

Section D



Area and
Institutional
Reports

Area Task Forces

Area Revitalization of Existing Churches Task Force

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Area Small Church Task Force

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Area Task Force on Ministry with the Poor

Judy Nickelson, Chairperson

In their several meetings over the past year, the Bishop's Task force on Poverty has realized that poverty in Kansas has so many faces and is so complex as to not have any one best "solution" or tactic in combating or eliminating it.

We have identified three areas of need that we can address immediately or in the short term:

1) Pastors and others should be able to access the existing helping agencies in their areas. To that end, we have put together a reference guide by county as to where to find listings of services. This will be available on the Conference website as well as in your Conference packet.

2) Itinerant pastors who do not specialize in any one type of ministerial setting need more resources to help them minister to people in poverty when they are appointed to a church in a poverty-stricken area.

The Task Force recommends that pastors read and recommend to their church members these books: *When Helping Hurts: Alleviating Poverty without Hurting the Poor . . . and Yourself* by Brian Fikkert and Steve Corbett; *Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals and Communities*, by Ruby K. Payne, Philip E. EdVol, and Terie Dreussi Smith; and *Until It's Gone: Ending Poverty in Our Nation, in Our Lifetime*, Scott C. Miller. (A podcast of author Scott Miller discussing this book can be found at http://www.ahaprocess.com/Community_Programs/The_Circles_Campaign.html)

Group training in Bridges Out of Poverty as well as a group poverty simulation are both available for no or very low cost by contacting the Conference Office.

These readings and trainings are recommended for all pastors and church communities - not just those who self-identify as being in an area of poverty.

We will also have a page on the Conference website that will be regularly updated with new resources. We also welcome any resources and insights that any of you are willing to share with us and with each other. Please send communications to judynickelson@gmail.com.

3) Churches need an integrated long-term outreach to impoverished people in their communities. To that end, we are following the progress of STEP of McPherson County as they implement a Bridges/Circles initiative. They have just begun "Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin' By World" classes with about 20 people in poverty in two communities. The McPherson United Methodist Church (Kansas West) and its pastors have been instrumental in getting this initiative off the ground.

In addition, Lenexa United Methodist Church is investigating the Bridges/Circles model of poverty elimination as an outgrowth of their Leadership and Faith: Transforming Communities training. As these projects develop, we hope to use their expertise to begin similar initiatives in other churches around the Conference and the Area.

For more information about this poverty elimination initiative, see

http://www.ahaprocess.com/Community_Programs

<http://www.gettingaheadnetwork.com/>

http://www.ahaprocess.com/Community_Programs/The_Circles_Campaign.html

and read *Bridges to Sustainable Communities . . .*

Area Committee Reports

Commission on Archives and History

Rev. Charles L. Danforth, Chairperson

The Commission has had a successful year in the preservation of and presentation of our history of ministry. We held a workshop during the month of November at the First United Methodist Church in Emporia. The workshop connected representatives of the United Methodist Church in the Kansas East and West Conferences, as well as members from other denominations. The workshop equipped local church historians with information on preservation, organizing a local archive, writing church history, photo and audio – visual presentations, and disaster planning and response. Rev. Dr. Robert Williams, General Secretary of the General Commission on Archives and History, also provided instruction at the workshop from the general level of the church. We are very thankful for all the instructors who participated in the workshop.

Progressive work continues in archives. New shelving has provided more storage space for the archives. In addition, the archives have been implementing a system called Archon which will enable people to access the materials within the archives via the internet. We hope to complete the program this year.

We hope the Archon system will equip churches with another tool for the preservation of their history which is continually being written every day. We continue to recognize the churches that are celebrating their 150th year as a chartered church. We also applaud churches that are celebrating anniversaries each year and hope that churches will continue to appreciate their history.

Commission on Communications

Committee on Episcopacy

Episcopal Residence Committee

Health and Wellness Committee

Susan Harvey & John McCabe, Co-Chairs

The Kansas East and West Conferences continue to work together to promote wholistic health and wellness in our congregations, our clergy and our communities. We recognize that the healthier we are in mind, body and spirit the more effective we can be in nurturing healthy relationships and making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

The past year our focus has included:

1. Monthly health bulletin inserts for downloading
2. Clergy health focus: The first pilot *Clergy Wellness Program* was held in August, 2010 and was deemed a success. Twenty-eight randomly selected clergy attended. Two more retreats are scheduled in 2011, one for the extended cabinet and one for up to 24 clergy. The Clergy Wellness Program is funded by grant partnerships established with the Kansas Health Foundation and the UM Health Ministry Fund.
3. Health programs, models, and activities: The annual Kansas East and West walking challenge continues. Kansas West won in 2009.
4. Health ministry liaison job descriptions ~~has~~ *have* been developed and training is being developed for local churches.
5. Work has started on development of resources for Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committees on strategies for supporting clergy health at the congregational level.

