 *Committee on Nominations. The Conference Committee on Nominations will report on RESOLUTION 2026-05 at the*  
16 *2026 Annual Conference with a recommendation of adopting it (as is) in their report to include in their work in 2026-*  
17 *2027, a recommendation of approval by the Annual Conference or a recommendation of non-approval by the Annual*  
18 *Conference.*

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20 Resolution for the Development and Support of Young Clergy for the South Carolina Annual Conference  
21 WHEREAS the proportion of young clergy (under 35) in the United Methodist Church has been on a sharp decline  
22 since 2017, including the number of elders, deacons, and local pastors,<sup>1</sup>

23 WHEREAS the greatest decline of young clergy (under 35) in the United Methodist Church has been among the  
24 percentage of elders,<sup>1</sup>

25 WHEREAS Millennials (age 30-45) make up less than 18% and Gen Z (under 29) less than 1% of full elders in the  
26 South Carolina Annual Conference,

27 WHEREAS Millennials and Gen Z currently make up 54% of the American workforce, with Gen Z now outnumber-  
28 ing Baby Boomers,<sup>2</sup>

29 WHEREAS more than 53% of UMCSC clergy are from the Baby Boomer generation and less than 14% of  
30 UMCSC clergy are Millennials or Gen Z,

31 WHEREAS retired clergy makeup nearly one-fifth of current appointments,

32 WHEREAS the last clergy of the Baby Boomer generation will reach mandatory retirement age by 2036 and will  
33 reach age 62 by the end of 2026,

34 WHEREAS loneliness and lack of support are among the leading causes of pastoral burnout,<sup>3</sup>

35 WHEREAS the Young Clergy Covenant Group (Cohort) has created systems of support for nearly three dozen  
36 young clergy over the last five years,

37 WHEREAS the development of young clergy is vital to the future mission and ministry of the United Methodist  
38 Church, especially for the South Carolina Annual Conference,

39 THEREFORE the South Carolina Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church recognizes with tremendous  
40 urgency the need to invest in the longevity and support of young clergy,

41 THEREFORE the South Carolina Annual Conference recognizes the Young Clergy Covenant Group (Cohort) as  
42 vital for the future of the annual conference,

43 THEREFORE the South Carolina Annual Conference aims to expand recruitment, support, and voice for young  
44 clergy,

45 THEREFORE the Committee on Nominations of the South Carolina Annual Conference will endeavor to nominate  
46 at least one clergy person under 40 to every board, committee, commission, council, and leadership team in the  
47 annual conference,

48 AND THEREFORE the South Carolina Annual Conference aims to be a leader in the United Methodist Church for  
49 the development of young clergy.

50 1. Number of Young Elders in The United Methodist Church Reaches a Record Low Number in 2023, Lovett H.  
51 Williams, Jr., Lewis Center for Church Leadership

- 1 2. Trendlines, Employment and Training Administration, Issue No. 11, August 2024  
2 3. The Silent Struggle: How Pastors Navigate Loneliness by Brent Dyer, Renewing Hope Counseling

3 Signers:

- 4 Rev. Matthew Alexander – Full Member  
5 Rev. Mallory Forte – Full Member  
6 Rev. Rachel Headden – Provisional Member  
7 David Salter – Lay Member  
8 Christel Cathcart – Lay Member  
9 Rev. Dr. J. Christopher Greene – Full Member  
10 Rev. Shirley Peterson Gordon – Full Member  
11 Rev. Morgan Byars – Full Member  
12 Sandra Shaffer – Lay Member  
13 Rev. R. Brent Crimm – Provisional Member  
14 Rev. Kenneth L. Nelson – Full Member  
15 Rev. Mason Cantey – Full Member  
16 Eugenia Vicars – **Lay Member**  
17 Sandy Davis – Lay Member  
18 Rev. Faye Jones – Provisional Member  
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21 **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STANDING RULES**  
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23 **STANDING RULE 19:**

24 It shall be an Order of the Day during on the first full day of Annual Conference; ~~that~~

- 25 a. The floor shall be opened for additional nominations to all boards, councils, commissions and commit-  
26 tees to which the Committee on Nominations and parent boards are prepared to make nominations.  
27 b. **It shall be reported to the body the full number of baptisms and professions of faith in the**  
28 **South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church during the preceding calendar**  
29 **year, or the most recent year with available data.**

30 *Rationale: The purpose of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. This would allow the body to keep the*  
31 *metrics in front of us on the first full day of Annual Conference. This would also allow for the most current data to*  
32 *be used in cases where the previous conference year statistics might not yet be available.*  
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34 **STANDING RULE 51:**

35 There shall be a Board of Trustees of South Carolina United Methodist Camps and Retreat Ministries, Inc., an  
36 inclusive body consisting of eighteen (18) members. It is recommended that nine (9) shall be lay persons of whom  
37 at least four (4) shall be women; and nine (9) shall be clergy, of whom at least two (2) shall be women.

- 38 a. Trustees shall be nominated by the **Discipleship Ministries Area of Connectional Ministries-Board**  
39 **of Education** and elected by the South Carolina Annual Conference for four (4) year terms. Nominees  
40 shall be submitted to the Conference Secretary and the Office of Connectional Ministries by February  
41 1. **Names of prospective trustees shall be submitted by the Board of Trustees of South Caro-**  
42 **lina United Methodist Camps and Retreat Ministries, Inc., to the Discipleship Ministries Area**  
43 **of Connectional Ministries.** Ex-officio members of the Board, without vote, shall be the Directors/  
44 Managers of Camps and Retreats facilities and a Connectional Ministries staff member assigned by  
45 the Director of Connectional Ministries. The Board shall be divided into four (4) classes. The **Dis-**  
46 **cipleship Ministries Area of Connectional Ministries-Board of Education** of the South Carolina  
47 Annual Conference may fill vacancies in the Board after prior consultation with the Board of Camps  
48 and Retreat Ministries. ~~Trustees shall be eligible for re-election to a maximum tenure of two (2)~~  
49 ~~consecutive terms.~~ After a full tenure of service, a former trustee shall be ineligible for re-election  
50 until a lapse of two (2) years. **The tenure of the Trustees shall be limited to two (2) consecutive**  
51 **terms.**
- 52 b. The Board of Trustees shall report to the Annual Conference through the **Board of Education Disci-**  
53 **pleship Ministries Area of Connectional Ministries.**
- 54 c. In accordance with the Book of Discipline, property held in trust by this Board of Trustees shall be  
55 subject to paragraphs 2516 and 2517 of the Book of Discipline.

1 *Rationale for change: This gives Board of Trustees of South Carolina United Methodist Camps and Retreat Minis-*  
2 *tries, Inc., a voice in the nominating process, and is in keeping with their current by laws. The nomination wording*  
3 *is consistent with the nomination process and standing rules of other similar boards of trust related to the confer-*  
4 *ence. This change also brings the standing rule in line with the current structure of Connectional Ministries.*

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6 **STANDING RULE 53:**

7 The Board of Trustees at Claflin University will consist of no fewer than thirteen (13) members and no more than  
8 twenty-seven (27) members. Newly elected trustees serve for a term of three (3) years or may be elected to serve  
9 out a remaining term due to a vacancy on the Board.

- 10 a. The Board shall elect three (3) of their members from the South Carolina United Methodist Confer-  
11 ence (SCUMC) upon the expiration of a term in which its nominees were placed. Nominees shall  
12 be submitted to the Conference Secretary and the Office of Connectional Ministries by February  
13 1. ~~The composition of the Board will include three (3) members (lay or clergy) from the South~~  
14 ~~Carolina Annual Conference (SCUMC).~~ These representatives (lay or clergy) will be distributed in  
15 separate classes among the three classes and may be approved for election by the South Carolina  
16 Annual Conference (SCUMC) upon the expiration of each succeeding class. These three (3) persons  
17 will be proposed as candidates by the Claflin University Board of Trustees, vetted and approved by  
18 the Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry, approved for election by the South Carolina  
19 Annual Conference (SCUMC), and elected by the Claflin University Board of Trustees. These elected  
20 trustees are eligible to serve four consecutive three-year terms on the Board ~~and an extended con-~~  
21 ~~tinuous term must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum of the Board present and~~  
22 ~~voting.~~  
23 b. A Board member who has served continuously with distinctive service for a period of twelve (12)  
24 years or more is eligible after one year from departing the board for consideration and election to  
25 the status of Trustee Emeritus. ~~A former board member elected to the position of Trustee Emer-~~  
26 ~~itus may attend meetings of the Board of Trustees as an ex-officio member without the power~~  
27 ~~to vote at meeting and will not be counted to constitute a quorum of the board.~~ Claflin Universi-  
28 ty will provide a report annually to the South Carolina Annual Conference.

29 *Rationale: This request was submitted by the Claflin Governance Committee and simplifies the current standing*  
30 *rule by removing redundant language. It changes the election of Trustee Emeritus eligibility to require nominees*  
31 *to be at least one year removed from Board service.*

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33 **STANDING RULE 65:**

34 There shall be a Conference Committee on Congregational Development (CCCD) or Conference Committee on  
35 Congregational Innovation and Strategy (CCIS), composed of six (6) at large members, nominated by the An-  
36 nual Conference Committee on Nominations and elected by the Annual Conference; one representative from each  
37 District Board on Congregational Development or District Board on Congregational Innovation and Strategy;  
38 and one representative from each of the following: the Board of Global Ministries, ~~Board of Evangelism~~ Disci-  
39 plership Area, ~~Board of Laity~~ Lay Leadership Area and the Commission on Equitable Compensation.

40 The purpose of the CCCD shall be to work in a collaborative partnership with the Bishop, ~~and the~~ Cabinet,   
41 the Director of Congregational Excellence, and the Director of Congregational Innovation and Strategy ~~to~~  
42 ~~provide long term planning and provide the framework for all the efforts of the Annual Conference related to new~~  
43 ~~church development, church redevelopment and congregational revitalization.~~ The Director of Innovation &  
44 Strategy would be a part-time clergy appointment for someone who is also serving a local church and has  
45 experience in church growth, renewal, new church starts and provides strategic planning and innovative  
46 frameworks for all the efforts of the Annual Conference related to new faith/church/missional develop-  
47 ment, church redevelopment and congregational revitalization. The Director of Innovation & Strategy will  
48 be the conference staff liaison to the Conference Board of Congregational Development, along with the  
49 Director of Congregational Excellence. The Director of Innovation & Strategy will be an ex-officio member  
50 without vote on Conference Committee on Congregational Development.

51 *Rationale: This request was submitted by Reimagining Congregational Development Transition Team tasked with*  
52 *the responsibility of implementing the approved conference structural changes related to Connectional Ministries*  
53 *and Congregational Development at the 2025 Called Session of Annual Conference. This change brings the*  
54 *standing rule in line with the approved changes.*

1 **THE COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

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3 **Recommendations to the 2026 Annual Conference**

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5 Each disciple of Jesus Christ is called to faithful stewardship of God’s gifts. On behalf of the Conference  
6 Council on Finance and Administration, thank you to the churches and people of the South Carolina Annual  
7 Conference for your generosity in 2025. In a season marked by continued challenges and important decisions,  
8 your giving has been a steady witness to our shared commitment to Christ’s mission.

9 In 2025, our Conference achieved a 78.39% apportionment collection rate, and we celebrate the Walterboro  
10 District for leading the Conference with a 99.31% collection rate. We give thanks not only for these results, but  
11 for the spirit of partnership they represent across our districts and congregations.

12 The following pages present the Council’s recommended ministry funding plan for calendar year 2027. This  
13 plan has been prepared with prayer, careful analysis, and a deep desire to align our financial decisions with the  
14 mission and priorities of the South Carolina Annual Conference. The Council remains mindful of the Conference’s  
15 long-term goal to maintain the budget at or near 15% of total Conference average net funds, and we are grateful  
16 that we have remained below that target since 2020.

17 The recommended 2027 budget is lower than 2026 by \$165,053. The recommended budget includes a 2.5%  
18 raise for Conference staff. No raise is recommended for the extended cabinet. After 2026, \$800,000 remains  
19 available for the apportionment rebate. Our recommendation is to use \$400,000 in 2027. The Council will  
20 need to navigate the financial outcomes of pending litigation with churches seeking to leave the denomination.  
21 Once it is resolved, the outcomes will likely affect future budgets and ministry funding.

22 We are especially grateful for the generosity of the Conference Board of Pensions and Benefits, whose  
23 \$200,000 contribution will be placed in the contingency fund to help strengthen our ability to fulfill the Confer-  
24 ence’s 100% guarantee in areas that experience a deficit, as described in Report 2, paragraphs 12, 13, and 14.

25 As shown in Report 1, item E, the elimination of the Florence and Greenville Districts will reduce the amount  
26 asked of our churches for office and parsonage support by \$135,000.

27 The Council also expresses appreciation for the service of Mrs. Elizabeth (Beth) Westbury, our Annual Confer-  
28 ence Treasurer and Director of Administrative Services, and for the staff of the Treasurer’s Office, whose faithful  
29 work supports our churches each day. The Council acknowledges the 2026 apportionment allocation error  
30 and is grateful for the transparency and corrective action taken to address it. We also give thanks for every lay  
31 and clergy member of the Council on Finance and Administration for their prayerful diligence and commitment  
32 throughout the budget process, and we are especially thankful to Bishop Leonard Fairley for his guidance and  
33 support.

34 May God continue to bless and guide the ministries of the South Carolina Annual Conference as we seek to be  
35 faithful stewards of all that has been entrusted to us.

36 **Respectfully Submitted,**  
37 Mr. Smith Patterson, President  
38 Rev. Stephen Taylor, Vice-President  
39 Mrs. Priscilla McClellan, Secretary  
40 Mrs. Elizabeth G. Westbury, Treasurer

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42 **Report No. 1**

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44 A. The compensation for the District Superintendents for the year 2027 will be set at \$109,835, a 0% in-  
45 crease. (DS compensation for 2026 is \$109,835 and 2025 was \$109,835) In accordance with paragraphs  
46 613.13 and 614.1a of the 2020/2024 Book of Discipline, housing for each superintendent shall be provided  
47 in the form of a parsonage, funded by the respective district as provided in paragraph E below.
- 48 B. The Council on Finance and Administration of the South Carolina Annual Conference, The United Meth-  
49 odist Church, hereby designates 15% (\$16,475) of the district superintendent’s salary for the year 2027  
50 as allocated for parsonage utilities and maintenance (“utility exclusion”), not including expenses paid by  
51 the district. Any subsequent changes to the utilities exclusion that may be requested by an individual may  
52 be approved by the Treasurer on behalf of the Council on Finance and Administration.

- 1 C. The District Administration Fund will be handled as follows:
- 2 1. The item "Office Expense" in the District Administration Fund will be for the operation of the Dis-
- 3 trict Office to pay such items as secretary, postage, and supplies and will be set at \$22,750 per
- 4 district. This is an increase of \$750 per year to assist with the cost of raises for district administra-
- 5 tive assistants.
- 6 2. Exceptions: Inasmuch as the Columbia District Office must be in The United Methodist Center,
- 7 one-half of that office rent will be paid from the Conference Expense Fund. Inasmuch as the Co-
- 8 lumbia District superintendent is designated as the Cabinet secretary, one-half of the salary and
- 9 benefits of the secretary in that office will be paid from the Conference Expense Fund.
- 10 3. Travel (in and out-of-district) is set at \$170,000 for the total of all districts, which includes \$8,000
- 11 for the common lodging and meal expenses of retreats. This will be set at \$16,200 per district
- 12 or an allocated amount set by the Cabinet not to exceed a total of \$162,000. District superinten-
- 13 dents will be reimbursed for actual meal and hotel expenses (not per diem) when reasonable in
- 14 amount and supported by a detailed receipt. In addition, insurance and pensions is expected to
- 15 be approximately \$330,000 (\$33,000 per district for 10 district superintendents), and continuing
- 16 education will be set at the amount recommended by the Commission on Equitable Compensa-
- 17 tion (currently at \$750 per superintendent).
- 18 4. Vouchers for continuing education must be approved prior to payment. The unused portion of
- 19 the Continuing Education allowance may be carried forward from year to year during a district
- 20 superintendent's tenure, not to exceed a total amounting to three year's Continuing Education
- 21 allocation. The accumulation is cancelled in full when a district superintendent leaves the super-
- 22 intendency. It does not carry forward to the new district superintendent. However, by application
- 23 to the CF&A in advance of leaving the superintendency, the district superintendent may within a
- 24 reasonable length of time use the unused portion of the Continuing Education allowance to take
- 25 training that would assist in his/her return to the parish ministry or other appointment. For the
- 26 year in which there is a move, one-half of the Continuing Education allowance will be available
- 27 for each superintendent.
- 28 5. The funds for program in each district are based on the membership of the district, beginning with
- 29 a base of \$2,800 for the smallest membership district and adding \$100 for each one thousand
- 30 (1,000) members, or major fraction thereof, above 18,000. These funds are not guaranteed and
- 31 are contingent upon the apportionment receipts and other requirements of the district administra-
- 32 tion fund. The schedule for 2027 will be as follows (Final amounts will reflect the new district lines
- 33 and be published in the 2026 Journal):
- | 34 District          | 2025 Membership | Amount |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------|
| 35 Anderson          |                 |        |
| 36 Charleston        |                 |        |
| 37 Columbia          |                 |        |
| 38 Greenwood         |                 |        |
| 39 Hartsville        |                 |        |
| 40 Marion            |                 |        |
| 41 Orangeburg        |                 |        |
| 42 Rock Hill         |                 |        |
| 43 Spartanburg       |                 |        |
| 44 <u>Walterboro</u> |                 |        |
| 45 <b>Totals</b>     |                 |        |
- 46 D. Each District Board of Trustees shall administer all funds for the District Parsonage Fund, which provides
- 47 funds for parsonage payments, repairs, insurance and furnishings (not to include parsonage utility pay-
- 48 ments). The moving expenses of an in-coming district superintendent may also be paid from the District
- 49 Parsonage Fund, not to include more than \$350 packing expenses. To comply with the change in tax
- 50 law effective January 1, 2018 whereby reimbursements of moving expenses become taxable compensa-
- 51 tion to the recipient, the amount of reimbursement will be included in the district superintendent's taxable
- 52 income as reported on Form W-2. Reimbursements of moving expenses for district superintendents shall
- 53 be paid without the benefit of a gross up for taxes. Each district office shall provide its trustees with regular
- 54 reports of all receipts and expenditures of the District Parsonage Fund.
- 55 E. Below are the percentages of average net funds that each church is asked to pay to its respective Dis-
- 56 trict Parsonage/Office Fund (Avg. Net Funds will be printed in the Journal):
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District	Parsonage	Office	Ministry Initiatives	Total	Avg. Net Funds
Anderson	40,000	45,000		85,000	
Charleston	25,000	40,000		65,000	Avg. Net
Columbia	25,000	35,000		60,000	Funds will be
Greenwood	40,000	40,000		80,000	in the
Hartsville	40,000	40,000		80,000	2026 Journal.
Marion	10,000	40,000		50,000	
Orangeburg	25,000	30,000		55,000	
Rock Hill	15,000	35,000		50,000	
Spartanburg	35,000	25,000		60,000	
Walterboro	15,000	30,000	25,000	70,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>270,000</b>	<b>360,000</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>655,000</b>	

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**Report No. 2**

A. We recommend that the following special observances be a part of the program of each local church and that appropriate free-will offerings be received.

- Human Relations – January 17, 2027
- Golden Cross Sunday – February 7, 2027
- UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing) – March 7, 2027
- Native American Awareness Sunday – April 11, 2027
- United Methodist Student Day – May 2, 2027
- Peace with Justice Sunday – May 23, 2027
- Epworth Children’s Home
  - Mothers’ Day – May 9, 2027
  - Work Day – September 12, 2027
  - Church school offering first Sunday each month
- Aldersgate Special Needs Sunday – August 8, 2027
- Youth Service Fund Sunday – September 19, 2027 (youth offering)
- World Communion Sunday – October 3, 2027
- Conference Advance Specials Sunday – November 7, 2027

B. We offer the following:

1. That all boards, commissions and committees receiving funds from the conference treasurer shall submit with each voucher adequate supporting data (receipts, bills, contemporaneous travel log, etc.). Payments in excess of \$1,000 should be approved by the Conference Treasurer in advance.
2. That boards, agencies and conference institutions which are allowed to withdraw lump sums from the conference treasurer shall submit an annual audit (with management letter) by a certified public accountant to the Council on Finance and Administration, along with evidence of fidelity insurance coverage and compliance with payroll tax laws.
3. That all boards, commissions and agencies of the conference reimburse persons at a rate of 24 cents per mile when traveling on conference business. In order to encourage carpooling, we recommend that if a car contains two persons traveling on church business, the mileage rate be increased to 32 cents; if a car contains three or more persons all traveling on church business, the rate be increased to 40 cents per mile. Pastors who are members of such agencies should submit reimbursement requests to their appointed church or charge for the difference between their conference reimbursement and the approved IRS mileage rate, since participation in the ministries of the district and conference is an expected responsibility of all appointed pastors. Conference employees will be reimbursed at the approved IRS mileage rate when traveling on church business. We recommend that other expenses for travel on church business be paid. We also recommend that the guideline amount paid to a person for meals shall be \$7.00 for breakfast, \$13.00 for lunch and \$20.00 for the evening meal.
4. That the balance held for each board, commission, committee or agency on the books of the con-

- 1           ference treasurer shall be carried forward from one year to the next and that this shall be taken  
 2           into consideration in the subsequent budget request.
- 3           5. That conference boards and agencies may not spend in excess of funds received on budget for  
 4           the given conference year, except that funds carried forward may be spent in addition to funds  
 5           received in the current year if such carryover funds were included in the budget presented to  
 6           CFA. Any expenses beyond the combination of anticipated receipts (based on previous-year per-  
 7           centage of payment) plus budgeted carryover funds will not be paid by the treasurer.
- 8           6. That “average net funds” as used in the calculation of 2027 apportionments shall mean for each  
 9           church the two-year average of net funds in the years 2025 and 2024. Newly organized churches  
 10          will be phased in over four years, but for the years prior to the organization of the new church,  
 11          the net funds figure will be zero. Satellite churches will be phased in beginning in the first year  
 12          they do not receive support from Congregational Development. “Net funds” for churches that  
 13          provide a housing allowance in lieu of a parsonage will exclude the lesser of the actual housing  
 14          allowance or 25% of the minister’s compensation prior to calculating the church’s average net  
 15          funds.
- 16          7. That “net funds” be defined as the total of figures reported on lines 41 through 47 (inclusive) of  
 17          Table 2 for 2024 and 2025.
- 18          8. That once the apportionments are calculated from Table 2 statistics for any given year, those appor-  
 19          tionments cannot be altered. Needed corrections can be made on Table 2 reports for use in future  
 20          year calculations by providing written explanation of the correction to the Treasurer.
- 21          9. Total apportionment funding for Methodist Homes Residents’ Assistance (item 11, Report No.  
 22          9) reflects changes in funding as a result of Methodist Oaks being sold to a for-profit entity. At  
 23          the time, Methodist Oaks requested the Conference continue assistance for four individuals in  
 24          residence there. We continue to support one individual. For 2027, the apportionment request is  
 25          reduced and the allocation of funds among the participating homes is adjusted. The recommend-  
 26          ed allocations are:

	2026	2027
Methodist Oaks	30%	0%
Wesley Commons	48%	65%
Methodist Manor	22%	35%

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- 29          10. That the funds received on the apportionment for Senior College Scholarship Fund (item 9, Report  
 30          No. 9) be divided in three equal parts, one-third each going to Wofford College, Columbia Col-  
 31          lege and Claflin University; that the funds received on the apportionment for Camps and Retreat  
 32          Ministries (item 12, Report No. 9) be distributed to the various Camps and Retreat Ministries as  
 33          determined by the Board of Trustees of the South Carolina United Methodist Camps and Retreat  
 34          Ministries.
- 35          11. That the Annual Conference Council on Finance and Administration be authorized to grant  
 36          amounts from the Conference Contingency Fund or Permanent Reserve to meet any individual  
 37          emergency or unanticipated need.
- 38          12. That the salaries and fixed essential expenses of Conference Connectional Ministries (section  
 39          A-4 of the Conference Benevolences budget) be funded up to 100% of budget by using funds from  
 40          the Contingency Fund; the remainder of that budget will be funded at the percentage paid on the  
 41          line item.
- 42          13. That the salaries and benefits portion of the Campus Ministry budget be funded up to 100% of  
 43          budget by using funds from the Contingency Fund; the remainder of that budget will be funded at  
 44          the percentage paid on the line item.
- 45          14. That the budgets of the District Superintendent Salaries, Director of Administrative Services, the  
 46          Conference Archivist Contract and the Coordinator of Clergy Services be funded up to 100% of  
 47          a year end deficit, but not more than the amount budgeted, by using funds from the Contingency  
 48          Fund.
- 49          15. The Council on Finance and Administration of the South Carolina Annual Conference, The Unit-  
 50          ed Methodist Church, hereby designates 15% of the salary for each conference clergy staff for  
 51          the year 2027, exclusive of a designated housing allowance, as allocated for utilities and main-

1 tenance (“utilities exclusion”), not including maid service. Any subsequent changes to the utilities  
2 exclusion that may be requested by an individual may be approved by the Treasurer on behalf of  
3 the Council on Finance and Administration.

- 4 16. That local churches of the conference incorporate. An informational pamphlet prepared by the  
5 Conference Chancellor and the Cabinet is available at [www.umcsc.org](http://www.umcsc.org). After incorporation,  
6 churches should take care to maintain with the Secretary of State, an accurate, up-to-date record  
7 of the name and address of their registered agent.

### 8 **Report No. 3**

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10 As noted in our report to the 2009 Annual Conference, economic uncertainties led to the reduction in appor-  
11 tioned budgets for the Senior Scholarship Fund, Spartanburg Methodist College, and Methodist Homes Res-  
12 idents’ Assistance Fund. The trend of reducing the budgets for these significant ministries continues. In an  
13 effort to increase the funds available for these ministries without adding to the apportionment budget, the vol-  
14 untary asking Extra Mile for Colleges and Homes was increased from \$600,284 for 2017 to \$625,000 for 2018.  
15 We ask churches with sufficient resources to continue to support the Extra Mile for Colleges and Homes.  
16 However, beginning in 2024, the Extra Mile funding request is no longer calculated for churches based on  
17 the apportionment formula and included on the bottom of the apportionment statement as a voluntary asking.  
18 Removing the Extra Mile pledge is to better communicate that it is a voluntary asking and not linked to appor-  
19 tionment payments.

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	2026 Actual	2027 recommendation	Notes for 2027
Senior Scholarship Fund	67%	67%	One-third to each: Claflin University, Columbia College, Wofford College
Methodist Homes	15%	15%	Wesley Commons 70% Methodist Manor 30%
Spartanburg Methodist College	18%	18%	All to Spartanburg Methodist College

### 21 **Report No. 4**

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23 [Reserved for future use.]  
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### 26 **Report No. 5**

27 In accordance with the Disciplinary requirement to publish the conference investment policy at least once a  
28 quadrennium, CF&A’s investment policy is to invest Conference Funds in accordance with the 2020/2024  
29 Discipline paragraph 613.5 and under the additional guidelines:

#### 30 A. Forms of investment authorized:

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- 32 1. short-term United States treasury bills or bonds and bonds of U.S. government agencies,
  - 33 2. savings or money market accounts that are Federally Insured,
  - 34 3. certificates of deposit in any Federally Insured savings and loan association, commercial bank, credit  
35 union,
  - 36 4. term notes or demand deposits of The United Methodist Development Fund dba Wesleyan Investive,
  - 37 5. funds managed by the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits (Wespath), endowments  
38 with The South Carolina United Methodist Foundation, Inc., or Foundation Investment Manage-  
39 ment (formerly The United Methodist Church Foundation).

#### 40 B. Limitations:

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- 42 1. no stocks (common or preferred stocks) or real estate may be purchased unless the funds are  
43 under the management of the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits (Wespath), The  
44 South Carolina United Methodist Foundation, Inc., or Foundation Investment Management (for-  
45 merly The United Methodist Church Foundation).
  - 46 2. no corporate or municipal bonds may be purchased unless the funds are under the management  
of the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits (Wespath), The South Carolina United

- 16 Methodist Foundation, Inc. or Foundation Investment Management (formerly The United Method-  
 17 ist Church Foundation).  
 18 3. no loans may be made except where authorized by action of the Annual Conference, or as part  
 19 of an investment of the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits (Wespath)  
 20 4. no investments may be made with maturities longer than 36 months, with the exception of term  
 21 notes with The United Methodist Development Fund dba Wesleyan Investive.  
 22 5. no investment may exceed the then-current limit on FDIC or FSLIC insurance without approval of  
 23 CF&A, with the exceptions of: the primary checking account(s); collateralized certificates; or funds  
 24 on deposit with The United Methodist Development Fund dba Wesleyan Investive, The General  
 25 Board of Pension and Health Benefits (Wespath), The South Carolina United Methodist Founda-  
 26 tion, Inc., or Foundation Investment Management (formerly The United Methodist Church Founda-  
 27 tion).  
 28 C. Income on invested funds will be credited to the Permanent Reserve Fund of the Conference unless the  
 29 funds are for the Annual Conference Trustees, Equitable Compensation, pension or health benefits, or are  
 30 invested under a trust or as an endowment.

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 32 **Report No. 6**

33 Following is a listing of the Average Net Funds for each district for the total Conference. These are the figures  
 34 used in the calculation of the 2027 apportionments. (Final amounts will be reflected in the 2026 Journal)

35	District	2025	District	2025	District	2025
36	Anderson		Greenville		Orangeburg	
37	Charleston		Greenwood		Rock Hill	
38	Columbia		Hartsville		Spartanburg	
39	Florence		Marion		Walterboro	
40	<b>TOTAL</b>					

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 42 **Report No. 7**

43 The Conference Administration Fund (Item 6, Report No. 9) shall be divided as follows:

44	Fund	Approved for 2026	Requested for 2027	Recommended for 2027	% Change
46	1. Contingency Fund	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	-100.0%
47	2. Journal Publication	3,500	0	0	-100.0%
48	3. Reserved for future use	0	0	0	
49	4. Director of Administrative Services Office	691,775	691,775	703,038	1.6%
50	5. Reserved for future use	0	0	0	
51	6. Conference Expense Fund	250,314	253,814	255,484	2.1%
52	7. Administrative Committees	4,000	4,000	4,000	0.0%
53	8. Conference Secretary	21,029	6,000	6,000	-71.5%
54	9. Methodist Center Trustees	35,000	35,000	36,065	3.0%
55	10. Coordinator of Clergy Services	278,060	293,089	298,277	7.3%
56	11. General Conference Delegates	4,000	4,000	4,000	0.0%
57	12. Judicial/Administrative Proceedings	0	10,000	0	
58	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,337,678</b>	<b>\$1,347,678</b>	<b>\$1,306,864</b>	<b>-2.3%</b>

**Report No. 8**

The Conference Benevolences Fund (Item 1, Report No. 9) will be divided as follows:

Fund	Approved for 2026	Requested for 2027	Recommended for 2027	% Change
<b>A. Connectional Ministries</b>				
<b>1. Conference Advance Specials</b>				
Ministry Programs	\$111,600	\$111,600	\$111,600	0.0%
Special Salary Supplements	21,618	22,902	22,902	5.9%
<b>Sub-totals (1)</b>	<b>\$133,218</b>	<b>\$134,502</b>	<b>\$134,502</b>	<b>1.0%</b>
<b>2. Board/Agency Programs</b>				
District Councils	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Advocacy	29,347	29,347	29,347	0.0%
Discipleship	40,522	40,522	40,522	0.0%
Lay Leadership	5,234	5,234	5,234	0.0%
Outreach	12,960	12,960	12,960	0.0%
<b>Total Board and Agency Programs (2)</b>	<b>\$88,063</b>	<b>\$88,063</b>	<b>\$88,063</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>3. Board/Agency Administration</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>4. Operations (100% guaranteed)</b>	<b>\$1,039,544</b>	<b>\$1,292,506</b>	<b>\$1,240,899</b>	<b>19.4%</b>
<b>5. Communications</b>				
Electronics	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	0.0%
Resource Center	13,600	13,600	13,600	0.0%
Public & Media Relations	28,000	28,000	28,000	0.0%
<b>Sub-totals (5)</b>	<b>\$81,600</b>	<b>\$81,600</b>	<b>\$81,600</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>6. Advocate</b>	<b>\$58,000</b>	<b>\$58,000</b>	<b>\$58,000</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Sub-totals (A)</b>	<b>\$1,400,425</b>	<b>\$1,654,671</b>	<b>\$1,603,064</b>	<b>14.5%</b>
<b>B. Other Conference Agencies</b>				
1. Cabinet Emergency Fund	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	0.0%
2. Bishop's Contingency Fund	10,000	10,000	10,000	0.0%
3. Episcopal Office	30,849	30,849	32,647	5.8%
4. Committee on Episcopacy	6,285	6,285	6,285	0.0%
5. Episcopal Residence	32,240	34,280	34,280	6.3%
6. Archives & History:				
Conference Archivist Contract	31,648	32,597	32,597	3.0%
7. Ordained Ministry				
a. Operations	20,000	20,000	20,000	0.0%
b. Career Planning Programs	0	0		0.0%
<b>Sub-totals (B)</b>	<b>\$141,022</b>	<b>\$144,011</b>	<b>\$145,809</b>	<b>3.4%</b>
<b>Total Conference Benevolences</b>	<b>\$1,541,447</b>	<b>\$1,798,682</b>	<b>\$1,748,873</b>	<b>13.5%</b>

**Report No. 9**

We recommend that the following funds be apportioned to churches on the basis of percentages of average net funds.

<b>FUND</b>	<b>Approved for 2026</b>	<b>Requested for 2027</b>	<b>Recommended for 2027</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Conference Apportionments:</b>				
1. Conference Benevolences-see Report 8	\$1,541,447	\$1,798,682	\$1,748,873	13.5%
2. Retiree Health/Transition/Contingency	0	0	0	
3. District Superintendents Salary	1,098,350	1,098,350	1,098,350	0.0%
4. Equitable Compensation	325,000	325,000	325,000	0.0%
5. District Administration	732,724	732,724	759,142	3.6%
6. Conference Administration-see Report 7	1,337,678	1,347,678	1,306,864	-2.3%
7. Congregational Development	808,517	555,555	514,976	-36.3%
8. Campus Ministry	608,195	626,169	644,185	5.9%
9. Senior College Scholarships	425,000	425,000	325,000	-23.5%
10. Spartanburg Methodist College	244,000	450,000	244,000	0.0%
11. Methodist Homes Residents' Assistance	190,000	190,000	150,000	-21.1%
12. Camps & Retreats Ministries	250,000	250,000	250,000	0.0%
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$7,560,911</b>	<b>\$7,799,158</b>	<b>\$7,366,390</b>	<b>-2.6%</b>
<b>General Church and Jurisdiction Apportionments:</b>				
13. World Service **	1,260,482	1,208,563	1,087,707	-13.7%
14. Episcopal Fund **	621,311	595,719	536,147	-13.7%
15. General Conference Administration **	213,030	204,255	183,829	-13.7%
16. Ministerial Education **	435,996	418,038	376,234	-13.7%
17. Interdenominational Cooperation **	18,043	17,299	15,569	-13.7%
18. Black College **	173,915	166,752	150,077	-13.7%
19. Africa University **	38,921	37,318	33,586	-13.7%
20. Jurisdiction Mission/Ministry #	23,958	31,975	31,975	33.5%
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 2,785,656</b>	<b>\$ 2,679,919</b>	<b>\$ 2,415,124</b>	<b>-13.3%</b>
<b>TOTALS BEFORE SEPARATING CHURCH REBATE</b>	<b>10,346,567</b>	<b>10,479,077</b>	<b>9,781,514</b>	<b>-5.5%</b>
Rebate using funds from 2023 separating churches ^^	<b>(800,000)</b>		<b>(400,000)</b>	
<b>TOTAL TO BE APPORTIONED FOR 2026</b>	<b>\$9,546,567</b>		<b>\$9,381,514</b>	<b>-1.7%</b>
Average Net Funds for Apportionments ###	<b>\$90,270,086</b>	<b>\$90,000,000</b>	<b>\$90,000,000</b>	
Budget as percentage of Average Net Funds	<b>11.5%</b>	<b>11.6%</b>	<b>10.9%</b>	
** Line items marked with ** are General Conference apportioned funds.				
# Line item marked with # is a Southeastern Jurisdictional				
# appportionment.				
## Estimated for 2027				
^^ The Annual Conference Trustees granted \$2.4 million from the separating church fees to be used to reduce the apportionment burden to the remaining churches. This amount will be applied in installments until used up.				
Rebate used in 2025	\$ 800,000			
Rebate used in 2026	\$ 800,000			

Designated Fund Summary for Period 13 Audit  
 Company: 3 SC Conference of The United Methodist Church  
 Fiscal Year: 2025  
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	Opening Balance	YTD Receipts	Disbursements	YTD Transfers & Adjustments	Ending Balance
<b>Fund Name: 1 SC CONFERENCE UIMC</b>					
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; CAPITAL TOTAL</b>					
Capital					
<b>PERMANENT RESERVE - TOTAL</b>					
30110 Permanent Reserve	\$6,279,034.27	\$880,309.91	\$977,715.97	\$0.00	\$6,181,628.21
<b>TOTAL PERMANENT RESERVE - TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,279,034.27</b>	<b>\$880,309.91</b>	<b>\$977,715.97</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$6,181,628.21</b>
<b>FIXED ASSETS - TOTAL</b>					
30205 Fixed Assets	\$1,373,937.83	\$59,922.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,433,860.15
30210 Conference Addition	\$1,584,504.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,584,504.70
30220 Equity on Conference Addition	\$266,776.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$266,776.81
30230 AN fixed assets	\$265,734.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$265,734.00
30231 CH Fixed Assets	\$191,777.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$191,777.30
30232 Columbia Fixed Assets	\$109,045.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$109,045.36
30233 GV Fixed Assets	\$809,857.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$809,857.68
30234 GW Fixed Assets	\$361,894.79	\$14,950.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$376,844.79
30235 FL Fixed Assets	\$98,757.04	\$7,834.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$106,591.04
30236 MA Fixed Assets	\$405,954.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$405,954.55
30237 OR Fixed Assets	\$280,646.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$280,646.61
30238 RH Fixed Assets	\$33,377.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,377.27
30239 SP Fixed Assets	\$322,615.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$322,615.03
30240 WA Fixed Assets	\$173,310.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$173,310.74
30241 HA Fixed Assets	\$350,656.75	\$21,300.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$371,957.23
<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS - TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,628,846.46</b>	<b>\$104,006.80</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$6,732,853.26</b>
<b>Conference Closing Accounts</b>					
31105 World Service	\$0.00	\$1,094,708.00	\$1,094,708.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
31110 Episcopal Fund	\$0.00	\$515,863.15	\$515,863.15	\$0.00	\$0.00
31115 General Conference Administration	\$0.00	\$180,256.48	\$180,256.48	\$0.00	\$0.00
31120 Ministerial Education Fund	\$0.00	\$290,866.41	\$290,866.41	\$0.00	\$0.00
31125 Interdenominational Cooperation Fund	\$0.00	\$17,307.70	\$17,307.70	\$0.00	\$0.00
31130 Black College Fund	\$0.00	\$157,233.42	\$157,233.42	\$0.00	\$0.00
31135 Africa University Fund	\$0.00	\$37,121.39	\$37,121.39	\$0.00	\$0.00
31140 Southeastern Jurisdiction Ministry Fund	\$0.00	\$22,031.03	\$22,031.03	\$0.00	\$0.00
31150 District Superintendent Salaries	\$0.00	\$1,098,350.40	\$1,098,350.40	\$0.00	\$0.00
31154 Equitable Comp Investments	\$404,633.62	\$45,268.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$449,902.26
31155 Equitable Compensation	\$548,816.96	\$263,985.75	\$567,276.72	\$0.00	\$245,525.99
31160 District Administration	\$310,237.65	\$556,301.49	\$711,115.38	\$0.00	\$155,423.76
31165 Congregational Development	\$776,028.28	\$639,408.17	\$775,730.37	\$0.00	\$639,706.08
31170 Senior College Scholarship Fund	\$0.01	\$644,288.15	\$644,288.16	\$0.00	\$0.00
31175 Spartanburg Methodist College	\$0.00	\$364,777.39	\$364,777.39	\$0.00	\$0.00
31179 METHODIST OAKS	\$65,202.36	\$80,035.92	\$41,759.93	\$0.00	\$103,478.35
31180 Methodist Homes Resident Assistance	\$0.00	\$217,761.95	\$217,761.95	\$0.00	\$0.00
31184 Pension Health Benefit Accruals	\$47,301.00	\$57,071.50	\$79,993.70	\$0.00	\$24,378.80

	<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>YTD Receipts</b>	<b>YTD Disbursements</b>	<b>YTD Transfers &amp; Adjustments</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
31185 Pension Fund	\$257,426.58	\$2,885,156.76	\$2,907,989.75	\$0.00	\$234,593.59
31186 Unrestricted Post Retirement Benefit Obligation	(\$9,800,637.00)	\$0.00	\$21,021.00	\$0.00	(\$9,821,658.00)
31187 Retiree Health Op Fund (Former Central Conf)	\$206,725.64	\$540,010.00	\$701,371.17	\$0.00	\$45,364.47
31189 GBOPHB Superannuate Fund	\$1,444,375.34	\$207,078.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,651,453.44
31190 Health Insurance	\$498,491.32	\$5,732,918.75	\$5,751,605.78	\$0.00	\$479,804.29
31191 GBOPHB Retiree Health	\$26,899,027.48	\$3,820,455.00	\$540,000.00	\$0.00	\$30,179,482.48
31193 GBOPHB Pension Deposit Account	\$25,216,082.40	\$19,542,217.81	\$2,879,723.64	\$0.00	\$41,878,576.57
31194 GBOPHB HMEP Account	\$21,542,163.80	\$8,589,934.85	\$6,356,011.12	\$0.00	\$23,776,087.53
31195 Conference Expense Fund	\$209,318.02	\$197,194.75	\$278,269.59	\$0.00	\$128,243.18
31196 Annual Conference Event-Odd Years(2017,2019 etc)	(\$1,134.80)	\$219,699.96	\$218,565.16	\$0.00	\$0.00
31205 Contingency Fund	\$100,000.00	\$256,118.47	\$256,118.47	\$0.00	\$100,000.00
31210 Unrestricted Gifts	\$272,351.00	\$5,640.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$277,991.00
31215 Administrative Services	\$291,793.81	\$539,592.52	\$635,227.71	\$0.00	\$196,158.62
31230 Insurance Property - Other	\$44,297.67	\$2,142.66	\$11,760.52	\$0.00	\$34,679.81
31235 Administrative Committees	\$16,676.13	\$3,168.43	\$2,540.97	\$0.00	\$17,303.59
31245 Judicial Administrative Proceedings	\$151,740.72	\$7,919.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$159,660.52
31250 SC United Methodist Advocate	\$0.00	\$47,495.01	\$47,495.01	\$0.00	\$0.00
31255 Conference Secretary	\$208,211.31	\$15,840.70	\$10,101.68	\$0.00	\$213,950.33
31260 Holy Land Trip	\$279.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$279.57
31265 Journal Publication	\$62,185.82	\$5,336.79	\$7,199.73	\$0.00	\$60,322.88
31270 Minister's Book	\$30,993.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,993.05
31275 Coordinator of Clergy Services	\$15,893.75	\$236,340.00	\$252,233.75	\$0.00	\$0.00
31280 Ordained Ministry Operations	\$128,970.77	\$18,418.89	\$66,163.99	\$0.00	\$81,225.67
31290 Career Planning Programs	\$54,457.72	\$0.45	\$638.74	\$0.00	\$53,819.43
31300 Ministerial Education - SC Use	\$465,866.78	\$96,956.27	\$90,300.00	\$0.00	\$472,523.05
31302 ORDAINED MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND(TR)	\$5,485.93	\$5,779.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,265.59
31310 Ordained Ministry - SLED Checks	\$8,581.27	\$1,030.00	\$1,405.35	\$0.00	\$8,205.92
31315 Ordained Ministry Contingency Fund	\$9,385.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,385.82
31320 School of Ministry	\$48,681.86	\$48,130.00	\$47,118.63	\$0.00	\$49,693.23
31321 Pastoral Care & Counseling	\$10,299.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,299.72
31322 QUEST	\$11,686.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,686.14
31325 Local Pastor Licensing School	\$9,198.73	\$5,900.00	\$7,483.62	\$0.00	\$7,615.11
31330 Annual Conference Trustees	\$100,594.77	\$7,923,126.15	\$7,117,283.01	\$0.00	\$906,437.91
31332 Annual Conference Trustees Investments	\$15,477,568.97	\$511,056.46	\$4,990,462.39	\$0.00	\$10,998,163.04
31334 AC TRUSTEES-Rogue Churches Expenses	\$0.00	\$31,500.00	(\$232,471.60)	\$0.00	\$263,971.60
31335 AC Trustees Real Property	\$5,339,359.66	\$1,819,040.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,158,399.66
31340 Archives & History Administration	\$9,689.02	\$4,700.00	\$2,603.32	\$0.00	\$11,785.70
31345 Conference Archivists at Wolfford	\$0.00	\$30,727.00	\$30,727.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
31355 Episcopal Election	\$10,532.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,532.26
31360 General Conference/SEJ Delegates	\$25,312.89	\$3,168.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28,481.32
31365 Cabinet Emergency Fund	\$63,762.95	\$8,056.49	\$32,650.00	\$0.00	\$39,169.44
31370 Enhance Effective Ministry	\$1,678.26	(\$1,678.26)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
31371 2023 Hope Fund (Cabinet Separation Fee) (UN)	\$4,806,917.10	\$99,313.85	\$4,820,822.04	\$0.00	\$85,408.91
31372 2024 Hope Fund (Cabinet Separation Fee) (UN)	\$0.00	\$3,522,380.76	\$643,991.00	\$0.00	\$2,878,389.76
31375 Episcopal Office Operations	\$31,028.49	\$109,673.50	\$105,780.52	\$0.00	\$34,921.47
31385 Bishop's Discretionary Fund	\$25,699.35	\$13,530.75	\$9,115.82	\$0.00	\$30,114.28
31390 Episcopal Residence	\$23,496.63	\$26,109.89	\$35,095.11	\$0.00	\$14,511.41
31400 Committee on the Episcopacy	\$640.92	\$3,705.59	\$2,878.43	\$0.00	\$1,468.08
31405 UMI Center Operations	\$64,925.01	\$171,934.10	\$182,659.29	\$0.00	\$54,199.82
31420 UM Center Maintenance Reserve	\$227,944.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$227,944.38

	<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>YTD Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD Transfers &amp;</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
31425 Congregational Development - Office Operations	\$51,079.87	\$293,725.00	\$285,708.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$59,096.16
31430 Cong Dev - Existing Churches	\$71,200.29	\$81,714.84	\$120,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32,915.13
31445 Cong Dev - Allocated	\$0.00	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
31450 Cong Dev - New Congregations	\$564,598.23	\$169,107.95	\$397,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$336,206.18
31455 Cong Dev - Land Acquisitions	\$67,617.33	\$81,714.84	\$96,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$53,332.17
31460 Cong Dev - Leadership Development	\$17,441.29	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,441.29
31465 Cong Dev - Academy	\$46,382.95	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$56,382.95
31475 Congregational Development Committee	\$6,524.50	\$1,500.00	\$256.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,767.61
31476 Cong Dev Separation Fee Funds UN	\$471,710.20	\$0.00	\$66,666.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$405,043.56
31480 Cong Dev-Aldersgate/Sumter	\$0.00	\$20,600.00	\$17,500.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,099.98
31482 O'Neal Street - Newberry	\$5,045.00	\$48,000.00	\$42,660.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,385.00
31487 Trinity - Newberry	\$4,000.00	(\$4,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
31490 New Church -- Waters Edge	\$7,781.24	\$96,000.00	\$94,670.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,110.30
31491 New church-The Gathering, GV district	\$7,159.84	\$42,000.00	\$44,188.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,971.31
31492 Cong Dev-St John/Rock Hill	\$0.00	\$5,100.00	\$4,999.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.02
31496 Project Support - Harris-Trinity Charge GW Dist	\$49.90	\$6,300.00	\$6,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49.90
31497 Project Support - Grace/North Augusta	\$4,997.95	\$58,000.00	\$57,728.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,269.51
31500 Conway First/Carolina Forest	\$2,635.10	\$55,000.00	\$46,929.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,706.10
31501 The Brook Project-MA Dist	\$133.73	\$36,500.00	\$36,167.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$465.76
31502 Cong Dev-Cokesbury/N Charleston	\$0.00	\$30,500.00	\$30,193.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$306.02
31510 Circuit of RH District	\$4,971.04	\$83,000.00	\$52,806.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,164.11
31516 New Church-South Main St Chapel & Mercy Center	(\$1,058.28)	\$8,348.61	\$7,028.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$262.33
31517 Cong Dev-John Wesley/Easley	\$0.00	\$12,500.00	\$11,757.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$742.04
31520 Connectional Ministries Operations I	\$1,082,251.93	\$1,039,076.89	\$1,220,611.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900,717.65
31521 Advocacy Program-Connectional Ministries	\$69,889.90	\$29,549.58	\$43,964.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55,474.90
31522 Discipleship Program-Connectional Ministries	\$23,626.58	\$40,799.67	\$57,031.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,395.09
31523 Lay Leadership Program-Connectional Ministries	\$17,576.77	\$5,269.64	\$2,871.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,975.38
31525 Pastors Leadership Convocation	\$0.00	\$49,996.00	\$51,778.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,782.89)
31526 TR UMCOR Hurricane Helene Long Term Phase II	\$0.00	\$400,000.00	\$55,063.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$344,936.23
31527 Outreach Ministry Program-Connectional Ministries	\$42,045.03	\$13,048.47	\$16,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39,093.50
31530 Duke Endowment Helene Recovery Grant TR	\$0.00	\$150,000.00	\$6,509.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$143,490.15
31535 Connectional Ministry Programs	\$207,475.28	\$512.62	\$111,756.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$96,231.61
31540 Connectional Ministries Program Admin	\$46,089.99	\$0.00	\$14,886.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$31,203.74
31541 SC Cognitive Connection Ministries	\$5,425.71	\$0.00	\$1,630.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,795.42
31555 Connectional Ministries Computer Upgrade	\$31,254.04	\$0.00	\$14,673.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,580.58
31560 Connectional Ministries Program Calendars	\$24,799.13	\$0.00	\$1,728.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,071.00
31561 Connectional Min Both/And Cohort Registration	\$509.78	\$0.00	\$509.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
31565 Communications/Electronics Administration	\$81,754.94	\$40,274.94	\$44,094.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$77,935.33
31570 Electronics - Computer Upgrade	\$63,257.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$63,257.84
31580 Public & Media Relations	\$42,092.28	\$28,192.43	\$42,601.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,682.94
31585 Resource Center	\$34,240.67	\$17,158.97	\$14,863.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$36,535.68
31590 Ethnic Local Church Program	\$0.00	\$28,347.00	\$10,015.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,331.36
31595 Salkehatchie Summer Service	\$193,467.00	\$294,928.66	\$344,407.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$143,988.58
31610 Shalom Communities	\$1,912.18	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$712.18
31617 Lily Children-Worship-Prayer grant (TR)	\$1,107,552.24	\$0.00	\$111,745.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$995,807.18
31618 Native American Baskets-AC Initiative 2019	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
31620 Hispanic Ministry	\$27,354.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,354.94
31625 Summitt On The Black Church	\$73.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$73.89
31635 T Dennie Smith Scholarships	\$27,953.92	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,953.92
31641 Ghana Technology Project	\$5,249.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,249.00

	<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>YTD Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD Transfers &amp; Adjustments</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
31645 UMCOR Grant-Hurricane Helene Long-Term Recovery	\$71,000.00	\$26,614.08	\$97,614.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
31650 Africa Water Project	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
31660 Advance Special Ministries	\$74,739.94	\$129,780.06	\$138,068.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$66,451.84
31665 Advance Special Ministries Sunday	\$2,087.97	\$495.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,583.86
31672 American Red Cross Helene Grant	\$0.00	\$51,745.00	\$6,517.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45,228.00
31675 SC Disaster Response	\$267,618.11	\$6,873.00	\$46,373.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$228,117.93
31691 By Our Love T Shirts	\$0.00	\$3,801.61	\$5.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,795.92
31695 Church Extension Partnership	\$3,786.75	\$57,645.72	\$6,432.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55,000.00
31696 SC Foundation: Church Extension Fund	\$97,050.72	\$11,355.35	\$55,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$53,406.07
31705 Scipio Memorial Fund	\$1,251.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,251.77
31715 Connectional Ministries-NC/SC Black Clergy Event	\$13,559.71	\$105,450.00	\$72,081.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$46,927.83
31716 Connectional Ministry - Honduras	\$5,553.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,553.37
31723 Connectional Ministries-Special Event Registration	\$9,940.11	\$1,310.00	\$2,310.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,939.96
31725 Older Adult Happening	\$0.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.60
31740 Campus Ministry - Salary & Benefits	\$464,547.20	\$486,879.37	\$697,958.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$253,467.66
31745 Campus Ministry Program	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,200.00
31754 SC Foundation: BOHECM Maintenance Fund	\$176,328.99	\$10,420.48	\$37,028.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$149,721.42
31755 Campus Ministry Repairs Maintenance	\$0.00	\$6,898.43	\$6,898.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
31765 Campus and Retreats Adiminstration	\$0.00	\$203,312.70	\$203,312.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
31800 Solidarity Grant - 2024 Hurricane Helene (TR)	\$8,607.63	\$0.00	\$8,607.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
31805 Youth Basketball Tournament	\$15,573.68	\$4,000.00	\$15,573.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
31809 Youth Council--Revolution Odd Number Years	(\$341.10)	\$62,965.93	\$62,884.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$259.64)
31810 Youth Council -- Revolution	\$93.65	\$44,285.00	\$31,258.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,120.41
31811 SCMP--Student Leadership Academy	\$172.83	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,172.83
31812 Youth Council -- Immerse	\$12,970.28	\$49,974.00	\$50,594.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,349.83
31820 Youth Service Fund - SC Use	\$5,284.91	\$224.00	\$4,898.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$610.47
31827 Board of Laity	(\$28.37)	\$94.78	\$66.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
31842 Conference Lay Speaking Expenses	\$4,139.82	\$2,710.00	\$2,087.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,762.12
31845 Historical Society	\$6,149.81	\$730.00	\$585.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,293.92
31850 Ministers Spouses Association	\$1,503.04	\$1,679.00	\$1,572.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,609.36
31855 Ministers Spouses Retreat	\$3,190.38	\$4,406.33	\$5,845.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,751.00
31856 United Methodist Men	\$365.90	\$1,865.00	\$921.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,309.13
31860 Golden Cross	\$6,069.61	\$8,773.40	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,343.01
31865 Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry	\$0.00	\$8,034.87	\$8,034.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
31870 UM Volunteers in Mission	\$154,676.34	\$44,902.17	\$43,266.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$156,312.31
31872 SC Foundation: UMWIM Endowment	\$305,275.45	\$32,495.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$337,771.06
31875 Hungrief - SC Use	\$2,699.26	\$900.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$599.26
31880 Native American Ministries - SC Use	\$46,017.35	\$2,297.00	\$9,425.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$38,889.12
31885 Peace with Justice	\$20,477.69	\$795.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,272.75
31890 William Bobo, Jr Endowment Fund	\$585,521.58	\$11,906.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$597,428.11
31895 Bobo Endowment Program Fund	\$80,600.26	\$35,719.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$116,319.84
31896 R Frank and Adria Kolb Corpus Trust (PR)	\$46,287.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$46,287.56
31898 R Frank and Adria Kolb Program (future use)	\$4,568.65	\$7,291.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,859.83
31905 SC Foundation: William Walker Fund	\$34,088.42	\$2,371.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$36,460.37
31910 SC Foundation: Elma Hill Endowment	\$140,832.07	\$10,668.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$151,500.64
31915 Africa University Golf Tournament Event 2019	\$2,243.73	\$0.00	\$2,243.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
31925 SC Inclusion Team-LGBTQ	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$6.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,393.52
<b>Total Conference Closing Accounts</b>	<b>\$103,928,375.78</b>	<b>\$68,448,495.04</b>	<b>\$51,001,364.27</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$121,375,506.55</b>

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					<u>Adjustments</u>	
<b>ANDERSON DISTRICT</b>						
34120 AN District Parsonage	\$118,034.82	\$24,177.44	\$3,818.06		\$0.00	\$138,394.20
34122 AN District Office	\$39,074.42	\$50,999.56	\$56,574.46		\$0.00	\$33,499.52
34128 AN DS Continuing Education	\$2,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$2,250.00
34132 AN Congregational Development	\$17,041.19	\$8,473.00	\$2,500.00		\$0.00	\$23,014.19
34134 AN Providence UMC	\$56,136.87	\$9,477.00	\$10,021.52		\$0.00	\$55,592.35
34135 AN Sunshine Fund	\$64.56	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$64.56
34136 AN Leadership Orientation Fund	\$562.43	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$562.43
34137 AN Hispanic Ministry Fund	\$5,767.87	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$5,767.87
34138 AN Laity Rally Fund	\$119.50	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$119.50
34139 AN Closed Church Property Sale Proceeds	\$73,432.09	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$73,432.09
<b>TOTAL ANDERSON DISTRICT</b>	<b>\$312,483.75</b>	<b>\$93,127.00</b>	<b>\$72,914.04</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$332,696.71</b>
<b>CHARLESTON DISTRICT</b>						
34220 CH District Parsonage	\$4,664.46	\$18,326.73	\$14,453.35		\$0.00	\$8,537.84
34222 CH District Office	\$16,559.13	\$53,323.11	\$48,908.62		\$0.00	\$20,973.62
34224 CH District Extension	\$50,211.24	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$50,211.24
34228 CH District UMWIM Projects	\$1,087.50	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$1,087.50
34230 CH DS Continuing Education	\$326.00	\$750.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$1,076.00
34232 CH District Congregational Development	\$21,692.88	\$15,266.00	\$27,000.00		\$0.00	\$9,958.88
34234 CH DISTRICT Closed Church Property Sale	\$746,557.78	\$0.00	\$450,967.14		\$0.00	\$295,590.64
34241 CH Hispanic Ministries	\$13,764.82	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$13,764.82
34243 Charleston Missionary	\$265.06	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$265.06
34245 CH Lay Servant	\$4,137.83	\$5,340.00	\$3,863.27		\$0.00	\$5,614.56
<b>TOTAL CHARLESTON DISTRICT</b>	<b>\$859,266.70</b>	<b>\$93,005.84</b>	<b>\$545,192.38</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$407,080.16</b>
<b>COLUMBIA DISTRICT</b>						
34320 CO District Parsonage	\$59,382.73	\$22,845.68	\$14,082.93		\$0.00	\$68,145.48
34322 CO District Office	\$261,485.69	\$56,723.68	\$70,086.93		\$0.00	\$248,122.44
34326 CO Undesignated District Specials	\$0.06	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.06
34328 CO District Habitat House	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$150.00
34330 CO DS Continuing Education	\$1,275.00	\$750.00	\$742.47		\$0.00	\$1,282.53
34332 CO District Lay Speaking	\$1,868.70	\$1,775.00	\$1,752.45		\$0.00	\$1,891.25
34334 CO District Congregational Development	\$58,843.65	\$28,166.00	\$36,095.00		\$0.00	\$50,914.65
34336 CO District Hispanic Ministry	\$106.50	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$106.50
34340 CO District Misc Funds (Events)	\$71.03	\$315.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$386.03
34344 CO District Memorial Fund	\$250.05	\$100.00	\$200.00		\$0.00	\$150.05
34346 CO Closed Church Sale Proceeds	\$354,038.03	\$0.00	\$112,143.96		\$0.00	\$241,894.07
<b>TOTAL COLUMBIA DISTRICT</b>	<b>\$737,471.44</b>	<b>\$110,675.36</b>	<b>\$235,103.74</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$613,043.06</b>
<b>FLORENCE DISTRICT</b>						
34420 FL District Parsonage	\$52,702.06	\$22,520.44	\$28,832.95		\$0.00	\$46,389.55
34422 FL District Office	\$141,098.49	\$53,827.07	\$96,617.70		\$0.00	\$98,307.86
34424 FL District Extension	\$1,023.62	\$70.77	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$1,094.39
34426 FL DS Continuing Education	\$2,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$2,250.00
34428 FL District Congregational Development	\$26,818.05	\$10,620.00	\$37,438.05		\$0.00	\$0.00
34431 FL Lay Servant Ministries	\$8,592.07	\$2,190.00	\$2,310.42		\$0.00	\$8,471.65
34433 FL Closed Church Sale Proceeds	\$39,291.70	\$39,370.74	\$69,415.95		\$0.00	\$9,246.49
<b>TOTAL FLORENCE DISTRICT</b>	<b>\$271,775.99</b>	<b>\$128,599.02</b>	<b>\$234,615.07</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$165,759.94</b>

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<b>GREENVILLE DISTRICT</b>					
34520 GV District Parsonage	\$123,315.06	\$16,066.02	\$23,770.05	\$0.00	\$115,611.03
34522 GV District Office	\$45,960.84	\$42,543.68	\$47,909.49	\$0.00	\$40,595.03
34532 GV District Congregational Development	\$20,842.20	\$14,029.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,871.20
34536 GV Hispanic Missions	\$219.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$219.62
34538 GV LAY SPEAKING	\$2,444.93	\$1,365.00	\$3,002.59	\$0.00	\$807.34
34539 GV Youth Fund	\$1,226.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,226.78
34540 GV Duke Model Child Care	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
34541 GV Club House Gang	\$15,052.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,052.70
34542 GV CLOSED Church Property Sale Proceeds	\$201,067.33	\$0.00	\$12,370.02	\$0.00	\$188,697.31
34543 Simpsonville in Exile (TR)	\$0.00	\$25,125.00	\$5,162.80	\$0.00	\$19,962.20
<b>TOTAL GREENVILLE DISTRICT</b>	<b>\$412,129.46</b>	<b>\$99,128.70</b>	<b>\$92,214.95</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$419,043.21</b>
<b>GREENWOOD DISTRICT</b>					
34620 GW District Parsonage	\$140,879.31	\$28,462.60	\$32,167.91	\$0.00	\$137,174.00
34622 GW District Office	\$133,551.60	\$52,263.13	\$46,614.06	\$0.00	\$139,200.67
34624 GW District Extension	\$3,439.70	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,499.70
34630 GW DS Continuing Education	\$375.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,125.00
34632 GW District Congregational Development	\$3,828.65	\$11,274.00	\$12,300.00	\$0.00	\$2,802.65
34636 GW Disaster Response Fund (TR)	\$7,608.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,608.25
34638 GW District Leadership Training	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
34639 GW District Lay Speaking	\$1,367.40	\$1,295.00	\$974.74	\$0.00	\$1,687.66
34651 GW CLOSED Church Property Sale Proceeds	\$42,203.87	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$37,203.87
<b>TOTAL GREENWOOD DISTRICT</b>	<b>\$338,253.78</b>	<b>\$94,104.73</b>	<b>\$97,056.71</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$335,301.80</b>
<b>HARTSVILLE DISTRICT</b>					
34720 HV District Parsonage	\$49,765.63	\$27,412.62	\$14,120.08	\$0.00	\$63,058.17
34722 HV District Office	\$30,259.25	\$52,313.55	\$87,996.15	\$0.00	(\$5,423.35)
34727 HA Closed church sale proceeds	\$45,051.08	\$0.00	\$35,060.51	\$0.00	\$9,990.57
34730 HV DS Continuing Education	\$2,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,250.00
34732 HV District Congregational Development	\$0.00	\$10,742.00	\$10,742.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
34733 HA Job Function	\$1,679.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,679.75
34734 HA Lay Servant	\$1,405.15	\$1,390.00	\$666.18	\$0.00	\$2,128.97
<b>TOTAL HARTSVILLE DISTRICT</b>	<b>\$130,410.86</b>	<b>\$91,858.17</b>	<b>\$148,584.92</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$73,684.11</b>
<b>MARION DISTRICT</b>					
34820 MA District Parsonage	\$94,581.82	\$8,900.92	\$7,384.39	\$0.00	\$96,098.35
34822 MA District Office	\$62,853.63	\$59,404.06	\$51,390.28	\$0.00	\$70,867.41
34824 MA District Extension	\$299,403.35	\$10,097.93	\$34,639.36	\$0.00	\$274,861.92
34826 MA Undesignated District Specials	\$89,705.93	\$497.95	\$34,118.89	\$0.00	\$56,084.99
34828 MA DS Continuing Education	\$1,125.00	\$750.00	\$279.00	\$0.00	\$1,596.00
34830 MA District Congregational Development	\$14,457.57	\$16,082.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,539.57
34832 MA District Lay Speaking	\$5,455.54	(\$25.00)	\$1,014.39	\$0.00	\$4,416.15
34836 MA closed church sale proceeds	\$4,315.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,315.60
<b>TOTAL MARION DISTRICT</b>	<b>\$571,898.44</b>	<b>\$95,707.86</b>	<b>\$148,826.31</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$518,779.99</b>
<b>ORGANEBURG DISTRICT</b>					
34920 OB District Parsonage	\$256,560.90	\$21,751.94	\$4,345.28	\$0.00	\$273,967.56

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34922 OB District Office	\$142,787.70	\$49,902.52	\$68,402.81	\$0.00	\$124,287.41
34924 OB District Extension	\$81,879.80	\$0.00	\$8,058.77	\$0.00	\$73,821.03
34926 OB Undesignated District Specials	\$36,220.16	\$30,000.64	\$2,600.64	\$0.00	\$62,619.52
34928 OB District Habitat House	\$9,706.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,706.42
34930 OB DS Continuing Education	\$845.94	\$750.00	\$195.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.94
34932 OB District Congregational Development	\$15,504.47	\$11,741.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$23,245.47
34934 OB Lay Speaking	\$7,541.34	\$2,760.00	\$4,301.13	\$0.00	\$6,000.21
34935 OB United Methodist Men	\$673.96	\$757.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,430.96
34936 OR Closed Church Sale Proceeds	\$243,643.39	\$8,694.63	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$232,338.02
<b>TOTAL ORGANGEBURG DISTRICT</b>	<b>\$794,364.08</b>	<b>\$126,357.09</b>	<b>\$111,903.63</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$808,817.54</b>
<b>ROCK HILL DISTRICT</b>					
35120 RH District Parsonage	\$65,347.36	\$10,814.03	\$3,237.57	\$0.00	\$72,923.82
35122 RH District Office	\$32,122.31	\$67,672.18	\$78,480.99	\$0.00	\$21,313.50
35128 RH District Lay Servant Ministries	\$576.86	\$930.00	\$205.45	\$0.00	\$1,301.41
35130 RH DS Continuing Education	\$2,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,250.00
35132 RH District Congregational Development	\$16,584.48	\$9,415.00	(\$1,550.72)	\$0.00	\$27,550.20
35134 RH District Hispanic Ministry	\$650.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.69
35135 The Circuit of the RH District	\$3,557.15	\$246,790.12	\$194,317.74	\$0.00	\$56,029.53
35136 RH District Youth	\$1,215.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,215.73
35137 RH District Asking	\$1,232.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,232.54
35138 RH Closed Church Sale Proceeds	\$0.00	\$974,468.15	\$32,856.50	\$0.00	\$941,611.65
<b>TOTAL ROCK HILL DISTRICT</b>	<b>\$123,537.12</b>	<b>\$1,310,089.48</b>	<b>\$307,547.53</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,126,079.07</b>
<b>SPARTANBURG DISTRICT</b>					
35220 SP District Parsonage	\$130,681.34	\$29,810.14	\$7,293.95	\$0.00	\$153,197.53
35222 SP District Office	\$42,972.79	\$45,093.07	\$53,010.88	\$0.00	\$35,054.98
35228 SP DS Continuing Education	\$2,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,250.00
35230 SP District Congregational Development	\$13,660.00	\$9,812.00	\$13,660.00	\$0.00	\$9,812.00
35232 SP Duncan Memorial Fund	\$17,000.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,000.20
35234 SP Lay Speaker	\$1,471.68	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$1,271.68
35236 SP UMMI	\$647.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$647.01
35237 SP Closed Church Sale Proceeds	\$51,910.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$51,910.24
<b>TOTAL SPARTANBURG DISTRICT</b>	<b>\$260,593.26</b>	<b>\$84,715.21</b>	<b>\$74,164.83</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$271,143.64</b>
<b>WALTERBORO DISTRICT</b>					
35320 WB District Parsonage	\$178,881.64	\$9,787.24	\$7,635.35	\$0.00	\$181,033.53
35322 WB District Office	\$101,713.21	\$53,131.06	\$53,387.94	\$0.00	\$101,456.33
35324 WB District Extension	\$24,534.68	\$24,413.38	\$8,376.00	\$0.00	\$40,572.06
35326 WB Undesignated District Specials	\$167.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$167.16
35332 WB Lay Speaking Ministry	\$8,133.20	\$4,275.00	\$5,103.36	\$0.00	\$7,304.84
35334 WB District Congregational Development	\$17,200.62	\$9,833.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$22,533.62
35336 Leadership Next	\$1,661.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,661.30
<b>TOTAL WALTERBORO DISTRICT</b>	<b>\$332,291.81</b>	<b>\$101,439.68</b>	<b>\$79,002.65</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$354,728.84</b>
35410 AN Cash Account	\$4,078.75	\$20,412.58	\$23,231.50	\$0.00	\$1,259.83
35415 CH Cash Account	\$4,176.71	\$6,146.84	\$8,407.61	\$0.00	\$1,915.94
35425 FL Cash Account	\$7,220.52	\$2,166.63	\$2,676.12	\$0.00	\$6,711.03
35430 GV Cash Account	\$1,113.52	\$3,177.47	\$4,006.98	\$0.00	\$284.01

	Opening Balance	YTD Receipts	Disbursements	YTD Transfers & Adjustments	Ending Balance
35435 GW Cash Account	\$192.44	\$896.73	\$1,045.49	\$0.00	\$43.68
35440 HA Cash Account	\$1,295.43	\$5,557.36	\$5,237.83	\$0.00	\$1,614.96
35445 MA Cash Account	\$2,544.31	\$3,320.25	\$3,340.24	\$0.00	\$2,524.32
35450 OR Cash Account	\$873.35	\$4,383.48	\$4,335.86	\$0.00	\$920.97
35455 RH Cash Account	\$447.81	\$181.00	\$431.09	\$0.00	\$197.72
35460 SP Cash Account	\$6,384.43	\$3,016.88	\$2,181.54	\$0.00	\$7,219.77
35465 WA Cash Account	\$12,435.62	\$2,505.31	\$3,371.96	\$0.00	\$11,568.97
<b>Total Districts</b>	<b>\$5,185,239.58</b>	<b>\$2,480,572.67</b>	<b>\$2,205,392.98</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$5,460,419.27</b>
<b>Pass Through Accounts</b>					
<b>General Missions Conf Pass Through</b>					
36110 UMCOR	\$0.00	\$106,297.09	\$106,297.09	\$0.00	\$0.00
36115 Youth Service Fund (Gen Conf)	\$0.00	\$96.00	\$96.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
36120 World Missions	\$0.00	\$6,542.00	\$6,542.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
36125 Hungrief (Gen Conf)	\$0.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.80
36135 Native American Min Sunday	\$0.00	\$1,127.00	\$1,127.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
36140 World Communion Sunday	\$0.00	\$1,938.00	\$1,938.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
36145 Peace with Justice Sunday (Gen Conf)	\$0.00	\$795.07	\$795.07	\$0.00	\$0.00
36150 UMCOR Sunday(fkaOne Great Hour of Sharing Sunday)	\$0.00	\$7,489.00	\$7,489.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
36155 Human Relations Sunday	\$0.00	\$1,614.00	\$1,614.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
36160 United Methodist Student Sunday	\$0.00	\$718.00	\$718.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
36170 Miracle Sunday-Endowment for Theological Educ	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
<b>Total General Missions Conf Pass Through</b>	<b>\$0.80</b>	<b>\$126,626.16</b>	<b>\$126,616.16</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$10.80</b>
<b>Local Missions Pass Through</b>					
36505 Epworth Children's Home	\$0.00	\$174,953.75	\$174,953.75	\$0.00	\$0.00
36515 Wesley Commons - Greenwood	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
36535 Bethlehem Center - Spartanburg	\$0.00	\$3,520.00	\$3,520.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
36555 Oliver Gospel Mission	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
36570 Killingsworth Home	\$0.00	\$950.00	\$950.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
36578 ZOE (African Mission for Orphans) (TR)	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
36579 SC Seminary Student Scholarships(TR)	\$0.00	\$21,091.28	\$21,091.28	\$0.00	\$0.00
36585 Annual Conference offering pass thru	\$0.00	\$7,695.97	\$7,695.97	\$0.00	\$0.00
36685 Other Missions Specials	\$62,903.90	\$9,620.00	\$9,620.00	\$0.00	\$62,903.90
<b>Total Local Missions Pass Through</b>	<b>\$62,903.90</b>	<b>\$218,561.00</b>	<b>\$218,561.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$62,903.90</b>
<b>Total Pass Through Accounts</b>	<b>\$62,904.70</b>	<b>\$345,187.16</b>	<b>\$345,177.16</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$62,914.70</b>
<b>Clearing Accounts</b>					
38105 Clearing Fund for Local Church Payroll	\$190.97	\$832,918.58	\$831,550.94	\$0.00	\$1,558.61
<b>Total Clearing Accounts</b>	<b>\$190.97</b>	<b>\$832,918.58</b>	<b>\$831,550.94</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,558.61</b>
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>\$122,084,591.76</b>	<b>\$73,091,490.16</b>	<b>\$55,361,201.32</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$139,814,880.60</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; CAPITAL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$122,084,591.76</b>	<b>\$73,091,490.16</b>	<b>\$55,361,201.32</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$139,814,880.60</b>

Anderson District  
 31 out of 57 Churches Contributed 100%  
 58.98% of District Apportionment Contributed

Church Name	Apportionment	Contributed	% Paid
Ann Hope	10,087.00	-	0.00%
Arial	3,989.00	-	0.00%
Bethel/Iva	5,682.00	-	0.00%
<b>Bethel/Pendleton</b>	<b>5,308.00</b>	<b>5,308.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Bethesda	56,420.00	-	0.00%
<b>Calhoun Falls</b>	<b>5,237.00</b>	<b>5,237.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Central</b>	<b>5,260.00</b>	<b>5,260.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Chicopee	2,076.00	-	0.00%
<b>Clemson</b>	<b>82,453.00</b>	<b>82,453.20</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Dickson Memorial	21,263.00	3,543.82	16.67%
Donalds	-	883.00	N/A
<b>Double Springs</b>	<b>1,501.00</b>	<b>1,501.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Easley Chapel</b>	<b>12,098.00</b>	<b>12,098.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Ebenezer	3,292.00	-	0.00%
<b>Emmanuel</b>	<b>4,966.00</b>	<b>4,996.00</b>	<b>100.60% +</b>
<b>Fairfield</b>	<b>6,583.00</b>	<b>6,583.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Fairview</b>	<b>6,047.00</b>	<b>6,047.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
First/Easley	49,752.00	2,000.00	4.02%
Friendship	5,259.00	2,420.00	46.02%
Gilgal	-	2,060.50	N/A
Grace/Abbeville	35,620.00	-	0.00%
Grace/Pickens	31,864.00	3,700.00	11.61%
<b>Grace/Williamston</b>	<b>9,692.00</b>	<b>9,692.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Hebron	2,731.00	1,000.00	36.62% +
Homeland Park	1,967.00	-	0.00%
<b>Hopewell</b>	<b>4,078.00</b>	<b>4,078.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>John Wesley/Anderson</b>	<b>3,100.00</b>	<b>3,100.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
John Wesley/Easley	6,168.00	4,000.00	64.85% +
Latimer Memorial	9,864.00	1,200.00	12.17% +
<b>Lawrence Chapel</b>	<b>23,537.00</b>	<b>23,537.04</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Liberty	8,538.00	7,299.25	85.49% +
Main Street/Abbeville	-	16,400.50	N/A
<b>Marshall Memorial</b>	<b>3,613.00</b>	<b>3,613.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Moores Chapel	-	-	N/A
Mt Bethel	6,725.00	3,362.50	50.00%
<b>Mt Pleasant</b>	<b>3,583.00</b>	<b>3,619.00</b>	<b>101.00% +</b>
<b>Mt Sinai</b>	<b>3,141.00</b>	<b>3,141.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Mt Zion</b>	<b>17,342.00</b>	<b>17,342.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
New Golden Grove	1,107.00	-	0.00%
<b>New Harmony</b>	<b>3,138.00</b>	<b>3,138.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
New Hope	-	1,988.00	N/A
Pelzer UMC	4,329.00	500.00	11.55%
Pendleton	-	16,827.50	N/A
<b>Porter Chapel</b>	<b>5,881.00</b>	<b>5,881.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Robinson Chapel	6,114.00	1,000.00	16.36%
Rock Springs	1,734.00	-	0.00%
<b>Ruhamah</b>	<b>5,823.00</b>	<b>5,823.00</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
Salem	-	-	N/A
<b>Sandy Springs</b>	<b>1,713.00</b>	<b>1,713.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Sharon/Abbeville	-	2,927.00	N/A
Shiloh/Abbeville	-	2,151.50	N/A

1	Shiloh/Piedmont	-	10,370.50	N/A
2	Smyrna	-	4,234.50	N/A
3	St Andrew	-	-	N/A
4	<b>St James/Belton</b>	<b>516.00</b>	<b>516.00</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
5	St John's	91,308.00	17,956.00	19.67% +
6	<b>St Luke / Walhalla</b>	<b>25,980.00</b>	<b>25,980.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
7	St Mark	91,890.00	57,945.24	63.06%
8	<b>St Paul</b>	<b>6,649.00</b>	<b>6,649.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
9	<b>Starr</b>	<b>2,666.00</b>	<b>2,666.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
10	Tabor	6,530.00	192.00	2.94%
11	<b>Thompson Centennial</b>	<b>3,411.00</b>	<b>3,411.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
12	<b>Toxaway</b>	<b>3,899.00</b>	<b>3,899.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
13	Trinity/Anderson	69,589.00	20,876.71	30.00% +
14	Trinity/Honea Path	16,874.00	13,904.61	82.40%
15	<b>Union Grove</b>	<b>13,427.00</b>	<b>13,427.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
16	<b>Westminster</b>	<b>3,454.00</b>	<b>3,454.00</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
17	<b>Zion/Anderson</b>	<b>30,178.00</b>	<b>30,178.08</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
18	<b>Zion/Easley</b>	<b>2,924.00</b>	<b>2,924.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
19	Anderson District Total	857,970.00	506,007.00	58.98%
20				
21		Charleston District		
22		52 out of 63 Churches Contributed 100%		
23		72.85% of District Apportionment Contributed		
24	Asbury-St James	24,943.00	-	0.00%
25	<b>Bethany/Charleston</b>	<b>23,578.00</b>	<b>23,578.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
26	Bethany/Summerville	216,205.00	35,046.93	16.21%
27	<b>Bethel/Charleston</b>	<b>93,189.00</b>	<b>93,633.61</b>	<b>100.48%</b>
28	<b>Bethel/St Stephen</b>	<b>11,655.00</b>	<b>11,655.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
29	<b>Bethlehem-St James</b>	<b>6,727.00</b>	<b>6,727.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
30	Boone Hill	17,663.00	1,000.00	5.66% +
31	<b>Centenary/Charleston</b>	<b>3,919.00</b>	<b>3,969.00</b>	<b>101.28% +</b>
32	<b>Centenary/Moncks Corner</b>	<b>6,092.00</b>	<b>6,092.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
33	Cokesbury	32,148.00	14,404.71	44.81% +
34	<b>Cordesville</b>	<b>2,448.00</b>	<b>2,448.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
35	Ebenezer	3,534.00	12.00	0.34%
36	<b>Eccles</b>	<b>2,558.00</b>	<b>2,558.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
37	<b>Edisto Island</b>	<b>12,995.00</b>	<b>12,995.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
38	<b>Enoch Chapel</b>	<b>2,326.00</b>	<b>2,326.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
39	<b>Epworth</b>	<b>16,352.00</b>	<b>16,371.92</b>	<b>100.12%</b>
40	<b>First/isle Of Palms</b>	<b>62,689.00</b>	<b>62,689.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
41	Folly Beach	16,381.00	-	0.00%
42	<b>Goose Creek</b>	<b>16,717.00</b>	<b>16,717.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
43	Grace	65,707.00	10,000.00	15.22%
44	<b>Greater St Paul</b>	<b>12,997.00</b>	<b>12,997.08</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
45	<b>Grove Hall</b>	<b>2,525.00</b>	<b>2,525.41</b>	<b>100.02%</b>
46	<b>Hibben</b>	<b>84,040.00</b>	<b>84,040.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
47	<b>Hood's Chapel</b>	<b>4,130.00</b>	<b>4,130.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
48	<b>Jehovah</b>	<b>5,702.00</b>	<b>5,702.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
49	<b>Jerusalem</b>	<b>7,031.00</b>	<b>7,031.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
50	<b>John Wesley</b>	<b>121,241.00</b>	<b>121,241.01</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
51	<b>Joshua</b>	<b>22,719.00</b>	<b>22,719.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
52	Knightsville	-	15,436.00	N/A
53	Lebanon	-	3,003.00	N/A
54	<b>McClellanville</b>	<b>4,925.00</b>	<b>4,925.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
55	<b>Midland Park</b>	<b>15,673.00</b>	<b>15,673.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