Kansas Ecumenical Ministries

Seminar on Professional Ministry

United Methodist Campus Ministry in Kansas

Rev. Josh Gooding, Chairperson

Each of the four areas of focus recently identified by the general agencies of our denomination and General Conference is essential to carrying out the mission of the United Methodist Church. However, the ministries that we support at our seven state/city campus ministry sites across the state (Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University, the University of Kansas, Washburn University and Wichita State University) are in a privileged position to address one of these in particular: the need to develop principled Christian leaders for the church and the world.

Our campus ministries engage with students who already are undergoing a period of formation and growth in leadership, invite them into Christian community, nurture them in discipleship, equip them for Christian leadership and send them forth to congregations throughout the conference (and beyond) in hopes that their leadership will help our churches remain spiritually alive and growing.

The goal of UMCM in Kansas is to support these ministries on behalf of both our conference and the Kansas West conference – not only through funding the ministry, but also by facilitating connections and providing evaluative tools. This year, we also paid the registration fee for any of our campus ministers who wished to attend Refresh 2010, an annual campus ministry conference hosted this year by Church of the Resurrection.

A priority for the upcoming year will be re-examining the formula by which we distribute conference funds to each of our seven sites. We also are looking forward to working with the boards of each of the sites to encourage fundraising efforts on a local level so that the ministries can continue to expand even in the midst of budget crunches on a conference level.

Because UMCM in Kansas is a joint endeavor of our Episcopal area, we also have started to discuss how the upcoming transition might affect the way the United Methodist Church does campus ministry in Kansas and Nebraska. Conversations have been taking place across state lines, though the future remains a bit unclear.

For more information about what's going on at our sites, please see the individually submitted reports located elsewhere in this workbook. As you do, you will see that the future of campus ministry in Kansas looks bright indeed.

United Methodist Rural Fellowship

Rev. Ellie Foster, President

It has been a good year for the Kansas Area United Methodist Rural Fellowship. Our membership has remained steady and we are still one of the most active Rural Life Fellowship groups in the country. As we make plans for our Fellowship, we strive to keep in mind the stated purpose - to promote effective ministry and service in rural Kansas in the following ways.

- 1) To serve as an advocate for rural ministry, especially in the Annual Conference sessions.
- 2) To provide programming above and beyond the Annual Conference with emphasis on rural needs.
- 3) To work with Kansas Area Committees and Annual Conference Committees concerned with rural ministry on matters of mutual concern
- 4) To promote cooperative/shared ministry in other areas as needed.

We were privileged to have Ed Kail as our speaker for both Annual Conference banquets. Ed is the immediate past president of the national UMRF and currently serves as the Field Outreach Minister for

the Southwest District of the Iowa Annual Conference. Ed provided us with inspiration as well as challenges.

One of the highlights of the Banquets is always the presentation of the Awards of Merit. Those receiving the Awards of Merit in the Kansas West Conference were Carl Ellis (clergy) and Mollie Haberer (laity). In the Kansas East Conference the awards were presented to Shirley Edgerton (clergy) and Joe Edgerton (laity). In addition, the KAUMRF Grant in the Kansas East Conference was presented to the Elk Falls United Methodist Church for an outreach program with children.

As we look to the future, we are exploring possibilities for reaching out to the Nebraska Annual Conference. We are also encouraging lay members of small membership churches to make every effort to be present at Annual Conference. This is especially important as decisions are made about who the General Conference delegates will be. It is important that rural United Methodists and small membership churches be represented as the direction of the United Methodist Church is shaped for the next quadrennium.

Reports from Related Institutions

Aldersgate Village/United Methodist Homes

Jerry C. Ney, CEO

Aldersgate Village has 445 total living units and features 176 maintenance-free, independent living cottages, garden homes and apartments; private, assisted living apartments; and skilled nursing care rooms. The community is set on a 237-acre campus at 7220 SW Asbury Drive in Topeka, Kansas.

In 2010, Aldersgate made significant financial progress, resulting in a turnaround that is still ongoing and improving.

Major Accomplishments for 2010

In 2010, Aldersgate gained major momentum on the path of progress, reaching unprecedented financial milestones. We ended the fiscal year with a Debt Service Coverage Ratio (DSCR) of 2.20, which we believe to be the best in the organization's history.

Our Days Cash on Hand (DCOH) was 77, a tremendous improvement from 46 days in FY 2010 representing an improvement of approximately 1.7 million.