1	Moncks Corner	43,200.00	3,355.00	7.77%
2	<b>Mt Carmel</b>	<b>9,621.00</b>	<b>9,621.37</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
3	<b>Mt Nebo</b>	<b>4,444.00</b>	<b>4,444.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
4	Mt Zion	-	1,092.00	N/A
5	<b>Murray</b>	<b>7,935.00</b>	<b>7,935.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
6	<b>New Francis Brown</b>	<b>17,712.00</b>	<b>17,712.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
7	New Hope/Jamestown	-	1,143.00	N/A
8	<b>New Hope/St Thomas</b>	<b>7,432.00</b>	<b>7,432.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
9	New Hope/Summerville	-	4,070.50	N/A
10	<b>New Light</b>	<b>4,919.00</b>	<b>4,919.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
11	<b>New Webster</b>	<b>7,679.00</b>	<b>7,679.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
12	<b>North Charleston</b>	<b>38,550.00</b>	<b>38,550.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
13	<b>Ocean Grove</b>	<b>3,768.00</b>	<b>3,768.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
14	<b>Old Bethel</b>	<b>9,303.00</b>	<b>9,303.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
15	<b>Ravenel</b>	<b>2,472.00</b>	<b>2,472.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
16	<b>Rehoboth</b>	<b>1,911.00</b>	<b>1,911.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
17	<b>Smyrna</b>	<b>8,431.00</b>	<b>8,431.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
18	<b>Spring Hill</b>	<b>2,778.00</b>	<b>2,778.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
19	<b>St Andrews Parish</b>	<b>36,668.00</b>	<b>36,668.16</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
20	St James/Goose Creek	24,638.00	7,500.00	30.44%
21	St James/Jamestown	-	1,546.50	N/A
22	<b>St Mark</b>	<b>31,149.00</b>	<b>31,149.03</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
23	<b>St Stephen</b>	<b>2,656.00</b>	<b>2,656.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
24	<b>Stallsville</b>	<b>22,905.00</b>	<b>22,905.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
25	<b>Steward Chapel</b>	<b>10,872.00</b>	<b>10,872.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
26	Trinity	22,940.00	9,604.22	41.87% +
27	<b>Washington</b>	<b>7,147.00</b>	<b>7,147.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
28	Wesley Memorial	15,012.00	-	0.00%
29	<b>Wesley/Charleston</b>	<b>14,426.00</b>	<b>14,426.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
30	<b>Wesley/Johns Island</b>	<b>22,210.00</b>	<b>22,210.08</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
31	<b>Wesley/Ladson</b>	<b>19,432.00</b>	<b>19,432.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
32	<b>Wesley/Pinopolis</b>	<b>23,342.00</b>	<b>23,342.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
33	<b>Wesley/Summerville</b>	<b>7,054.00</b>	<b>7,054.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
34	<b>Wesley/Yonges Island</b>	<b>17,326.00</b>	<b>17,326.00</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
35	<b>Wren's Chapel</b>	<b>603.00</b>	<b>603.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
36	<b>Zion/Cross</b>	<b>5,392.00</b>	<b>5,457.00</b>	<b>101.21% +</b>
37	<b>Zion/St Thomas</b>	<b>6,809.00</b>	<b>6,809.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
38	Charleston Total	1,379,545.00	1,004,969.00	72.85%

Columbia District

32 out of 48 Churches Contributed 100%

90.83% of District Apportionment Contributed

43	<b>Asbury Memorial</b>	<b>35,077.00</b>	<b>35,077.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
44	<b>Ashland</b>	<b>60,190.00</b>	<b>60,190.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
45	Bethel/Columbia	30,042.00	3,000.00	9.99% +
46	Bethel/Winnsboro	-	3,883.00	N/A
47	<b>Beulah/Blythewood</b>	<b>5,363.00</b>	<b>5,363.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
48	Beulah/Gilbert	-	18,494.50	N/A
49	Bluff Road	12,171.00	6,000.00	49.30% +
50	Boiling Springs	19,958.00	-	0.00%
51	Brookland	14,154.00	500.00	3.53%
52	<b>Cayce</b>	<b>37,098.00</b>	<b>37,098.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
53	<b>Columbia</b>	<b>30,473.00</b>	<b>30,473.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
54	Ebenezer	-	953.00	N/A
55	<b>Epworth Memorial</b>	<b>340.00</b>	<b>340.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

1	<b>Fair Lawn</b>	<b>20,900.00</b>	<b>20,900.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
2	<b>Faith</b>	<b>12,455.00</b>	<b>12,455.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
3	First/Winnsboro	16,497.00	1,500.00	9.09%
4	<b>Francis Burns</b>	<b>61,303.00</b>	<b>61,303.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
5	<b>Gilbert</b>	<b>13,052.00</b>	<b>13,052.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
6	Gordon Memorial	10,422.00	-	0.00%
7	<b>Grace</b>	<b>29,623.00</b>	<b>29,623.08</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
8	Greenbrier	5,191.00	-	0.00%
9	<b>Heyward Street</b>	<b>15,075.00</b>	<b>15,075.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
10	<b>I Dequincey Newman</b>	<b>15,377.00</b>	<b>15,377.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
11	<b>Journey</b>	<b>79,385.00</b>	<b>79,386.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
12	<b>Lexington</b>	<b>65,038.00</b>	<b>65,038.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
13	McLeod	2,745.00	-	0.00%
14	<b>Mill Creek</b>	<b>6,303.00</b>	<b>6,303.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
15	Monticello	5,072.00	-	0.00%
16	<b>Mt Hebron</b>	<b>96,972.00</b>	<b>96,972.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
17	<b>Mt Pleasant</b>	<b>4,308.00</b>	<b>4,308.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
18	Northeast	27,278.00	7,200.00	26.39% +
19	Oak Grove	3,119.00	-	0.00%
20	<b>Platt Springs</b>	<b>21,971.00</b>	<b>21,971.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
21	Red Bank	26,781.00	-	0.00%
22	Rehoboth/Columbia	-	9,818.00	N/A
23	Salem/Elgin	-	2,636.50	N/A
24	<b>Salem/Irmo</b>	<b>56,415.00</b>	<b>56,415.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
25	Shady Grove	25,982.00	-	0.00%
26	<b>Shandon</b>	<b>313,754.00</b>	<b>313,754.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
27	<b>Shiloh</b>	<b>21,985.00</b>	<b>21,985.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
28	Shiloh/West Columbia	3,400.00	-	0.00%
29	Smyrna	-	1,549.00	N/A
30	<b>St John</b>	<b>2,822.00</b>	<b>2,822.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
31	<b>St Mark</b>	<b>10,258.00</b>	<b>10,258.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
32	Suber Marshall	6,051.00	-	0.00%
33	<b>Trenholm Road</b>	<b>154,128.00</b>	<b>154,128.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
34	<b>Trinity/Blythewood</b>	<b>82,149.00</b>	<b>82,149.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
35	<b>Trinity/West Columbia</b>	<b>21,338.00</b>	<b>21,338.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
36	<b>Union</b>	<b>176,790.00</b>	<b>176,790.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
37	<b>Virginia Wingard</b>	<b>44,099.00</b>	<b>44,099.29</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
38	<b>Washington Street</b>	<b>82,942.00</b>	<b>82,945.37</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
39	<b>Wesley</b>	<b>35,170.00</b>	<b>35,170.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
40	<b>Whaley Street</b>	<b>6,947.00</b>	<b>6,947.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
41	Windsor	28,907.00	10,682.00	36.95% +
42	Zion	-	1,312.00	N/A
43	<b>Columbia Total</b>	<b>1,856,870.00</b>	<b>1,686,633.00</b>	<b>90.83%</b>
44				
45				
46				
47				
48	Andrews Chapel	3,158.00	2,379.00	75.33%
49	<b>Asbury/Kingstree East</b>	<b>6,287.00</b>	<b>6,287.28</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
50	<b>Asbury/Shiloh</b>	<b>12,517.00</b>	<b>12,567.32</b>	<b>100.40%</b>
51	<b>Bethel/Kingstree</b>	<b>13,887.00</b>	<b>13,887.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
52	<b>Bethesda/Kingstree</b>	<b>13,477.00</b>	<b>13,477.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
53	<b>Bethlehem/Jordan</b>	<b>5,210.00</b>	<b>5,210.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
54	Bethlehem/Pamplico	10,910.00	-	0.00%
55	Bethsaida	5,015.00	-	0.00%

Florence District

43 out of 64 Churches Contributed 100%

71.57% of District Apportionment Contributed

1	<b>Browns Chapel</b>	<b>1,896.00</b>	<b>1,896.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
2	Central	238,714.00	181,548.25	76.05%
3	<b>Cumberland</b>	<b>25,189.00</b>	<b>25,189.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
4	<b>Dawsey</b>	<b>5,146.00</b>	<b>5,200.00</b>	<b>101.05% +</b>
5	<b>Elijah</b>	<b>8,790.00</b>	<b>8,790.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
6	<b>Elim</b>	<b>2,410.00</b>	<b>2,410.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
7	<b>Faith</b>	<b>6,415.00</b>	<b>6,415.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
8	Friendship/Florence	6,590.00	1,747.47	26.52%
9	Friendship/Kingstree	18,008.00	16,507.26	91.67%
10	Hebron	-	4,029.50	N/A
11	Highland Park	80,634.00	60,000.01	74.41% +
12	<b>Jeremiah</b>	<b>8,658.00</b>	<b>8,658.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
13	<b>Jerusalem</b>	<b>6,108.00</b>	<b>6,108.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
14	<b>Johnsonville</b>	<b>7,684.00</b>	<b>7,684.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
15	<b>Jordan</b>	<b>4,543.00</b>	<b>4,543.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
16	<b>Kennedyville</b>	<b>3,601.00</b>	<b>3,644.00</b>	<b>101.19% +</b>
17	Kingstree	31,318.00	-	0.00%
18	<b>Lake City</b>	<b>32,903.00</b>	<b>32,903.10</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
19	Lake Point	2,526.00	-	0.00%
20	<b>Long Branch</b>	<b>4,097.00</b>	<b>4,097.00</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
21	Lynchburg	2,348.00	-	0.00%
22	Manning	46,563.00	5,820.00	12.50%
23	<b>Mt Beulah</b>	<b>8,389.00</b>	<b>8,389.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
24	<b>Mt Seal</b>	<b>4,121.00</b>	<b>4,121.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
25	<b>Mt Zion/Florence</b>	<b>13,537.00</b>	<b>13,537.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
26	<b>Mt Zion/Kingstree</b>	<b>20,943.00</b>	<b>20,943.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
27	<b>Mt Zion/Timmonsville</b>	<b>6,119.00</b>	<b>6,119.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
28	Nazareth	6,090.00	2,500.00	41.05%
29	<b>New Haven</b>	<b>5,942.00</b>	<b>5,942.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
30	<b>Ninevah</b>	<b>2,891.00</b>	<b>2,891.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
31	Pamplico	5,270.00	500.00	9.49%
32	Paxville	3,751.00	-	0.00%
33	Pergamos	-	1,340.00	N/A
34	Pinewood	3,275.00	-	0.00%
35	Quinby	8,362.00	-	0.00%
36	<b>Salem/Florence</b>	<b>14,805.00</b>	<b>14,805.12</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
37	<b>Scranton</b>	<b>6,763.00</b>	<b>6,763.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
38	<b>St John/Lake City</b>	<b>9,128.00</b>	<b>9,128.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
39	<b>St John/Scranton</b>	<b>3,898.00</b>	<b>3,898.00</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
40	<b>St John/Shiloh</b>	<b>4,472.00</b>	<b>4,472.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
41	<b>St Luke/Lake City</b>	<b>4,074.00</b>	<b>4,074.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
42	St Luke/Lynchburg	2,760.00	-	0.00%
43	<b>St Luke/Timmonsville</b>	<b>3,874.00</b>	<b>3,874.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
44	<b>St Mary</b>	<b>5,069.00</b>	<b>5,069.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
45	<b>St Michael</b>	<b>7,519.00</b>	<b>7,519.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
46	<b>St Paul/Elliott</b>	<b>7,506.00</b>	<b>7,506.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
47	St Paul/Florence	46,069.00	-	0.00%
48	<b>St Paul/Kingstree</b>	<b>22,682.00</b>	<b>22,682.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
49	<b>St Paul/Morrisville</b>	<b>3,745.00</b>	<b>3,745.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
50	<b>St Paul/Wisacky</b>	<b>5,779.00</b>	<b>5,779.00</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
51	Summertown	11,924.00	-	0.00%
52	Trinity/Lynchburg	2,940.00	-	0.00%
53	<b>Union/Hemingway</b>	<b>9,145.00</b>	<b>9,145.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
54	Union/Manning	-	2,646.00	N/A
55	Vox Memorial	2,394.00	-	0.00%

1	Warren Chapel	2,444.00	2,444.00	100.00%
2	Wesley Chapel/Lake City	18,517.00	18,517.00	100.00%
3	Wesley/Florence	9,228.00	9,228.00	100.00%
4	Wilson Chapel	4,712.00	4,712.00	100.00%
5	Florence Total	912,739.00	653,285.00	71.57%
6				
7				
8				
9				
10	Advent	209,092.00	127,546.12	61.00% +
11	Aldersgate	77,091.00	77,091.00	100.00% +
12	Allen View	6,177.00	6,177.00	100.00%
13	Antioch	4,637.00	-	0.00%
14	Augusta Road	22,891.00	-	0.00%
15	Berea Friendship	29,557.00	6,000.00	20.30% +
16	Bethel/Greer	7,997.00	7,997.00	100.00%
17	Bethel/Simpsonville	7,599.00	7,599.00	100.00%
18	Bethlehem	2,379.00	2,379.00	100.00%
19	Bramlett	-	7,477.50	N/A
20	Christ	4,619.00	2,309.52	50.00%
21	Dacusville	8,950.00	8,950.00	100.00% +
22	Disciples	30,313.00	30,313.00	100.00%
23	Ebenezer	9,761.00	9,761.00	100.00%
24	Emma Gray Memorial	13,695.00	-	0.00%
25	Faith	4,053.00	4,053.00	100.00%
26	Fews Chapel	5,659.00	5,659.00	100.00%
27	Francis Asbury	11,300.00	-	0.00%
28	Grace/Greer	15,083.00	3,851.76	25.54%
29	Gray Court	1,945.00	500.00	25.71% +
30	Green Pond	-	8,513.00	N/A
31	Hopewell	23,063.00	23,063.00	100.00%
32	Jackson Grove	5,591.00	-	0.00%
33	John Wesley	20,005.00	20,005.00	100.00%
34	Laurel Creek	7,866.00	7,866.00	100.00%
35	Laurens Road	8,641.00	-	0.00%
36	Lebanon	3,077.00	-	0.00%
37	Lee Road	36,892.00	36,892.00	100.00%
38	Liberty Hill	10,276.00	10,276.00	100.00%
39	Memorial	68,390.00	25,700.00	37.58% +
40	Minus Chapel	1,479.00	1,491.00	100.81% +
41	Monaghan	6,574.00	6,026.13	91.67%
42	New Saint Luke	5,245.00	5,245.00	100.00% +
43	Northside	-	9,849.50	N/A
44	Oak Hill	7,268.00	-	0.00%
45	Owings	1,273.00	1,273.00	100.00%
46	Piedmont	14,422.00	2,319.94	16.09% +
47	Pisgah/Fork Shoals	4,903.00	4,903.00	100.00%
48	Salem	12,025.00	-	0.00%
49	Simpsonville	81,411.00	-	0.00%
50	Slater	3,612.00	-	0.00%
51	St John/Greenville	3,458.00	2,091.00	60.47%
52	St Mark/Greenville	9,962.00	4,715.71	47.34% +
53	St Mark/Taylors	36,209.00	36,209.00	100.00%
54	St Matthew/Greenville	68,026.00	68,026.00	100.00%
55	St Matthew/Taylors	12,287.00	12,287.00	100.00% +

1	<b>St Paul/Greenville</b>	<b>23,014.00</b>	<b>23,014.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
2	<b>St Paul/Greer</b>	<b>4,182.00</b>	<b>4,182.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
3	<b>Travelers Rest</b>	<b>47,103.00</b>	<b>47,103.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
4	Trinity/Fountain Inn	52,154.00	-	0.00%
5	<b>Wesley Chapel</b>	<b>9,059.00</b>	<b>9,059.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
6	Wood's Chapel	9,034.00	-	0.00%
7	Greenville Total	1,069,299.00	677,773.00	63.38%
8				
9		Greenwood District		
10		31 out of 56 Churches Contributed 100%		
11		73.17% of District Apportionment Contributed		
12	Aldersgate	11,542.00	-	0.00%
13	Bethany	-	5,321.50	N/A
14	<b>Bethlehem/Saluda</b>	<b>7,376.00</b>	<b>7,376.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
15	Broad Street	36,619.00	1,680.00	4.59%
16	Cambridge	-	5,394.00	N/A
17	Capers Chapel/Langley	1,850.00	1,023.00	55.30%
18	<b>Capers Chapel/Pomaria</b>	<b>2,936.00</b>	<b>2,936.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
19	<b>Central/Laurens</b>	<b>3,597.00</b>	<b>3,597.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
20	<b>Central/Newberry</b>	<b>56,679.00</b>	<b>56,679.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
21	Crossroads (fka Branch Hill)	1,836.00	-	0.00%
22	Ebenezer/Greenwood	2,538.00	-	0.00%
23	<b>Ebenezer/Newberry</b>	<b>4,266.00</b>	<b>4,266.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
24	Edgefield	-	9,570.00	N/A
25	Emory	-	3,677.50	N/A
26	Epting Memorial	8,638.00	-	0.00%
27	<b>Epworth</b>	<b>3,312.00</b>	<b>3,312.00</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
28	First/Laurens	29,631.00	17,000.00	57.37%
29	Grace	117,659.00	76,479.00	65.00%
30	Harmony/Johnston	-	8,549.50	N/A
31	<b>Harmony/Ware Shoals</b>	<b>2,953.00</b>	<b>2,953.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
32	<b>Harris</b>	<b>6,086.00</b>	<b>6,086.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
33	Hodges	-	-	N/A
34	<b>Hopewell</b>	<b>1,813.00</b>	<b>1,813.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
35	Johnston	-	6,920.50	N/A
36	Kinards	4,769.00	1,000.00	20.97%
37	<b>Kings Chapel</b>	<b>1,872.00</b>	<b>1,872.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
38	Langley	15,814.00	1,734.12	10.97%
39	Lebanon	3,314.00	-	0.00%
40	Leesville	-	19,282.00	N/A
41	<b>Lewis Memorial</b>	<b>9,023.00</b>	<b>9,023.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
42	<b>Lowell Street</b>	<b>8,385.00</b>	<b>8,385.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
43	Lupo Memorial	6,383.00	-	0.00%
44	Main Street/Greenwood	76,253.00	8,534.68	11.19%
45	<b>Martha Chapel</b>	<b>1,557.00</b>	<b>1,557.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
46	Mathews	8,105.00	-	0.00%
47	Mays	5,200.00	1,200.00	23.08%
48	McKendree	-	2,301.00	N/A
49	<b>Mt Bethel</b>	<b>7,590.00</b>	<b>7,590.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
50	<b>Mt Carmel/Greenwood</b>	<b>2,287.00</b>	<b>2,287.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
51	Mt Lebanon	-	5,905.00	N/A
52	Mt Pleasant	-	5,634.00	N/A
53	Nazareth	-	6,035.00	N/A
54	New Chapel	-	1,910.00	N/A
55	<b>New Hope</b>	<b>7,573.00</b>	<b>7,573.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

1	<b>O'Neal Street</b>	<b>3,726.00</b>	<b>3,726.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
2	Panola	5,081.00	-	0.00%
3	<b>Pentecost</b>	<b>5,033.00</b>	<b>5,033.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
4	Rehoboth	10,819.00	-	0.00%
5	Republican	7,840.00	-	0.00%
6	Ridge Spring	2,160.00	-	0.00%
7	<b>Sharon/Kinards</b>	<b>1,590.00</b>	<b>1,590.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
8	<b>Soule Chapel</b>	<b>6,873.00</b>	<b>6,873.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
9	<b>Spann</b>	<b>1,902.00</b>	<b>1,902.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
10	Springdale	2,848.00	1,700.00	59.69%
11	St James	15,111.00	-	0.00%
12	St John/Graniteville	18,684.00	-	0.00%
13	St John's/Batesburg	-	8,068.50	N/A
14	<b>St Mark</b>	<b>98,395.00</b>	<b>98,395.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
15	St Paul/Ninety Six	21,581.00	-	0.00%
16	<b>St Paul/Plum Branch</b>	<b>2,406.00</b>	<b>2,406.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
17	<b>St Paul/Saluda</b>	<b>32,434.00</b>	<b>32,434.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
18	Tranquil	20,417.00	-	0.00%
19	Trenton	-	2,540.50	N/A
20	<b>Trinity/Greenwood</b>	<b>4,363.00</b>	<b>4,363.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
21	Trinity/Laurens	4,614.00	-	0.00%
22	<b>Trinity/Newberry</b>	<b>13,685.00</b>	<b>13,685.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
23	Troy	-	3,862.00	N/A
24	<b>Vaucluse</b>	<b>4,004.00</b>	<b>4,004.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
25	<b>Ware Shoals</b>	<b>2,880.00</b>	<b>2,880.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
26	<b>Warrenville</b>	<b>3,894.00</b>	<b>3,894.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
27	<b>Waterloo</b>	<b>6,845.00</b>	<b>6,845.00</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
28	Wightman	-	22,929.50	N/A
29	<b>Zion</b>	<b>23,898.00</b>	<b>23,898.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
30	Zoar	-	2,164.00	N/A
31	Greenwood Total	778,539	569,648	73.17%
32				
33		Hartsville District		
34		57 out of 75 Churches Contributed 100%		
35		68.33% of District Apportionment Contributed		
36	Aldersgate	47,956.00	-	0.00%
37	<b>Antioch</b>	<b>11,028.00</b>	<b>11,028.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
38	Bethel/Bethune	3,995.00	-	0.00%
39	<b>Bethel/Cheraw</b>	<b>4,393.00</b>	<b>4,393.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
40	<b>Bethel/Ruby</b>	<b>1,189.00</b>	<b>1,189.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
41	Bethel/W Darlington	3,098.00	1,229.40	39.68%
42	Bethlehem/Bishopville	17,649.00	3,953.35	22.40%
43	Bethlehem/Hartsville	-	4,416.50	N/A
44	<b>Camden First</b>	<b>18,861.00</b>	<b>18,861.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
45	<b>Centenary</b>	<b>8,151.00</b>	<b>8,151.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
46	<b>Clark</b>	<b>6,691.00</b>	<b>6,691.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
47	<b>Ebenezer/Lamar</b>	<b>3,104.00</b>	<b>3,104.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
48	<b>Ebenezer/Ruby</b>	<b>3,189.00</b>	<b>3,189.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
49	Elim	-	2,922.50	N/A
50	<b>Emmanuel/E Camden</b>	<b>7,080.00</b>	<b>7,080.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
51	<b>Emmanuel/Sumter</b>	<b>10,322.00</b>	<b>10,322.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
52	<b>Epworth</b>	<b>7,132.00</b>	<b>7,172.44</b>	<b>100.57% +</b>
53	First/Cheraw	25,764.00	6,144.00	23.85%
54	Fork Creek	5,770.00	-	0.00%
55	Good Hope Wesley Chapel	17,209.00	2,868.16	16.67%

1	Hebron/Bishopville	9,037.00	-	0.00%
2	Hopewell	4,528.00	2,500.00	55.21% +
3	<b>Indian Branch</b>	<b>5,098.00</b>	<b>5,098.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
4	Jefferson	7,041.00	-	0.00%
5	<b>John Wesley</b>	<b>5,451.00</b>	<b>5,451.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
6	<b>Kellybell</b>	<b>4,383.00</b>	<b>4,383.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
7	<b>Kingsville</b>	<b>4,961.00</b>	<b>4,961.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
8	<b>Lamar</b>	<b>17,534.00</b>	<b>17,534.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
9	Lyttleton Street	140,901.00	30,000.00	21.29%
10	<b>McBee</b>	<b>2,690.00</b>	<b>2,690.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
11	<b>Mechanicsville</b>	<b>16,444.00</b>	<b>16,444.00</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
12	<b>Mt Beulah</b>	<b>4,114.00</b>	<b>4,114.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
13	<b>Mt Croghan</b>	<b>1,371.00</b>	<b>1,371.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
14	<b>Mt Elon</b>	<b>2,254.00</b>	<b>2,254.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
15	<b>Mt Joshua</b>	<b>1,398.00</b>	<b>1,398.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
16	<b>Mt Moriah</b>	<b>3,727.00</b>	<b>3,727.08</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
17	Mt Olivet	-	2,385.50	N/A
18	<b>Mt Prospect</b>	<b>2,085.00</b>	<b>2,085.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
19	<b>Mt Zion/Bishopville</b>	<b>6,832.00</b>	<b>6,832.20</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
20	<b>Mt Zion/Cheraw</b>	<b>2,850.00</b>	<b>2,850.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
21	<b>Mt Zion/Sumter</b>	<b>12,150.00</b>	<b>12,150.75</b>	<b>100.01%</b>
22	<b>New Haven</b>	<b>5,514.00</b>	<b>5,514.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
23	<b>New Hope</b>	<b>2,378.00</b>	<b>2,378.00</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
24	New Market	8,627.00	-	0.00%
25	<b>New Providence</b>	<b>7,174.00</b>	<b>7,174.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
26	<b>Newman Swamp</b>	<b>3,261.00</b>	<b>3,261.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
27	Pageland	5,576.00	2,788.00	50.00%
28	<b>Pleasant Grove</b>	<b>4,813.00</b>	<b>4,813.20</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
29	Prospect	-	3,151.00	N/A
30	<b>Rock Spring</b>	<b>1,165.00</b>	<b>1,165.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
31	Salem/Pageland	7,732.00	-	0.00%
32	<b>Sandy Bluff</b>	<b>3,336.00</b>	<b>3,336.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
33	Sandy Grove/Bethune	-	1,159.50	N/A
34	<b>Sandy Grove/Jefferson</b>	<b>3,944.00</b>	<b>3,944.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
35	<b>Sandy Grove/Lamar</b>	<b>6,476.00</b>	<b>6,476.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
36	<b>Shepherd</b>	<b>5,783.00</b>	<b>5,783.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
37	<b>Shiloh/ Lugoff</b>	<b>2,638.00</b>	<b>2,638.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
38	Shiloh/Chesterfield	-	8,745.50	N/A
39	<b>Shiloh/Darlington</b>	<b>11,072.00</b>	<b>11,072.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
40	<b>Springhill</b>	<b>7,782.00</b>	<b>7,782.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
41	St James/Darlington	10,420.00	8,983.00	86.21%
42	<b>St James/Sumter</b>	<b>12,332.00</b>	<b>12,332.00</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
43	<b>St John/Darlington</b>	<b>8,537.00</b>	<b>8,537.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
44	St John's/Lugoff	33,340.00	6,000.00	18.00%
45	St Luke	-	39,267.50	N/A
46	<b>St Mark/ Sumter (Salterstown)</b>	<b>16,085.00</b>	<b>16,085.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
47	<b>St Mark/Oswego</b>	<b>1,895.00</b>	<b>1,895.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
48	St Matthews/E Camden	10,720.00	9,826.74	91.67%
49	<b>St Paul/Camden</b>	<b>16,504.00</b>	<b>16,504.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
50	<b>St Paul/Chesterfield</b>	<b>18,260.00</b>	<b>18,260.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
51	<b>St Peter</b>	<b>657.00</b>	<b>657.00</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
52	Tabernacle	-	2,454.50	N/A
53	Trinity/Darlington	-	14,335.50	N/A
54	Trinity/Sumter	88,670.00	7,068.66	7.97%
55	Union	-	5,821.00	N/A

1	<b>Unity</b>	<b>10,517.00</b>	<b>10,517.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
2	<b>Wesley Chapel/Darlington</b>	<b>8,088.00</b>	<b>8,088.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
3	Wesley Chapel/Lydia	-	7,123.00	N/A
4	<b>Wesley Chp/Chesterfld</b>	<b>2,048.00</b>	<b>2,048.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
5	<b>Wesley Chp/Jefferson</b>	<b>3,702.00</b>	<b>3,702.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
6	<b>Wesley Memorial</b>	<b>3,137.00</b>	<b>3,137.00</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
7	<b>Wesley/Cheraw</b>	<b>5,452.00</b>	<b>5,452.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
8	<b>Wesley/Hartsville</b>	<b>39,684.00</b>	<b>39,684.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
9	<b>Zion/Lamar Circuit</b>	<b>2,305.00</b>	<b>2,305.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
10	<b>Zion/Pageland</b>	<b>7,999.00</b>	<b>7,999.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
11	Zoar/Chesterfield	-	6,268.00	N/A
12	<b>Zoar/Pageland</b>	<b>3,119.00</b>	<b>3,119.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
13	Hartsville Total	848,172.00	579,592.00	68.33%
14				
15		Marion District		
16		33 out of 49 Churches Contributed 100%		
17		91.81% of District Apportionment Contributed		
18	<b>Aaron Temple</b>	<b>4,475.00</b>	<b>4,475.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
19	Antioch/Conway	-	1,986.00	N/A
20	<b>Asbury</b>	<b>2,173.00</b>	<b>2,173.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
21	<b>Belin Memorial</b>	<b>289,512.00</b>	<b>289,512.02</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
22	<b>Bethel/Bennettsville</b>	<b>3,289.00</b>	<b>3,289.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
23	Bethel/Marion	3,397.00	1,838.64	54.13% +
24	<b>Beulah/Dillon Parish</b>	<b>1,311.00</b>	<b>1,311.00</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
25	<b>Beulah/Mullins Charge</b>	<b>2,569.00</b>	<b>2,569.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
26	<b>Bowling Green</b>	<b>3,043.00</b>	<b>3,043.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
27	Camp Swamp	6,819.00	-	0.00%
28	Centenary/Conway	9,702.00	-	0.00%
29	<b>Centenary/Marion</b>	<b>2,449.00</b>	<b>2,449.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
30	Central/Marion	-	1,601.00	N/A
31	Duncan Memorial	68,603.00	-	0.00%
32	<b>Ebenezer/Bennettsville Cr</b>	<b>4,982.00</b>	<b>4,982.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
33	<b>Ebenezer/Loris Charge</b>	<b>4,068.00</b>	<b>4,068.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
34	Ebenezer/Marlboro Charge	5,434.00	-	0.00%
35	Ebenezer/Tatum	-	2,344.50	N/A
36	First/Conway	62,904.00	-	0.00%
37	<b>First/Marion</b>	<b>31,112.00</b>	<b>31,112.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
38	First/Myrtle Beach	-	99,340.00	N/A
39	<b>Herbert Memorial</b>	<b>23,265.00</b>	<b>23,265.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
40	Hopewell/Mullins	-	892.50	N/A
41	<b>Joseph B Bethea</b>	<b>5,216.00</b>	<b>5,216.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
42	Lake View	5,337.00	2,000.00	37.47% +
43	Latta	-	9,659.00	N/A
44	<b>Level Green</b>	<b>4,776.00</b>	<b>4,776.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
45	<b>Little River</b>	<b>70,335.00</b>	<b>70,335.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
46	Macedonia	-	15,774.00	N/A
47	Manning Chapel	2,203.00	-	0.00%
48	<b>McCoy Chapel</b>	<b>3,762.00</b>	<b>3,762.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
49	Mt Andrew	-	1,546.00	N/A
50	New El Bethel	-	1,810.00	N/A
51	<b>New Holly</b>	<b>2,285.00</b>	<b>2,285.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
52	New Hope	-	897.00	N/A
53	Nichols	4,206.00	2,103.00	50.00%
54	<b>Oak Grove/Georgetown</b>	<b>1,183.00</b>	<b>1,183.00</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
55	Oakland	2,880.00	-	0.00%

1	<b>Old Clio</b>	<b>1,454.00</b>	<b>1,454.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
2	Parnassus	4,007.00	-	0.00%
3	<b>Pleasant Grove</b>	<b>1,403.00</b>	<b>1,403.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
4	Pleasant Hill/Mullins	-	1,321.50	N/A
5	Poplar	-	1,046.50	N/A
6	Salem	8,188.00	-	0.00%
7	<b>Sampit</b>	<b>986.00</b>	<b>986.00</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
8	<b>Shiloh/Bennettsvile P</b>	<b>2,828.00</b>	<b>2,828.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
9	Shiloh/Bennettsville	-	1,844.50	N/A
10	Shiloh/Marion	-	5,647.00	N/A
11	<b>Shiloh/Mullins Charge</b>	<b>2,358.00</b>	<b>2,358.00</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
12	<b>Smyrna/Bennettsvile P</b>	<b>2,695.00</b>	<b>2,695.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
13	<b>Socastee</b>	<b>49,127.00</b>	<b>49,127.01</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
14	<b>Springville</b>	<b>1,939.00</b>	<b>1,939.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
15	<b>St Luke</b>	<b>2,098.00</b>	<b>2,098.00</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
16	St Michael	1,917.00	-	0.00%
17	St Paul's Waccamaw	-	21,185.50	N/A
18	<b>St Phillip</b>	<b>4,949.00</b>	<b>4,949.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
19	St Stephen	5,467.00	300.00	5.49%
20	<b>Surfside</b>	<b>77,178.00</b>	<b>77,178.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
21	<b>The Brook</b>	<b>13,792.00</b>	<b>13,792.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
22	<b>Trinity / Bennettsville</b>	<b>12,317.00</b>	<b>12,317.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
23	Trinity/Conway	69,025.00	-	0.00%
24	<b>Trinity/N Myrtle Bch</b>	<b>62,997.00</b>	<b>62,997.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
25	Union/Conway	-	9,172.00	N/A
26	Union/Dillon	977.00	-	0.00%
27	<b>Wampee</b>	<b>4,147.00</b>	<b>4,147.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
28	Marion Total	961,139.00	882,382.00	91.81%
29				
30		Orangeburg District		
31		47 out of 73 Churches Contributed 100%		
32		95.88% of District Apportionment Contributed		
33	Andrew Chapel	-	3,751.00	N/A
34	<b>Barnwell</b>	<b>13,481.00</b>	<b>13,481.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
35	<b>Bethel at Peachtree Rock</b>	<b>9,363.00</b>	<b>9,363.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
36	Bethel Park	15,289.00	-	0.00%
37	<b>Bethel/Bamberg</b>	<b>5,357.00</b>	<b>5,357.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
38	Bethel/Jackson	-	5,452.50	N/A
39	<b>Bethel/Rowesville</b>	<b>2,026.00</b>	<b>2,026.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
40	<b>Bethlehem</b>	<b>5,152.00</b>	<b>5,152.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
41	Beulah/ Sandy Run	22,728.00	-	0.00%
42	<b>Blackville</b>	<b>1,367.00</b>	<b>1,367.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
43	Branchville	8,377.00	900.00	10.74%
44	Calvary/Swansea	7,423.00	-	0.00%
45	<b>Canaan/Cope</b>	<b>5,096.00</b>	<b>5,096.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
46	<b>Cedar Grove</b>	<b>3,632.00</b>	<b>3,632.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
47	Clinton	8,703.00	355.00	4.08%
48	East Bethel	2,041.00	-	0.00%
49	Ebenezer/Bowman	-	3,706.00	N/A
50	<b>Edisto Fork</b>	<b>15,526.00</b>	<b>15,526.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
51	Elloree	-	4,604.00	N/A
52	Eutawville	4,772.00	-	0.00%
53	<b>Forest Chapel</b>	<b>2,353.00</b>	<b>2,353.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
54	<b>Franklin</b>	<b>11,529.00</b>	<b>11,529.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
55	<b>Gerizim</b>	<b>1,687.00</b>	<b>1,687.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

1	Holly Hill	-	11,704.00	N/A
2	Jericho	-	3,504.50	N/A
3	Jerusalem	-	4,420.00	N/A
4	Kearse	615.00	-	0.00%
5	<b>Lebanon</b>	<b>10,188.00</b>	<b>10,188.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
6	Livingston	7,678.00	-	0.00%
7	<b>Main Street/Bamberg</b>	<b>4,004.00</b>	<b>4,004.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
8	<b>Mayes Chapel</b>	<b>3,667.00</b>	<b>3,667.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
9	<b>Mizpah</b>	<b>1,467.00</b>	<b>1,467.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
10	<b>Mt Carmel</b>	<b>9,065.00</b>	<b>9,065.04</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
11	<b>Mt Nebo</b>	<b>3,584.00</b>	<b>3,584.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
12	<b>Mt Zion/Bamberg Cir</b>	<b>5,214.00</b>	<b>5,214.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
13	Mt Zion/Sandy Run	5,454.00	831.25	15.24%
14	Neeses	2,522.00	-	0.00%
15	<b>New Covenant</b>	<b>15,703.00</b>	<b>15,703.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
16	New Hope	-	1,779.00	N/A
17	<b>New Light</b>	<b>18,925.00</b>	<b>18,925.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
18	North	10,329.00	-	0.00%
19	<b>North Orangeburg</b>	<b>26,475.00</b>	<b>26,475.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
20	<b>Norway New Beginning</b>	<b>4,894.00</b>	<b>5,990.00</b>	<b>122.39% +</b>
21	Oak Grove	1,430.00	-	0.00%
22	<b>Orange Grove</b>	<b>9,414.00</b>	<b>9,414.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
23	Pelion	5,297.00	1,000.00	18.88% +
24	<b>Pine Hill</b>	<b>5,600.00</b>	<b>5,600.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
25	<b>Pineville</b>	<b>6,172.00</b>	<b>6,172.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
26	Pleasant Hill	5,350.00	-	0.00%
27	<b>Prospect</b>	<b>3,047.00</b>	<b>3,047.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
28	Providence/Providence	18,332.00	2,456.00	13.40%
29	<b>Salem</b>	<b>817.00</b>	<b>817.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
30	Salley	1,823.00	-	0.00%
31	<b>Shady Grove</b>	<b>5,357.00</b>	<b>5,357.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
32	Sharon/Pelion	6,792.00	-	0.00%
33	<b>Silas</b>	<b>5,991.00</b>	<b>5,991.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
34	<b>Siloam</b>	<b>754.00</b>	<b>754.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
35	Springfield	4,434.00	-	0.00%
36	<b>St Andrews</b>	<b>34,368.00</b>	<b>34,368.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
37	St John/Aiken	-	120,035.00	N/A
38	<b>St John/Norway</b>	<b>7,347.00</b>	<b>7,347.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
39	<b>St John/Orangeburg</b>	<b>3,860.00</b>	<b>3,860.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
40	<b>St John/Orangeburg Cr</b>	<b>3,547.00</b>	<b>3,547.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
41	<b>St Mark</b>	<b>20,940.00</b>	<b>20,940.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
42	St Paul/New Ellenton	15,075.00	-	0.00%
43	<b>St Paul/Orangeburg</b>	<b>25,036.00</b>	<b>25,036.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
44	St Paul/St Matthews	14,451.00	12,000.00	83.04%
45	<b>St Stephen/Bowman</b>	<b>6,116.00</b>	<b>6,116.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
46	<b>St Stephen/Orangeburg</b>	<b>20,396.00</b>	<b>20,396.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
47	Swansea	7,207.00	2,400.00	33.30% +
48	<b>Target</b>	<b>4,396.00</b>	<b>4,396.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
49	<b>Trinity/Aiken</b>	<b>36,387.00</b>	<b>36,387.00</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
50	Trinity/Bamberg	25,545.00	-	0.00%
51	Trinity/North	1,761.00	-	0.00%
52	<b>Trinity/Orangeburg</b>	<b>21,865.00</b>	<b>21,865.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
53	Union	5,537.00	-	0.00%
54	Wagener	7,330.00	186.51	2.54%
55	<b>Wesley</b>	<b>5,049.00</b>	<b>5,049.01</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

1	Wesley Chapel/Calhoun	-	3,349.50	N/A
2	<b>Wesley Chapel/Jackson</b>	<b>6,320.00</b>	<b>6,320.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
3	<b>Wesley Grove</b>	<b>5,634.00</b>	<b>5,634.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
4	<b>West Bethel</b>	<b>3,556.00</b>	<b>3,556.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
5	White House	-	2,700.00	N/A
6	Wightman	-	3,539.50	N/A
7	<b>Williston</b>	<b>5,036.00</b>	<b>5,036.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
8	Orangeburg District Total	643,055.00	616,530.00	95.88%
9				
10		Rock Hill District		
11		36 out of 54 Churches Contributed 100%		
12		70.69% of District Apportionment Contributed		
13	Adnah	-	10,233.00	N/A
14	<b>Aldersgate</b>	<b>26,461.00</b>	<b>26,461.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
15	Antioch	-	6,729.00	N/A
16	<b>Belair</b>	<b>14,549.00</b>	<b>14,549.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
17	<b>Bethel/Chester</b>	<b>17,802.00</b>	<b>17,802.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
18	<b>Bethel/Rock Hill</b>	<b>15,516.00</b>	<b>15,516.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
19	<b>Bethel/Rock Hill South</b>	<b>6,451.00</b>	<b>6,451.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
20	<b>Bethesda</b>	<b>3,414.00</b>	<b>3,414.00</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
21	<b>Camp Creek</b>	<b>9,078.00</b>	<b>9,078.00</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
22	Canaan	3,745.00	98.22	2.62%
23	Church of Good Shepherd	10,810.00	-	0.00%
24	<b>Clover Chapel</b>	<b>4,892.00</b>	<b>4,892.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
25	<b>Cornerstone</b>	<b>15,358.00</b>	<b>15,358.00</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
26	Damascus	2,769.00	-	0.00%
27	<b>Ebenezer</b>	<b>2,487.00</b>	<b>2,487.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
28	<b>El Bethel</b>	<b>7,645.00</b>	<b>7,645.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
29	<b>Epworth</b>	<b>7,278.00</b>	<b>7,278.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
30	<b>First/Clover</b>	<b>53,507.00</b>	<b>53,507.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
31	<b>First/Lancaster</b>	<b>38,812.00</b>	<b>38,812.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
32	Fort Lawn	2,121.00	-	0.00%
33	Friendship	-	7,850.00	N/A
34	Good Samaritan	17,266.00	-	0.00%
35	<b>Grace</b>	<b>14,471.00</b>	<b>14,471.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
36	<b>Green Pond</b>	<b>5,336.00</b>	<b>5,336.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
37	Hanging Rock	5,305.00	-	0.00%
38	<b>Harmony</b>	<b>5,722.00</b>	<b>5,722.00</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
39	Heath Chapel	1,789.00	200.00	11.18%
40	Heath Memorial	-	2,930.00	N/A
41	Hopewell/Lancaster	20,769.00	-	0.00%
42	<b>Hopewell/York</b>	<b>3,833.00</b>	<b>3,833.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
43	India Hook	28,606.00	9,178.00	32.08%
44	Kings Mountain Chapel	-	5,456.08	N/A
45	Mt Dearborn	6,628.00	600.00	9.05% +
46	<b>Mt Harmony</b>	<b>4,992.00</b>	<b>4,992.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
47	Mt Holly	-	20,476.00	N/A
48	<b>Mt Olive</b>	<b>3,780.00</b>	<b>3,780.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
49	<b>Mt Prospect</b>	<b>2,552.00</b>	<b>2,552.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
50	<b>New Hope/Rock Hill</b>	<b>2,536.00</b>	<b>2,536.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
51	<b>New Zion</b>	<b>3,706.00</b>	<b>3,706.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
52	<b>Osceola</b>	<b>10,530.00</b>	<b>10,530.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
53	<b>Philadelphia/Ft Mill</b>	<b>57,878.00</b>	<b>57,878.04</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
54	<b>Philadelphia/York</b>	<b>8,991.00</b>	<b>8,991.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
55	<b>Pleasant Grove</b>	<b>2,645.00</b>	<b>2,645.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

1	<b>Pleasant Hill</b>	<b>50,286.00</b>	<b>50,286.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
2	Richburg	1,800.00	1,500.00	83.33%
3	Salem	4,584.00	-	0.00%
4	<b>Shady Grove</b>	<b>1,999.00</b>	<b>1,999.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
5	<b>Sharon/Sharon</b>	<b>4,453.00</b>	<b>4,453.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
6	<b>St James</b>	<b>11,702.00</b>	<b>11,702.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
7	<b>St John/Fort Mill</b>	<b>62,446.00</b>	<b>62,446.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
8	St John/Rock Hill	163,618.00	10,000.00	6.11%
9	St Luke	26,614.00	-	0.00%
10	St Paul	-	4,843.00	N/A
11	<b>Tabernacle</b>	<b>8,525.00</b>	<b>8,525.04</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
12	Trinity	6,597.00	-	0.00%
13	<b>Trinity/York</b>	<b>35,513.00</b>	<b>35,513.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
14	Van Wyck	1,283.00	-	0.00%
15	<b>Wesley</b>	<b>7,536.00</b>	<b>7,536.00</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
16	<b>Wesley Memorial</b>	<b>4,584.00</b>	<b>4,584.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
17	Woodland	49,753.00	27,385.90	55.04% +
18	Zion	20,699.00	-	0.00%
19	Rock Hill District Total	912,022.00	644,745.00	70.69%
20				
21		Spartanburg District		
22		39 out of 53 Churches Contributed 100%		
23		84.28% of District Apportionment Contributed		
24	Aldersgate	9,158.00	5,494.80	60.00%
25	<b>Allen Chapel</b>	<b>2,897.00</b>	<b>2,897.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
26	<b>Arcadia</b>	<b>3,226.00</b>	<b>3,226.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
27	<b>Asbury/Gaffney</b>	<b>1,610.00</b>	<b>1,610.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
28	<b>Beaumont</b>	<b>4,935.00</b>	<b>4,935.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
29	<b>Ben Avon</b>	<b>6,483.00</b>	<b>6,483.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
30	Bethel/Spartanburg	110,643.00	47,661.00	43.08%
31	<b>Bethel/Union</b>	<b>8,534.00</b>	<b>8,534.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
32	Bogansville	11,853.00	-	0.00%
33	<b>Buford Street</b>	<b>26,930.00</b>	<b>26,930.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
34	<b>Cannon's Campground</b>	<b>39,296.00</b>	<b>39,296.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
35	<b>Central</b>	<b>69,681.00</b>	<b>69,681.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
36	<b>Cherokee Springs</b>	<b>7,266.00</b>	<b>7,266.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
37	<b>Chesnee</b>	<b>4,957.00</b>	<b>4,959.83</b>	<b>100.06%</b>
38	<b>Church Of The Covenant</b>	<b>31,165.00</b>	<b>31,165.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
39	<b>Cross Anchor Yarborough</b>	<b>3,041.00</b>	<b>3,041.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
40	Duncan	10,443.00	8,363.25	80.08%
41	<b>Duncan Acres</b>	<b>10,126.00</b>	<b>10,126.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
42	<b>Dunton</b>	<b>11,999.00</b>	<b>11,999.00</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
43	<b>El Bethel</b>	<b>3,783.00</b>	<b>3,783.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
44	Enoree	-	1,950.00	N/A
45	<b>Fairmont</b>	<b>2,091.00</b>	<b>2,091.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
46	<b>Fingerville</b>	<b>1,565.00</b>	<b>1,565.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
47	<b>Florence Chapel</b>	<b>2,746.00</b>	<b>2,746.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
48	Friends In Christ	10,952.00	6,355.00	58.03% +
49	<b>Golightly</b>	<b>4,318.00</b>	<b>4,318.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
50	Grace	30,255.00	8,208.00	27.13%
51	Gramling	-	17,924.00	N/A
52	Gravelly Memorial	7,723.00	3,600.00	46.61% +
53	<b>Hebron</b>	<b>2,818.00</b>	<b>2,818.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
54	Immanuel	7,914.00	3,957.00	50.00%
55	<b>Inman</b>	<b>16,138.00</b>	<b>16,138.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

1	<b>Jacksons Grove</b>	<b>12,440.00</b>	<b>12,440.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
2	<b>Jonesville</b>	<b>4,376.00</b>	<b>4,376.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
3	Landrum	-	12,155.00	N/A
4	Liberty/Spartanburg	6,760.00	3,805.16	56.29% +
5	<b>Limestone Street</b>	<b>8,194.00</b>	<b>8,194.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
6	Mesopotamia	-	3,066.50	N/A
7	Montgomery Memorial	16,452.00	-	0.00%
8	New Beginnings	43,042.00	21,521.00	50.00%
9	<b>New Hope</b>	<b>7,111.00</b>	<b>7,111.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
10	<b>Pacolet</b>	<b>5,297.00</b>	<b>5,297.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
11	Patterson Chapel	-	2,492.00	N/A
12	Salem	5,621.00	3,630.00	64.58% +
13	<b>Sardis/Blacksburg</b>	<b>3,873.00</b>	<b>3,873.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
14	Silver Hill Memorial	36,269.00	28,845.02	79.53% +
15	<b>Skylyn</b>	<b>4,271.00</b>	<b>4,271.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
16	<b>St Andrews</b>	<b>2,254.00</b>	<b>2,254.00</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
17	<b>St James</b>	<b>44,119.00</b>	<b>44,119.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
18	<b>St John</b>	<b>5,184.00</b>	<b>5,184.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
19	<b>St Luke</b>	<b>4,017.00</b>	<b>4,017.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
20	St Mark	6,868.00	4,382.00	63.80% +
21	<b>St Paul</b>	<b>56,592.00</b>	<b>56,592.00</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
22	<b>Tabernacle</b>	<b>3,578.00</b>	<b>3,578.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
23	<b>Trinity/Enoree</b>	<b>4,160.00</b>	<b>4,160.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
24	Trinity/Gaffney	-	2,518.00	N/A
25	<b>Trinity/Spartanburg</b>	<b>63,346.00</b>	<b>63,346.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
26	<b>White Stone</b>	<b>2,751.00</b>	<b>2,751.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
27	<b>Whitmire</b>	<b>3,342.00</b>	<b>3,342.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
28	Spartanburg District Total	814,463.00	686,441.00	84.28%
29				
30		Walterboro District		
31		56 out of 73 Churches Contributed 100%		
32		99.31% of District Apportionment Contributed		
33	<b>Adnah</b>	<b>4,187.00</b>	<b>4,187.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
34	Bellinger Chapel	2,991.00	-	0.00%
35	<b>Bethel/Green Pond</b>	<b>1,147.00</b>	<b>1,147.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
36	Bethel/Harleyville	-	2,633.50	N/A
37	Bethel/Ruffin	-	6,005.00	N/A
38	<b>Bethel/Smoaks</b>	<b>7,094.00</b>	<b>7,094.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
39	<b>Bethel/Walterboro</b>	<b>44,972.00</b>	<b>44,972.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
40	<b>Bluffton</b>	<b>59,598.00</b>	<b>59,598.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
41	Brunson	3,940.00	-	0.00%
42	<b>Buckhead</b>	<b>6,320.00</b>	<b>6,320.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
43	<b>Canaan</b>	<b>18,179.00</b>	<b>18,181.72</b>	<b>100.01%</b>
44	<b>Carteret Street</b>	<b>64,544.00</b>	<b>64,544.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
45	Church Of The Palms	62,609.00	46,583.29	74.40%
46	Cumberland	3,785.00	152.00	4.02%
47	Duncan Chapel	-	1,935.00	N/A
48	<b>Ebenezer/Ehrhardt</b>	<b>3,109.00</b>	<b>3,109.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
49	Ebenezer/Ritter	-	1,902.00	N/A
50	Ebenezer/Yemassee	-	1,491.50	N/A
51	Estill	2,438.00	-	0.00%
52	First/Harleyville	-	7,504.50	N/A
53	<b>Fisher Chapel</b>	<b>6,028.00</b>	<b>6,028.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
54	<b>Friendship</b>	<b>4,503.00</b>	<b>4,503.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
55	Furman	1,716.00	-	0.00%

1	<b>Gillette</b>	<b>1,112.00</b>	<b>1,112.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
2	<b>Green Pond</b>	<b>1,943.00</b>	<b>1,943.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
3	Grover	-	4,153.50	N/A
4	<b>Hampton</b>	<b>13,217.00</b>	<b>13,217.00</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
5	Hardeeville	6,619.00	-	0.00%
6	<b>Heaven Gate</b>	<b>932.00</b>	<b>934.00</b>	<b>100.21%</b>
7	<b>Hickory Hill</b>	<b>3,039.00</b>	<b>3,039.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
8	Holy Trinity	2,615.00	-	0.00%
9	Indian Field	-	9,966.50	N/A
10	<b>Isaiah</b>	<b>4,042.00</b>	<b>4,042.00</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
11	<b>Jericho</b>	<b>7,529.00</b>	<b>7,529.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
12	<b>Little Swamp</b>	<b>3,854.00</b>	<b>3,854.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
13	<b>Lodge</b>	<b>1,595.00</b>	<b>1,595.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
14	<b>Macedonia</b>	<b>6,170.00</b>	<b>6,170.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
15	<b>Morris Chapel</b>	<b>3,106.00</b>	<b>3,106.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
16	Mount Carmel/Estill	2,036.00	-	0.00%
17	<b>Mt Carmel/Walterboro</b>	<b>2,636.00</b>	<b>2,636.00</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
18	<b>Mt Nebo</b>	<b>3,421.00</b>	<b>3,421.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
19	<b>Mt Pleasant</b>	<b>811.00</b>	<b>811.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
20	<b>New Grace</b>	<b>13,363.00</b>	<b>13,363.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
21	<b>New Hope/Allendale</b>	<b>2,751.00</b>	<b>2,751.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
22	<b>New Hope/Ridgeville</b>	<b>4,677.00</b>	<b>4,677.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
23	<b>New Life</b>	<b>16,482.00</b>	<b>16,482.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
24	<b>Oak Grove/Ridgeville</b>	<b>5,120.00</b>	<b>5,120.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
25	<b>Peniel</b>	<b>1,313.00</b>	<b>1,313.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
26	Port Royal	14,184.00	6,802.16	47.96%
27	Providence	-	684.50	N/A
28	Red Bank	2,677.00	1,440.42	53.81%
29	<b>Red Root</b>	<b>3,367.00</b>	<b>3,367.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
30	Rehoboth	-	3,924.00	N/A
31	<b>Rizers Chapel</b>	<b>3,155.00</b>	<b>3,155.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
32	Salem/Dorchester	4,801.00	4,000.00	83.32% +
33	Salem/Hendersonville	-	2,374.50	N/A
34	<b>Sand Hill</b>	<b>13,838.00</b>	<b>13,842.00</b>	<b>100.03%</b>
35	<b>Sandy Dam</b>	<b>1,576.00</b>	<b>1,576.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
36	<b>Shady Grove</b>	<b>13,046.00</b>	<b>13,046.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
37	<b>Simpson</b>	<b>3,036.00</b>	<b>3,036.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
38	<b>Springtown</b>	<b>10,091.00</b>	<b>10,091.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
39	<b>St Andrew By-the-Sea</b>	<b>111,921.00</b>	<b>111,921.12</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
40	<b>St Daniel</b>	<b>3,624.00</b>	<b>3,624.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
41	St George	-	14,868.00	N/A
42	<b>St James</b>	<b>496.00</b>	<b>496.00</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
43	<b>St John/Dorchester</b>	<b>6,655.00</b>	<b>6,655.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
44	St Johns/Ruffin	-	1,677.00	N/A
45	<b>St Luke/Ehrhardt</b>	<b>3,368.00</b>	<b>3,368.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
46	<b>St Luke/Okatie</b>	<b>14,601.00</b>	<b>14,601.00</b>	<b>100.00% +</b>
47	<b>St Mark</b>	<b>8,049.00</b>	<b>8,049.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
48	<b>St Paul/ Ridgeville</b>	<b>4,866.00</b>	<b>4,866.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
49	St Stephen	1,201.00	-	0.00%
50	Swallow Savannah	4,565.00	-	0.00%
51	<b>Sykes Savannah</b>	<b>2,295.00</b>	<b>2,295.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
52	Tabor	-	1,505.00	N/A
53	<b>Tobys Bluff</b>	<b>2,282.00</b>	<b>2,282.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
54	<b>Trinity/Greenpond</b>	<b>642.00</b>	<b>714.00</b>	<b>111.21% +</b>
55	Trinity/Smoaks	1,090.00	-	0.00%

1	<b>Trinity/St George</b>	<b>3,605.00</b>	<b>3,605.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
2	<b>Union</b>	<b>3,016.00</b>	<b>3,016.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
3	<b>Varnville</b>	<b>3,320.00</b>	<b>3,320.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
4	<b>Wesley Chapel</b>	<b>1,847.00</b>	<b>1,847.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
5	Wesley Grove	3,484.00	1,500.00	43.05%
6	<b>Wesley/Beaufort</b>	<b>12,621.00</b>	<b>12,621.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
7	<b>Williams</b>	<b>3,712.00</b>	<b>3,712.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
8	Zion/Dorchester	5,088.00	-	0.00%
9	<b>Zion/Ehrhardt</b>	<b>82.00</b>	<b>82.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
10	Walterboro District Total	677,744.00	673,088.00	99.31%
11	Conference Total	11,711,557.00	9,181,093.00	78.39%

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## CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES REPORT

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Connectional Ministries continues to steward the vision of the Annual Conference, as well as serve as a central hub for collaboration, resourcing, and leadership development across the South Carolina Conference. Through partnerships with conference agencies, local churches, and community organizations, this work supports the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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When we diligently seek to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in the world, we can find ourselves on holy ground. This was the theme of our Connectional Ministries meeting this year: Common Ground or Holy Ground?

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When we find common ground, we settle for things that we can endure together. We tolerate. We compromise.

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When we take off our shoes, become vulnerable, and stand on holy ground, we experience compassion. We feel our brother's or sister's pain. Instead of tolerating, we love unconditionally.

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Perhaps this is where God is leading us – Holy Ground: A Sacred Space – where we do what we do out of a deep abiding love for God and for neighbor.

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Our work remains grounded in Our Four Priorities, which represent the foundational practices of healthy and vital congregations. At the same time, we seek to align our resources – staffing, training, and funding – to the Missional Priorities identified through the work of the Jeremiah Teams.

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This ensures that we more effectively reach new people; nurture children, youth, and young adults into a life of discipleship; and develop leaders who will keep the church growing and thriving for generations to come.

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During the Special Called Session of the Annual Conference on October 18, 2025, the conference approved the reduction of districts to 10 from 12, effective July 1, 2026. As a result, Connectional Ministries will update its rosters to ensure engagement of laity and clergy across the newly configured districts.

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We also will be working to more actively engage our council, committees, boards, and agencies in the work of ministry as we seek to resource local churches based upon their contextual needs, which vary church-by-church and district-by-district.

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The conference also voted to merge the Office of Connectional Ministries and the Office of Congregational Development to create the Office of Congregational Excellence. This new office will continue the core work of Connectional Ministries while strengthening our capacity for congregational vitality, innovation, and new ministry development – intentionally maximizing resources and reducing administrative costs through strategic alignment and shared leadership.

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By reducing administrative overhead and aligning our work more effectively, we are able to steward our resources in a way that prioritizes direct investment in ministry, leadership development, and congregational vitality.

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Connectional Ministries continues to strengthen the ministry of the South Carolina Conference through strategic partnerships and external funding that expand the church's ability to serve communities and support congregations.

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Over the past two years, the conference has secured more than \$2.6 million in grant funding to support initiatives in children's ministry, rural church vitality, and disaster recovery.

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These grants include a \$1,110,305 Lilly Endowment grant for the Nurturing Children Through Worship and Prayer Initiative, which will support 60 congregations in a five-year intergenerational ministry learning cohort.

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The conference has also received a \$375,000 grant through the North Carolina Rural Center, funded by the Lilly

1 Endowment, to support rural congregations through coaching cohorts focused on community engagement and  
 2 asset-based community development.

3 In addition, significant funding has been secured to assist communities recovering from Hurricane Helene, includ-  
 4 ing \$798,392 from the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), \$206,799 from the American Red Cross,  
 5 and \$150,000 from The Duke Endowment to support long-term recovery and rebuilding efforts. An additional  
 6 \$5,000 UMCOR grant has supported leadership development through disaster response training at the South-  
 7 eastern Jurisdiction Disaster Academy.

8 These grants represent more than financial support – they reflect the growing capacity of the South Carolina  
 9 Conference to partner with organizations that share our commitment to strengthening communities and nurturing  
 10 disciples of Jesus Christ.

11 Through these initiatives, congregations are being equipped with training, resources, and collaborative learning  
 12 opportunities that help them engage their communities more effectively, nurture children and families in faith, and  
 13 respond compassionately to those recovering from disaster.

14 Our vision is to help local churches employ this strategy as well. Through our partnership with the South Carolina  
 15 Office of Resilience, we have held three grant writing seminars during which local churches and organizations  
 16 have come to learn how to write strong proposals to help meet the needs that have been identified in their congre-  
 17 gations and communities.

18 More than 130 people have attended these trainings and have left with valuable information and new connections  
 19 that will help them to find new and innovative ways to fund their ministry and to reach new people for the King-  
 20 dom.

21 Through the work of the Four Ministry Areas of Connectional Ministries and the boards, committees, agencies,  
 22 and teams through which they accomplish their work, we can indeed find ourselves standing on holy ground.

23 The question is, will we hold this sacred space as holy and respond faithfully to love boldly, serve joyfully, and  
 24 lead courageously?

25 Will we open ourselves up and risk being and doing something different? Join us! Take off your shoes!

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Respectfully Submitted,  
 Millie Nelson Smith, Director  
 Pamela Goodwine-Glover, Convener Mason Cantey, Co-Convener  
 Megan Gray, Convener, Advocacy Ministry Area  
 Kim Bryant, Convener, Discipleship Ministry Area  
 Betty Void and Michael Jennings, Conveners, Lay Leadership Ministry Area  
 Martin Quick, Convener, Outreach Ministry Area  
 Doris Bright, Secretary  
 Steve Patterson, Anderson District Superintendent (Cabinet Representative)

**S.C. ANNUAL CONFERENCE DESIGNATED SPECIAL DAYS 2027**

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39	Human Relations Day	January 17, 2027
40	Golden Cross Sunday	February 7, 2027
41	UMCOR Sunday	March 7, 2027
42	United Methodist Camps and Retreats Sunday	March 14, 2026
43	Native American Awareness Sunday	April 11, 2027
44	Epworth Children’s Home Mother’s Day	May 9, 2027
45	United Methodist Student Day	May 2, 2027
46	Peace with Justice Sunday	May 23, 2027
47	Aldersgate Special Needs Sunday	August 8, 2027
48	Call to Ministry Sunday	August 15, 2027
49	Epworth Children’s Home Work Day	September 12, 2027
50	Youth Service Fund Sunday	September 19, 2027
51	Advocate Awareness Sunday	September 26, 2027
52	World Communion Sunday	October 3, 2027
53	Conference Advance Special Ministries Sunday	November 7, 2027

**LAY LEADERSHIP AREA OF CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES  
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**Purpose:**

Lay Leadership has four areas of ministry in the SC UMC Conference Connectional Ministries program. It serves to unite the laity across the Conference and encourages them to be engaged in their local church and active in the district. The importance of every church, regardless of its size, cannot be overstated.

**Key moments from the previous year:**

**Lay Leaders:**

The lay leader functions as the primary representative and role model of Christian discipleship and faith lived out in the district and in daily life. The District Lay Leader works with the District Superintendent to fulfill the mission and vision of the congregations within the district. They are leaders who understand that everyone has spiritual gifts and experiences that are vital to the body of Christ (see 1 Corinthians 12).

They attend local charge conferences, district connectional ministries meeting, conference meetings and train local church ministries.

We appreciate our District Lay Leaders' (DLL) support for the twelve districts. If you do not know your DLL, take the time to get to know them and invite them to your church. Sandy Trasher, Anderson, Gillis McAllister, Charleston, Michael Jennings, Columbia, Brenda Fleming, Florence, Chandra Dillard, Greenville, Sandy Shafer, Greenwood, Derrick Stanley Hartsville, Michael Toms, Marion, Stephon Void, Orangeburg, Bob James, Rock Hill, Donna Campsen, Spartanburg, Sally LeSage, Walterboro.

Lay Servant Ministries continue to be a spiritual and leadership development program. This program is equipping and empowering the laity, providing them with the opportunity to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ and then go and make other disciples.

The 2025 Lay Servant Academy drew more participants than we have seen since COVID interrupted our time together in person. Toni Taylor, a layperson, presented the morning session on leading and teaching adults. Her session was well-received, and folks left wanting more. Therefore, we have invited her to present again at the 2026 Academy on August 1, 2026.

Bishop Kenneth Carder was present for the Academy and helped to lead, along with Sandy Shaffer of the Greenwood District, the afternoon session of Ministry with the Forgotten. Bishop Carder wrote both the textbook and its leader's guide.

Pamela Goodwine-Glover facilitated an introduction to Youth Basic. All afternoon overview sessions were well received.

Many of our districts have seen very successful lay servant schools this past year. One district had around 100 participants, and several others had 50 or more. Again, the numbers are increasing.

Many districts are beginning to offer more diverse Advanced Courses to better meet the needs of our local churches.

Lay Servant Ministries is open to all people. Lay Servant Ministries offers certification at several levels for United Methodist laity. These certification levels include Certified Lay Servant, Certified Lay Speaker, and Certified Lay Minister.

**United Women in Faith:**

The South Carolina Conference of the United Women in Faith is a sisterhood acting in faith to tackle the world's hard work without hesitation. We focus on women, children and youth and are called to act for justice for our communities. To meet that goal, we have been busy learning and growing together.

The United Women in Faith have been working hard on our programs. We held our State Meeting in October, elected the 2026 officers, and are working on a plan to reduce our districts from 12 to 10 in accordance with the South Carolina Methodist Conference. We have Legislative Advocacy Day to help us learn about advocating for women, children and the marginalized in our community. Our spiritual growth retreat and our day apart event will take place in April and May. Many of us are going to our National Assembly in May with our keynote speaker, Stacy Abrahms. Then we will host our Mission U in July for all of the ladies of the state to gather and grow in fellowship and faith. Our annual UMC UWFaith meeting is in October, and we will formally install our state and district leaders.

Women, children, and youth are called to act for justice for our communities. To meet that goal, we have been busy learning and growing together.

**MenNMinistry:**

This past year, new leadership guided the programming and ministries for the SC Men-N-Ministry, with Dyron V. Anderson elected as President, Bob James as Vice President, and Rolland Fitch as Secretary, also serving as

1 the SC Conference Scouting Coordinator. Charles Shipman continued as Treasurer.

2 Our goal of having leadership in place for all Districts was met, with several new leaders participating in our  
3 planning events. In April 2025, over 50 men participated in the Leadership Training led by Bishop Fairley at  
4 Ashland UMC. The Leadership hosted a Conference Staff Appreciation Luncheon in August and presented 3  
5 Susanna Wesley Awards to Jessica Brodie, Lollie Haselden and Tammy Fulmer, and 2 Life Achievement Awards  
6 to Jim Crews and Dan O'Mara. During our October Business meeting, we presented Kenny Bingham with a Life  
7 Achievement Award. In November, the SC Men-N-Ministry attended the Killingsworth Gala and provided a \$1,600  
8 donation. Our 2026 SC Men-N-Ministry Spiritual Growth Event at Journey UMC in February drew over 225 men  
9 and Scouts, making it one of the largest in many years. The theme centered around "Building Bridges across  
10 Generations", with Bishop Fairley as our Keynote Speaker, along with presentations from Rev. Tyler Strange and  
11 Rev. Martin Quick, and an uplifting intergenerational panel discussion and closing with Communion. During this  
12 event, Bishop Fairley and Charles Shipman were presented with John Wesley Awards, and Rev. Fran Elrod and  
13 Nelda Canada were presented with Susanna Wesley Awards. Also, recognized were five young men inducted as  
14 Eagle Scouts: Sean Nimmons, Khamary Cleckley, Derwin Brailey, Melvin Hart and Willie Townes III. The two-day  
15 event also included a Golf Tournament and Cigars and Scriptures event on Friday.

16 Looking forward into 2026-2027, the SC Men-N-Ministry will be focusing on sponsoring District Men's Events,  
17 creating ministry opportunities for "younger" men across South Carolina, and guiding men of all ages to lead  
18 churches, families and communities in growing disciples for the transformation of the world. The 2027 Men-N-Min-  
19 istry event to be held February 19-20,2027.

## 20 Youth around the Conference:

21 During 2025-26, South Carolina Ministries with Young People (SCMYP) had a vibrant year filled with growth  
22 and engagement. Two major events stood out: Immerse, a fall discipleship retreat at Asbury Hills focused on  
23 God-given creativity and connection among youth; and Revolution, a winter gathering that, although delayed until  
24 March 2026, still drew a strong turnout, with many youth responding to calls to discipleship and ministry. SCMYP  
25 also continued Revolution 365 to promote year-round collaboration among youth groups. Additionally, they hosted  
26 leadership development initiatives, including a Collaborative Youth Ministry workshop and a Youth Leader Coach-  
27 ing Cohort. They organized delegations of youth representatives to take part in the 2026 Annual Conference.

28 Our objectives for the upcoming year are:

- 29 • We will continue to engage and equip laity across the Annual Conference with information and re-  
30 sources to assist local churches.
- 31 • Continue partnering with groups in our local communities and sharing the love of Jesus Christ.
- 32 • Continue to embrace our new reality and to work actively to "be the church" wherever we are.
- 33 • Identify opportunities to engage churches and local communities in mission, ministry, and the response  
34 to racism and homelessness.

## 35 If you take away nothing from this report, know this:

36 We should continue to embrace where we are as the United Methodist Church and Conference. The church re-  
37 mains the church. We are called to be disciples and to show the love of Christ to others. We must continue to be  
38 diligent in our missions and ministries. There are people around us who need to hear the Gospel. Let us continue  
39 to be the disciples God calls us to be.

## 40 Narrative:

41 There is no doubt that we are living in extraordinary times in our church and our world. As we navigate the future,  
42 let us be a shining example of God's love and light. We are to love each other as Jesus has loved us. May we be  
43 seen by the world as people who love and respect one another despite our differences in opinion on many issues.  
44 As we live out our faith in Christ, may we positively impact the lives of others and be living examples of His love.

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46 Respectfully submitted:  
47 Conference Co-Lay Leader: Betty Void  
48 Conference Co-Lay Leader: Michael Jennings  
49 Loving boldly, Serving joyfully, and Leading courageously.

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## REPORT OF THE CABINET "See the Possibilities, Live the Promises"

53 On behalf of the Extended Cabinet of the SC Annual Conference, we greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior,  
54 Jesus Christ! We are thankful for the faithful leadership of our Resident Bishop, Leonard E. Fairley and the support  
55 of his lovely wife, Dawn.

1 Seeing the possibilities has led to significant developments across the Conference, including the transition to a  
2 10-District structure and broader organizational restructuring. These changes effective, July 1, 2026, are designed  
3 to strengthen unity and improve the effectiveness of mission and ministry. We would like to thank our Jeremiah  
4 teams for their faithfulness to this work, and the work of the Transition teams who have and will continue to help  
5 pave the way for a smooth transitional process.

6 Over the past two years, ten District Superintendents and twelve administrative assistants have supported the  
7 work of twelve districts. In addition to supervision of their previously assigned Districts, we appreciate the commit-  
8 ment of Rev. Terry Fleming, Rev. Ken Nelson, Rev. Jeffrey Salley, Rev. Chris Lollis, Rev. Cathy Mitchell, and Rev.  
9 Steve Patterson for also providing coverage to the Greenville and Walterboro Districts. We give special recog-  
10 nition and appreciation to admins, Sherri Allred (serving the Greenville District for 4 years) and Margie Williams  
11 (serving the Walterboro District for 46 years) for their support of and patience with three different DSs during this  
12 season. We want to thank, Laura Hill, the Administrative Assistant to Conference Congregational Development,  
13 who has served the conference for 31 years. Laura will be transitioning to the office of Congregational Excellence.

14 Due to the dissolution of the Greenville and Florence Districts, we bid farewell to Sherri Allred serving Greenville  
15 for 4 years and Angela Bethea serving Florence for 13 years, both of whom will be moving on to different pro-  
16 fessional journeys. We want to express our sincere gratitude for the tremendous impact they have made in their  
17 districts, their positive outlook, friendship and faithfulness to God and The SC Annual Conference.

18 We say thank you and farewell to our Senior DSs, who have completed an 8-year tenure on the Cabinet. Rev.  
19 Terry Fleming, Rev. Cathy Mitchell, and Rev. Steve Patterson who have served faithfully during a very challenging  
20 season in the life of the church. We pray God's blessings upon each of them as they return to service in the local  
21 church, and for those who will remain on the Extended Cabinet.

22 We welcome to the Appointive Cabinet three new District Superintendents: Rev. Megan Gray (Spartanburg Dis-  
23 trict), Rev. Tiffany Knowlin-Boykin (Walterboro District), and Rev. James Friday (Anderson District.) We welcome  
24 Rev. George Ashford to the Extended Cabinet as the Director of Innovation and Strategy.

25 In Spring of 2024, the Cabinet envisioned the possibilities that the Hope Fund grants could provide for local  
26 churches' support of church missions, ministries, revitalization and leadership development. And now, we are  
27 excited to see the churches living the promises.

28 As of May 31, 2026, 59 Hope Fund requests from the balance of the 2023 separation proceeds have been  
29 granted by the Appointive Cabinet in the amount of \$1,856,467.40: 53% has been allocated to African American  
30 congregations, 47% to White congregations.

31 Per action by the 2025 Annual Conference, 75% of the 2024 Hope Funds were designated to BIPOC congrega-  
32 tions, and 25% unrestricted. As of March 31, 2026, 46 Hope Fund grants from the balance of the 2024 separa-  
33 tion proceeds in the amount \$1,541,403.76 were granted: 75% BIPOC congregations (\$1,364,783.76), and 25%  
34 non-BIPOC congregations (\$176,620.00.)

35 The Extended Cabinet extends our felt gratitude to the local churches of this Annual Conference that have com-  
36 mitted to actively being engaged in mission and ministry in their communities, and for the Clergy and Lay leader-  
37 ship in the Local church, District and Conference levels for their support.

38 **Respectfully submitted,**  
39 Rev. Cathy D. Mitchell  
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## 41 42 **REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR**

43 It is my privilege to serve the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church as the Conference  
44 Chancellor. In that role I am the legal advisor to the Bishop and the Annual Conference. By Conference standing  
45 rule 98, requests for my services are made through the Episcopal office. It is a privilege to continue to my work  
46 with the dedicated clergy, staff and laypersons of the Conference.

47 This year my work has included serving as a resource for lawyers representing the Conference and local UMC  
48 Churches in litigation, working with the Conference Board of Trustees by preparing leases, deeds, sales contracts,  
49 and other legal documents, and assisting in drafting resolutions and resources for the Conference and local  
50 churches.

51 I have also continued to monitor the filings in the Boy Scout Bankruptcy. The appeals are now over, the settle-  
52 ment and its terms are valid, payments are being made and the release provisions apply to the conferences  
53 and churches of the United Methodist Church. I, along with my chancellor colleagues, continue to recommend

1 strongly that churches desiring a relationship with scouting use the facilities use agreements and affiliation  
2 agreements. This is a link to these official well vented documents: [https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/up-](https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/02.-BSA.UMC-Updated-Affiliation-Agreement_08.26.22.pdf)  
3 [loads/2022/09/02.-BSA.UMC-Updated-Affiliation-Agreement\\_08.26.22.pdf](https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/02.-BSA.UMC-Updated-Affiliation-Agreement_08.26.22.pdf).

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## OFFICE OF CLERGY SERVICES

7 The primary purpose of the Office of Clergy Services is to serve as a support system and liaison between the  
8 Bishop and Cabinet and the Board of Ordained Ministry in all matters related to clergy licensing, ordination, train-  
9 ing, equipping, and status. Additional responsibilities of the office include, but are not limited to:

- 10 • Recruiting, retaining, and resourcing both pastors and laity
- 11 • Maintaining and updating clergy records
- 12 • Coordinating conference-wide resources and support systems

13 Rev. Sharome Henry, the Executive Assistant for Clergy Services, continues to provide excellent support to district  
14 offices and candidates with patience and passion. His concern for each of our candidates is expressed through  
15 his willingness to help guide them through the process. He is a blessing to both to the candidates and to our  
16 church.

17 Our office inputs, updates and maintains the information in our database for all active and retired clergy, lay minis-  
18 ters, pulpit supplies and candidates in various stages of the process. That work is made possible by the help and  
19 guidance of Jim Crews and Russ McKissick in the Conference Information Technology department. The accuracy  
20 of this database is pivotal for the completion of the many annual reports for which this office is responsible.

21 This office continues to oversee the annual update of the clergy/candidate's criminal background checks in ac-  
22 cordance with the conference's Safe Sanctuary policy. The policy requires all active clergy, candidates and those  
23 assigned to congregations to have a current background check every three years. This year Clergy Services has  
24 processed over 300 background checks.

25 Clergy Services is dedicated to providing quality opportunities for leadership development. This office has also  
26 collaborated with the Chairs of the Clergy Orders and Fellowship, and the Board of Ordained Ministry to provide  
27 opportunities for leadership development and growth.

28 In conjunction with the Board of Ordained Ministry, Clergy Services oversees the Licensing School of Pastoral  
29 Ministry. This year in addition to the quality instructors from among our clergy membership, we partnered with  
30 Candler and the Lewis Center to provide training for the new licensed clergy.

31 A major project for this year was to update the Clergy Services web page following the release of the 2020/2024  
32 Book of Discipline. This included the updating of all the brochures, process information and the reorganization  
33 of the webpage ([www.umcsc.org/clergyservices](http://www.umcsc.org/clergyservices)). Old process guides have all been update, new process guides  
34 have been created, and the webpage is now organized by Disciplinary paragraph. Our hope was to provide a  
35 resource for any status related to clergy and some laity positions in one place.

36 The work of this office is only possible with the assistance of the district admins. I am grateful for their work and  
37 for their diligent oversight of so much information, vital to so many different people. And it is a pleasure to work  
38 with our Bishop and Superintendents on many matters related to our clergy, and to attempt to support them as  
39 they continue the vital and demanding work necessary to identify, nurture, instruct and supervise the clergy of our  
40 Conference.

41 The Conference Board of Ordained Ministry continues to seek the most effective and faithful ways to fulfill its  
42 remarkably broad role in evaluating and approving clergy to serve the local churches and various ministries of  
43 our Conference. The importance of this work cannot be overstated. The genuine concern and great wisdom of  
44 the members of the Board is continually demonstrated in the work that they do on behalf of the conference. The  
45 Rev. Morris Waymer continues to provide outstanding leadership to the Board. It has been a privilege to assist the  
46 Board in its work.

47 Without trying to list every event or undertaking of the past year, I continue to respond to requests by phone,  
48 email, and correspondence related to licensing, ordination, and all matters related to clergy and their status within  
49 the conference, and have met with individuals seeking personal guidance in these areas. It remains an honor to  
50 continue to encourage, guide and support clergy as they navigate, pursue and answer their calling. It has been  
51 a pleasure to serve in this area of ministry for the past five years, and I look forward to continued service in the  
52 coming year.

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A. Melton Arant, Jr., Coordinator of Clergy Services

## THE SC CONFERENCE INCLUSION TEAM (CIT)

On December 3, 2025, the first meeting of the initial SC Conference Inclusion Team, appointed by Bishop Leonard Fairley, met under the leadership of the Bishop who consecrated our work with spiritual guidance, careful listening and engagement, and directed us to proceed in a posture of grace to all, while guided by The Book of Discipline.

During this meeting we acknowledged the necessity of appointing additional members to the team to fulfill our goals of inclusive representation, particularly more LGBTQIA+ representatives, BIPOC, and more laity. This is a work in progress as we assess how best to identify and invite candidates to this important and sacred work.

The intention of the Inclusion Team is to guide the SC Conference in centering and amplifying voices of our LGBTQIA+ siblings within our churches, boards, committees, and organizations. We undoubtedly acknowledge the suppression of their voices for over half a century and celebrate the renewed opportunity to help facilitate a faithful path to discipleship and full inclusion. We acknowledge the many gifts, talents, means of grace, leadership skills, and callings that have been obstructed over many decades. It is our intention both to help foster recovery and to encourage new opportunities for full participation of all God's people in the ministry of the Body of Christ.

Over five meetings since the 2025 meeting of the SC Annual Conference, the CIT has progressed efficiently with our preparatory work. We have accomplished several initiatives, beginning with defining our goals and objectives, studying best practices, implementing measures for evaluating progress, obtaining and using data, compiling and disseminating information/ educational resources, and communicating more broadly with the Conference.

Specifically, we've generated a Loving Covenant of confidentiality, which would translate well into extension ministries and churches beyond the CIT. We have at the direction of the Bishop, designed an evaluative rubric for the Conference Boards of Trustees, Ordained Ministry, and Nominations. This rubric was sent to all three boards in March 2025 to begin the process of self-evaluation for intentional improvement in LGBTQIA+ inclusion. The rubric has been distributed, with plans in mind to offer a template for other Conference organizations and churches during the 2026 conference year. Data from the rubric will be collected and reviewed to assess the state of inclusion and representation in the SC Conference.

This data will be disaggregated so that the SC Conference summary and the district-by-district summaries become clear. Data will be used to identify training needs within the Conference and across districts. At this point the CIT will help facilitate the planning and implementation of training opportunities. Further, we have compiled and prepared for publication a collection of 1) mental health resources, and 2) a bibliography of theological, biblical, and autobiographical resources for use in supporting LGBTQIA+ persons and families, as well as educating SC United Methodist congregations, boards, committees, and organizations.

Once initial evaluative measures have been completed and surveyed, the Conference Inclusion Team in cooperation with the Conference Treasurer will propose a budget and request funding beginning in 2028 for the support of full inclusion among churches, districts, and the Conference at large.

The Conference Inclusion Team is grateful for the support of the SC Conference and fully committed to the work set before us on behalf of our LGBTQIA+ siblings and all the people of God.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Rev. Meg Wilkes on behalf of the SC Conference Inclusion Team

**4** Rev. Fran Elrod Dr. Jim Lane

**2** Rev. Meegian Gossard Rev. Ellis White

**6** Rev. Rachel Hadden Rev. Meg Wilkes

## BIPOC (BLACK, INDIGENOUS, PEOPLE OF COLOR) ADVISORY TEAM

Created by Bishop Fairley to advise the Cabinet regarding Hope Fund Usage

Per action by 2025 AC, the Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) Advisory Team was developed. Members of the BIPOC Advisory Team are: Reverends Tae Park, Darlene Dellinger, Judith Knox, and Jeffrey Salley; laity, Tracy Pender.

1 Per action by 2025 AC, 75% of the 2024 Hope Funds were designated to BIPOC congregations without match-  
2 ing grant stipulations. We have supported BIPOC congregations with Hope Fund grants in the following areas:  
3 financial debilitation, salary equity, capital improvement/maintenance, leadership training, and Cooperative Parish  
4 developments. Below is a summary of the BIPOC funds YTD:

5 75% of the 2024 Hope Funds designated for BIPOC and per Hope Fund criteria	\$2,657,007.20
6 Grants awarded for BIPOC churches as of 3/31/2026	(\$1,364,783.76)
7 Balance remaining for BIPOC before unrealized losses/gains	\$1,292,223.44

8 **Respectfully submitted,**

9 The Reverend Jeffrey Salley, BIPOC Advisory Team Chairperson

## 11 **THE MINISTRY ADVISORY TEAM & CONFERENCE STAFF RELATIONS JOINT REPORT**

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14 The Ministry Advisory Team (MAT) provides an arena for Bishop Fairley to facilitate conversation and interac-  
15 tion between Program Services, Administrative Services and Clergy Services. The MAT strives to create a more  
16 efficient and productive ministry by advising the bishop and district superintendents, as well as the programmatic,  
17 administrative and personnel teams of the South Carolina Annual Conference. This team is composed of repre-  
18 sentatives from all aspects of ministry across the Annual Conference – Clergy Services and Ordained Ministry,  
19 Conference Secretary, Congregational Development, Connectional Ministries, the Districts, Finance and Admin-  
20 istration, Benefits, and Lay Leadership. The leaders of these ministry areas have worked to plan and coordinate  
21 trainings, events and ministry opportunities together, utilizing the strengths and resources of each independent  
22 group.