Aldersgate also prevailed in our cost-cutting efforts in 2010, trimming monthly expenses in spite of large losses of revenue due to state Medicaid budget cuts.

We have accomplished four years of successful KDOA surveys, achieving results within state performance averages.

Transportation for Aldersgate residents has been greatly enhanced through an optimization of our vehicles, drivers and services.

Despite the most difficult economy in 30 years, Aldersgate has been able to maintain occupancies that are at or above budgeted levels.

Through our *Nurses Corner* home health program, Aldersgate is providing a community outreach service. To grow this business, we will delve deeper into the community to cultivate relationships with valuable referral sources. As our clients' health declines, Aldersgate will be there to direct them to a higher level of care within our system.

Our intent to develop a new sub-acute, Medicare unit on campus is a highly promising concept that would yield significant advantages for the organization as well as for current and prospective residents.

Among all the services offered to residents, one of the most vital is Pastoral Care. Reverend Charles Benton provides a great service to many residents. Beyond regularly held Bible studies and worship services, residents also have access to counseling to receive spiritual guidance on a number of life issues. We ask everyone in the conference to help us congratulate Rev. Benton on his 32 years of service and wish him all the best when he retires in June of this year.

We are grateful for Bishop Scott Jones' continued support and involvement in fundraising efforts for our organization. We also thank Rev. Evelyn Fisher for her assistance and continued involvement on the Board.

We are extremely grateful to the churches of the Kansas East Conference for their continuing support of our charitable care program, the Good Samaritan Fund. During 2010, the churches in the Conference contributed \$29,000 to this fund. In 2010, Aldersgate Village provided direct charitable care totaling over \$747,000.

Baker University

Patricia N. Long, President

2010 -11 has continued to be a time of economic recovery for Baker University. In the wake of several very difficult cost-cutting decisions and austere budgets, we have turned the economic corner and better financial days are ahead. One of the most important indicators of renewed strength was the U.S. Department of Education removing us from the Financial Watch List. Even though we have achieved a measure of security, we are continuing to monitor our expenditures and look for growth and revenue expansion opportunities.

We are encouraging innovative and entrepreneurial thinking and action. The College of Arts and Sciences has launched a new general studies program that seeks to inspire students to gain knowledge, perspective and compassion so that they may contribute meaningfully to an increasingly complex, interdependent and global society. The School of Professional and Graduate Studies is now licensed in Nebraska and offers on-line programs in Omaha. The School of Nursing students and faculty have teamed with two graduates from Kenya to help build a network of medical clinics in Kenya. The School of Education faculty has invited Islamic and Hispanic speakers to schools to help schools and families understand diverse cultural traditions better.

The Baker University Mission states that we are "committed to assuring student learning, and developing confident, competent, and responsible contributors to society." Over the past year, we have been honored by and have honored two alumni who have demonstrated that mission for us:

Mr. Charles Agro, class of '79, is an executive with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Both on 9/11/01, and then again in January, 2010. Mr. Agro was instrumental in the rescue and recovery at the World Trade Center and in the Hudson River following the crash landing of the US Airways flight.

Mr. Mike McCarthy, class of '87, is the head coach of the Green Bay Packers, who won Super Bowl 45 in February of this year.

These two graduates epitomize our hopes and dreams for graduates of Baker University.

Forest Park Conference and Retreat Center

Max Klamm

As noted elsewhere in this Annual Report, this has been another busy and productive year for Forest Park Conference and Retreat Center. Praise God for countless blessings mentioned below:

1. Loyal, active, skilled, sacrificially involved Board Members. Their continual involvement each month at (and between) Board Meetings has helped us move forward in mission to improve the facilities, become more visible, establish new relationships with Topeka area contacts (and beyond), and reach out and offer programs to develop and/or enhance guests lives for Christ. The amount of time and on site work is overwhelming and truly makes a difference.
2. Funds from an insurance claim due to damage of the Dining Hall roof allowed us to replace the old roof. Support from Roger Dressler (VIM) and many of our board members allowed us to add the new roof . . . a wonderful and needed improvement.
3. With the skills of Frank Kroeker and his wife Carolyn, the interior of the Quonset hut was renovated. This offers a more functional and comfortable place for guests
4. Another old cabin was demolished and several more cabins have been painted (one or two with new roofs
5. Recognizing our rich heritage and leaning on that as changes are made assures us that we are staying in God's will as progress is evident.
6. Our excellent Feasibility/ Business Plan guides our stewardship to ensure financial stability.
7. Two outstanding programs brought renewed inspiration and hope for adding programs/conferences as we grow our ministry: In January Rev. Larry Bowyer led a day long workshop entitled, "Writing for Jesus." In October Dr. Steve Jacobs, Chief Scientist for the Discovery Channel, presented an outstanding program for youth entitled "Thinking Like a Scientist: Science from Mr. Wizard to Harry Potter." How science confirms our faith was indeed an integral part of this exciting presentation. The afternoon program "Science and the Bible: Reaching Students with Science" inspired many questions and creative thinking as to how God works through science. Dr. "Jake" Jacobs is also a Certified Lay Speaker in addition to his other credentials. These two programs were so well received that plans to offer them in 2011 (and add more programs) will bring more and more guests.

2010 was a year of many blessings and we live this dream with greater hope and anticipation.

United Methodist Health Ministry Fund

Kim Moore, President

United Methodist Youthville

Matt Johnson, Manager of Church Relations

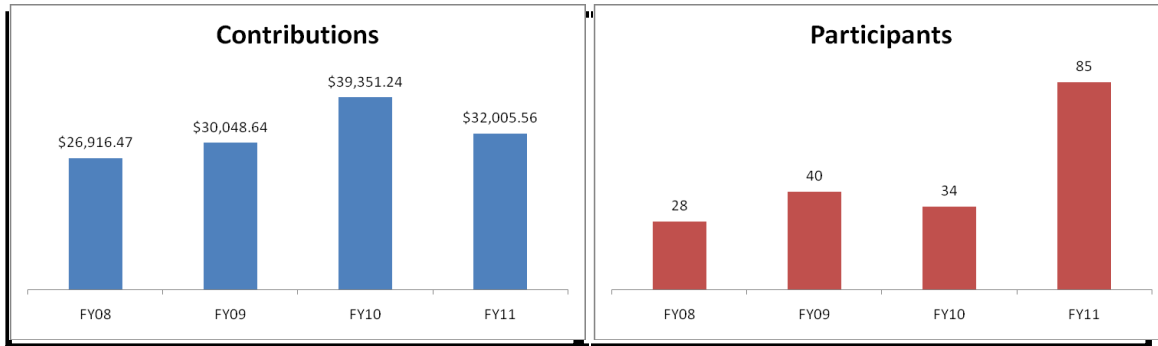
Since the beginning of Youthville in 1927, it has been our mission to meet the physical, emotional, spiritual, social and psychiatric needs of the children in our care. Currently, Youthville has nine offices throughout the state of Kansas touching the lives of several hundred children across Kansas on any given day.

The children at Youthville have been abused, abandoned or neglected by their birth families and SRS has determined that it is not safe for the children to remain in their home. The children are removed by SRS and then placed into Youthville's care. Youthville currently has the state contract for foster care/adoption/reintegration for Region 5 (Sedgwick county) serving more than 900 children each day.

Youthville provides volunteer opportunities, on-site tours, mentoring with our kids, gift-in-kind collections, cash offerings, conducting a worship service on a campus (Newton or Dodge City),

speakers for your church/group to help the churches of the East Conference to fulfill their mission to connect and empower people and churches in living out the Gospel's call to invite, nurture, equip, and send forth disciples of Jesus Christ.

The continued support of the churches of the Kansas East Conference through cash gifts and gift-in-kind collections helps to meet the needs of the children in our care. The charts below show the amount of contributions received and the number of participants from the Kansas East Conference from July 1, 2008 – February 14, 2011.



Youthville is looking to establish a Youthville Ambassador at every church in the Kansas East Conference. A Youthville Ambassador is a liaison between Youthville and their church. This person is passionate about Youthville – many are the mission committee leader or UMW president or pastor or a lay person. Currently, 36 churches have an assigned Ambassador. If you would like more information about how your church can get involved with Youthville, please call Matt Johnson, Manager of Church Relations 316.529.9215 or email: mjohnson@youthville.org.

Reports from Institutions in Our Jurisdiction

South Central Jurisdiction

David Severe, Executive Director

The Nineteenth Session of the South Central Jurisdiction will begin on Wednesday evening July 18, 2012 in Oklahoma City, OK. The conference will actually span the 17th through the 21st, with committee meetings on the 17th and 18th, and the opening worship and memorial service the evening of the 18th at St. Luke's UMC in Oklahoma City. Delegates and alternates are expected . . . visitors are welcome.

There will be 256 delegates, plus alternates. The number of delegates will be 40 fewer than in 2008, due to additional Annual Conferences in the Central or international conferences. That means it will take 154 votes, if all delegates are present and voting, and all ballots are valid, to elect a new bishop. The Conference will be held near the Bricktown area of Oklahoma City, a great place for family fun. Also it will provide ample eating venues for delegates and friends.

The Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference and the Oklahoma Conference, co-hosts of the Conference, along with Bishop Robert Hayes, Jr., resident bishop, invite you to be in Oklahoma City in July of 2012.

We thank you for your continued support of Lydia Patterson Institute, Mt. Sequoyah Assembly, the Wesley Foundation at SMU, and the Jurisdictional Administrative Office.

Lydia Patterson Institute

Socorro Brito de Anda, President

It is my privilege to submit this report to you and to bring greetings and a word of appreciation for the support, prayers, and commitment to the ministry of Lydia Patterson Institute.

Life on the border becomes more difficult by the moment. The life of Lydia Patterson has become more than a place where students receive a strong education and leaders are formed. Today, Lydia Patterson is also a safe haven for students crossing the border looking for safety from the violence and unrest that plagues the city of Juarez, Mexico.

Although we have been able to maintain our enrollment in the past two years, we have seen a decline from the past years. The reason is obvious. Parents have lost their jobs; consequently, we have had to provide more scholarships than ever before. Parents who might have had a small business or a taco stand or a modest way of making a living have had to close down due to the threats of the mob that they either pay them or pay with their lives. People, women and children, are being murdered daily. Over 4,000 lives were lost last year as the result of the violence and many more went unreported. Students at Lydia Patterson have been directly affected. Many have lost parents or other members of their families. We have buried several former students and comforted many victims of kidnappings.

In 1913, Lydia Patterson opened its doors for the first time to minister to the young children of families crossing the border and fleeing from a revolution in Mexico. Families were looking for a safe place for their children and escaping the unrest in our neighboring country. Mrs. Lydia Patterson recognized the need for ministry to these displaced children and began her work in this impoverished neighborhood in El Paso. Almost 100 years later, Lydia Patterson is, again, serving as a refuge to young children escaping the threat of violence and bloodshed that they are exposed to daily. Many of our students make a two hour trip from their homes to Lydia Patterson daily by riding two or more buses from their homes to downtown Juarez. They then cross the international bridge on foot and walk the eight blocks to Lydia Patterson. One student, when asked about her sentiments as she made this daily trip, stated that she was in fear. She prayed and said that when she set foot on the American side, she could breathe easily again. Another student, as he was being interviewed by a local TV channel for a special on the work of Lydia Patterson, talked about his fears as well. He talked about the emptiness during

the holidays as they mourned the loss of family members who had lost their lives to the violence. He also stated that he prayed a lot and then smiled and said that he still had hopes.

In the midst of all, Lydia Patterson is more committed than ever to bringing hope to its students. It continues to equip the students with that which can remove them from such a hostile environment...a good education. The spiritual life on our campus strengthens their hope for a future free of threats and injustice. Through our Student Lay Ministry Program, we continue to form leaders for the church. Students are serving in internships in local United Methodist Churches throughout the country. Students are graduating from seminary and others are making their way to a life in ministry. In spite of all the challenges, in the last two years, 100% of our graduating seniors have gone on to college. Lydia Patterson Institute, its administrators, faculty and staff, strongly believe that the fate of its students lies in the heart of our ministry.

I invite you to visit our new web page and learn about how you are already a part of this ministry by virtue of your relationship to your church, conference, and the jurisdiction. I encourage you to visit our campus in El Paso and personally experience the life of ministry with direct interaction with our students. We welcome work teams, mission groups, agency meetings, and personal visits. In as much as Juarez, Mexico, is a very dangerous city today, by national standards, El Paso is the safest city of its size to live in. We hope to see you here soon, and please keep our students in your daily prayers.

Mount Sequoyah Conference and Retreat Center

Sheri and John Altland, Executive Directors

What was accomplished and celebrated at Mount Sequoyah in 2010?

- . Fresh look for the campus accomplished by rebuilding the roadbeds and walking paths
- . Friends of the Mountain giving program resulting in increased private donations and new donors
- . Fantastic redo of the website and addition of social media marketing. We are truly a click away... www.mountsequoyah.org

It has been quite a year... the toughest economically challenging year in the past six years. We have experienced facility use decrease of 26% from projected budget expectations, and 18% less facility income than in 2009. God continues to bless the ministries of Mount Sequoyah. Facility revenue expectations have improved for 2011.

What is occurring in 2011 and 2012?