23 In recent years the team has worked closely with the Conference Staff Relations Committee to help vision, orga-  
24 nize, plan and implement changes in how we do ministry in the South Carolina Annual Conference. This work  
25 was most recently seen in the MAT/Conference Staff Relations Jeremiah Team task group reports at the Special  
26 Called Session of Annual Conference in October 2025. In many ways, the work of these teams continues, as  
27 reported below:

### 28 **1. Missional Priorities Jeremiah Team Report**

29 Across our Conference, one thing has become clear: God is calling us into a deeper, more connected, and  
30 more intentional way of being the Church.

31 Over the past year, we have listened—to clergy and laity, to ministry leaders and congregations, and to the  
32 movement of the Holy Spirit among us. What we heard was not just a list of needs, but a shared longing: to  
33 be more connected to one another, to ensure that all people are seen, valued, and included, and to use our  
34 resources in ways that truly make a difference for the Kingdom of God.

35 This work does not replace Our 4 Priorities. Rather, it enhances and sharpens our focus on them, help-  
36 ing us to live more fully into our shared commitments by aligning our actions, resources, and strategies with  
37 greater clarity and intentionality.

38 From that listening, several clear priorities have emerged—priorities that are not separate efforts, but part  
39 of one unified vision for who we are becoming as a Conference.

#### 40 **Investing in the Next Generation**

41 If we are to be a thriving Church tomorrow, we must be intentional about who we are nurturing today.

42 We heard a strong and consistent call to strengthen our ministry with youth and young adults—not as  
43 separate groups competing for attention, but as a continuous journey of faith formation. This includes creating  
44 leadership that can guide and connect this work across the Conference, offering meaningful opportunities for  
45 spiritual growth, and building bridges that help young people stay connected to the Church as they move into  
46 adulthood.

47 At the same time, we are affirming that children’s ministry is not an optional program—it is a Confer-  
48 ence-wide priority. We are committed to creating spaces where children are formed in faith through worship,  
49 learning, and community. This includes equipping local churches, especially smaller congregations, with the  
50 tools and support they need, and creating shared experiences that remind our children—and all of us—that  
51 they belong to the body of Christ.

#### 52 **Strengthening Our Presence on College Campuses and Beyond**

53 College campuses remain one of the most significant mission fields of our time. We recognize the need to  
54 strengthen and sustain campus ministries so they can continue to shape lives and calls to ministry.

55 This means ensuring that those who lead this work are supported in equitable and sustainable ways, and

1 that ministries have the resources needed to meet students where they are. It also means expanding our  
2 reach—both to growing campuses and to young adults who are not connected to a college setting—so that no  
3 one is overlooked in this critical season of life.

#### 4 **Reclaiming Evangelism and Christian Hospitality**

5 At the heart of our faith is an invitation—an invitation to know Christ and to be part of a loving, welcoming  
6 community.

7 We are being called to reclaim evangelism, not as a program, but as a way of life. This includes equipping  
8 both clergy and laity to share their faith with authenticity and confidence, and helping our congregations be-  
9 come places of genuine hospitality—where people are not just greeted, but truly embraced.

10 We also celebrate the vital role of laity in this work. Their leadership, witness, and service are essential to  
11 the life of the Church, and we are committed to recognizing and strengthening that contribution across our  
12 Conference.

#### 13 **Communicating More Clearly and More Effectively**

14 Again and again, we heard a simple but urgent message: We must communicate better.

15 Strong communication is not just about sharing information—it is about strengthening connection, increas-  
16 ing participation, and ensuring that every church and every member knows they are part of something larger.

17 To support this, we are taking steps to expand our communication capacity, strengthen our digital pres-  
18 ence, and provide tools and training that will benefit districts and local congregations alike.

#### 19 **Aligning Our Resources with Our Mission**

20 These priorities are not simply aspirations—they are commitments.

21 We are approaching this work with intentional stewardship, making careful and faithful decisions about how  
22 to use the resources entrusted to us. This includes utilizing reserves in a strategic and time-limited way, re-  
23 directing underused resources toward areas of greatest impact, and seeking additional funding opportunities  
24 that align with our mission.

25 Importantly, this work continues to support and strengthen Our 4 Priorities, ensuring that they are not only  
26 named but actively lived out in ways that are measurable, meaningful, and sustainable.

#### 27 **A Shared Call Forward**

28 These priorities are not the work of a few—they belong to all of us.

29 They call us to be more connected.

30 They challenge us to be more inclusive.

31 They invite us to be more intentional in how we serve.

32 Most importantly, they remind us of who we are: a people called to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the  
33 transformation of the world.

34 As we move forward together, may we do so with courage, clarity, and faith—trusting that God is already at  
35 work among us, leading us into what is next.

#### 36 I. **Youth & Young Adult Ministry:**

37 **Recommendation:** Establish a Full-Time Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry with program-  
38 ming support.

#### 39 **Key Components:**

- 40 • Intentional focus on Youth and Young Adults
- 41 • Youth/Young Adult Council (named by the Director of Ministry with Young People)
- 42 • Training for clergy, lay servants, and CLMs (Certified Lay Ministers)
- 43 • Partnership with Salkehatchie and other mission pathways
- 44 • Annual Young Adult Retreat

#### 45 II. **Children's Ministry (Conference-Wide Priority):**

46 **Recommendation:** Establish Children's Ministry as a conference priority.

#### 47 **Strategic Focus:**

- 48 • Conference-wide Children's Event (grant-supported in 2027)
- 49 • District-level training and resourcing
- 50 • Pop-up District Children's Ministry Events/Trainings in every district through Camps and Re-  
51 treats Ministry
- 52 • Support for small churches
- 53 • Annual Conference intergenerational highlight
- 54 • Create a bridge to Youth Ministry to help children stay engaged in the life of the Church as they  
55 are formed and confirmed in their faith and begin their journey of discipleship.

- 1 III. **Campus Ministry Restructuring:**  
 2 **Recommendation:** Develop equitable salary structure and programming support.  
 3 **Key Elements:**  
 4 • Fund salaries for campus ministers equal to at least the current minimum for full-time clergy (to  
 5 be adjusted annually based upon any increases of conference staff or clergy as well as cost of  
 6 living)  
 7 • Fund operational/programming costs based upon the needs of the campus ministry  
 8 • Expansion plan for campuses with over 2,000 students enrolled  
 9 • More connection and oversight alignment with Conference Board of Higher Education and  
 10 Campus Ministries with the Office of Congregational Excellence  
 11 • Engagement strategies for non-college young adults  
 12 • Create a bridge to Youth & Young Adult Ministry to help students retain a connection with the  
 13 UMC into adulthood
- 14 IV. **Evangelism & Christian Hospitality**  
 15 • Clergy and Lay Servant evangelism training  
 16 • Christian Hospitality training for congregations  
 17 • Celebration and recognition of laity at Annual Conference to include newly certified lay servants
- 18 V. **Communications Expansion (Foundational Priority)**  
 19 **Recommendation:** Add Full-Time Digital Communicator.  
 20 • 2026 reserve-funded Digital Communication position  
 21 • Website redevelopment and digital upgrades (already in progress)  
 22 • Conference-wide support for districts and local churches through information and training

23 **How We Align Our Resources with Our Mission to Fund These Priorities**

- 24 • Strategic reserve utilization (time-limited bridge)  
 25 • Reallocation of underutilized funds to fund the named missional priorities  
 26 • Seeking and securing other funding opportunities that match with our mission and values

27 No overall 2027 structural expansion at this time, but work within the bounds of what we have as we continue  
 28 to adjust and right size

29 **Respectfully Submitted** by the Missional Priorities Jeremiah Team

30 Millie Nelson Smith Matthew Alexander David Bryant Megan Gray

31 Sylvia Harris-Greene Tiffany Knowlin-Boykin David Salter

32 **2. District Realignment: Logistics Team Report**

33 Across our Conference, one thing has become clear: God is calling us into a deeper, more connected, and  
 34 more intentional way of being the Church.

35 **Purpose and Audience:** This report is intended to inform and provide resources to the laity and clergy of  
 36 the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, with particular emphasis on churches and  
 37 clergy who will be moving into a new district. The purpose of the report is to explain the work of the Logistics  
 38 Team and to provide clarity about the processes, plans, and resources supporting the transition from twelve  
 39 districts to ten districts by July 1, 2026.

40 **Background and Charge**

41 The Logistics Team was established following action taken by the South Carolina Annual Conference on  
 42 October 18, 2025, when recommendations related to District Alignment were adopted. The specific charge  
 43 of the Logistics Team was to create an implementation plan to manage the logistical details associated with  
 44 reducing the number of districts from twelve to ten by July 1, 2026.

45 This work focused on identifying key operational areas affected by the realignment, developing clear pro-  
 46 cesses to support the transition, and providing resources to help clergy, churches, and laity understand what  
 47 to expect and how to engage faithfully and effectively with their new districts.

48 **Membership of the Logistics Team:** The Logistics Team was composed of the following members: Martha  
 49 Alewine, Brenda Fleming, Bob James, Sandy Shaffer, Steve Brown, Ken Nelson, Thomas Smith.

50 Each member brought experience and perspective related to conference operations, district life, and local  
 51 church needs.

52 **Areas of Focus:** To best support the annual conference in managing the logistical details of district reduc-  
 53 tion, the Logistics Team organized its work around five key areas:

54 **1. Record Retention, Management, and Transfer:** Martha Alewine & Brenda Fleming

55 This area focused on identifying required district records, determining appropriate retention practices,  
 56 and clarifying responsibility for maintaining and transferring records during and after the transition.

1 **2. District Nominations:** Thomas Smith & Ken Nelson

2 This work addressed the alignment of district committees and nominations processes within the new  
3 district structure, ensuring continuity of leadership and clarity in roles.

4 **3. Communications:** (Dan O'Mara, Logistics Team, Extended Cabinet))

5 This area emphasized the importance of timely, accurate, and consistent communication to clergy,  
6 laity, and congregations throughout the transition.

7 **4. Continuing District Reductions:** Bob James & Sandy Shaffer

8 This focus area examined ongoing implications of district reductions, including administrative functions  
9 and long-term sustainability.

10 **5. Workload:** Ken Nelson & Steve Brown

11 This work considered the impact of district realignment on workload for clergy, district leadership, and  
12 conference staff, with attention to identifying pressures and opportunities for improved efficiency.

13 **Goals and Desired Outcomes:** The Logistics Team identified the following goals and outcomes to guide  
14 its work:

- 15 • Reduce anxiety among clergy, laity, congregations, districts, and staff affected by the transition.
- 16 • Minimize disruption to local churches, clergy, laity, and district employees by providing clear and con-  
17 sistent communication about transition processes, plans, and timelines.
- 18 • Ensure a smooth transition and successful incorporation of clergy, laity, and churches into their as-  
19 signed districts.
- 20 • Equip local churches to take the necessary steps for fruitful integration into their new districts.

21 These goals shaped both the planning process and the resources developed by the team.

22 **Key Actions and Deliverables:** To support the transition and meet its stated goals, the Logistics Team  
23 completed the following actions:

- 24 • **Tri-District Listening Sessions:** The team planned four Tri-District listening sessions to be held on  
25 March 1, 8, 15, and 22 of 2026. The purpose of these sessions is to share with clergy and laity an  
26 overview of the steps taken to help churches transition successfully from one district to another, and to  
27 provide space for questions, concerns, and feedback.
- 28 • **District Assignment Documentation:** The team prepared and distributed a document outlining the  
29 new ten districts and listing the churches assigned to each district. This document is intended to pro-  
30 vide clarity and transparency regarding district boundaries and assignments.
- 31 • **District Records Guidance:** The team identified the district records that must be maintained and  
32 clarified who will be responsible for maintaining these records going forward. This guidance is intended  
33 to ensure continuity, accountability, and proper stewardship of conference records.
- 34 • **District Map:** A map outlining the boundaries of the ten new districts was created and shared to help  
35 churches and clergy visualize the new alignment.
- 36 • **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):** The team created a Frequently Asked Questions document ad-  
37 dressing common concerns related to district realignment. This document was shared with participants  
38 prior to the listening sessions and posted on the conference website for broader access and ongoing  
39 reference.

40 **Conclusion:** The work of the Logistics Team is intended to support a faithful, orderly, and transparent  
41 transition to the new ten-district structure. By focusing on clear communication, thoughtful planning, and  
42 practical resources, the team seeks to help clergy, laity, and congregations navigate this change with confi-  
43 dence and clarity.

44 As the South Carolina Conference moves toward July 1, 2026, the Logistics Team encourages churches  
45 and clergy—especially those entering new districts—to utilize the available resources, participate in listen-  
46 ing sessions, and remain in conversation with district and conference leadership as together we live into  
47 this new alignment.

48 **3. District Realignment: Legalities Team**

49 The Legalities/Property/Finance Transition Team met several times to review issues we know are being  
50 impacted by the reduction of districts.

51 The first action of this Transition Team was to research and confirm that the conference's actions are  
52 aligned with The UMC Book of Discipline, Conference Standing Rules, existing contracts, and other legal  
53 requirements.

54 Articles of Incorporation for all districts have been reviewed. A title examiner was used to ensure all  
55 properties are identified in districts being eliminated. The team utilized a detailed district map to ensure  
56 all properties are accurately located. The corporations for the Florence District and Greenville District are  
57 being dissolved effective June 30, 2026.

1 A District Conference was held in the Florence District to approve deeding the parsonage to the con-  
2 ference trustees for action. Proceeds from the future sale of the parsonage will be divided proportionally  
3 to the Hartsville, Marion, and Orangeburg District parsonage funds depending on the number of churches  
4 received by the respective districts.

5 Also in the Florence District, the lease for the office property has been terminated effective June 30, 2026.

6 A District Conference was held in the Greenville District to approve the sale of the district parsonage.  
7 The parsonage was vacant and the Greenville District trustees have sold the property. Proceeds from the  
8 sale of the parsonage will be divided proportionally to the Anderson, Greenwood, and Spartanburg District  
9 parsonage funds depending on the number of churches received by the respective districts.

10 Also in the Greenville District, questions arose about disposition of the Scuffletown acreage. The prop-  
11 erty was purchased by the district with the intent of planting a church. In our transition team investigation of  
12 the property, a number of discrepancies were identified relating to easements and their specific locations  
13 on the property. The recommendation is to transfer it to the conference trustees for disposition by the cabi-  
14 net and the Office of Innovation and Strategy.

15 With the invaluable help of district administrative assistants, contracts, leases, and agreements were  
16 identified in the Florence and Greenville Districts.

17 The team recommends the distribution of remaining assets of districts being closed be distributed to the  
18 districts receiving churches based on the number of churches received, respectively.

19 The Legalities/Property/Finance Transition Team acknowledges that there will be unforeseen unattend-  
20 ed consequences from the reduction of districts and requests that the conference, clergy and laity alike,  
21 respond with grace.

#### 22 4. Reimagining Congregational Development Team

23 The Reimagining Congregational Development Team was formed in response to the actions of the  
24 called Annual Conference. The team worked diligently to evaluate the logistics of transferring current proj-  
25 ects and historical records of Congregational Development into the Office of Congregational Excellence  
26 (formerly Connectional Ministries).

27 The Team also reviewed the role and duties of the Director of Innovation & Strategy and developed an  
28 updated job description. In addition, the team examined the current Standing Rules related to Congrega-  
29 tional Development and revised the language to align with the new structure. These revisions were pre-  
30 sented to the Standing Rules Committee for action.

31 As the work of Congregational Development transitions into incorporation with the Office of Congrega-  
32 tional Excellence (formerly Connectional Ministries), the new Director of Innovation and Strategy is tasked  
33 with leading projects from inspiration to implementation. The DIS and the Director of Congregational  
34 Excellence will work together with the Conference Committee on Congregational Development as active  
35 partners in the work of church growth, renewal, new church starts and provide strategic planning and inno-  
36 vative frameworks for all the efforts of the Annual Conference related to new faith/church/missional devel-  
37 opment, church redevelopment and congregational revitalization.

#### 38 5. Black Church/Ethnic Ministries Strategy Jeremiah Team Report

39 If we are honest, this report does not just reveal our opportunities—it exposes our gaps, our hesitations,  
40 and our unfinished work.

41 The Black and Ethnic Churches and Ministries Team was charged with developing and resourcing an ef-  
42 fective Conference-wide strategy to strengthen Black Churches and other Ethnic Churches and Ministries,  
43 while remaining attentive to the new movements of God emerging in these communities.

#### 44 What Have We Learned?

- 45 • The South Carolina Conference is home to **246 Black churches**, representing **more than one-third** of all  
46 churches in the Conference.
- 47 • While six churches are identified as multi-ethnic in Conference statistics, **only one demonstrates a sub-**  
48 **stantial multi-ethnic identity.**
- 49 • There is **one Korean congregation** within the Conference.
- 50 • There are **no active Hispanic churches or ministries currently identified**, and **no Native American**  
51 **congregations**, though there are active ministries among several Tribal communities across the state.
- 52 • **Significant geographic gaps** exist across South Carolina where there is no active Black or Ethnic United  
53 Methodist presence.

#### 54 What Are Our Next Steps?

- 55 • **Develop a forward-looking, mission-driven strategy** to strengthen leadership, resourcing, and disciple-  
56 ship within Black and Ethnic Churches and Ministries.

- 1 • **Create and distribute a standardized assessment tool** by Spring 2026 to evaluate current realities,  
2 future needs, and missional opportunities. Available results will be shared to guide focused initiatives.
- 3 • **Launch a 10-year narrative project** to document the stories, histories, and contributions of Black and  
4 Ethnic Churches and Ministries across South Carolina (now nearing completion).
- 5 • **Establish intentional discipleship frameworks** to develop spiritually grounded, principled, and maturing  
6 Christian leaders—both clergy and laity—focused on spiritual wellness, congregational vitality, and long-  
7 term fruitfulness.
- 8 • **Examine current charge and church configurations** to assess their effectiveness, sustainability, and  
9 capacity to form world-transforming disciples of Jesus Christ.

10 **How Will We Accomplish This?**

- 11 • Engage in **intentional listening and learning**, fostering meaningful conversations with Black and Ethnic  
12 clergy and laity to address declining membership and increase missional relevance in their communities.
- 13 • Identify and study **growing and thriving ethnic congregations** across the Conference to learn and share  
14 best practices—regardless of size or location.
- 15 • Explore **innovative models for sustainability and growth**, including mergers, cooperative parish models,  
16 and multi-point charges supported by team-based clergy and lay leadership.
- 17 • Analyze **worship attendance trends over the past 3-5 years**, including both in-person and online partici-  
18 pation where data is available.

19 **Goal for the Next 2–3 Years**

20 Increase membership in Black and Ethnic Churches and Ministries by 10% through intentional discipleship  
21 systems, coaching, cohort training, and practical applications in:  
22 worship, leadership, discipleship, stewardship, fellowship, apostleship, and apprenticeship.

23 **Rationale**

24 Because of the enduring faithfulness of Black and Ethnic Churches to The United Methodist Church—partic-  
25 ularly in South Carolina—we are committed to strengthening these congregations and ministries for continued  
26 impact and future growth.

27 **Funding Requests**

28 Any future funding for this work will be requested through the Ministry Advisory Team.

29 **Action Requested**

30 The Black and Ethnic Churches and Ministries Strategy Jeremiah Team respectfully request a vote of affirma-  
31 tion from the 2026 Annual Conference for this strategic direction.

32 *History will not ask what we discussed, it will ask what we did with what we knew.*

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**CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY**

36 **Purpose:**

37 Claflin University provides a student-centered, liberal arts education grounded in research, experiential learning,  
38 technology, community service, and life-long personal and professional fulfillment. Claflin is a diverse and inclusive  
39 community that works to cultivate practical wisdom, judgment, knowledge, skills and character needed for globally  
40 engaged citizenship and effective leadership.

41 **A Selection of Newsworthy Moments from the Previous Year:**

42 **FEB 2026** – Claflin University welcomes Dr. Hua-Jun Fan as its new Dean of the School of Natural Sciences and  
43 Mathematics. Previously at Alcorn State University, where he led efforts that significantly increased research fund-  
44 ing, modernized STEM curricula, expanded laboratory infrastructure, and recruited high-quality faculty, Dr. Fan has  
45 built a strong national and international profile. His professional engagements include work with the U.S. Depart-  
46 ment of Energy, service with the American Chemical Society, and the development of extensive global partnerships  
47 that promote student mobility, research collaboration, and faculty development.

48 **JAN 2026** – In a new initiative spearheaded by Claflin University’s new Director of Church Relations, Rev. Vivian R.  
49 Lingard, in close consultation with the University Trustee and interim Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Albert Shuler, Claflin hosted  
50 a Campus Spiritual Shield Day on January 14. Following a brief gathering at the Dorothy Z. Elmore Chapel, twen-  
51 ty-two clergy members were commissioned to walk the campus grounds and cover the University community with a  
52 blanket of prayer at the start of the new semester.

1 **DEC 2025** – Civil rights photographer, Cecil Williams delivers keynote address at Claflin University's Fall 2025  
2 Commencement Convocation. "Your future will not grow in the soil of your comfort zone. Great things seldom  
3 happen when we cling only to the familiar. Doors open when we are willing to stretch, to learn, and to step forward,"  
4 said Williams, renowned photographer, author, and inventor whose stirring photographs chronicled the Civil Rights  
5 Movement in South Carolina and beyond.

6 **NOV 2025** – Claflin University is named as a Fulbright Historically Black College and University (HBCU) Institutional  
7 Leader for 2025. This initiative recognizes those HBCUs with exceptional engagement with the Fulbright Program,  
8 the U.S. government's flagship international academic exchange program. Fulbright HBCU Institutional Leaders  
9 demonstrate noteworthy support for Fulbright exchange participants and encourage administrators, faculty, and stu-  
10 dents at HBCUs to engage with Fulbright on campus. The Fulbright HBCU Institutional Leaders initiative highlights  
11 HBCU alumni and faculty excellence, as well as HBCUs as a destination for international students and scholars.

12 **OCT 2025** – Latica 'Tish' Archie-Oliver was among the 15 distinguished leaders, innovators, and trailblazers induct-  
13 ed into the National Black College Alumni (NBCA) Hall of Fame during the organization's 40th Anniversary held  
14 recently at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta. Archie-Oliver, a Class of 2000 Claflin alumna, is the Chief Inclusion & Be-  
15 longing Officer at Gap Inc. where she leads with purpose, precision, and a deep belief in the transformative power  
16 of inclusion. In this global role, she is the architect of a people-first, digitally enabled, and future-focused strategy  
17 that is boldly advancing Gap Inc.'s purpose of bridging gaps to create a better world.

18 **SEPT 2025** – Claflin University was named as a Fulbright Historically Black College and University (HBCU) Insti-  
19 tutional Leader for 2025. Each year, this initiative recognizes those HBCUs with exceptional engagement with the  
20 Fulbright Program, the U.S. government's flagship international academic exchange program.

21 **AUG 2025** – Claflin UNIVERSITY Alumni surpassed \$1 Million fundraising goal for 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. Alumni  
22 contributed \$1,006,088, cementing the University's reputation as a national leader in alumni engagement and phil-  
23 anthropic giving.

24 "At Claflin University, our alumni are more than graduates; they are champions of excellence, access, and trans-  
25 formation," said Claflin President Dr. Dwaun J. Warmack. "This year, your unwavering commitment and generosity  
26 have helped us exceed our ambitious \$1,000,000 goal for the fiscal year. You've shown the world what it means to  
27 be a Claflinite for life. Thank you for your loyalty, your leadership, and your love for our university." Claflin's culture of  
28 giving is built on legacy, pride, and purpose. Over the past five years, alumni have raised more than \$4.8 million to  
29 support student scholarships, academic programs, and innovative initiatives. This year's achievement is especially  
30 significant, as it reflects broad participation across all generations, from the golden reunion classes to young alumni  
31 just beginning their philanthropic journeys.

32 **JULY 2025** – Claflin University was awarded the 2025 UNCF Institutional Excellence Award during the national  
33 UNITE Summit in Atlanta. The recognition by the UNCF Institute for Capacity Building celebrates Claflin's bold lead-  
34 ership, strategic innovation, and unwavering commitment to student success, long-term sustainability, and commu-  
35 nity transformation.

36 "This award celebrates an institution whose steady commitment to quality, performance, and impact is raising the  
37 bar for the entire HBCU sector," said Edward Smith-Lewis, Senior Vice President of the UNCF Institute for Capacity  
38 Building. "Claflin University's achievements and collaborative spirit reflect the very best of what this network can  
39 accomplish."

40 Claflin President Dr. Dwaun J. Warmack, who accepted the award on behalf of the university, expressed deep  
41 gratitude for the recognition.

42 **JUN 2025** – Claflin University continued to build on its commitment to excellence in STEM education through a  
43 renewed partnership with Savannah River Mission Completion (SRMC). Four Claflin scholars from the University's  
44 Department of Mathematics and Computer Science completed a high-impact capstone project in partnership with  
45 SRMC, to improve safety and efficiency at the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Savannah River Site (SRS).  
46 SRMC is the liquid waste contractor for DOE at SRS.

47 **MAY 2025** – Reverend Larry D. McCutcheon, interim chaplain at Claflin University, was the featured speaker for  
48 the Spring 2025 Baccalaureate Service on Friday, May 9, 6 p.m. at the James and Dorothy Z. Elmore Chapel.  
49 McCutcheon is a "Man of God" who continues to serve as a "Minister of the People, For the People, and By the  
50 People." A spiritual and civic leader, he preaches the Gospel and "Walks the Walk" throughout various sectors of the  
51 community in an extraordinary way, touching the lives of so many with his unique ability to reach all people from all  
52 walks of life.

53 McCutcheon, a native of Lake City, S.C., grew up in Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church in Lake City and  
54 graduated from Carver High School in 1968. He earned his bachelor's degree in religion and philosophy in 1972 at  
55 Claflin University.

**1 APRIL 2025** – Following a national search, Claflin University appointed Willie Jude II, M.Ed., as Vice President for  
**2** Institutional Advancement beginning in July. A seasoned advancement executive and passionate advocate for edu-  
**3** cation, Jude brings some twenty years of leadership experience in higher education and nonprofit development to  
**4** his new role. Jude leads Claflin’s fundraising, alumni relations, and external engagement strategies as the university  
**5** continues its remarkable legacy of philanthropic excellence. Claflin University has achieved the highest alumni-giv-  
**6** ing rate of any Historically Black College or University (HBCU) in the nation every year consecutively since 2000.

**7** “We are delighted to welcome Willie Jude II to the Panther family,” said Claflin University President Dr. Dwaun  
**8** J. Warmack. “He is a proven leader who brings exceptional energy, experience, and vision to our advancement  
**9** enterprise. His deep understanding of educational equity, coupled with a strong record of fundraising success, will  
**10** be invaluable as we advance Claflin’s mission of excellence and prepare for our next era of growth.”

**11** Jude most recently served as Executive Director of the MPS Foundation, the nonprofit partner to Milwaukee  
**12** Public Schools, the largest and most diverse school district in Wisconsin. During his tenure, he significantly in-  
**13** creased total giving, expanded the donor base, and elevated the foundation’s visibility and community impact.

**14 MAR 2025** – Claflin University and South Carolina State University was chartered as collegiate sections of the  
**15** National Council of Negro Women on Wednesday, March 26, at 4 p.m. in Ballroom B at the Claflin Student Center.  
**16** Reverend Shavon Arline-Bradley, president and CEO of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), delivered  
**17** the keynote address at the charter ceremony.

**18** Claflin and South Carolina State will join Morris College as the only South Carolina Historically Black Colleges/  
**19** Universities (HBCUs) currently chartered as NCNW collegiate sections. Founded in 1935 by Dr. Mary McLeod  
**20** Bethune, NCNW is an “organization of organizations” that enlightens, inspires, and connects more than 2,000,000  
**21** women and men. The addition of Claflin and South Carolina State strengthens NCNW’s presence in higher educa-  
**22** tion and its commitment to developing future leaders. It also aligns with NCNW’s commitment to engaging young  
**23** women in its critical work.

**24 Objectives for the coming year:**

**25 RE-IMAGINING the UNIVERSITY’S GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS** – given the blinding speed of  
**26** change in higher education and workforce needs, general education requirements of the past can be inadequate to  
**27** meet the needs of future students. Under the leadership of Claflin’s new provost, Dr. Michelle Mayo, and our new  
**28** Dean of Natural Sciences and academics, Dr. Hua-Jun Fan, the Division of Academic affairs will consider several  
**29** innovative curricular changes that will better prepare our students for future success.

**30 CONSTRUCTION** – Three major construction projects will transform Claflin’s campus and downtown in the com-  
**31** ing year. Our new center of Nursing, Student Health and Humanities Conference Center Complex will mitigate crit-  
**32** ical needs in nursing in South Carolina and support seamless integrations of closely aligned academic disciplines  
**33** with the needs of our students and the surrounding community. Our new \$25M facility, our Center for Innovation  
**34** and Biotechnology, will strengthen the foundation of Claflin’s growing STEM research programs. The state-of-the-art  
**35** teaching, learning, and research facility will increase the university’s capacity for research in emerging bioscience  
**36** areas, environmental science, and cybersecurity. Finally, Claflin will shortly begin construction of an alumni center at  
**37** the Railroad Corner on Magnolia Street.

**38 NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS** – With more than half of our students being first-generation students and  
**39** nearly 75% eligible for Pell Grant support, building support for need-based scholarships continues to be a pressing  
**40** priority for the University.

**41 Action(s) required from the 2026 Annual Conference:** None.

**42 If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:**

**43** Support from the South Carolina United Methodist Church conference is crucial to Claflin’s ability to sustain and  
**44** build on its proud legacy of nurturing and cultivating future leaders for the ministry of the United Methodist Church.  
**45** Furthermore, the University remains steadfast in its commitment to honor, promote, and support its affiliation with  
**46** the United Methodist Church locally, nationally, and globally.

**47 Narrative:**

**48** As we reflect on this remarkable year at Claflin University, we are reminded that our progress is not accidental—  
**49** it is anchored in faith, sustained by partnership, and propelled by purpose. From national recognitions such as our  
**50** designation as a Fulbright HBCU Institutional Leader and the UNCF Institutional Excellence Award, to transforma-  
**51** tive campus initiatives including the Campus Spiritual Shield Day and our continued investment in STEM innovation  
**52** and research, this has been a season marked by growth, gratitude, and grace. Each milestone affirms that Claflin’s  
**53** calling as a United Methodist-related institution remains both vital and urgent in a rapidly changing world.

**54** Looking ahead, our work continues with clarity and conviction. As we re-imagine general education to meet the  
**55** demands of tomorrow’s workforce, launch major construction projects that will transform our campus and commu-  
**56** nity, and expand need-based scholarships for the many first-generation and Pell-eligible students entrusted to our

1 care, we do so grounded in the values that have defined Claflin since 1869—faith, excellence, access, and service.  
2 Our commitment to cultivating leaders of character and conscience has never been stronger.

3 The South Carolina United Methodist Conference remains an essential partner in this sacred endeavor. Your  
4 prayers, advocacy, and steadfast support strengthen our ability to prepare graduates who lead in ministry, education,  
5 science, business, public service, and beyond—always guided by moral courage and a spirit of servant leader-  
6 ship. Together, we continue to demonstrate that an institution of higher learning rooted in Christian faith is uniquely  
7 equipped to shape not only successful careers but transformed lives.

8 **Respectfully submitted,**

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17 **COLUMBIA COLLEGE**

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19 **Purpose:**

20 Founded by the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church in 1854, Columbia College remains  
21 committed to faith-informed leadership, service, and student success. Through our strategic vision, On the Rise,  
22 the College prepares diverse students for meaningful careers and lives of purpose while strengthening our impact  
23 across South Carol

24 **Key moments from the previous year:**

- 25 • Strategic vision and alignment: The College unified its work under On the Rise, a strategic framework  
26 focused on strengthening the student experience, modernizing campus facilities, advancing academic  
27 innovation, expanding enrollment, improving operational effectiveness, and building long-term financial  
28 sustainability.
- 29 • Enrollment and student momentum: Columbia College experienced enrollment growth, with fall 2025  
30 enrollment increasing 10% over the previous year and spring 2026 enrollment increasing 5%. New  
31 technology, including AI-assisted recruitment and enhanced digital outreach, has strengthened con-  
32 nections with prospective students.
- 33 • Student life and engagement: Student Affairs revitalized student organizations, expanded campus  
34 programming, and introduced new gathering spaces through Hammock Villages to foster connection  
35 and belonging among students.
- 36 • Academic advancement: Academic Affairs realigned divisions into academic schools, increased faculty  
37 development funding by 40%, expanded student success staffing, and advanced new programs, in-  
38 cluding Cultural and Media Studies and Graphic Design.
- 39 • Operational progress and stewardship: The College completed several campus improvement projects,  
40 upgraded classroom technology, and achieved a successful FY25 financial audit. The Composite Fi-  
41 nancial Index improved from 0.85 to 2.33 following a responsible financial restructuring, while leader-  
42 ship remains focused on long-term financial sustainability and disciplined stewardship.

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44 **Objectives for the coming year:**

- 45 • Strengthen student success and belonging: Columbia College will continue expanding student en-  
46 gagement, leadership
- 47 • opportunities, and retention strategies while implementing student engagement and satisfaction sur-  
48 veys to guide future improvements.
- 49 • Advance academic innovation: The College will complete its General Education revision, finalize key  
50 faculty and library leadership searches, and continue developing programs aligned with workforce  
51 needs, including initiatives in Health Sciences, Education Innovation, and the Visual and Performing  
52 Arts.
- 53 • Expand enrollment and access: Columbia College will refine recruitment strategies to support fall 2026  
54 enrollment goals and develop an integrated enrollment marketing strategy that emphasizes access,  
55 affordability, and student support.

- 1 • Build financial sustainability: Institutional leadership will advance a five-year financial model, expand  
2 philanthropic engagement, pursue major grant opportunities, and strengthen financial systems to en-  
3 sure long-term stability.
- 4 • Enhance operations and campus safety: Priorities include improving data systems and administrative  
5 processes, expanding campus safety staffing and camera coverage, and updating emergency pre-  
6 paredness planning.

7 **If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:**

8 Columbia College remains deeply connected to its founding mission within the United Methodist tradition:  
9 preparing graduates to lead lives of service, leadership, and purpose. As we approach our 175th year, the College  
10 is strengthening its academic programs, expanding enrollment, improving the student experience, and building  
11 a more sustainable financial future. Through careful stewardship, disciplined strategy, and a renewed focus on  
12 community impact, Columbia College continues to serve students from across South Carolina and beyond while  
13 honoring the faith-based values that shaped its founding.

14 **Narrative:**

15 Columbia College continues to build on its historic mission as a United Methodist-founded institution committed  
16 to education, leadership, and service. Through the College's strategic vision, *On the Rise*, we are strengthening  
17 our identity and refining how we serve students, our community, and the Church.

18 Guided by the principles of Resilience with Purpose, Integrated for Impact, Service and Social Justice, and  
19 Education with Intention, Columbia College is investing in programs and initiatives that prepare students for  
20 meaningful careers and lives of service. Continued academic innovation, expanded student support services, and  
21 renewed opportunities for campus engagement are helping students thrive both academically and personally.

22 Over the past year, the College strengthened its academic structure, increased faculty development resources,  
23 and expanded student success initiatives. Student engagement has grown through revitalized student organiza-  
24 tions and new campus gathering spaces designed to foster community. Operational improvements across campus  
25 technology, facilities, and administrative systems continue to support the College's long-term sustainability.

26 Looking ahead, Columbia College will continue to focus on enrollment growth, academic excellence, and  
27 financial stewardship while deepening partnerships across South Carolina. Our mission remains rooted in the  
28 belief that education transforms lives and strengthens communities. Nearly 175 years after its founding, Columbia  
29 College continues to prepare graduates who lead with integrity, compassion, and purpose.

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37 **SPARTANBURG METHODIST COLLEGE**  
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39 **Purpose:**

40 Our mission is to equip our students with the knowledge, skills, virtues, and mindset needed to thrive personally, cre-  
41 ate positive change in their communities, and lead purposeful lives. Through a transformative liberal arts education,  
42 practical career skills, and holistic support, we empower students to confidently pursue the future they've imagined.

43 **Key moments from the previous year:**

44 SMC's SACSCOC Fifth Year Report was accepted, with no further information requested. Essentially, this notifi-  
45 cation means that our report's submission provided all the necessary information for our accreditor to determine that  
46 we are making satisfactory progress until our decennial report is due in 2028.

47 On April 14th, SMC held the first-ever Pioneer Scholars Day. Expected to be an annual event in future years,  
48 Pioneer Scholars Day showcased the talents and accomplishments of students. The day combined the fine arts  
49 exhibits, literary readings, student research poster projects, and senior capstone project presentations into a singular  
50 event.

51 Our Faith Development Organizations have been active on campus, hosting studies and special events. These  
52 groups include CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ), CO (Campus Outreach), FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes),  
53 World Harvest, and YL (Young Life). Leaders of these organizations are being encouraged to attend student events  
54 such as athletic games.

55 165 student-athletes were named to the Athletic Director's Honor Roll (Fall Semester 2025).

**1 Objectives for the coming year:**

2 The Capital Campaign will begin to raise funds for the complete remodeling of the Montgomery Science Center.  
3 Other projects will include replacing the cross at Davis Memorial Chapel and improved gathering spaces around the  
4 facility.

5 SMC will offer a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science, SMC's first Bachelor's of Science degree. SMC will  
6 offer a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice in the fall of 2026.

7 Men's Volleyball will compete in the NAIA for the first time.

**8 Action(s) required from the 2026 Annual Conference:**

9 Approval of the Board of Trustees slate.

**10 If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:**

11 Since 1911, SMC has provided education and opportunity to young people who might not otherwise be able to ac-  
12 cess it. Every person on this campus, from the staff to our faculty to President Cochran is committed to shepherding  
13 these young people in the direction of love, peace, and prosperity.

14 It is our belief that the ongoing work to move into offering a four-year option at SMC will enable us to better  
15 reach these students. Time and again, we have heard from graduating students that they wish they could remain  
16 at SMC in our familial, supportive atmosphere. Now we can offer them that opportunity to continue to grow in  
17 knowledge, citizenship, and faith while continuing to be nurtured by our committed, caring faculty and staff.

18 Furthermore, SMC's unique emphasis on Professional Development prepares these young people for the work  
19 world better than anyone else.

**20 Narrative:**

21 An SMC student who will graduate in May 2026 shared his story with me.

22 When he arrived at SMC, he attended for primarily financial reasons. He planned to move on to a more presti-  
23 gious institution after obtaining his associate's degree.

24 However, during his freshman year, he found community. He became active in student government and found a  
25 close-knit, supportive group of friends. Over time, he served as a student leader and Community Assistant.

26 When the time came for him to transfer, his perspective had changed. Now, he couldn't imagine finishing his  
27 undergraduate work anywhere else. He took full advantage of the educational and professional development  
28 opportunities at SMC and has grown by leaps and bounds.

29 After graduation, he will attend college as part of a program to develop teachers for underserved communities.

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**WOFFORD COLLEGE**

**39 Purpose:**

40 Wofford's mission is to provide superior liberal arts education that prepares its students for extraordinary and positive  
41 contributions to a global society. The focus of Wofford's mission is upon fostering commitment to excellence in char-  
42 acter, performance, leadership, service to others and lifelong learning.

**43 Key moments from the previous year:**

44 In May, Dr. Nayef Samhat announced his decision to step down as president of Wofford College on June 30,  
45 2026. Wofford has been transformed since Samhat assumed the presidency in 2013, with eight new facilities con-  
46 structed on campus and the major renovation of 12 existing facilities. The endowment has grown to almost \$450  
47 million, and the student body is now at 1,800 students. The college community is appreciative of everything Nayef  
48 and Prema Samhat have done for Wofford.

49 Wofford looks forward to announcing its 12th president at the upcoming annual conference. The Presidential  
50 Search Advisory Committee has worked hard to select the ideal candidate to continue this momentum.

51 Brand Stille (Wofford Class of 1986) retired in June after 38 years of service to the college. Megan Tyler (Wofford  
52 Class of 2014) has succeeded him as vice president of enrollment. Stille's leadership led to record application num-  
53 bers, strengthened academic profiles of incoming classes, promoted the integration of enrollment with marketing and  
54 broadened the college's geographic and demographic recruitment range.

1 In the fall, the college welcomed 450 students to campus as the Class of 2029. Enrollment is on target to meet or  
2 exceed goals for the Class of 2030.

3 Wofford graduates continue to excel and give back. Some examples include:

- 4 • Bishop Will Willimon '68 endowed the provost position at Wofford. Dr. Tim Schmitz became the inaugural  
5 Willimon Family Provost.
- 6 • The Rev. Patrick Hitchman-Craig '12 welcomed monks on the Walk for Peace for an overnight stay at  
7 Foundry United Methodist Church in Opelika, Ala.
- 8 • Dr. Tiffany Tonismae '08, assistant professor at University of Louisville School of Medicine, launched her  
9 university's first maternal-fetal medicine fellowship.

#### 10 **Objectives for the coming year:**

11 Wofford continues to look for innovative ways to create meaningful experiential learning opportunities for our  
12 students. The Wofford College Wesley Fellowship, under the leadership of the Revs. Megan and Brad Gray (Wofford  
13 Class of 2001), meets on campus weekly and offers a Sunday school class at Bethel United Methodist Church. The  
14 group remains very active and has expanded its reach to include students from other campuses in Spartanburg.