- . New Church Leadership Institute
- . New Church Pastor Assessment Boot Camp, Senior Track & Basic Track)
- . Epworth League Institute
- . Small Church Leadership Institute
- . Military Kids Operation
- . Intergenerational Ministry Summit
- . SCJ Parish Nursing
- . iGo Green Famcation: Caring for Creation Event
- . Interim Ministers Training
- . UM Studies School
- . SCJ Disaster Response Academy
- . Older Adult Ministry
- . Addiction Response: Focusing on older adult prescription abuse and gambling

Where do you, your congregation, your district, your conference, and your jurisdiction fit into this ministry?

Mount Sequoyah continues to be a place of tranquility above the city and visioning for the United Methodist Church and others. It is a place to inspire minds, claim callings, and renew spirits while training leadership in coaching skills and other proven ways to effectively meet leadership challenges. We offer learning methods to motivate and inspire congregations to be better disciples, offer spiritual direction, and share best practices from across the South Central Jurisdiction.

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Perkins School of Theology

William B. Lawrence, Dean

A. Major Accomplishments

Perkins School of Theology exists because we are missionally driven “as a community devoted to theological study and to teaching in the service of the church of Jesus Christ ... to prepare women and men for faithful leadership in Christian ministry” (from the *SMU: Perkins School of Theology 2009-2011 Catalog*, p. 9). In this and countless other respects, Perkins shares and supports the mission and vision of the Kansas East Annual Conference: *Our Vision...people and churches spiritually alive and growing. Our Mission...to connect and empower people and churches in living out the Gospel’s call to invite, nurture, equip, and send forth disciples of Jesus Christ.*

A vital recognition of our mission-driven commitment occurred in 2010, when the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) renewed our accreditation for another 10 years.

In a meeting with one of our senior administrative directors during the ATS site visit, the discussion turned to the challenges facing us in the second decade of the twenty-first century. Some of those challenges are well-known: we are a denominationally affiliated school in a post-denominational era; we are a university-based school in an anti-intellectual era; and we are dependent on earnings from endowments and gifts from individuals whose capacity to generate revenue has been significantly impacted by the great recession. During the discussion, one of the ATS visitors made this observation: “You probably do not realize how many theological school administrators across North America would gladly trade places with you now.”

One of the things that we learned through the review process, from the first steps in drafting the self-study to the final actions of bidding the visiting team goodbye, was the unbreakable connection between our mission as a school and the professional or academic activities we conduct as a school. Everything derives from that mission: our curriculum, our hiring decisions about faculty and staff, our admission procedures for recruiting and matriculating students, our standards of conduct, our placement

goals for those who complete programs of study toward Perkins degrees, our public advertising, our non-degree programming, our budgeting process, and our self-assessments. In that regard, we are tremendously blessed.

B. Opportunities, Plans and Challenges

1. **Faculty.** The productivity of the Perkins faculty is impressive both in qualitative and quantitative published work. The leadership that members of our faculty provide in academic guilds continues to grow. When we evaluate faculty members' achievements each semester, we view teaching as equal in importance to research. And at the end of their degree programs, when students submit their responses to the graduation survey, they consistently identify the faculty as the first or second most important facet of their experience at Perkins.

We keep these things clearly in mind as we embark upon searches for new colleagues. Searches in worship and in theology began in 2010 to replace our retiring colleagues, Marjorie Procter-Smith (LeVan Professor of Preaching and Worship) and Charles Wood (Lehman Professor of Christian Doctrine). It will be challenging to meet all of our own expectations for excellence in scholarship and teaching in these two positions.

We have been both committed to a policy of enhancing diversity on the faculty and careful in our processes for making new appointments to the faculty. Here are some data points:

1. At the rank of associate professor, we have achieved gender equity, for we have exactly the same number of women as men ranked as tenured associate professors;
2. Among our tenured professors, approximately one-third are identified as ethnic minority or non-white – which means that, in ethnicity, the faculty is leading the diversification of the school even more rapidly than the student body.

2. **Facilities.** The massive attention that we have given to improving our facilities during the past several years was actually necessitated by our own mission. By attending to these extensive improvements in the buildings where we work, we have strengthened our means for engaging in theological study and teaching to prepare women and men for faithful leadership in Christian ministry. These improvements also include making Perkins' facilities fully accessible and LEED certified. (LEED certification is the recognized standard for measuring building sustainability in terms of environmental responsibility.)

During the planning process for the construction of Prothro Hall and the renovation of both Kirby and Selecman Halls, we made a commitment to the University that by the end of fiscal year 2010 (May 31, 2010) we would have sufficient cash and pledges to cover the total. I was very pleased to report to the President and the Provost of the University that we reached that goal. However, while we have celebrated the completion of construction and fund raising, the critical task of collecting the dollars pledged still remains for the coming years.