15 Wofford College is appreciative of its ongoing relationship with Central United Methodist Church. Our Lifelong  
16 Learning program is housed there and enrolls 524 annual members.

17 The Chaplain Fellows program entered its second year and grew to 18 students under the mentorship of the  
18 Rev. Dr. Ron Robinson, a 1978 Wofford graduate and the Perkins-Prothro Chaplain and Professor of Religion.  
19 This program offers students an opportunity to deepen their spiritual formation and serve campus while developing  
20 leadership and pastoral skills. The college's Emerging Leaders Initiative, a vocational discernment program for those  
21 considering some aspect of lay or clergy ministry, continued this year. Students receive scholarship assistance as  
22 participants in each of these programs.

23 Robinson and Director of Career Services Curt McPhail (Wofford Class of 1996) received a multi-year grant from  
24 NetVUE and the Lilly Foundation to establish a Vocation Across the Academy program. More than two dozen faculty  
25 and staff are part of a cohort that is reading books about the theological exploration of vocation. Each will present an  
26 action plan for integrating vocational exploration and discernment into their work with students. Training sessions are  
27 being offered this year to faculty, staff and students through the grant.

#### 28 **Action(s) required from the 2026 Annual Conference:**

29 Please continue to support our state's United Methodist colleges and universities. Our students learn, grow and  
30 graduate prepared to make their families, communities and professions better. The Methodist tradition of supporting  
31 education is vitally important.

#### 32 **If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:**

33 During the past academic year, Wofford distributed more than \$88 million in merit and need-based scholarships,  
34 federal and state aid, as well as outside scholarships and loans. A third of Wofford's budget goes toward scholar-  
35 ships and financial assistance, and 99% of Wofford students receive some form of financial aid. 100% of the South  
36 Carolina Annual Conference's contribution goes toward financial assistance for deserving United Methodist students.

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## 42 **ALDERSGATE SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY**

#### 43 **Purpose:**

44 Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry provides Christian homes with the highest quality of life and the greatest level of  
45 independence for adults with special needs.

#### 46 **Key moments from the previous year:**

47 During the previous year, Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry opened a new home in Columbia that will serve  
48 4 women with special needs. The ministry also started delivering residential services through a Supervised  
49 Living Placement where we provide support to people in the community that live in their own home. We start-  
50 ed serving a young lady that lives in her own home that is physically completely dependent upon others for  
51 her care; however, she is cognitively capable of making decisions regarding her life and care. This has been  
52 a major undertaking for our ministry as we had to purchase a wheelchair accessible van to provide her care.  
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1 We are grateful for the opportunity to provide care to people living more independently in the community and  
2 we hope to grow this program over the next year.

3 Additionally we received funds from a generous donor to purchase or build a home in the Greenville area  
4 so that is going to be a new service area for our ministry. Also, we are looking at building or purchasing some  
5 apartments in the Greenville area for folks that are more independent, but still need supervision. Our ministry is  
6 looking for another home to purchase in the Columbia area as well as we have a family that wants to purchase a  
7 home for the ministry so we can serve more people in need.

### 8 **Objectives for the coming year:**

9 Our objectives for the coming year are as follows:

- 10 • Continue to grow the ministry by purchasing another home in the Columbia area, purchasing/building a  
11 home in the Greenville area
- 12 • Expand the Supervised Living Placement program by serving more people living the community in the  
13 Columbia area and in the Greenville area
- 14 • Continue to provide high quality residential services in our existing homes to our wonderful residents  
15 and continue to attract compassionate residential counselors to be a part of our ministry team
- 16 • Enhance our infrastructure within the ministry to support the growth we are experiencing by creating  
17 and recruiting new positions such as a Director of Development and a Director of Human Resources
- 18 • We want to do more outreach so we have a greater presence within the churches that are part of the  
19 SCUMC Conference. Additionally, we hope to expand our outreach into other areas and churches  
20 within our communities around the state.
- 21 • Continue to provide advocacy and support to families and individuals in need that might not qualify for  
22 residential services in one of our homes. This is something that we do quite a bit of as there are a lot  
23 of people in need in our state that contact us and need guidance on where to start and what services  
24 are available in South Carolina. If someone doesn't qualify to live in our homes, but still needs assis-  
25 tance, we try to help them navigate services and have even provided financial assistance on occasion  
26 for those in critical need.

### 27 **If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:**

28 Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry is making a positive impact on the lives of the people we serve through our  
29 residential programs and the folks that we assist that are in the community. Also, we are giving back in our  
30 communities by volunteering for programs like Sharing Gods Love, Meals on Wheels, Rise Against Hunger, and  
31 more. We are incredibly grateful for the support that we receive from the SCUMC Conference and the churches  
32 that support our ministry. Please know that your support whether it's through prayers or donations is absolutely  
33 transforming the lives of people with special needs.

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## EPWORTH

46 Purpose:

47 The purpose of Epworth is to break the destructive cycle of abuse, neglect, and shame and replace it with an  
48 opportunity for each person to live a life of self-respect, responsibility, and productivity.

### 49 **Key moments from the previous year:**

50 Epworth ended 2025 with an increase in gifts and contributions over 2024. Our churches continue to be our  
51 largest form of support. Through this support we are able to offer children and families the care and guidance  
52 they need to move toward stability and well-being. Last year 151 churches partnered with Epworth and provided  
53 various forms of support to children, youth and families.

54 Epworth continued to expand our footprint into all regions of the state. Overall, Epworth served 2230 children,  
55 youth and families in 2025.

1 Epworth's legacy program continues to serve youth with quality residential services. The traditional residential  
2 program served 45 youth on our campus. Four of the youth served graduated from high school and are attending  
3 Midlands Technical School. The Independent Living Center served 18 youth ages 18-23 years of age. This center  
4 prepares youth who are aging out of care with the necessary tools to be successful in life. Epworth's Family Care  
5 Center served 38 mothers and children during 2025. This program provides a safe space for mothers and their  
6 children while going through substance use treatment. Mothers are taught life skills so that the family unit is pre-  
7 served upon discharge from the program.

8 Epworth launched a Family Resource Center in September 2025. This center provides families with educa-  
9 tion and parenting support, counseling, community connections and basic needs assistance. The center hosts a  
10 resource closet where families are able to shop for household items, baby needs and clothing. In its initial months,  
11 the center served 44 families.

12 The foster care program continues to thrive. Foster care staff served 411 children in the program. We celebrat-  
13 ed 33 adoptions last year with 32 of those children adopted into Epworth families. Out of 167 licensed families,  
14 Epworth was able to retain 81% of our foster parents. This is a high percentage for foster parent retention, and we  
15 have our church partners to thank. Research shows that up to 50% of families quit fostering within their first year  
16 due to lack of support. The support we receive from the UMC is instrumental in the success of this program.

17 The Early Intervention Center serves children with special needs through a preschool on campus and home-  
18 based services. In 2025, the home-based program served 211 clients and expanded to Spartanburg County.

19 Our prevention programs continue to expand statewide. These programs include family preservation services  
20 where staff are working with children and families in their homes to prevent out-of-home placement. Last year,  
21 we served 178 families in these programs. Kinship Navigation is a prevention program designed to assist kin  
22 caregivers who are caring for a relative child in their home. Epworth provides this service in the Midlands and Pee  
23 Dee regions of the state. Last year we helped over 550 families through connecting them with resources, parental  
24 support, counseling services, financial assistance and legal aid.

25 Epworth maintained the coveted 4-star rating from Charity Navigator for sound financial management, and its  
26 commitment to accountability, and transparency for the 13th year in a row.

#### 27 **Objectives for the coming year:**

28 Epworth is partnering with North Charleston United Methodist Church to launch an additional Center for Coun-  
29 seling in North Charleston. With the addition of the Charleston location, Epworth has three outpatient counseling  
30 centers statewide. In 2025, the Anderson and Columbia Centers served over 450 clients. The Centers for Coun-  
31 seling provide in-person and telehealth treatment services to children, youth, and families.

32 Within the Midlands Center for Counseling, Epworth has added a new Rapid Response program. This program  
33 is a crisis deescalation service for children and youth in foster care. Staff serve foster families who are experienc-  
34 ing a mental health crisis with their foster child. This program strives to increase stability for youth in foster care  
35 and to avoid disruption in placement. This new program is expanding to serve Kershaw, Lexington and Fairfield  
36 counties.

#### 37 **Action(s) required from the 2026 Annual Conference:**

38 Continue to support us through the Mother's Day and Workday offerings. Thank you for everything you do for  
39 Epworth.

#### 40 **If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:**

41 Epworth has a long tradition of assessing the needs of underserved children and their families and of offering new  
42 services and programs that meet the changing needs of South Carolina's families. Whether Epworth is serving  
43 children and families through the traditional group home, foster family programs, kinship care initiatives, counsel-  
44 ing programs, prevention programs, family care programs or services for older, disengaged youth, the mission  
45 of healing hurts and nurturing hope through Christian communities continues. Epworth is a community where  
46 unconditional love and grace are modeled to all persons regardless of gender, race, national origin, or religious  
47 preference.

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1 **STATEMENT OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN**  
2 **THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
3 **AND**  
4 **EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME**

5 **PREAMBLE**

6 The United Methodist Church has a history of Christian responsibility for service to people through the arm of its  
7 social welfare agencies, as evidenced in the ministry of this Home.

8 Since it's founding in 1895 by the South Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, three cen-  
9 tral values have driven this ministry:

- 10 1. God in Jesus Christ proclaims that every human being is of infinite value in God's sight; and therefore,  
11 those who know God respect the value of every person.
- 12 2. It is the plan of God's creation that human life come forth and receive nurture in families.
- 13 3. Children need an atmosphere of love, acceptance and guidance that they may come to know God's pur-  
14 pose and joy.

15 Out of these values arise our mission and the cooperative ministry between this Home and the South Carolina  
16 United Methodist Conference.

17 **EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME MISSION STATEMENT**

18 Epworth's mission is to serve children, youth and families through caring, safe, Christian communities, where  
19 hurts are healed; hope is nurtured; and faith in God, self and others is developed.

20 **PURPOSE STATEMENT**

21 Epworth's purpose is to break the destructive cycle of abuse, neglect and shame and replace it with an opportu-  
22 nity for each person to live a life of self-respect, responsibility and productivity.

23 **STATEMENT OF RELATIONSHIP**

24 With a rich heritage blessed by God, and faithfully supported by God's people, we now seek to clarify and  
25 strengthen the relationship between Epworth Children's Home, Inc. and the South Carolina Conference of the  
26 United Methodist Church.

27 The South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church agrees to:

- 28 1. receive nominations and elect members to the Board of Trustees of Epworth Children's Home, in keeping  
29 with the charter and by-laws of Epworth Children's Home; in keeping with the Standing Rules of the SC An-  
30 nual Conference;
- 31 2. continue to provide benevolent support to Epworth Children's Home through channels such as Mother's  
32 Day, Work Day, and Back to School offerings, encouraging its people to make special gifts, and be support-  
33 ive of the Home's programs of planned giving and fund development;
- 34 3. permit Epworth Children's Home to use elements of the name and logo of the United Methodist Church  
35 and/or the Conference, including a reference to the relationship;
- 36 4. cooperate with Epworth Children's Home in furthering the promotion and interpretation of Epworth Chil-  
37 dren's Home's mission and programs;
- 38 5. communicate with Epworth Children's Home any changes in the rules and actions of the Annual Confer-  
39 ence and of the General Conference which may affect Epworth Children's Home;
- 40 6. receive an annual audited financial report from Epworth Children's Home;
- 41 7. maintain for its own benefit liability insurance against direct human service liability.

42 Epworth Children's Home, Inc., agrees to:

- 43 1. continue its tradition of offering quality services to children, youth and families, and to develop innovative  
44 concepts to help with their changing needs;
- 45 2. submit an annual audited financial report to the Annual Conference;
- 46 3. follow guidelines as approved by the Annual Conference, in matters of funding;
- 47 4. maintain membership in the United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries;
- 48 5. submit to the Annual Conference for approval any changes in Epworth Children's Home's Articles of Incor-  
49 poration;
- 50 6. furnish an annual report to the Annual Conference;
- 51 7. maintain for its own benefit liability insurance against direct human service liability,

1 Neither Epworth Children's Home, Inc. nor the Annual Conference accepts any legal or financial responsibility for  
2 the operations of the other. Epworth Children's Home, Inc. and the Conference mutually agree to hold each other  
3 harmless for any liabilities arising out of their relationship.

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5 This Statement of Relationship shall be subject to review and amendment at least once during each quadrennium.  
6 By action of the Board of Trustees by the Epworth Children's Home, Inc., meeting on November 20, 2025.  
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10 MARCH 16, 2026 Signed *Rw Boyer Williams*  
11 Date Chair

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13 By action of the South Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church meeting in session in Orange-  
14 burg, South Carolina.

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16 \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
17 Date Bishop

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19 \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
20 Date Secretary

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23 **METHODIST MANOR**  
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25 Methodist Manor mission is to provide an extraordinary Continuing Care Community offering exceptional selection  
26 of living option and personalized services. We recognize that aging is a normal process which people experience  
27 in different ways. We want to provide a lifestyle that enhances the quality of life for each person, wherever he or  
28 she may be in that process. We continually strive to create an independent and secure living environment that  
29 encourages enriching and fulfilling lives through the practice of self-determination.

30 Methodist Manor opened its doors December 1991 guided by traditional values, strong commitment to service,  
31 hospitality, community, friendship and care. Residents enjoy a lifestyle that embraces spiritual, social, emotional  
32 and physical well-being. The Community Campus is located in Florence, South Carolina. The Manor offers Inde-  
33 pendent Living in the form of Patio Homes and spacious one- or two-bedroom apartments, Assisted Living suites  
34 for those looking a supportive environment, Magnolia Terrace for dementia, memory support and Alzheimer Care,  
35 and the Healthcare Center which provides skilled Nursing Care. Home Health services as well as additional  
36 programs are designed to provide personal assistance to residents and enable them to retain their independence  
37 longer, in the comfort and privacy of their independent home or apartment.

38 Methodist Manor is a 501 (c) (3) Corporation, a not-for-profit Senior Living Community. The Manor currently serves  
39 about 230 residents. It is guided and directed by Methodist Manor Board of Trustees, the Trustee members consist  
40 of Florence business leaders, family members and some appointed through the S C Annual Conference, assist  
41 and provide guidance to the President & CEO and staff to ensure support and continually strategic planning for the  
42 growth of current and future resident's needs of Methodist Manor.

43 The Manor always seeks and tries to improve upon services and amenities as the senior population continues  
44 to change and grow, those changes now include baby boomers entering the Retirement markets of Retirement  
45 Communities for the first time. The Manor has been open for 33 years and has undertaken numerous renovations  
46 throughout the years to accommodate requests for common areas and activities spaces. We are continuing to  
47 expand to meet not only the needs of our existing Community population but allowing us to attract and maintain  
48 future generations with the level of quality living experience and care expected by people seeking retirement  
49 housing in Florence, SC.

50 In last few years we have enhanced our property with a Club House, spacious outdoor Pavillion with walking  
51 paths, gardens and pond, putting green, croquette court, children's playground area with equipment and dog park  
52 that is enjoyed by residents and family members alike. In our Lifestyle Center we have created an enhanced and  
53 spacious common area that includes a movie theater, movement room, exercise and weight room, resident/family  
54 activity and game room, massage therapist and nail salon, art room and gallery, there is also a catering kitchen.

1 We feel the number of services; activities and programs, amenities, dining choices all enhance the resident's qual-  
2 ity of life. The Manor embraces a customer focused model for service delivery that redirects the variety of services  
3 and amenities being provided so that resident's choices and conveniences are reflected incorporated. Methodist  
4 Manor regularly offers enriching cultural programs, educational and entertainment, along with organized programs  
5 such as shopping and sightseeing excursions, intergenerational programs, a variety of fitness and wellness pro-  
6 grams. We have purchased two new vehicles, an SUV vehicle for individual appointments of residents when the  
7 larger bus is not needed, allowing us to be more economical and cost effective. Also, an additional 14-passenger  
8 bus to add to our current Transportation program. The new bus has the capability of carrying additional wheel-  
9 chairs residents, expanding our ability to serve our three levels of Assisted Living, Dementia Care and Health  
10 Care population with doctor and health care appointments as well as activities and social events. A superior dining  
11 service offering a culinary trained chef and professional staff who deliver an elegant dining experience to our  
12 residents. The Manor provides numerous activities programs, multiple dining options, expansive service hours,  
13 special events and catering services.

14 We are appreciative of the United Methodist Conference of South Carolina for their annual donation to assist in  
15 the support of our Residents Financial Assistance Fund. These funds are used by the Manor to assist those res-  
16 idents whose resources have been depleted and are now not adequate to meet their monthly service fees. This  
17 year we have provided \$128,976.91 to residents in need. We are also beginning to see our Senior population as  
18 a whole live longer than previous generations and tend to need the full continuum of Care; Independent, Assisted  
19 Living and Health Care that's offered at Methodist Manor.

20 With continued leadership from Methodist Manor Board of Trustee and staff we are committed to providing a life-  
21 style that enhances the quality of life for each person. We continually strive to create an independent and secure  
22 living environment that encourages enriching and fulfilling lives through the practice of self-determination for our  
23 current population and future older adults.

**24 Purpose:**

25 Requesting funds for our Resident Assistance program.

**26 Key moments from the previous year:**

27 "The Manor purchased a new 14 passenger bus, retiring a previous bus that was 20 years old. Adding to the  
28 capability to provide transportation to Doctor and Health Care Appointments, shopping and activities and event  
29 out into Community of Florence. Our new bus also has the capability to transport 3 wheelchair residents, vs the  
30 old bus which could only transport 1 wheelchair resident at a time. This has greatly improved the time and avail-  
31 ability for appointments for our Residents in Assisted Living, Dementia Care and Health Care.

32 Creating Spa Room in Health Care, allowing the resident to use a full whirlpool tub vs. showers, many residents  
33 have physical limitations of being able to access shower. Construction on this project is not complete at this time.

34 We are fortunate to have our Chaplain Jeanie Swanson, who has been with us roughly 2 1/2 years and has  
35 continue to grow and expand our Chapel Services and therefore able to form a choir, increase the population of  
36 the Congregation, has provided bible studies and music to all three Health Care area, visit our members who are  
37 hospitalized, in Rehab facilities and Hospice. Because Jeanie has grown and knows the resident population has  
38 been entrusted to perform many memorials and services at family requests."

**39 Objectives for the coming year:**

40 "We provided Residents assistance to 4 residents this past year, total funds provided to these residents \$ 128,  
41 976.91. As our population comes to us at an older age upon move in (average age 87) they tend to need to move  
42 through the continuum levels of care, as they do so we see Residents who have lived their mean out lived their  
43 means, and that we need to provide Resident Assistance.

44 Our original building is 39 years old and is in constant need of upgrading or repairs; boilers, hot water tanks,  
45 kitchen equipment, flooring in common areas and individual Patio homes, Independent, Assisted Living, Dementia  
46 and Health Care apartments, roofing, our Chapel needs to have exterior wood replaced, etc."

**47 Actions requested of this Annual Conference:**

48 We request that we continue to receive funding for our Resident Assistance program.

**49 If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:**

50 That we are sincerely grateful for the funds we have received from United Methodist Conference, enabling us to  
51 assist our Residents that exhausted their financial means and continue to live in their lives out in their home at  
52 The Manor.

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Art Justice, Chairman for the Board of Trustees  
Teresa L. Reich, President and CEO The Manor

# WESLEY COMMONS

## **Purpose:**

Wesley Commons is dedicated to enriching lives by providing innovative living opportunities, grounded in Christian principles. We are a master-planned, full-service Life Plan Community committed to exceptional care and vibrant living.

## **Key moments from the previous year:**

The past year was a true test of our resilience. Like much of the country, Wesley Commons navigated the difficult headwinds of inflation, a tightening labor market, and a surge in demand for our services. While these external pressures were significant, our dedicated team rose to the occasion, acting as a steadfast “shelter from the storm” for our entire Wesley Commons family.

We didn’t just weather these challenges; we took decisive action to overcome them. To that end, we are proud to announce that we have closed a significant financing round and initiated another major expansion of our services to directly address our growing waitlist.

While we deeply felt the impact of the past year’s trials, our mission of care remained unwavering. We are emerging from this period stronger and more focused than ever. With the dawn of this new chapter, we stand ready to serve our community with renewed fortitude and commitment.

## **Objectives for the coming year:**

As we look toward the coming year, our vision is defined by intentional growth and an elevated standard of living for every member of the Wesley Commons family.

The centerpiece of this journey is the development of our new neighborhood, a strategic expansion designed specifically to welcome those on our growing waitlist and integrate them into our vibrant community.

This year will be marked by a holistic enhancement of the campus experience. We are committed to refining every touchpoint of our service:

- Assisted Living: Modernizing care environments to ensure comfort and dignity remain at the forefront.
- Hospitality & Social Life: Reimagining our residential living services to offer exceptional dining, expanded social calendars, and deeper community connections.

Underpinning these advancements is our bedrock of responsible stewardship. By maintaining a position of financial and operational strength, we ensure that Wesley Commons remains a secure haven. Our focus is not merely on expansion, but on protecting the peace of mind of our current residents, allowing them to focus on what matters most: living their best lives.

We are navigating this next chapter with confidence, transforming external pressures into internal progress and ensuring that our mission of care continues to flourish.

## **Action(s) required from the 2026 Annual Conference:**

Our commitment to those in financial need remains a cornerstone of our mission, anchored by the vital work of our Resident Support Fund. Thanks to the profound generosity of our donors, we have maintained our goal to provide lifelong care for residents who have outlived their personal financial resources after moving to Wesley Commons. This safety net ensures that no member of our family faces the future without the security and dignity they deserve.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the South Carolina United Methodist Conference for their steadfast partnership.

Their unwavering support of this ministry allows us to provide essential assistance during these complex economic times.

This collaboration does so much for our elders; it honors a generation that has given so much to our nation. We are profoundly thankful for this continued financial support, which allows us to sustain a “shelter from the storm” for those most in need.

## **If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:**

Wesley Commons is a blessed community, thriving through seasons of both trial and triumph. Our ability to fulfill our mission is a true testament to God’s grace and the unwavering dedication of our employees, residents, and the broader community.

Together, we have lived out our calling: to enrich lives through innovative living opportunities deeply rooted in Christian principles.

## **Narrative:**

Set across 165 acres of picturesque woodland in Greenwood, South Carolina, Wesley Commons offers a perfect balance: the charm of a close-knit town paired with easy access to metropolitan amenities. Our residents

1 thrive in vibrant, beautifully designed neighborhoods, supported by a caring staff dedicated to providing exception-  
2 al hospitality and life enriching amenities.

3 Our community is more than just a place to live; it is a comprehensive continuum of care. While our residential  
4 living programs and neighborhoods are recognized across our field, we also enrich lives through advanced care.  
5 We offer everything from proactive wellness programs and assisted living to skilled nursing and specialized mem-  
6 ory care for Alzheimer's and dementia. Additionally, our campus provides critical therapy and post-acute services,  
7 ensuring our residents are supported at every stage. This reputation for excellence has made Wesley Commons a  
8 premier destination, attracting residents from all across the country.

9 **Respectfully submitted,**

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## 15 CHARLESTON WESLEY FOUNDATION

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### 17 **Purpose:**

18 This report serves to inform all of the great work of the Spirit in the students of the Charleston Wesley Founda-  
19 tion. This campus is comprised, this year, of students from College of Charleston, The Citadel, Trident Technical  
20 College, and the American College of the Building Arts.

### 21 **Key moments from the previous year:**

22 By Easter, we will have witnessed 4 Baptisms and 1 Reaffirmation of Faith/Joining of The UMC. Average of 93  
23 students served weekly in Fall of 2025.

24 We have raised more money this year than last year through various organized efforts.

25 Our Worship Intern, Ava Hussey, has developed a remarkable Praise Team that leads worship weekly for their  
26 peers.

27 This Team consists of more than 10 students now.

28 We had to discontinue ministry efforts at Charleston Southern due to time constraints of Director.

### 29 **Objectives for the coming year:**

30 We wish to reengage The Citadel and College of Charleston with consistent advertisement, recruitment, and  
31 presence in order to develop a deeper relationship with the campus communities.

32 We will strive to continue to raise more money and support for the students in order to vision out a more effec-  
33 tive and encompassing ministry.

34 We want to push students to attend local churches on Sunday mornings.

35 We wish to invest in Student Leadership and provide them tangible ministry experiences. We will have two  
36 Retreats and at least two mission trips.

### 37 **If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:**

38 The Spirit is at work in these college students, and our vast network of donors are allowing us the opportunity to  
39 continue in ministry and discipleship. Without our donors, we would be stagnant and unable to live into God's call  
40 for this ministry. Without our students, there wouldn't be a ministry. Thankfully, there is both, and in that college  
41 students are coming home to God. Through weekly Bible Study, worship, fellowship, and more, lives are being  
42 changed on the campuses in the Holy City.

### 43 **Narrative:**

44 Hannah Kelley from Eyrie, PA had never really been all that involved in church growing up. In 2023 during her  
45 freshman year at College of Charleston, she was invited to go carve pumpkins with a "church group," and she  
46 decided to stick with the group. Over time, prayer, study, and fellowship, Hannah fell in love with God and dove  
47 deeper into that relationship. In August of 2024, she accepted a position to assist with the Youth Ministry at North  
48 Charleston United Methodist Church. On September 14, 2025, Hannah was baptized into the Christian Church.  
49 She plans to join a local church soon.

50 There's a lot of story in between those sentences. But from October 2023 to today, Hannah's life has changed,  
51 and that is the work of our Lord.

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- 1 **Other ministry members:**
- 2 Marissa Wilson, Executive Assistant
- 3 Ava Hussey, Worship Intern
- 4 Isabella Knapp, College of Charleston Wesley President
- 5 Kevin Lopez, Citadel Wesley President
- 6 Hannah Poole, Support Volunteer
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## CLEMSON WESLEY FOUNDATION

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### **Purpose:**

12 Clemson Wesley strives to be a Christ centered community, where all are welcome, treated like family, challenged  
13 to grow, and encouraged to love God and neighbor in concrete ways.

### **Key moments from the previous year:**

14 We've had a great 2025-2026 academic year. We are averaging 50 students in weekly worship and 24 in  
15 weekly small groups. However, those averages do not tell the whole story. There are over 90 students who are  
16 engaged in Clemson Wesley through small groups, worship and other opportunities. We have also seen an uptick  
17 in on campus outreach.

18 We've served over 1000 students in various outreach ministries on campus during the fall and spring. We had  
19 over 50 on both of our retreats and we took 18 students on a weeklong mission trip in March and another trip in  
20 May. This is just a small sampling of the ministry through CW.

### **Objectives for the coming year:**

21 Our objective is to continue to provide a community where students can belong, grow, and serve. Every year at  
22 least a quarter of our community graduates and moves on.

23 This constant turnover requires an outward focus and a never ending emphasis on hospitality, equipping, and  
24 sending.

### **Action(s) required from the 2026 Annual Conference:**

25 Just keep supporting campus ministry! We're in this together.

### **If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:**

26 Campus ministry is vital to both the present and long-term health of the church. At the same time our campus is  
27 filled with students looking for connection. They are longing for belonging with our students and a connection with  
28 God. I am grateful to partner with you, the SC Conference, as we serve as an outpost of belonging, hope, spiritual  
29 growth on our college campuses.

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## COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY WESLEY FOUNDATION (CCU WESLEY)

41 *CCU Wesley exists to create a Christ-centered community for college students and young adults offering a place*  
42 *of belonging, faith formation, and outward-focused love of neighbor.*

43 *Our heart is to help students become disciples of Jesus Christ who impact the campus and the world.*

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### **Highlights from the Past Year**

46 CCU Wesley continues to grow as a welcoming and spiritually vibrant community where students explore and  
47 deepen their faith through weekly gatherings, Bible studies, and outreach opportunities. Our consistent presence  
48 on campus strengthens both community connection and spiritual formation.

49 One of the most anticipated moments of the year was participation in the Annual Wesley Collegiate Retreat at  
50 Asbury Hills. Students began asking at our very first fall gathering, "When are we going to Asbury?" The retreat  
51 has become a cornerstone experience marked by worship, fellowship, reflection, and renewed commitment to  
52 discipleship. It is a shared tradition that students eagerly anticipate and invite others to join.

1 In 2025, we launched our first CCU Wesley Golf Tournament, followed by a second successful tournament in  
2 2026.

3 Thanks to the dedication of our Board of Directors and Student Leadership Team, participation doubled and  
4 hole sponsorships increased by 25 percent. The event brought together students, alumni, local churches, and  
5 community partners, with funds directly supporting and expanding ministry programming. We look forward to con-  
6 tinuing this as an annual tradition.

7 We also strengthened leadership capacity by welcoming new board members and student leaders focused on  
8 vision, sustainability, and long-term ministry health.

9 Recognizing that today's "front door" is digital, we continue to engage students through Instagram (@ccuwesley),  
10 our website, and a newly launched bi-annual newsletter. These platforms invite connection, share stories of trans-  
11 formation, and link alumni and churches to ongoing ministry needs and celebrations.

## 12 **Looking Ahead**

13 In the coming year, CCU Wesley is focused on

- 14 • Continue to expand student outreach through increased campus presence and partnerships
- 15 • Enhance facilities and student-facing space, building on the momentum of the prayer room

## 16 **Support Requested**

17 We are grateful for the prayers and support of the Annual Conference, churches, alumni, and community partners.  
18 We ask for continued:

- 19 • prayer for students navigating identity, purpose, and faith in a demanding season
- 20 • encouragement and involvement from local churches (relationships, meals, & mentorship)
- 21 • In our consistently limited financial budget, the strongest place of continued support is financial part-  
22 nership to sustain a consistent ministry presence and expand opportunities for discipleship, retreat  
23 participation, and outreach

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**Grace and Peace,**

Rev. Emily L. Kirby, Director CCU Wesley Foundation

## 26 **Board of Trustees**

27 Chair: Rev. Gene Aiken

28 Treasurer: Mrs. Sally Thrift

## 29 **Class of 2027**

30 Rev. Gene Aiken (23) (Trinity UMC North Myrtle Beach)

31 Rev. Tae Park (23) (Surfside UMC)

32 Rev. Kyle Randle (23) (First UMC Conway)

33 Mrs. Tonya Ard (23)

34 Mr. Joe Hunter Hyman (23)

35 Mrs. Helen McLain (23)

36 Mr. Jamie McLain (23)

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## **COLUMBIA WESLEY (METHODIST STUDENT NETWORK)**

### 42 **Purpose:**

43 Rooted in the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ, Columbia Wesley offers a welcoming "home away from  
44 home" for all college-aged young adults in Columbia. We prioritize proximity with the marginalized, challenging one  
45 another to deepen faith through radical hospitality, vital worship, and tangible acts of service that reflect God's love.

### 46 **Key moments from the previous year:**

- 47 • Spring Break 2026 Border Encounter: Our team traveled to the U.S.-Mexico borderlands of El Paso,  
48 Texas. By listening to the stories of asylum seekers and community leaders, students moved from in-  
49 tellectual awareness to a "proximity of the heart," re-humanizing the migration crisis through the lens of  
50 their faith.
- 51 • Expansion of Small Group Ministry: We have seen a surge in spiritual vitality through our small group  
52 ministry, which grew from one group to four this year. To empower student leadership, two groups are  
53 co-led by students and two are entirely student-led, providing intentional spaces for deep theological  
54 reflection and peer discipleship.

- 1 • Student-Led Worship Leadership: A primary “God moment” this year was the transition of our stu-  
2 dent-led band. Miles, a sophomore, has stepped into a significant leadership role. Moving from music  
3 to leading public prayers and preparing to preach his first sermon, this story demonstrates how cam-  
4 pus ministry serves as a laboratory for spiritual vocational growth.
- 5 • Cultivating Spiritual Depth: We are witnessing a profound deepening of faith as students move beyond  
6 mere attendance. They are engaging in vulnerable conversations about their calling, supporting one  
7 another through life’s trials, and finding a spiritual home that sustains them far beyond Sunday nights.
- 8 • Relational Service: Our monthly breakfast for the food insecure, held in partnership with local congre-  
9 gations, continues to be a cornerstone of our communal life, helping us all understand that service is  
10 not a project to be completed, but relationships to be nurtured.

11 **Objectives for the coming year:**

- 12 • Facility Stewardship: We are prioritizing the continuation of facility renovations to ensure our physical  
13 building serves as a modern, accessible,  
14 and hospitable hub for student life and ministry.
- 15 • Expanding Student Liturgical Roles: Building on the success of the student-led band, we aim to create  
16 more opportunities for students to lead in preaching, prayer, and worship design.
- 17 • Freshman Formation: We plan to launch a robust small group initiative specifically for incoming fresh-  
18 men to foster immediate community and long-term faith development.
- 19 • Deepening Local Church Ties: We seek to strengthen mutually beneficial partnerships with local United  
20 Methodist churches, connecting students with multi-generational faith mentors.
- 21 • Vocational Discernment: We will integrate more intentional opportunities for exploration vocation in all  
22 aspects of the ministry, including offering another seminary visit to learn more deeply about theological  
23 education and calling.

24 **Action(s) required from the 2026 Annual Conference:**

25 Columbia Wesley expresses deep gratitude for the continued prayerful and financial support of the South Carolina  
26 Annual Conference. No specific new action is required at this time, other than your continued partnership as we walk  
27 alongside this amazing group of Christian servant leaders.

28 **If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:**

29 Student leadership is the heartbeat of our ministry. Whether through a “reverse service” encounter on the border,  
30 a student leading their peers in prayer, or the transition to entirely student-led small groups, we are witnessing a  
31 generation step grow in beautiful ways. Campus ministry provides students with the space to lead and the proximi-  
32 ty to serve so that the work of God in their lives becomes a transformative force for both the campus and the world.

33 **Narrative:**

34 The transition of our band captures the essence of Columbia Wesley. Ian championed the band becoming en-  
35 tirely student-led and then handed off leadership to Miles.

36 Watching a student move from the quiet background to the front of the sanctuary, leading his peers in song,  
37 offering vulnerable prayers, and now preparing to preach, is a testament to the power of a community that says  
38 “yes” to student potential. This isn’t just about worship; it’s about a young adults discovering their voices and their  
39 calls in real-time.

40 **Respectfully submitted,**  
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46 **FRANCIS MARION WESLEY FOUNDATION**  
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48 **Purpose:**

49 Dedicated to a journey of love, we seek to deepen our devotion to God, embrace self-love, and to extend that love  
50 to our neighbors through faith and compassion, we aspire to build a community rooted in love. The Wesley Foun-  
51 dation at Francis Marion University welcomes and celebrates all students.

52 **Key moments from the previous year:**

53 The Wesley Foundation at Francis Marion University, also known as Alive in Christ Student Ministries, continues  
54 to provide a strong sense of community and meaningful spiritual support for students. The annual Wesley Winter

1 Retreat, typically held at Asbury Hills Camp & Retreat Center, remains a favorite event. Students enjoy the oppor-  
2 tunity to step into a new environment, be surrounded by God's beautiful creation, build new friendships, and grow  
3 deeper in their faith journey. Taking the treacherous hike to the cross at Mountain Chapel has become one thing  
4 returning students look forward to doing at Asbury Hills and new students are apprehensive about doing, because  
5 of its nickname. Our Monday night gatherings continue to connect with many students each week. These evenings  
6 are filled with laughter, meaningful conversations, learning, and moments to reflect on God and his love. We can't  
7 forget the great suppers we have each night. We are especially grateful for the churches that faithfully support our  
8 campus ministry by providing these meals on Monday nights and churches that provide monetary donations to  
9 help with the costs of doing campus ministry. Lucky Dog Rescue in Florence has become one of their favorite plac-  
10 es to volunteer and a new favorite fun activity has been learning to play pickleball. All these events and activities  
11 help bring students into a sense of community and help to deepen their connection to their faith.

12 **Objectives for the coming year:**

13 We will continue to raise awareness of our group on campus. Our group is always interested in ways to serve and  
14 help others on campus and beyond and to welcome new students who are in need of a faith community.

15 **Action(s) required from the 2026 Annual Conference:**

16 Our ministry is dedicated to showering God's love upon each of our students and encouraging them on their faith  
17 journey. We are thankful for all of the support that we receive in various ways. We truly appreciate everyone that  
18 supports campus ministries.

19 **If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:**

20 In closing I would like to share with you a word from one of our students.

21 I joined Alive in Christ my freshman year of college, after meeting Mrs. Lou at First Friday. I was nervous at first  
22 about joining a new group, but ever since that first meeting, I've loved it and never missed a Monday. This group  
23 has helped me come out of my comfort zone more and has helped me to grow closer to God. One of my favorite  
24 memories of the group will always be the Wesley Winter Retreat because it was fun getting to know everyone and  
25 also just taking a break from classes. I also enjoyed going to the different UMC churches and the guest speakers  
26 we had. This group has become my safe space, and it sucks that I have to leave, but I will miss it so much and will  
27 be forever grateful for this group and Mrs. Lou. As some of you still have a lot of time left here, please cherish the  
28 moments now because they do go by fast. — Samareyah Butler, Charleston, S.C.

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**FURMAN WESLEY FELLOWSHIP**

37 **Purpose:**

38 The mission of Furman Wesley Fellowship is to serve the Furman community in the United Methodist Church's  
39 values of forming disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead  
40 courageously. We also seek to be "A Place to Be, Belong, Connect, & Engage" for the Furman community.

41 **Key moments from the previous year:**

42 Our year at Furman Wesley has been amazing. We have welcomed another class of students who are eager  
43 to make their mark on the Furman experience and excited for all the ways they can positively impact our Wesley  
44 Fellowship. We have gone on retreats, hosted events to express hospitality to our campus, continued our regular  
45 weekly events, and partnered with organizations around Greenville to give back to our community.

46 Some highlights of our year:

- 47 • Our Weekly Activities included: Worship Gathering, Wesley Lunch in the Dining Hall, Freshmen Group, and  
48 Bible Study. We hosted small groups monthly for each class focused on topics relevant to their journey at  
49 Furman.
- 50 • Participated in 4 retreats this year, including our State Wesley Retreat.
- 51 • We hosted our annual hospitality event, Warm Up w/ Wesley, in which we gave out coffee, hot chocolate,  
52 and doughnuts to students, faculty, and staff at the beginning of December.
- 53 • We partnered with Cole's Victory Lap, which provides support for pediatric oncology patients.
- 54 • There are great things happening at Furman Wesley and even though there is the constant transition hap-  
55 pening in campus ministry, we are well positioned to meet these changes!

**Respectfully submitted,**

Mrs. Lou Jordan, Campus Director

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1 **Objectives for the coming year:**

2 Obviously, our continued priority is finding ways to stay connected to our students. Our students' lives are busy and  
3 they get pulled in competing directions; Wesley provides space for acceptance and love, and rest. Other priorities  
4 and projects include:

- 5 • Finding ways to support other campus organizations. We are partnering with our Office of International Stu-  
6 dent Engagement to assist with their work. We continue working with Heller Service Corp, providing mission  
7 opportunities both on and off campus.
- 8 • Finding ways to connect with all our wonderful students at Furman. We have a diverse campus, and it is  
9 important for us to live into the whole of United Methodism. This is happening by supporting all the many  
10 great things that happen on our campus.
- 11 • Finding ways to continue leadership development and vocational discernment. It is our desire to help all our  
12 students identify their gifts and discover the ways God can use them for the kingdom.
- 13 • Finding ways to provide a sustainable ministry at Furman University. We are blessed with gracious sup-  
14 porters for our ministry. However, we recognize the importance of being proactive in the ever-changing  
15 environment of the UMC and the world in which we live. Our Wesley Board is continually looking at ways  
16 to remain a healthy and vibrant ministry.
- 17 • Finding ways to engage the larger Greenville and UMC communities. We recognize the connectional na-  
18 ture of our church, and honestly our world, and desire to reach beyond the walls to give back to the people  
19 who are so gracious in supporting our ministry.

20 **If you take away nothing else from this report, know this:**

21 The ministry at Furman Wesley Fellowship, and all our collegiate ministries across the connection, is some of the  
22 most important work we do as an Annual Conference. Our Furman Wesley Fellowship desires to pour into the lives  
23 of young people, and we ask that our Annual Conference join our collegiate ministries mission by making ministry  
24 with young adults a priority.

25 **Narrative:**

26 Choosing to be a part of the Wesley Fellowship at Furman was the best choice I have made for my future as a Fur-  
27 man freshman. It wasn't just about finding a group to belong to; it was about discovering a community that deeply  
28 resonated with my personal and spiritual growth. The transition to college can be overwhelming, but having a  
29 built-in support system made all the difference. The people I met through Wesley quickly became my good friends  
30 and confidants. We share similar values and a desire to explore our faith, which creates a strong bond. We engage  
31 in meaningful discussions, explore different perspectives, and challenge each other to grow, which helped me gain  
32 a better understanding of myself and the world around me. Wesley provides a sense of belonging, a supportive  
33 community, and opportunities for personal growth that greatly enrich my college experience. I'm grateful for the  
34 friendships I made and the lessons I learned, which continue to impact my life at Furman today. — Mary Mac Rux,  
35 Fairhope, AL

36 **Respectfully submitted,**  
37 Rev. Edward Lovell McCutcheon, Director and Campus Minister  
38 edward.mccutcheon@furman.edu  
39 (864) 238-7273

40 **Other ministry members:**

41 The names of our Furman Wesley Board are listed in the nominations portion of the Journal.

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**THE WESLEY OF ORANGEBURG (W.O.O.)**

46 **A Place to Belong. A Place to Grow. A Place to Lead.**

47 At The W.O.O., students are not just attending events—they are encountering God.

48 Our mission is simple yet powerful: to create a space where students can discover their purpose, grow in their  
49 faith, and experience authentic Christian community. Here, they are welcomed just as they are and challenged to  
50 become who God has called them to be.