3. **Formative Scholarship.** At the University commencement in the spring of 2010, approximately one-third of all the doctoral degrees awarded at SMU went to men and women from the Graduate Program in Religious Studies. The GPRS, a cooperative program of Perkins School of Theology and SMU's Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences, has long been the highest rated Ph.D. program on the SMU campus. The GPRS also marked its fortieth anniversary since the first Ph.D. was awarded through the GPRS in 1970.

One of our strategic plan goals is to secure the future of the program by finding permanent endowments to support adequate student stipends. We have succeeded in getting multi-year gifts from individuals who are committed to the program and some additional annual support from the Provost as well as from the Associate Vice President for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies. These

contributions, together with some funds from a Luce Foundation grant to the Latino Center and from the Ministerial Education Fund of The United Methodist Church, have made our stipends reasonably competitive for first-rate doctoral students. But the only way to ensure the excellence of the program is to have permanently endowed support.

Two other events of note in the GPRS this year involve structural relationships and student admissions.

1. Perkins now occupies a seat at the table as a charter member of the Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium. Among the other institutions represented are Emory, Fuller, Princeton Theological Seminary, and about seven more. The GPRS welcomed Julian Gonzalez, its first doctoral candidate funded through the Luce grant to the Center for the Study of Latino/a Christianity and Religions.
2. All Perkins students continue to benefit from the exceptional faculty and staff of Bridwell Library and its substantial resources.

4. **Finances.** Beginning in 2010 and continuing through 2012, each unit of SMU has had to develop a budget plan that takes necessary reductions. For us at Perkins, the first of those three years we managed to take a cut of about 2.2% without noticeably affecting any of our operations. No staff position had to be eliminated. No employees were terminated. No research or travel funds were reduced. But next year, we expect to have to take another cut of similar size. And again, preparing for the year after that, we expect to have to add a similar cut. By the time we finish absorbing the impact of the great recession, we will have had to make reductions totaling about 6.7%.

5. **Enrollment.** Data compiled recently by the Association of Theological Schools show the total enrollment in all ATS schools for the M. Div. degree, which is designed for persons who feel called to the professional ministry of the church, has declined by about five percent. Nevertheless, in the fall of 2010, we recruited an entering master's class that is 27% larger than the one in 2009. Additionally, counting the students who are enrolled in our Singapore D.Min. cohort, we have 15 new D.Min. students this year. For the sake of our mission, we will need the commitment of our friends and partners to the ongoing task of continuing to recruit outstanding cohorts of students.

C. Conclusion

The state of our school is strong. But so are the challenges facing us. I recently spent one evening a week leading a home Bible study with a group of folks, more than half of whom I did not know until the Bible study began. We read the book of Esther together. One memorable evening we dealt with the verse where Mordecai tries to persuade Esther that her silence will not provide her with safety. Then he pleads with her through a rhetorical question and comment: "Who knows? Perhaps you have been put in this position for just such a time as this." Perhaps the state of our school is strong for just such a time as this.

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Saint Paul School of Theology is a seminary of the United Methodist Church that educates leaders to make disciples for Jesus Christ, renew the Church, and transform the world. We are one institution with two campuses, a free-standing seminary campus in Kansas City and a university partnership seminary on the campus of Oklahoma City University.

During the 2010-2011 academic year, 214 students from 26 annual conferences, 24 denominations and 7 countries were enrolled in degree programs at Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City. Fifty-four students were enrolled in the Master of Divinity program at Saint Paul at Oklahoma City University. The Course of Study School at Saint Paul served 311 students from 22 annual conferences. Classes took place in Kansas City, Missouri, and for the first time two courses were offered in Springfield, Missouri.

Course of Study classes will begin on the Saint Paul at Oklahoma City University campus in the fall of 2011.

Saint Paul School of Theology at Oklahoma City University will celebrate its first commencement convocation in 2011. The first graduating class of Master of Divinity students will be hooded in a special ceremony in August on the Oklahoma City University campus. Each graduate will have completed 90 hours of study.

Sixteen South Korean students graduated in May from the Korean Doctor of Ministry Track in Wesleyan Spirituality and Congregational Renewal. The international program included teaching by Methodist professors from the United States and South Korea. Class sessions took place in the U.S., England, and South Korea. A second Korean DMin track began in January 2011.

A Doctor of Ministry cohort track focusing on Revitalizing Congregations is slated to begin January 2012. It will focus on biblical preaching, vibrant and meaningful worship, visionary leadership, diverse communities, social justice, and contextual ministry. The DMin track relates directly to the United Methodist Council of Bishops initiatives (the "Four Foci") for the Church.