51 **Moments from the Previous Year**

52 • **Homecoming Lunch & Prayer at Claflin University**

53 • During Homecoming Week, we hosted a lunch-and-prayer gathering at Claflin. This powerful time of  
54 connection brought together students, staff, and faculty in meaningful support and fellowship.

- 1 • **Participation in Prayer Shield Day**  
2 • The Wesley Foundation was honored to be invited to participate in Prayer Shield Day, strengthening  
3 our partnership with the broader campus community.  
4 • **“Matters of the Heart” Panel Discussion**  
5 • Our Bible study group hosted a thoughtful and engaging panel discussion addressing issues that deep-  
6 ly matter to  
7 • students’ spiritual and emotional well-being.  
8 • **Largest Campus Retreat Attendance**  
9 • This year marked our highest student participation at the Campus Retreat, demonstrating growing  
10 engagement and spiritual hunger among our students.  
11 • **Facility Improvements**  
12 • We are grateful to report the installation of a much-needed new roof and HVAC system at the Wesley  
13 Foundation building, ensuring a safer and more comfortable ministry space.  
14 But the most important milestone cannot be measured in attendance numbers or building improvements.  
15 Students are engaging deeply with the Word of God. They are stepping into leadership. They are responding to  
16 God’s call.

#### 17 **Looking Ahead: Building the Next Generation of Leaders**

18 In the coming year, we will:

- 19 • Launch a new **Emerging Leaders Program** to disciple and equip student leaders.  
20 • Expand awareness of ministry opportunities on campus.  
21 • Create seminary visit opportunities for students discerning vocational ministry.  
22 • Strengthen fundraising efforts to sustain and grow this vital work.  
23 • Train our Board of Directors to become stronger advocates and partners in mission.

#### 24 **Why Your Support Matters**

25 College is a pivotal season. It is where faith is either strengthened or forgotten. At Claflin University and South  
26 Carolina State University, students are choosing to deepen their faith. They are saying yes to leadership. Yes to  
27 service. Yes to God.

28 Now more than ever, they need your prayerful and financial support. Your investment fuels:

- 29 • Discipleship  
30 • Leadership development  
31 • Retreat experiences  
32 • Outreach and community impact  
33 • A safe and welcoming ministry space

#### 34 **Narrative Summary**

35 The Wesley of Orangeburg continues to serve students at Claflin University and South Carolina State University by  
36 developing emerging leaders who are equipped to lead their peers in mission and ministry. Students are actively  
37 engaging in Scripture, worship, and service, and are demonstrating spiritual growth and leadership potential. We  
38 remain committed to strengthening this ministry through prayer, partnership, and financial support. Together, we  
39 are not just funding a campus ministry. We are shaping future pastors, leaders, missionaries, and faithful disci-  
40 ples. Thank you for partnering with The Wesley of Orangeburg as we continue to equip emerging leaders to reach  
41 emerging leaders – all for the glory of God.

42 Rev. Shirley Peterson Gordon, Director and Campus Minister  
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### 44 **WINTHROP WESLEY FOUNDATION**

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47 The Winthrop Wesley Foundation serves as a ministry to and with students at Winthrop University, York Technical  
48 College, and Clinton College. We are committed to openness, authenticity, and community-building.

49 This year was one of continued thriving at Winthrop Wesley! We had over 40 unique students attend Winthrop  
50 Wesley in the 2025-26 school year, a 60% increase from our involvement last year. And, 90% of those students  
51 have attended more than one event. We celebrate with 10 of those students graduating this year, and we have a  
52 vibrant group of 5 student leaders to lead us into the 2026-27 school year.

53 We also started a monthly worship service, as was part of our objectives in our 2025 report. Called “Soup and Soul  
54 Care” (a nod to John Wesley’s “How is it with your soul?”), it has become a staple of Winthrop Wesley’s calendar.

1 Each month, our service offers dinner, check-ins, music, liturgy, a preaching moment, and communion.  
2 Another key moment has been the gradual improvements we've been able to make to the Wesley House, which  
3 provides 4-6 students with affordable housing. With the help of folks from local churches, we addressed critical  
4 needs in the house to help make it safer and more livable.  
5 As we look ahead, we are listening to students and seeking to both meet their needs and empower their visions for  
6 this ministry. We've had requests to build in some "deeper dive" Bible studies, in addition to our current after-dinner  
7 Bible study, so we will be incorporating that into our regular programming. We will also be focusing new efforts on  
8 outreach, particularly to York Technical College and Clinton College, an HBCU.  
9 We will also continue to address deferred maintenance at the Wesley House as well as the main Wesley Founda-  
10 tion building to ensure that both buildings will be able to serve our students for generations to come.  
11 This year, Winthrop Wesley saw exciting growth in our ministry, deeper development in student leadership, and  
12 an increase in relationships between our students and local church members. Our students continue to take our  
13 mission outside of our building, as well, by showing up for one another, for the churches they're involved with, and  
14 for the issues they care about.  
15 As the Director and Campus Minister of Winthrop Wesley, I have been deeply encouraged by the outpouring of  
16 support from the South Carolina Conference for the ministries with young people. From the Jeremiah Team on  
17 Missional Priorities, to the support of Connectional Ministries and Congregational Development, to the investment  
18 of local churches in our ministries, there is something special happening in the work we are doing as a conference.  
19 Because we as Campus Ministers fundraise for the entirety of our programming and building funds, we rely heavily  
20 on local churches who pour love and support into our ministries. I would be remiss not to offer my deepest grati-  
21 tude to the churches of the Rock Hill District. To the church members and pastors who have supported Winthrop  
22 Wesley: thank you for showing up for this generation in financial giving, in Monday night dinners, in volunteering  
23 for our work days, and so much more. Each one of you makes this ministry not only possible, but a reality!

24 **Submitted by:**  
25 Rev. Laurel Fraser, Director and Campus Minister  
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28 **HINTON RURAL LIFE CENTER**  
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30 Hinton Rural Life Center, located in the Appalachian Mountains in the southwest corner of North Carolina, is a  
31 mission outreach and retreat center of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the UMC. Inspired by Jesus Christ, Hinton  
32 center serves individuals, congregations, and rural communities through retreat ministries, educational opportuni-  
33 ties, and missional outreach.

34 We celebrate all those who came to Retreat, Reflect, Renew, and Serve at and through Hinton Rural Life Center.  
35 We especially appreciate the 1,186 volunteers (both local and those who came individually and on mission teams  
36 beyond our region) who served over 23,755 hours last year -- a value of \$826,436 to our community and a witness  
37 of our Christian faith in action. Our guests and volunteers come to Hinton through a variety of programming from  
38 confirmation retreats to Boomers on Outreach Mission! In 2025, we hosted:

- 39 • **365** confirmands and leaders participated in our Theotokos Confirmation Retreats
- 40 • **156** used our Theotokos Connections confirmation curriculum
- 41 • **664** mission participants – youth and adults – worked on Safe & Healthy Home repairs and community  
42 projects
- 43 • **27** adults, mostly 60 and older, participated in our Boomers on Outreach Mission (BOOM) – our newest  
44 mission initiative – helping with Safe & Healthy Home Repair projects, as well as learning about pover-  
45 ty perspectives, enjoying Appalachian culture, and worshipping together.

46 **Through our year-round Mission Outreach ministries served 1,287 neighbors in Appalachia:**

- 47 • **232** Safe & Healthy Home repair projects were completed on 58 homes
- 48 • **805** loads of firewood valued at \$161,000— huge thanks to our incredible volunteer Woodchuckers!
- 49 • **511** children were provided with gifts for Christmas including coats, shoes, and clothing items
- 50 • **830** individuals participated in our rural poverty simulation, which fosters awareness and understanding of  
51 the unique challenges and complexities of rural poverty and helps cultivate empathy

52 Through hands-on home repair, firewood ministry, and intentional learning experiences, we continued to walk  
53 alongside our neighbors, building relationships, honoring the rich heritage of our mountain communities, and work-

1 ing together toward safe, healthy homes and hopeful futures. We look forward to continuing this work in 2026 as  
2 we strengthen rural communities and serve with compassion and purpose.

3 Dr. Jacqueline Gottlieb, CEO & President  
4 Hinton Rural Life Center  
5 Hayesville NC  
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## 7 8 **LAKE JUNALUSKA ASSEMBLY, INC.** 9

10 Lake Junaluska Assembly remains committed to its mission to be a place of Christian hospitality where lives are  
11 transformed through renewal of soul, mind, and body. The leadership and staff are grateful to be a part of your  
12 ministry and for your continued prayers and support.

13 The Sharing Our Gifts Capital Campaign is now in its fifth and final year. More than \$16 million in support for the  
14 future of Lake Junaluska has been committed, and we deeply appreciate the outpouring of love and support for  
15 this special place. Campaign priorities include preservation of the lake and dam, enhancements surrounding the  
16 Cross, revitalization of the recreation area, development of youth and family housing, and improvements to Stuart  
17 Auditorium. Each of these projects supports Lake Junaluska's role as a place where families gather, worship is  
18 deepened, and guests experience renewal and connection.

19 Momentum is building, and progress is visible. Because of generous partners like you, the future of Lake Junaluska  
20 is bright. To learn more about campaign priorities, we would welcome the opportunity to share how you can help  
21 bring these next projects to life and help us continue to be a place of Christian hospitality where lives are trans-  
22 formed through renewal of soul, mind, and body.

### 23 **Financial Update**

24 Lake Junaluska concluded 2025 with a financial surplus, which was invested in our ongoing efforts to ensure all  
25 staff members earn a living wage. Charitable giving remained strong throughout the year, and the Annual Fund  
26 exceeded its goal for the seventh consecutive year. The Annual Fund is a budget-relieving initiative that supports  
27 Lake Junaluska's annual operating budget and helps sustain ministry and hospitality programs.

### 28 **Ministry Programs and Events**

29 The 2026 Summer Worship and Theologian in Residence series will take place June 28-August 2. Six theolo-  
30 gians will preach during Sunday morning worship and lead educational and interactive experiences throughout the  
31 week. A variety of musicians will participate each week, and the Artists in Residence program will coordinate local  
32 artists to provide altar art for summer worship. We encourage you to join us.

33 Summer activity programs will also return, including yoga, QiGong, bonfires, devotions and special events. The  
34 Festival of Wisdom and Grace is scheduled for August 17-21, and the 37th Choir Music Weekend will be held Oc-  
35 tober 16-18. We hope you will be able to attend.

36 A definitive highlight of our winter season was our Encounter confirmation weekends. We were honored to  
37 welcome nearly 500 youth over two weekends under the powerful theme of Unshakable Faith. It was a profound  
38 privilege to witness firsthand the lives changed and spirits renewed as these young people deepened their walk  
39 with Christ.

40 Don't wait to book your next mountain-top experience. Explore our facilities and see how we can support your  
41 ministry's vision at lakejunaluska.com. Contact our group sales department to plan your next retreat at 828-454-6809  
42 or <https://bit.ly/LJRetreats>.

### 43 **Looking Ahead**

44 Lake Junaluska continues to pursue the guiding aspirations adopted by the Board of Trustees: preserving and  
45 enhancing the lake and grounds; providing conference and hospitality experiences that exceed guest expectations;  
46 connecting more youth to Christ through meaningful ministry and recreation; strengthening shared experiences  
47 that celebrate faith, recreation, the arts and education; and fostering an inclusive community that offers a high  
48 quality of life for residents and guests.

49 The leadership and staff invite you to visit Lake Junaluska for a conference, retreat, or time of renewal. The lake  
50 and surrounding mountains provide a beautiful setting for rest, reflection and spiritual growth. Additional informa-  
51 tion about events, programs and accommodations is available at [lakejunaluska.com](http://lakejunaluska.com).

52 Ken Howle, Executive Director  
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## **SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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3 The history of South Carolina United Methodism was once compared as “diverse as the pattern of color the sun  
4 casts through the stain glass window on the pews and floors of a hundred churches on any given Sunday morning  
5 throughout” the Palmetto State. These words from Rev. Dr. A. V. Huff, Jr’s., introduction to the 1985 A History of  
6 South Carolina United Methodism captures a beautiful word picture of the story of the people called Methodist in  
7 South Carolina. This story is entrusted to us today.

8 The South Carolina Conference Historical Society seeks to celebrate, study, and preserve the rich history of  
9 Methodism in the South Carolina Conference, as well as its predecessor conferences. The Historical Society is  
10 a volunteer membership organization that works with the Conference Commission on Archives and History to  
11 promote historical preservation and awareness. It sponsors programs relating to the history of local churches as  
12 well as Methodism generally. It also seeks to support the work of archival preservation at the conference and local  
13 church levels.

14 The Historical Society believes its ultimate purpose is to serve as a “ministry of memory” for the Christian church  
15 as reflected in the Methodist tradition. We believe the preservation and study of history reminds us of the roots of  
16 our faith and unites us in the love of Christ through common bonds. We also recognize that the study of history  
17 is important because it teaches us how the church has functioned in the past within the contours of culture and  
18 society, providing valuable lessons for today.

19 The Reverend Dr. A. V. Huff, Jr., our conference historian, completed work on the listing of the South Carolina  
20 Methodist Historical Trail sites, bringing the total to forty-four sites in twenty geographical areas throughout South  
21 Carolina. Feel free to pick up a copy of the trail during our annual conference at our table and find the nearest trail  
22 marker in your area for your next adventure. We continue to contribute a column in The South Carolina United  
23 Methodist Advocate, publish The Mark, our Society newsletter, and help churches celebrate milestones in their  
24 history.

25 Two resources for congregations to use for teaching on South Carolina’s United Methodist History comes from  
26 two members of the Conference Society. The books are “From the Vault,” by Dr. R. Phillip Stone, the Conference  
27 Archivist, and “Recollections: Stories from My Life in the Ministry,” by the Reverend Dr. Roger M. Gramling. Both  
28 are available from the Advocate Press as well as Amazon.com. Both provide helpful insights into the history of the  
29 South Carolina Conference and its predecessor conferences.

30 The Historical Society elected new officers during their meeting on November 1, 2025. The Reverend Joseph D.  
31 Kovas was elected president. The Reverend Meredith M. Dark was elected vice president. The Rev. Roger M.  
32 Gramling was elected as secretary-treasurer. We are also grateful for the continued support of Dr. A. V. Huff, Jr.  
33 who serves as the editor of The Mark.

34 Rev. Joseph D. Kovas, President  
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## **SOUTH CAROLINA METHODIST CREDIT UNION**

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39 The year 2026 marks seventy-one years of service by the South Carolina Methodist Conference Credit Union  
40 (SCMCCU) to the Ministers and their families, the churches and their members, and the institutions of the South  
41 Carolina United Methodist Conference.

42 The Credit Union was chartered on September 19, 1955, by ten elders of the South Carolina Conference (1785).  
43 The Reverend Hawley B. Lynn was elected to serve as the first President. Initially the Credit Union was chartered  
44 to serve ministerial members of the annual conference and others under appointment of the bishop, employees of  
45 the Boards and Agencies of the annual conference, and their family members. Today, membership encompasses  
46 not only the clergy of the South Carolina Conference and their families, but also members of the churches, and  
47 employees of the local churches, the Annual Conference, and the United Methodist Colleges, and Retirement  
48 Homes of the South Carolina Conference.

49 In 2025 the Credit Union grew in loans and reserves while assets declined slightly. The credit union was able to  
50 increase total dividends paid to our members for a third consecutive year. The growth in loans and dividends is  
51 an indication that we have been able to provide greater service to our members during the year. Service to our  
52 members will always be the focus of the credit union.

53 The credit union is currently blessed with a small, stable, and very experienced staff with a total of 100 plus years  
54 of combined experience working for credit unions and other financial institutions. This enables the credit union

1 to provide exceptional service with a knowledgeable but personal approach. Alicia Reese serves as the Member  
2 Service

3 Representative, Bruce Douglass serves as the Loan Officer, Christine Dominick serves as Operations Manager  
4 and Andy Cox serves as the President and CEO.

5 On February 23, 2026, the Credit Union's Annual Meeting was at the Conference Center and by Zoom. At the  
6 meeting, the members elected Board Directors, Credit Committee members and Supervisory Committee mem-  
7 bers. The financial condition of the credit union was reported. We encourage all members to attend the Annual  
8 Meeting to learn more about your credit union.

9 You are most likely a member of a United Methodist Church in South Carolina. As a member you are invited to  
10 join the South Carolina Methodist Conference Credit Union as it continues to serve United Methodists in South  
11 Carolina. Visit our website, [www.scmccu.org](http://www.scmccu.org), to learn more about the benefits of belonging to a financial coopera-  
12 tive.

Andy Cox, President and CEO [tacox@scmccu.org](mailto:tacox@scmccu.org)

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14 <b>Directors:</b>	Mrs. Lisa L. Fusco	<b>Credit Committee:</b>	<b>Supervisory Committee:</b>
15 Rev. David L. Anderson	Rev. Ronald A. Pettit	Rev. Leatha M. Brown	Mrs. Gail C. Corn
16 Mr. Robert J. Barham	Rev. Susan Ulmer	Rev. Millie Nelson Smith	Mrs. Tammy L. Fulmer
17 Rev. Eugene L. Curry	Rev. Robert M. Vincent	Rev. Hope R.A. Morris	Rev. Willis E. Haselden IV
18 Rev. Roger M. Gramling	Rev. Lillian H. Washington		

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22 **SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY**  
23 **President's Report to the**  
24 **South Carolina Annual Conference The United Methodist Church**

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26 Southern Methodist University (SMU) has served as a nonsectarian institution of higher learning since its founding  
27 in 1911. Guided by a mission to expand knowledge through research and teaching, SMU educates students with  
28 ambition and integrity, advances discovery that matters, and serves as a catalyst for positive impact in Dallas,  
29 Texas, and beyond.

30 With continued Methodist representation on the Board of Trustees and a longstanding commitment to welcom-  
31 ing students of all faiths, SMU honors its Wesleyan heritage while advancing as a nationally recognized private  
32 research university. Consistent with this heritage and tradition, SMU submits this report to the South Carolina  
33 Annual Conference.

34 **Institutional momentum and leadership transition**

35 I was honored to begin my service as President of SMU on June 1, 2025. My first seven months have been  
36 focused on listening, learning, and building relationships with students, faculty, staff, alumni, trustees, and civic  
37 and community partners.

38 Even after a few short months, I can clearly see the distinctive qualities that define SMU and draw people to  
39 this community: academic excellence, a vibrant campus culture, deeply engaged alumni, and an unusually attrac-  
40 tive position as a private research university rooted in one of the nation's most dynamic metropolitan regions. This  
41 combination, reinforced by a shared sense of purpose grounded in SMU's mission and values, fuels our momen-  
42 tum to expand SMU's reach and influence and help shape the future of higher education.

43 During this period, we welcomed outstanding new academic leadership to SMU. Rachel Davis Mersey joined  
44 the University as Executive Vice President and Provost, bringing deep experience in academic leadership, a  
45 strong commitment to faculty excellence and student success, and a collaborative approach that is well aligned  
46 with SMU. We also welcomed Bryan P. Stone as the Leighton K. Farrell Dean of Perkins School of Theology,  
47 whose leadership reflects a deep commitment to theological education, the life of the Church, and the formation  
48 of faithful leaders. In addition to Drs. Mersey and Stone, several experienced leaders stepped into key leadership  
49 roles at SMU: Janan Jayawickramarajah, dean of the Dedman School of Humanities and Social Sciences; Todd  
50 Milbourn, dean of the Edwin L. Cox School of Business; Michael Harris, interim dean of the Simmons School of  
51 Education and Human Development; and Damon Evans, director of Athletics.

52 **Strategic planning and institutional priorities**

53 This fall, we launched a comprehensive, University-wide strategic planning process to guide SMU through its  
54 next phase of growth. The process is intentionally inclusive, drawing input (to date) from nearly 9,000 community  
55 members, including faculty, staff, students, alumni, parents, trustees, employers and the broader Dallas community.

1 The strategic plan will strengthen academic distinction and student success through transformative teaching  
2 and exceptional experiences; expanded interdisciplinary research and creative scholarship that matters; and the  
3 preparation of well-rounded, principled leaders who will make an impact in Dallas and far beyond. We expect to  
4 complete the plan in Spring 2026, providing a clear roadmap for aligning priorities, resources, and philanthropic  
5 support for the next decade.

### 6 **Students, faculty, and staff**

7 SMU continues to attract academically accomplished and diverse students from across the nation and the  
8 world. For the 2025-26 academic year, the University enrolled approximately 12,500 undergraduate and graduate  
9 students representing all 50 states and more than 90 countries. A majority of undergraduates come from outside  
10 Texas, reflecting SMU's growing national profile.

11 Our faculty members, graduate students, and undergraduates are advancing research and creative work that  
12 addresses complex challenges in areas such as energy, health, security, education, public policy, and the arts –  
13 often in collaboration with industry, government, and nonprofit partners. This work strengthens SMU's academic  
14 reputation while contributing meaningfully to the economic and civic vitality of the Dallas–Fort Worth region.

### 15 **Research, philanthropy, and national standing**

16 During the past year, the University successfully completed its most recent comprehensive campaign, SMU  
17 Ignited: Boldly Shaping Tomorrow, three years ahead of schedule, raising

18 \$1.64 billion in private support. The campaign strengthened the University's academic foundation through in-  
19 vestments in students, faculty, academic programs, research, and facilities, and positioned SMU for its next phase  
20 of growth and impact.

21 In 2025, SMU was designated a Research One (R1) institution by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of  
22 Higher Education. This designation reflects sustained growth in research activity, faculty scholarship, and external  
23 funding, as well as the collective efforts of faculty, staff, students, alumni, and supporters. Achieving R1 status  
24 marks an important step along the University's trajectory to academic prominence and affirms SMU's commitment  
25 to research that serves society and advances knowledge.

26 SMU continues to receive strong national recognition for academic quality, student outcomes, and research  
27 activity, reinforcing the University's standing among leading private research institutions.

### 28 **Perkins School of Theology**

29 Perkins School of Theology remains central to SMU's identity and mission, advancing theological education  
30 that is both deeply rooted in the Wesleyan tradition and responsive to the needs of the Church and the world. In  
31 2025 and 2026, Perkins expanded access to theological education and strengthened institutional collaboration  
32 through several strategic initiatives.

33 Perkins formalized a three-year partnership with Methodist Theological University in Seoul to support student  
34 and faculty exchanges and collaborative global research. The School also launched an accelerated program with  
35 McMurry University, enabling qualified students to begin Master of Divinity coursework during their final under-  
36 graduate year, reducing both time to degree and cost. In addition, Perkins established a teach-out agreement  
37 with Memphis Theological Seminary, allowing enrolled students to complete their degrees at Perkins with full  
38 credit transfer, academic support, and tuition scholarships.

39 These efforts – along with many activities not spelled out here – reflect Perkins' continued commitment to aca-  
40 demic excellence, faithful leadership formation, and service to the United Methodist community through expand-  
41 ed reach and impact.

42 We remain deeply grateful for Perkins School of Theology's enduring contributions to theological education  
43 and the life of the Church. As we move forward in this new chapter of leadership and planning, we do so with  
44 gratitude for the past and confidence in the future – focused on preparing students to lead lives of purpose, ex-  
45 panding knowledge that matters, and serving communities with integrity and care.

46 **Sincerely yours,**  
47 Jay C. Hartzell President  
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### 49 **BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY**

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52 Your partnership, prayers, and support are a cherished gift as BUSTH seeks to serve the church and the world! In  
53 a year like 2025, BUSTH's commitments to equip transformational leaders for peace and justice are more neces-  
54 sary and significant. We are hopeful and vigilant in our continued partnership with you.

1 **NEWS:**

- 2 • **Students:** The academic year 2025-26 entering class was among our most diverse, with 106 new  
3 students, 40% of whom are international students from 17 different countries.
- 4 • **Faculty:** In July, Rebecca Copeland and Luis Menéndez-Antuña were promoted to Associate Pro-  
5 fessor. In September, Nicolette Manglos-Weber became Associate Dean of Students & Community  
6 Life, and Rady Roldán-Figueroa ('05) started as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Timothy Ad-  
7 kins-Jones ('09,'21) joined as Assistant Professor of Homiletics.
- 8 • **Expanding Online/Hybrid Programming:** BUSTH launched a fully Online Master of Divinity (OMDiv)  
9 program in November and the first cohort is planned for Fall 2026. Learn more at [bu.edu/sth/omdiv](http://bu.edu/sth/omdiv). In  
10 May, the Doctor of Ministry (DMin) program graduated its largest class ever, 18.
- 11 • **Faculty Research:** Professor Steven Sandage is a co-principal investigator for “Training and Treat-  
12 ment Integration Research for Virtue and Flourishing in Mental Healthcare: A Team Science Project,”  
13 which received a \$5.2 million grant from the John Templeton Foundation to address a growing need  
14 among therapists for training on how to integrate relational virtues and human flourishing in clinical  
15 practice. Faculty published more than 130 books, scholarly articles, op-eds, presentations, and book  
16 reviews during 2025. Many were interviewed by media publications or featured on podcasts for their  
17 scholarship in topics such as trauma-informed care, humility among religious leaders, and biblical agri-  
18 culture. Selected stories: [bu.edu/sth/research/faculty-research/](http://bu.edu/sth/research/faculty-research/).
- 19 • **Scholarships:** BUSTH continues to benefit from nearly 125 scholarships overall, donated to by school  
20 alumni, other BU alumni, and friends of BU including more than 20 named scholarships from living  
21 alumni and/or their family members.
- 22 • **Contextual Education:** Funded by the Lilly Endowment, Director of Contextual Education Anastasia  
23 Kidd and Director of Enrollment Chad Moore will lead “The New Wineskins Network” \$1 million initia-  
24 tive to build sustainable, collaborative infrastructure for student and clergy formation across the Boston  
25 region.
- 26 • **Online Lifelong Learning:** BUSTH offers online courses for professional and spiritual enrichment of  
27 religious leaders. Recent offerings include “Digital Ministry as Contemplative Practice.” Learn more at  
28 [bu.edu/sth/oll](http://bu.edu/sth/oll).
- 29 • **Development:** Recent accomplishments include a generous pledge to endow a Praise & Worship  
30 Fund as well as some new operating funds including the Manoog C. Peters Chaplaincy Fund to further  
31 support the school’s chaplaincy curriculum, and the Center for Global Christianity and Mission Film  
32 Project Fund to promote the Center’s ministry.

33 **COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE and COMPASSION:**

- 34 • BUSTH’s inaugural Fr. Vincent Machozi ('15) Colloquium will be held in February to honor the life’s  
35 work of our alumnus, martyred in the DRC for his work advocating for civilian victims of political vio-  
36 lence. “Ecologies of Peacemaking” will bring together scholars in the areas of social conflict, economic  
37 inequalities, and environmental degradation. Register at [bu.edu/sth/machozi-colloquium](http://bu.edu/sth/machozi-colloquium).
- 38 • Our Fall 2025 Lowell Lecture presented the work of Rev. Dr. Micah L. McCreary, whose topic “Leading  
39 Through and Beyond our Wounds” focused on becoming trauma-responsive leaders.
- 40 • Work continues to improve accessibility, sustainability, and responsible investing as written in our 2030  
41 Strategic Plan. BUSTH is the first certified Green School at BU.

42 **With faith and gratitude,**  
43 G. Sujin Pak, dean  
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46 **CANDLER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY**  
47 **2026 Report to the UMC Annual Conferences**

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49 As **Candler School of Theology at Emory University** continues in its second century of educating faithful and  
50 creative leaders for the church’s ministries throughout the world, we are heartened by the work and witness of  
51 The United Methodist Church and look forward to our enduring partnership as the denomination moves into its  
52 next chapter with a vision to **love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously.**

53 An official seminary of The United Methodist Church, Candler has a strong Methodist presence among our  
54 students, faculty and staff, while holding true to the Wesleyan value of ecumenical openness. Our student body  
55 reflects the diversity and breadth of the Christian faithful, with an enrollment of 507 from 11 countries, 42 states,

1 45 denominations, 34 UM annual conferences, and 50% persons of color. We see this diversity as a blessing, en-  
2 riching our life together and providing the perfect context for training for relevant ministry in the 21st century—min-  
3 istry that cultivates community across difference, welcomes all to contribute and belong, and embodies Christ's  
4 love in and among us.

5 Last fall Candler welcomed its largest incoming class in over a decade. This strong enrollment reflects years  
6 of intentional work to reimagine programs, continue to invest in faculty excellence, and offer robust scholarship  
7 support through the generosity of alumni and friends. And even more importantly, it reflects that God is still calling  
8 people to join the holy work of transforming the world in Jesus' name.

9 Candler offers six degrees, most of which are available in hybrid or online formats. Nearly a quarter of MDiv  
10 students participate in Candler's Teaching Parish program, earning course credit by serving as student pastors  
11 in local churches. And our proven DMin program—with a remarkably high 94% completion rate—is 90% online.  
12 These flexible options along with Candler's recognized academic excellence and hands-on learning opportunities  
13 are opening possibilities for more people to follow God's call to ministry.

14 Reducing financial barriers to high-quality theological education remains a top priority at Candler. This year, we  
15 are on track to award nearly \$8.5 million in scholarship support across degree programs. All MDiv students re-  
16 ceive scholarships, with those who are certified candidates for ordained ministry in the UMC receiving full tuition.

17 Several programs beyond our formal degrees make Candler a true hub of Christian learning. The Candler Found-  
18 ry, our public theological education initiative, offers in-person and online courses, events, and certificate programs.  
19 The United Methodist Course of Study School at Candler worked with 19 annual conferences to educate licensed  
20 local pastors in 2025. The Candler Center for Christian Leadership, which trains United Methodist leaders in best  
21 business practices, now has certified facilitators in 33 annual conferences. And a recent \$10 million grant from  
22 Lilly Endowment will further develop Candler's La Mesa Academy, a multicultural, multilingual program dedicated  
23 to the theological education of lay ministers.

24 We are preparing for a leadership transition in summer of 2026, as Jonathan Strom completes his tenure as dean  
25 of Candler in July. We invite your prayers as we search for the school's next dean.

26 When we talk to Candler alumni and students about their call, one thing becomes clear: The specifics may be dif-  
27 ferent, shaped by their unique gifts, contexts, and life experiences, but their drive to join God's work of transform-  
28 ing lives and the world is a constant. We recently launched a series called "Candler Changemakers" highlighting  
29 the range of fascinating ways our alumni are leading change as they fulfill their call. Follow along on our website  
30 ([candler.emory.edu](http://candler.emory.edu)) and social media to see how God is working through them. You'll be inspired!

31 Office of Communications  
32 Candler School of Theology, Emory University  
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## 34 **DREW UNIVERSITY THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL**

35 Drew University Theological School is a global seminary with a global student population serving the worldwide  
36 church.

37 Drew Theological School educates and mentors pastors, preachers, deacons, activists, teachers, thought leaders,  
38 and change agents for ministry and service in the church, society, and the wider world. Building upon its Wesley-  
39 an and Methodist foundations, Drew Theological School is diverse in theology, vocations, age, as well as racial,  
40 ethnic, national, and international identities of its faculty, students, and staff. Many Drew students are just begin-  
41 ning their ministry, while others come to graduate theological education with prior ministry experience, reflecting  
42 an ongoing trend among theological schools in the United States and Canada. In providing theological education  
43 to the world, Drew holds in-person classes in Madison, New Jersey, classes that meet exclusively online, while  
44 others meet in hybrid fashion, i.e., partially online, partially in-person, as well as in-person Doctor of Ministry  
45 program in South Korea. Regular chapel services are offered in a hybrid way on Tuesdays and Thursdays with  
46 people participating from Seminary Hall as well as online. Chapel worship is live-streamed so that students, alum-  
47 ni, and friends around the world can participate.

48 In Fall 2025 Drew Theological School welcomed 88 new students in all degree programs, with total student enroll-  
49 ment (by headcount) in Fall 2025 semester being 365. Enrollment of international students at Drew is very strong  
50 at 140 students in Fall 2025. This number includes students who are studying full-time in the U.S.A. on a student  
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1 Visa, students who are studying online from their home country, and students in the South Korean Cohort of the  
2 Doctor of Ministry program.

3 Drew's interdisciplinary degree programs provide real-world apprenticeships, promote adaptive leadership skills,  
4 and encourage innovation through team-taught core courses as well as a variety of electives that integrate theo-  
5 logical disciplines and faith practices. The Drew faculty's shared values are infused across in the teaching, learn-  
6 ing, and the formation of students. These values are: 1) a commitment to anti-racism; 2) gender and sexual-identi-  
7 ty equality; 3) eco-sustainability and environmental justice; and 4) interfaith understanding and cooperation. Drew  
8 Theological School continues to experience an increase in United Methodist students, including United Methodist  
9 Global Fellows pursuing further education for ministry. UMC graduates are serving in conferences of The United  
10 Methodist Church across the United States, and especially within nearby regional episcopal areas of Greater New  
11 Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, Susquehanna, Upper New York, New York, and New England.

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Rev. Edwin David Aponte, PhD, ThD (honorary)  
Dean and Professor of Religion & Culture

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## DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL

18 Duke Divinity School celebrated its 99th Opening Convocation in August 2025 with a sermon from Dean Edgar-  
19 do Colón-Emeric to begin the Nicene Creed Preaching Series at Duke Divinity School. He emphasized that the  
20 Nicene Creed is both a Pentecost profession and a peace proclamation:

21 "Perhaps this is the season for untangling the Nicene Creed from state theology and church theology. Perhaps  
22 this is a task for a divinity school whose mission claims to 'engage in spiritually disciplined and academically rig-  
23 orous education, in service and witness to the Triune God in the midst of the church, the academy, and the world.'  
24 ... Christ did not preach peace looking for recognition or awards. His life is a single extended sermon on peace.  
25 Peace is believing that our lowest point does not limit our highest hope, because we acknowledge the power of  
26 baptism, the possibility of repentance, and the forgiveness of sin. We believe. We believe. This is a Pentecost  
27 profession, a peace proclamation, and also a praise pronouncement."

28 This year we have joined with Christians around the world to commemorate the 17th centennial of the Council of  
29 Nicaea and the Nicene Creed. Duke Divinity scholars and ministry leaders published the book *Trinitarian Matters:  
30 1700 Years of Shaping Christian Identity and Practice*. The school hosted two conference events to explore and  
31 learn from Nicaea: Convocation & Pastors' School, focused for those in church and vocational ministry; and "Visi-  
32 ble and Invisible: Surprising Encounters in Theology and the Arts," with musical performances, poetry, and artistic  
33 expressions informed by the richness of the Nicene Creed.

34 Through God's sustaining grace, we continue to welcome students from across the nation and around the world  
35 to be trained for faithful ministries serving God in churches, chaplaincy, and community service. In 2025, we were  
36 joined by 219 students. The Master of Divinity program gained 120 new students in both residential and hybrid  
37 programs, a 10 percent growth over last year. The Master of Arts in Christian Practice enrolled six new students;  
38 the Doctor of Ministry, 34; Master of Theology, seven; Master of Theological Studies, 32; and the Doctor of Theol-  
39 ogy welcomed five new students to campus. The Certificate in Theology and Health Care welcomed 14 students.

40 Duke Divinity is committed to facilitating clear and supportive pathways into theological education to encourage  
41 and equip those who are discerning a call to ministry. We confirmed an MOU with Huntingdon College, reaffirming  
42 our mutual dedication to nurturing vocations, strengthening the United Methodist tradition, and investing in the  
43 next generation of Christian leaders.

44 We welcomed four new faculty this year: Jonathan Tran, professor of theological ethics; Natalie Carnes, professor  
45 of theology; Matthew Whelan, associate research professor of theology; and Nina Balmaceda, Irene and William  
46 McCutchen Associate Professor of the Practice of Reconciliation and director of the Center for Reconciliation.

47 Duke Divinity School continues to be grateful for our ongoing participation in The United Methodist Church and  
48 partnership with this annual conference. We look forward to our ongoing work with you as we join the leading  
49 of God's Spirit in the task of preparing people for Christian ministry. To learn more about Duke Divinity School,  
50 please visit our website at [www.divinity.duke.edu](http://www.divinity.duke.edu).

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**Respectfully submitted,**  
Edgardo Colón-Emeric Dean of Duke Divinity School

**GAMMON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**  
**2025–2026 Annual Conference Report**

GAMMON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY remains the only Historically Black Theological Institution (HBTI) of The United Methodist Church. Gammon Theological Seminary’s mission is to provide academic and degree-granting programs that help prepare individuals who understand their vocation as working in partnership with God in forming a just and generative world for all, for the practice of Christian ministry and public leadership.

**Accreditation**

- Launched Gammon’s independent Master of Divinity program in 2024 as a key step toward separate accreditation with SACSCOC and ATS.
- Hosted initial SACSCOC site visit in October 2025, received affirmation of 93% compliance on all SACSCOC Standards, final review pending the June 2026 SACSCOC Board meeting. Starting the ATS Accreditation process in 2026 with a goal of full ATS accreditation awarded by December 2027.

**Enrollment**

- As of Spring 2026, Gammon enrolls 41 students (10 new and 31 continuing), reflecting sustained growth since the Fall 2024 launch of the independent MDiv program.
- Student body includes 30 United Methodist-affiliated students (73.2 percent), with 28 specifically identifying as UMC (68.3 percent), demonstrating Gammon’s deep denominational roots.
- More than 70 percent of students are directly engaged in or preparing for ordained and licensed ministry: 42.5 percent actively discerning call and 30 percent already certified candidates or licensed local pastors.
- Student-to-faculty ratios have remained healthy (4:1 to 7:1), with more than 70 percent of students enrolled full-time each term, demonstrating stable instructional capacity and careful scaling.

**Fund Development**

- Secured a three-year, \$975,000 capacity-building grant from GBHEM to underwrite Gammon 3.0 operational expansion and strengthen institutional infrastructure.
- Received a \$375,000 grant from the William I. H. and Lula E. Pitts Foundation to support Phase III renovations, modernizing classrooms, offices, and the faculty hub for collaborative learning and academic planning.
- Obtained a \$250,000 scholarship grant from The SOMA Foundation to provide current-use aid for students in the 2025–2026 academic year, directly reducing educational debt.
- Launched the “Become 1 of 1 Million” endowed scholarship campaign fund to raise \$1 million in scholarship funds for Gammon students, enabling students to answer their call to ministry without incurring significant debt.

We offer profound thanks to God and to the entire United Methodist connection—bishops, cabinets, annual conferences, congregations, alumni, donors, and friends—for your faithful partnership in this season of renewal. Your prayers, apportionment support, special offerings, and generous gifts are establishing the work of our hands and making it possible for the vision of Gammon 3.0 to become a lived reality for current and future students. Together, we are strengthening Gammon as a vital, sustainable, and innovative seminary forming leaders for the church and the world.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Candace M. Lewis  
Dr. Candace M. Lewis President & CEO  
Gammon Theological Seminary

**GARRETT-EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

Garrett Seminary continues to embody a trajectory of growth, innovation, and deepening partnership across the connection. Rooted in its Wesleyan heritage and animated by its mission to form courageous leaders in the way of Jesus, the seminary looks toward the future with confidence and hope.

For the fifth consecutive year, Garrett welcomed an entering class that reflects sustained enrollment growth. This steady expansion signals renewed confidence in our approach to theological education and in Garrett’s distinctive role within The United Methodist Church and the global Christian community. The newest students represent geo-

1 graphic and cultural breadth, coming from across the United States and more than twenty countries throughout  
2 the worldwide connection. They prepare for ministry in congregations, chaplaincy settings, nonprofit leadership,  
3 academia, and mission contexts, reflecting the increasingly diverse and global nature of the Church's leadership  
4 needs.

5 In response to the evolving realities of ministry and lifelong learning, Garrett launched The Garrett Collective,  
6 a comprehensive digital platform offering theological resources, courses, learning experiences, and stackable  
7 microcredentials. Designed to serve laity and clergy alike, The Garrett Collective expands access to high-quality  
8 theological education in multiple languages and modalities. Content is curated and developed in partnership with  
9 annual conferences, congregations, and mission-driven organizations to address expressed needs across the  
10 connection. This initiative strengthens ongoing professional development for clergy, equips lay leaders for faithful  
11 witness, and extends Garrett's reach to communities that may not otherwise have access to formal theological  
12 study. The Garrett Collective represents a significant step toward greater accessibility, affordability, and contextual  
13 responsiveness in theological education.

14 The seminary also announced a historic agreement with its long-standing campus partner, Northwestern Univer-  
15 sity. Through this agreement, Garrett will relocate to newly designed, state-of-the-art facilities on the southern end  
16 of campus. These buildings will support the seminary's increasingly multi-modal student body—those studying on  
17 campus, in hybrid formats, and in fully immersive online programs from across the nation and around the world.  
18 The new facilities will allow Garrett to invest more fully in vibrant residential theological formation while simulta-  
19 neously expanding global access through digital and hybrid degree offerings. This agreement reflects a deep and  
20 mutual commitment between the seminary and the university, positioning both institutions for a strong and collab-  
21 orative future. Most importantly, it enables Garrett to remain focused on mission-driven initiatives for generations  
22 to come.

23 Garrett has also experienced significant success in foundation and grant support for innovative learning and  
24 leadership initiatives. Strategic investments have strengthened The Garrett Collective, the Center for Ecological  
25 Regeneration, the Job Institute for Spiritual Formation, the National Initiative to Strengthen Hispanic Pastoral  
26 Leaders and Congregations, the Mageto Fellows Program in partnership with Africa University, and the Faith and  
27 Leadership Collaborative. Each of these initiatives extends the seminary's relationship with congregations and  
28 their leaders, resourcing the Church in areas of ecological justice, spiritual formation, intercultural ministry, global  
29 partnership, social impact, and leadership development. Together, they represent a widening circle of accessibility  
30 and impact, ensuring that theological education is responsive to the needs of diverse communities throughout the  
31 connection and beyond.

32 Garrett Seminary remains deeply committed to the vitality of The United Methodist Church. Through enrollment  
33 growth, digital innovation, historic institutional partnerships, and expanding grant-supported initiatives, the semi-  
34 nary is strengthening its capacity to serve the Church in a season of significant transition and opportunity. Guided  
35 by the conviction that God continues to call and equip leaders for this moment, Garrett looks forward to continued  
36 partnership with annual conferences, congregations, and ministries across the connection.

37 Javier A. Viera, President  
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## 39 **METHODIST THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL IN OHIO** 40

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42 Thank you for this opportunity to bring news from MTSO.

### 43 **MTSO is selected to offer Clinical Pastoral Education through CIPP**

44 The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church has chosen MTSO as the  
45 new academic home of the Center for Integrative Pastoral Practice, its Clinical Pastoral Education program. The  
46 CIPP program, which GBHEM had operated since 2018, is a vital component in the preparation of future chap-  
47 lains, spiritual care providers and pastoral counselors, integrating theological knowledge with practical clinical  
48 training.

49 CIPP@MTSO ([mtso.edu/cipp](http://mtso.edu/cipp)) uses students' existing ministry settings for the clinical assignments required  
50 for CPE certification. It serves students who are forging ministry pathways in both traditional and non-traditional  
51 contexts.

### 52 **With a Lilly Endowment grant, MTSO will help strengthen children's worship**

53 Lilly Endowment Inc. has awarded MTSO a \$1.25 million grant to establish "Kids Incorporated: Incorporating  
54 the Next Generation into the Full Life of Congregational Worship." The program is funded through Lilly Endow-  
55 ment's Nurturing Children Through Worship and Prayer Initiative.

1 The program will empower partner congregations to better serve children and their families by enhancing chil-  
2 dren’s spiritual development and increasing understanding, accessibility and engagement opportunities for chil-  
3 dren within worship settings. With a focus on children ages 4-12, MTSO is addressing developmental differences  
4 across various age groups and promoting intergenerational worship experiences.

5 **New technology enhances the blending of in-person and online learning**

6 Five MTSO classrooms have received significant technology upgrades, making the school’s blended learning  
7 experience even better. The new tech in these “Zoom Rooms” includes 360-degree cameras and microphones for  
8 more seamless classroom discussions, along with an updated platform that records and transcribes lectures.

9 With MTSO’s HyFlex (short for “hybrid-flexible”) education, students can attend classes in person, remotely or  
10 some of both. No matter how they participate, they’re engaged in an immersive real-time experience.

11 **Respectfully submitted,**  
12 Danny Russell, director of communications  
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15 **PERKINS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY – SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY**  
16 **Dean’s Report to the South Carolina Annual Conference**  
17 **The United Methodist Church 2025-2026**  
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19 **Enrollment Update**

20 Enrollment at Perkins for the 2025–2026 academic year totaled 274 students. Of the 73 incoming students, 44  
21 enrolled in the hybrid/online degree program, representing 27 states.

22 **Leadership & Faculty Updates**

23 In October 2025, Dr. Bryan P. Stone was formally installed as the Leighton K. Farrell Endowed Dean of Perkins  
24 School of Theology. Dean Stone is an elder in full connection in the New England Annual Conference of The Unit-  
25 ed Methodist Church, further strengthening Perkins’ leadership connection and service to the denomination.

26 Perkins announced several faculty appointments and promotions supporting academic leadership, ministerial  
27 formation, and program development. Rev. Dr. Pamela White was appointed Director of the Intern Program and  
28 Assistant Dean for Contextual Education. Rev. Dr. Emily Nelms Chastain was promoted to assistant professor of  
29 Christian History and Methodist Studies. Dr. James K. Lee was promoted to Professor of Early Christianity, and  
30 Dr. Marcell Silva Steuernagel to Associate Professor of Church Music. Dr. Ashley Boggan was appointed Affiliate  
31 Assistant Research Professor of Methodist Studies.

32 In addition, Rev. Dr. Kate Hanch was appointed Director of the Baptist House of Studies, and Dr. Rebekah  
33 Miles was named to the Albert C. Outler Chair of Wesley Studies, reflecting Perkins’ continued investment in aca-  
34 demic and ecclesial leadership in the Methodist-Wesleyan tradition.

35 **Faculty Awards & Recognition**

36 During 2025, Perkins faculty received national and international recognition for their scholarship, leadership,  
37 and service to the church. At the American Theological Society—one of the oldest and most selective theological  
38 societies in North America—faculty were recognized through elected membership, scholarly presentations, and  
39 leadership roles. Dr. Frederick Aquino was elected to membership in the Society, Dr. Karen Baker-Fletcher pre-  
40 sented scholarly research, and Dr. Ruben L. F. Habito delivered the Society’s Presidential Address.

41 Perkins faculty also received competitive research grants and distinguished honors. Rev. Dr. Jaime Clark-Soles  
42 received a Louisville Institute Grant for Researchers, Dr. Jack Levison received a grant renewal from the Alexan-  
43 der von Humboldt Foundation, and Rev. Dr. Alyce McKenzie was honored with the Academy of Homiletics’ 2025  
44 Lifetime Achievement Award.

45 Perkins faculty also contributed to public theological discourse through national media and artistic recognition.  
46 Dean Bryan P. Stone was featured in national and regional media reflecting on faith, fear, and the theology of  
47 horror cinema, drawing on his recent scholarship exploring the intersections of theology, culture, and film. Rev. Dr.  
48 Harold Recinos, Professor of Church and Society, was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in Poetry for the third time,  
49 recognizing his ongoing contributions to faith-informed literary and theological work.

50 **Growth & Opportunities**

51 Perkins entered a new partnership with Methodist Theological University in Seoul, Korea, effective August  
52 2025, to advance global theological education through academic collaboration and exchange. An accelerated  
53 degree program was established with McMurry University in December 2025, expanding pathways for students  
54 pursuing theological education. A teach-out agreement with Memphis Theological Seminary became effective

1 January 31, 2026, ensuring continuity, academic integrity, and support for students affected by the seminary's  
2 closure.

3 The 2025 Fall Convocation, held November 10–11, convened clergy, laity, scholars, and students for theolog-  
4 ical reflection and continuing education. The school also hosted the 39th Annual Perkins School of Youth and  
5 Children's Ministry, continuing its longstanding commitment to equipping leaders for ministry with children, youth,  
6 and families. Looking ahead, on March 20–21, 2026, Perkins will host the Perkins Summit for Faith and Learning  
7 at McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church in Norman, Oklahoma, offering clergy, lay leaders, and community  
8 members accessible, in-person opportunities for continuing theological education.

### 9 **Grants, Funding, or Resource Development**

10 In October 2025, renovations to Kirby Parlor, now "Kirby Commons," enhanced shared learning, gathering, and  
11 community spaces at Perkins, supporting the school's academic and programmatic life.

12 The Eula Mae and John Baugh Foundation awarded \$1.8 million in funding to support the Perkins Baptist  
13 House of Studies, strengthening scholarships and program sustainability and continuing Perkins' commitment to  
14 ecumenical theological education.

15 Gifts totaling \$3 million were donated by the Permanent Endowment Fund of Galveston Moody Memorial UMC  
16 and the Houston Methodist Hospital and Foundation to endow a new "The Reverend Charles R. Millikan, D.Min.  
17 Endowed Chair in Spiritual Care" to advance Perkins' ability to train healthcare chaplains throughout the region.  
18 The faculty will undertake a search for this new professor in the coming year.

### 19 **Retirements & Legacy Contributions**

20 In 2026, Perkins will celebrate the retirements of five members of the Perkins community whose contributions  
21 have left a lasting impact. Dr. Bruce Marshall, Lehman Professor of Christian Doctrine; Rev. Dr. Alyce McKenzie,  
22 Professor of Homiletics; Christopher S. Anderson, Associate Professor of Sacred Music; Pam Goolsby, Building  
23 and Events Manager; and Dr. John Martin, Director of Development, will retire after years of dedicated service to  
24 teaching, scholarship, and the life of the Perkins community.

25 Perkins School of Theology remains grateful for the partnership of the South Carolina Annual Conference and for  
26 the shared work of forming leaders who serve the church and world with faith, wisdom, and love. We thank the  
27 Conference for its continued support, collaboration, and commitment to theological education.

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Grace and peace,  
**Bryan P. Stone**  
Leighton K. Farrell Endowed Dean Perkins School of Theology

## 33 **SAINT PAUL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY**

35 What does God require of us? To act justly, love mercifully, and walk humbly with God. At Saint Paul School of  
36 Theology, this call from Micah 6:8 shapes everything we do—from preparing pastors to serve rural communities to  
37 fostering a beloved community where all belong. Centered in Christ and rooted in the Wesleyan tradition, we are  
38 committed to forming innovative leaders who make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

### 39 **A Year of Growth and Vitality**

40 2025 has been marked by remarkable momentum. Our Course of Study School educated 248 students—a 6%  
41 increase—with 628 course registrations, representing a 14% growth. These servant leaders are making a tangible  
42 difference: 42% serve rural communities with populations under 2,500, and 22 students serve as pastors of three  
43 or more churches. We celebrated 21 students completing the 20-course program, equipping them for licensed  
44 ministry.

45 Seminary enrollment grew by 9%, with a 33% increase in new students for Fall 2025. Our commitment to diver-  
46 sity is bearing fruit, with 29% racial diversity among students and almost even gender distribution. Students from  
47 31 states and 220 cities connect with us through flexible online and hybrid learning options, while 16 graduates of  
48 the Course of Study School have transitioned into our degree programs.

### 49 **Living Our Strategic Vision**

50 Our Board of Trustees has recently endorsed a strategic plan that reflects our values and responds to the  
51 changing contexts of the church and the world. We are striving to become a beloved community that embodies  
52 belonging, justice, equity, and inclusion. Our new Doctor of Ministry track in Spirituality, Innovation, and Adaptive  
53 Leadership exemplifies this vision, developing change agents grounded in contemplative spirituality and equipped  
54 with emotional intelligence and intercultural competence. These same principles permeate our Master of Divinity  
55 and Master of Arts in Christian Ministry programs.

1 Saint Paul remains financially healthy, operating with a balanced budget, no debt, and an endowment ten times  
2 our annual expenses. This sustainability, rooted in community donations, enables us to invest in scholarships,  
3 technology, and evolving academic programs that serve our students and the church.

#### 4 **Looking Ahead**

5 In 2026, we are strengthening our foundation and expanding our horizons by cultivating a vibrant alum net-  
6 work—a lifelong professional and spiritual home. Through mentorship, resource sharing, and collaborative  
7 ministry, we are building a dynamic ecosystem that empowers graduates from their first day of classes through  
8 retirement and beyond.

9 Saint Paul School of Theology invites you to join us in this journey of formation, innovation, and transformation.  
10 Together, we are preparing leaders who embody justice, mercy, and humility as they serve Christ and His church.

11 [spst.edu](http://spst.edu)

## 13 **UNITED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

14 Dr. Kent Millard, President

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17 Since 1871, United Theological Seminary has prepared faithful and fruitful Christian leaders who make disciples  
18 of Jesus Christ. In the 2024-25 fiscal year, the seminary served 642 graduate students, 275 doctoral and 375  
19 masters,\* reflecting approximately 30 percent enrollment growth since 2021 and placing United among the largest  
20 United Methodist seminaries in the United States.

21 A diverse community of many denominations, races and nationalities, United welcomed students from 38 states,  
22 24 nations, and 54 denominations, with United Methodists representing the largest denominational group within  
23 the student body.

#### 24 **Academics**

25 United's academic programs remain grounded in the historic Christian faith, scriptural holiness, and a commit-  
26 ment to the renewal of the church, preparing graduates to serve with wisdom, integrity, and hope.

27 United introduced a Doctor of Theology in 2024 to support pastor-scholars called to ministry at the intersection  
28 of the church and academy. The new degree program welcomed 13 students in its first year.

29 The seminary's Doctor of Ministry program continues to attract experienced ministry leaders seeking advanced  
30 professional education focused on faithful leadership. In the 2024-25 school year, 262 students participated in the  
31 mentor-led program.

32 Master's programs include eight houses of study, serving nearly 200 students in the United States and around  
33 the world, with programs offered in English, Spanish and Korean. In July 2025, 11 students attended the first Con-  
34 textual Ministry Retreat for the African House of Study, held at the Kenya Methodist Conference Center in Nairobi.  
35 The Hispanic House of Study will celebrate its first class of graduates in May 2026, with candidates from across  
36 the United States, Mexico, Colombia, and Peru.

37 Through rigorous scholarship, intentional mentoring, worship, and community life, as well as practical engage-  
38 ment with the church's needs, academic life at United advances the seminary's vision of Spirit-led leaders, a  
39 Christ-like Church, and a transformed world.

#### 40 **Finances**

41 United continues to focus on reducing the educational debt of its students. The Fresh Wind Campaign to raise  
42 \$10 million for the endowment is expanding scholarship opportunities for current and future students. The cam-  
43 paign has raised more than \$9 million toward this goal, by the grace of God and through the generosity of alumni/  
44 ae, churches, and friends of the seminary.

#### 45 **Looking Ahead**

46 United enters the coming years with gratitude for God's faithfulness and confidence in God's future. Several se-  
47 nior leaders have answered new calls, and President Dr. Kent Millard has announced his retirement effective June  
48 30, 2026, concluding ten years of service marked by encouragement, vision, and stability. A Presidential Search  
49 Committee is at work to identify United's next president, who will begin service on July 1, 2026.

50 Trusting God's promise spoken through the prophet Isaiah, "I am about to do a new thing" (Isaiah 43:19), Unit-  
51 ed remains committed to preparing Christian leaders who boldly proclaim the gospel and make disciples of Jesus  
52 Christ. Thanks be to God!

53 \*12-month unduplicated headcount enrollment for the 2024-25 fiscal year from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

# WESLEY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Rev. Dr. David McAllister-Wilson, President

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As I complete my tenure as president of Wesley Theological Seminary, I am confident in handing the leadership to Dr. Carla Works, the 11th President of our school. Dr. Works, Dean and Woodrow and Mildred Miller Professor of Biblical Theology at Wesley DC, is a distinguished New Testament scholar, educator, and church-centered theologian.

Wesley Theological Seminary (Wesley DC) remains steadfast in its mission to equip persons for Christian ministry and leadership in the church and the world, to advance theological scholarship, and to model a prophetic voice in the public square. In a season marked by institutional change, civic uncertainty, and renewed hope for the United Methodist Church, Wesley DC actively forms leaders who are spiritually grounded, intellectually rigorous, and engaged with the world God loves through the following programs.

**Master of Divinity, Master of Arts, Master of Theological Studies Degrees:** Wesley DC offers Master of Divinity, Master of Arts, and Master of Theological Studies degrees through residential, hybrid, and fully online formats. Our programs serve a diverse student body representing a wide range of denominations, cultural contexts, and vocational callings. Across all modalities, Wesley DC emphasizes ministerial formation that integrates theological depth, spiritual practice, and contextual engagement. <https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/study/>

**Doctor of Ministry Degree:** Wesley DC remains one of the largest Doctor of Ministry programs in the United States and serves experienced ministerial leaders from across the world. In May 2025, ten chaplains from southern Africa graduated through a landmark partnership with Africa University, reflecting Wesley DC's growing global reach. Our DMin tracks for military chaplains continue to grow, including through a renewed partnership with the U.S. Army Institute for Religious Leadership. New tracks in Church Leadership Excellence, Soul Care, Global Church Leadership, and others begin in 2027. Learn more about how you can grow in wisdom and leadership at: <https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/doctorofministry/program/>.

**Course of Study:** As the regional Course of Study school for the Northeast Jurisdiction, Wesley DC delivers the full Course of Study curriculum online. Scholar-practitioners teach these courses, equipping Local Pastors across the denomination with flexible, high-quality preparation for ministry. <https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/degree-programs/course-of-study/>

**Ministry Certificates and Lifelong Learning:** Wesley Pathways for Ministry offers online courses and certificates to help you discover your passion for ministry and strengthen your leadership skills, whether you are a layperson or a pastor. Courses and certificates help people gain ministry and leadership skills for church, community, and specialized ministry settings. Many courses/certificates are stackable for master's or doctoral credit and/or can be taken for CEUs. <https://www.wesleypathways.com/>

**Office of Admissions:** Are you ready to explore your next faithful step? The Admissions Office regularly holds in-person and online open houses for potential master's and DMin students, and admissions officers are available to answer your questions and help you discern. <https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/admissions/explorewesley/>

**The Hub for (Re)imagining Ministry:** Is your church ready to engage new generations or journey toward thriving in new ways? The Hub is currently accepting applications for its Engaging Young Adults nationwide, virtual cohort for congregations beginning August 2026, and will be recruiting new cohorts of congregations for Bringing Church Home (helping churches better accompany and support parents/caregivers in sharing their faith) and Children of Faith (helping churches center children in worship and formation) in fall 2026. The Hub is also entering into partnerships with UMC districts and annual conferences, equipping leaders to experiment, learn, and adapt faithfully in their local contexts. <https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/wesley-innovation-hub/>

**The Lewis Center for Church Leadership:** The Lewis Center welcomed Rev. Dr. Jonathan Page as its new Director in 2025. Dr. Page brings deep experience in leadership development across ecclesial and secular contexts and is guiding the Center into its next chapter of service to the Church. Through its widely read Leading Ideas newsletter and the Leading Ideas Talks podcast, the Lewis Center reaches thousands of leaders across the denomination. <https://www.churchleadership.com/>

**The Henry Luce III Center for the Arts and Religion:** The Luce Center welcomed Rev. Timothy Chon, MDiv, MFA as its new Director in 2025. Since Spring 2025, the Luce Center, which serves as a vital intersection of theology, creativity, and public imagination, has presented four exhibitions in the Dadian Gallery. In 2025, the Luce Center completed a major studio renovation that expanded capacity to support multiple artists-in-residence simultaneously. The Center welcomed professional Artist-in-Residence Khaleelah Harris alongside new Student Artists-in-Residence, strengthening its commitment to nurturing artists at every stage of practice. <https://www.luce->

1 artsandreligion.org/

2 **Center for Public Theology (CPT):** CPT builds on its nearly fifty-year legacy by equipping faith leaders for  
3 thoughtful, courageous public witness. In collaboration with the Florida Annual Conference and with support from  
4 Trinity Wall Street, CPT leads a Public Theology Fellowship addressing immigration and public witness in polit-  
5 ically diverse congregations. CPT continues to offer its flagship course, Faith and Politics in the Public Square,  
6 which remains open to seminarians nationwide. The course brings participants to Washington, DC for sustained  
7 engagement with policymakers, journalists, scholars, and activists. This year's cohort engaged leaders including  
8 Senator Chris Coons, NPR's Michel Martin, Judge Thomas Griffith, and Tope Folarin of the Institute for Policy  
9 Studies—preparing leaders to serve faithfully amid rapidly shifting public realities. [https://www.wesleyseminary.  
10 edu/ice/programs/public-theology/](https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/ice/programs/public-theology/)

11 **Community Engagement Institute (CEI):** CEI forms leaders for justice-centered, community-rooted ministry. In  
12 March 2025, CEI hosted Fostering Urban Vitality and a Heart for the City, a two-day urban ministry conference in  
13 Baltimore, with support from City Seminary of New York and the Lilly Endowment. CEI offers traditional courses  
14 and immersive travel seminars open to all master's-level students. With grants from the General Board of Global  
15 Ministries, CEI continues to offer the Heal the Sick Health Minister's Certificate. Since its inception, the program  
16 has trained more than 500 health ministers across 38 states and seven countries. In Spring 2026, CEI will offer  
17 Trauma-Informed Congregations, equipping leaders to address trauma with theological, cultural, and communal  
18 wisdom. <https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/ice/about-us/overview-2/>

19 Wesley Theological Seminary remains deeply committed to the United Methodist Church and to the formation of  
20 leaders who serve with humility, imagination, and courage. As the Church continues to discern its future, Wes-  
21 ley stands ready—faithful to its mission, responsive to the moment, and hopeful in God's ongoing work. For the  
22 Church. For the world. For such a time as this.

23 Call us: (202) 885-8659 Email us: [admissions@wesleyseminary.edu](mailto:admissions@wesleyseminary.edu)

24 Follow us: Facebook/IG: [@WesleySeminary](#) and YouTube/LinkedIn: [@WesleyTheologicalSeminary](#) Submitted by  
25 Lyvonne Briggs, Director of Strategic Communications and Marketing

## CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar provided for in standing rule no. 22 allows for the adoption by “consent” of reports and other items which do not necessarily require deliberation by the Annual Conference in open session and which can be adopted or “moved to the record without reading” by a simple majority vote. Prior to consideration of the Consent Calendar scheduled for Monday morning, any fifteen members of the Annual Conference may request the removal of a specific item from the Consent Calendar, and it shall be removed and considered at an appropriate time determined by the president and the secretary. The Consent Calendar shall be adopted by a majority vote. To remove an item from the Consent Calendar, complete and secure the required signatures on the form on page 123 and deliver the completed form to the Secretary of the Annual Conference prior to consideration of the Consent Calendar. A separate petition is required for each item to be removed.

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# PETITION TO REMOVE FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

SR 22- The Consent Calendar provides for the adoption by “consent” of reports and other items which do not necessarily require deliberation by the Annual Conference in open session and which can be adopted or “moved to the record without reading” by a simple majority vote. We will act on the consent calendar on Wednesday morning. Prior to the consideration of the Consent Calendar any fifteen members of the Annual Conference may request the removal of a specific item from the Consent Calendar, and it shall be removed and considered at an appropriate time as determined by the President and the Secretary. To remove an item from the Consent Calendar, complete and secure the required fifteen signatures on this form and deliver the completed form to the Secretary of the Annual Conference prior to consideration of the Consent Calendar. A separate petition is required for each item to be removed.

ITEM (REPORT) TO BE REMOVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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# SEE THE POSSIBILITIES, LIVE THE PROMISES



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Mark 8:22-26

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VOTING RIGHTS OF CLERGY AND LAY MEMBERS TO SOUTH CAROLINA  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE BY CATEGORY AND BADGE COLOR GUIDE

**LAY MEMBERS**

- Lay Professing Members elected by each charge
- Certified Lay Ministers assigned to a Charge
- Active Deaconesses & Home Missioners under SC Episcopal Appointment
- Conference Co-Directors of Lay Servant Ministries
- Conference Presidents of the United Women of Faith and MennMinistry
- Certified Lay Ministers assigned to a Charge
- Conference Secretary of Global Ministries (if lay)
- President or representative of conference young adult organization
- Wesley Foundations/Fellowships Representative served by an appointed UM Clergy
- Diaconal Ministers
- Conference Co-Lay Leaders
- District Lay Leaders
- Conference College Student Organization Chair
- District Youth (between 12-17)
- District Young Adult (between 18-30)
- Elected Lay Conference Officers (if lay)
- Wesley Fellowship Directors (if lay)
- Conference Young Adult Organization Chair.

BLUE BADGES

Lay Members (Blue badges) may vote on all business matters before the Annual Conference including election of lay delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conference and constitutional amendments. If a Lay Member is a sitting member of the Board of Ordained Ministry they may also vote on matters before the Clergy Session.

**FULL CLERGY MEMBERS**

- Active Elders in Full Connection
- Active Deacons in Full Connection
- Elders on Personal/Medical Leave of Absences
- Retired Elders in Full Connection
- Retired Deacons in Full Connection
- Deacons on Personal/Medical Leave of Absences

WHITE BADGE

White badges may vote on all matters before the Annual Conference and Clergy Session. (Note: Full Clergy Members on Involuntary Leave may not elect Delegates to General & Jurisdictional Conference. They will receive white badges this year since delegate elections are not taking place in 2026.)

**LICENSED CLERGY MEMBERS**

- Active Associate Members
- Retired Associate Members
- Provisional Members
- Full Time Local Pastors (appointed)
- Part Time Local Pastors (appointed)
- Retired Supply Local Pastors (appointed)

YELLOW BADGES

Licensed Clergy who have completed all of their educational requirements may vote on all business matters before the Annual Conference including clergy delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conference, but not matters before the Clergy Session and not constitutional amendments. ¶35 of The Discipline, defines which local pastors may vote for General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference delegates.) Licensed Clergy who have not completed all of their educational requirements may vote on all business matters before the Annual Conference, but not: clergy delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conference, constitutional amendments or matters before the Clergy Session. (Note: Yellow badges are also issued to local pastors who have not completed their education this year since delegate elections are not taking place in 2026.)

**AFFILIATE MEMBERS AND RECOGNIZED RETIRED LOCAL PASTORS**

- Affiliate Members
- Recognized Retired Local Pastors (not appointed & technically Laity)

RED BADGE

Red badges have the privilege of voice but not vote in the Annual Conference.

**OTHER CLERGY AND OTHER LAITY**

- Pulpit Supply (Laity)
- Other Annual Conference Clergy Serving in SC
- Other Methodist Denomination Clergy Approved to Serve in SC
- Other Non-Methodist Denomination Clergy Approved to Serve in SC
- Certified Lay Ministers not assigned to a charge
- Persons Approved to be Licensed if appointed, but not now appointed (Laity)
- Honorably Located Clergy
- Alternate Lay Members elected by charges
- Certified Candidates (Laity)
- Clergy Spouses
- Guest and Other Visitors
- Exploring Candidates (Laity)

PURPLE BADGES

Other Clergy and Lay Persons (Purple badges) have no voice or vote in the Annual Conference. If an Alternate is to be seated in the place of a Lay Member and thus become the Lay Member with the right to speak and vote, that Alternate must obtain a new badge from the Registrar Table after approval by the district superintendent. OD,OE,OF OM & OP clergy retain their membership in their home conference or denomination. Honorably Located clergy have no conference membership.

**MEDIA MEMBERS ARE IDENTIFIED WITH PINK BADGES**

**2020/2024 BOOK OF DISCIPLINE:** The annual conference, for its own government, may adopt rules and regulations not in conflict with the Discipline of The United Methodist Church, provided that in exercise of its powers, each annual conference shall act in all respects in harmony with the policy of The United Methodist Church with respect to elimination of discrimination. (§604.1)

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE RULES OF ORDER AND PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE:** The procedure of the Annual Conference shall be governed by the following in the order listed: The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, The Standing Rules of the Annual Conference, The Rules of Order of the preceding General Conference and the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. (SR 1)

### **RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION IN PARLIAMENTARY PROCESS**

#### **HANDLING A MOTION**

1. Member makes a motion.
2. Another member seconds the motion.
3. Chair states the question on the motion.<sup>1</sup>
4. Motion is pending and open for debate.<sup>2</sup>
5. Assembly decides on the motion: adopts/rejects.
6. Chair announces results of vote.

<sup>1</sup>Until the chair states the question, the maker of the motion has the right to modify the motion or withdraw it entirely. i.e. with the agreement of the Second.

<sup>2</sup>After three speeches for and three against, the question shall be put automatically. However, the chairperson or designated member presenting the report shall be entitled to speak before the vote is taken. (SR7)

#### **FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE OF PARLIAMENTARY LAW:**

- Only one question can be considered at a time; once a motion is before the assembly:
  1. Adopts or rejects.
  2. Or disposed in some other way.
- SECONDARY MOTION:
  1. Made and considered while the main motion is pending.
  2. Must be acted upon or disposed of before direct consideration of the main question can be continued.
- Subsidiary Motions can be amended except: Motion to "Postpone indefinitely", "Previous Question", or "Lay on the Table".
- In cases where there seems to be no opposition in routine business, time is saved by procedure of GENERAL CONSENT: example: "If there is no objection ...". If there is objection, chair states the question and allows debate and vote.
- AN AMENDMENT of the THIRD degree is not permitted.
- It is possible to introduce a "Substitute for the substitute" which CANNOT be amended, since it is a Secondary Amendment.

#### **TO SUBSTITUTE:**

- A substitute offered for a main motion or resolution (or paragraph), is a PRIMARY AMENDMENT and usually is in order ONLY when no other amendment is pending.
- HOWEVER, superseding this is GENERAL CONFERENCE RULE OF ORDER NO. 28 – "PROCEDURE FOR AMENDING BY SUBSTITUTION": Rule of Order No. 28 used when substitutes are offered for ORIGINAL Conference Reports of Boards, Committees, or Resolutions "even if amendments are pending, a substitute may be offered by any delegate moving that the same be substituted for the report, resolution, or amendment under consideration. The substitute shall be an alternative to what is before the body and not simply a negation of the main motion."
  1. Steps For GENERAL CONFERENCE RULE OF ORDER NO. 28:
    - a. Debate on the motion to substitute will be limited to the question of substitution only, no amendments allowed.
    - b. Vote on substitute, if prevails by majority vote, becomes main motion.
    - c. Debate, amendment moves forward on main motion.
    - d. MAIN MOTION is voted upon with minimum of two speeches on each side of question.

#### **IMPROPER AMENDMENTS ARE THOSE ...**

1. not germane to the question.
2. merely making adoption of amended question equivalent to rejection of original motion.
3. making question identical, or contrary to, one previously decided during the same session.
4. proposing to change one of the forms of amendment (i.e. "to insert or add; to strike out and insert; to substitute") into another form.
5. having the effect of converting one parliamentary motion into another.
6. that strike out the word "Resolved" or other enacting words.
7. frivolous or absurd.
8. having incoherent wording or no rational purpose.
9. converting a primary amendment into an improper form.

Recognition Sheet for

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**MAKING A POINT OF ORDER**

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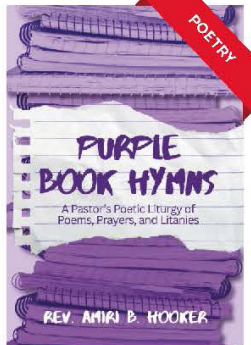
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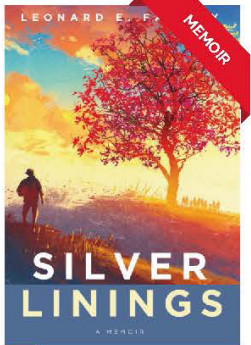
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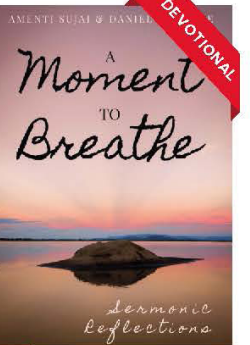
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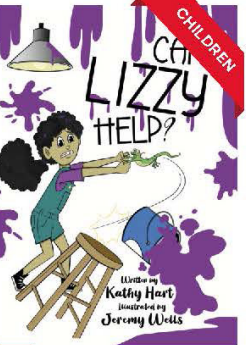
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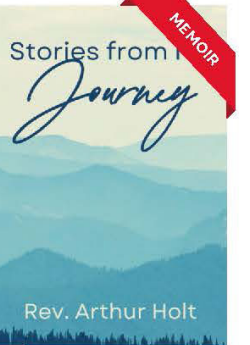
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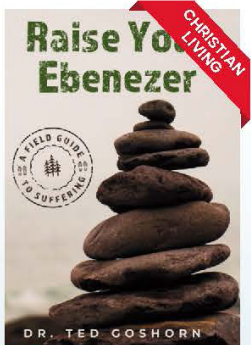
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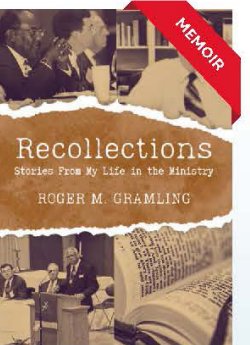
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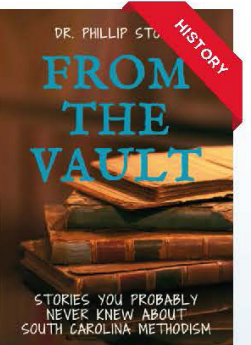
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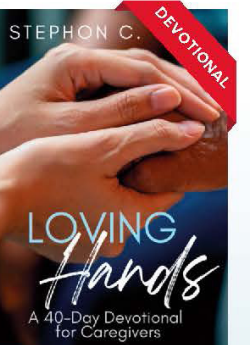
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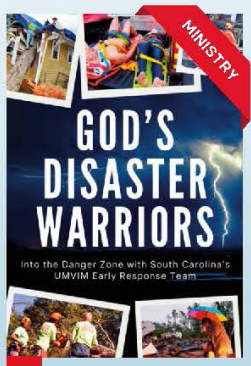
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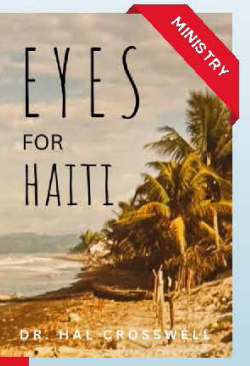
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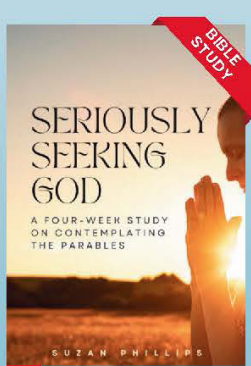
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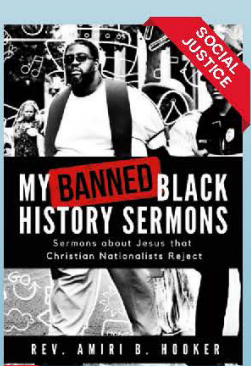
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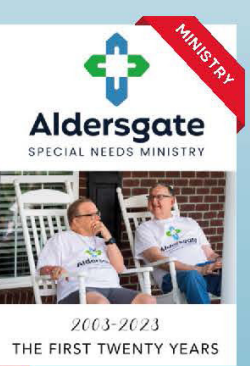
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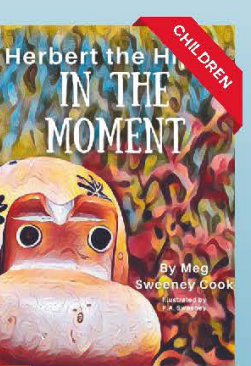
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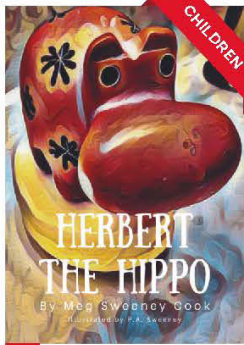
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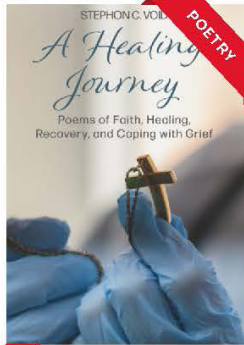
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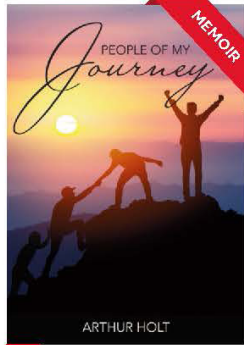
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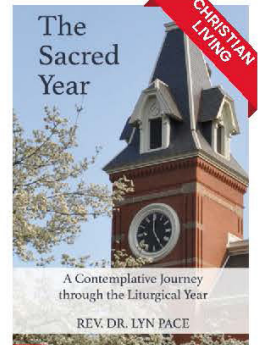
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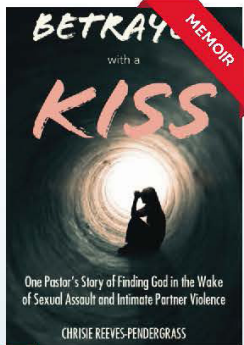
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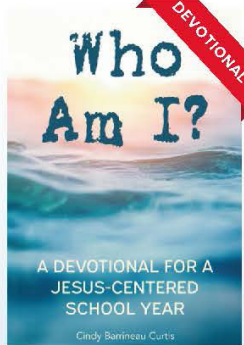
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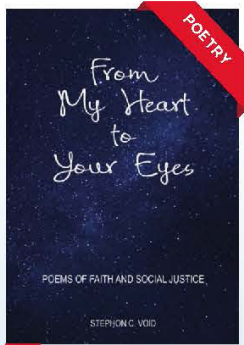
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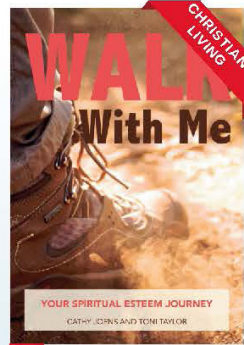
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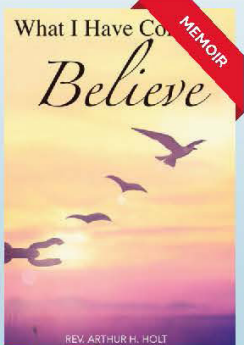
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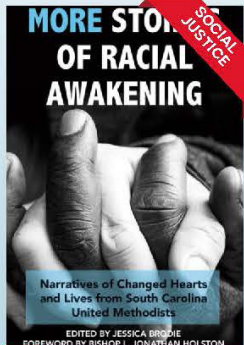
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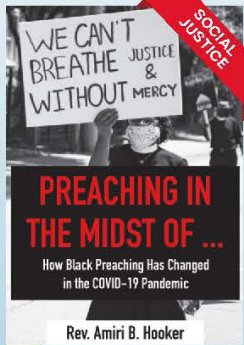
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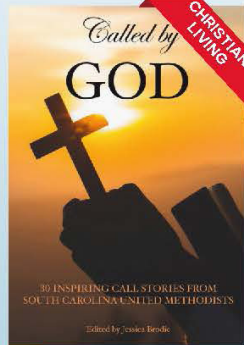
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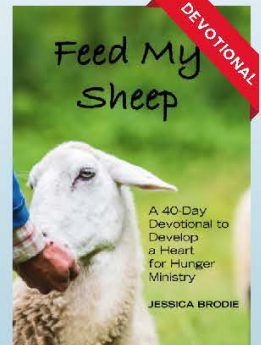
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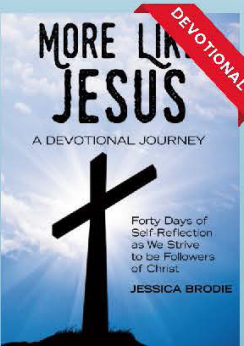
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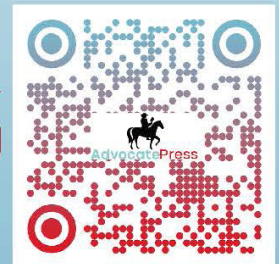


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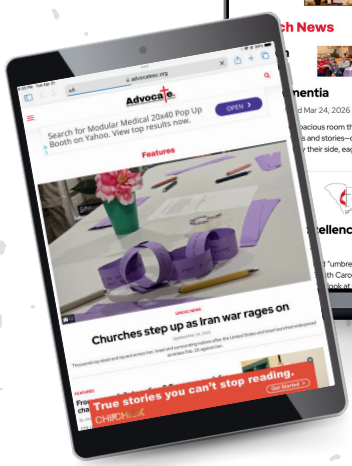
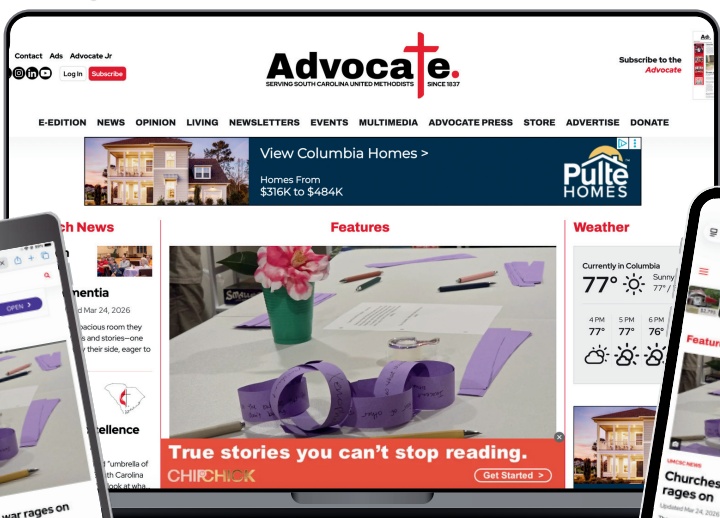
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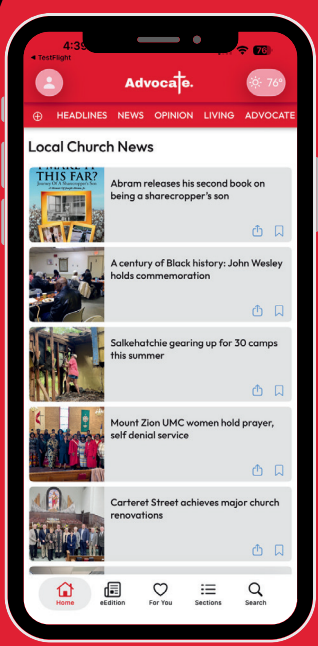
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