The Saint Paul youTheology program expanded to include youth from the Lydia Patterson Institute in El Paso, Texas. It will start a new pod in Nebraska in 2011. YouTheology is funded primarily by Lilly Endowment, Inc. for youth to continue to explore their faith and calling through worship, service, study, travel, and a mentoring relationship.

It was the third year for Laity School of Theology. Each Laity School Saturday Session was taught by seminary faculty and presented in an accessible manner. Lay attendees came from diverse ecumenical and educational backgrounds. Topics included worship, Bible, ethics, church history, and theology. Laity School was offered in Missouri and Oklahoma.

The seminary restructured its continuing education lectures to become Community Reads. Students, faculty, staff and outside guests were encouraged to read topical books such as *No Rising Tide* by Joerg Rieger and *Pedagogy of the Bible: An Analysis and a Proposal* by Dr. Dale Martin. Community Reads cultivated early discussion and provoked deeper questioning during author lectures.

Saint Paul at OCU held its second LEAD seminar on the Oklahoma City University campus. The seminar covered topics to improve and strengthen ministerial leadership. The seminars are a collaborative educational project of the Oklahoma Area of the United Methodist Church, Oklahoma City University, and Saint Paul.

The trustees, faculty, staff, and students of Saint Paul thank you for your interest, prayers and support.

Southern Methodist University

R. Gerald Turner, President

As SMU celebrates the centennial of its founding in 1911 by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and its opening in 1915, the University continues to rise in national prominence. The past year has been marked by exciting developments. Highlights follow:

- SMU's total fall 2010 enrollment was 10,938, including 6,192 undergraduates, 3,372 graduate students and 1,374 professional (theology and law) students. The ethnic minority enrollment makes up 22.6 percent of the student body. SMU's fall 2010 enrollment included a record number of 1,052 international students from 94 countries.
- SMU Unbridled: The Second Century Campaign, launched in 2008, is the largest fund-raising effort in the University's history, with a goal of \$750 million. Gifts to date have exceeded \$464 million, providing funds for 211 new scholarships; 17 new endowed academic positions; 12 new institutes, centers and other academic initiatives; support for two schools and one academic department; and 13 new or renovated facilities.

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has raised SMU's classification to a research university with "high research activity," reflecting the University's dramatic increase in research. SMU is ranked 56th among the 260 best national universities by *U.S. News & World Report*.

SMU's Dallas campus has grown to 90 buildings and 230 acres. In 2010 SMU dedicated the new Caruth Hall in the Bobby B. Lyle School of Engineering and the Annette Caldwell Simmons Hall, home of the Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development. Construction has begun on the George W. Bush Presidential Center, consisting of a library, museum and independent institute. The Center is expected to open in early 2013.

William M. Tsutsui is new dean of Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences. Formerly associate dean for international studies at the University of Kansas, he is a specialist in modern Japanese business and economic history.

The new Hunter and Stephanie Hunt Institute for Engineering and Humanity in Bobby B. Lyle School of Engineering pairs technological innovation with business collaboration to improve conditions for the global poor.

The Embrey Human Rights Program is one of the fastest growing programs at SMU, with 179 students in the pipeline to graduate with a human rights minor. An important component of the program is travel to worldwide sites of major human rights abuses.

News of Perkins School of Theology

SMU's Graduate Program in Religious Studies is ranked in the top 10 of doctoral programs in theology and religion in North America.

Enrollment of students seeking Master's degrees in Perkins School of Theology is up in 2010-11, with the entering class 27 percent larger than the previous year.

Perkins celebrated the 50th anniversary of its Master of Sacred Music program in 2010 with alumni gathering on campus from across the United States and beyond.

A new Doctor of Ministry program has been launched in cooperation with Trinity Theological Seminary in Singapore. Perkins faculty will teach in Singapore, and students from that region will study at Perkins.

Perkins students traveled to India and South Africa for the first time as part of the Global Theological Education Program's cultural immersion course. Students also visited theological schools and churches in Greece, Turkey, France and Mexico.

The Church's General Board of Higher Education awarded a grant to Perkins to expand its theological training for Latin American pastors in the Methodist tradition.

Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño received the 2011 Distinguished Alumna Award from the Perkins Alumni/ae Council. The first Hispanic woman to be elected to the United Methodist episcopacy, she currently serves as bishop of the Phoenix Episcopal Area.

News of SMU Wesley Foundation

Under the leadership of Andy Roberts, the SMU Wesley Foundation is one of the most active ministries on campus. "The Well," a weekly worship service in Perkins Chapel, features music, teaching, prayer and Holy Communion. Small group Bible studies, the heart of SMU Wesley, foster fellowship and spiritual growth.

SMU treasures its Methodist heritage and maintains a particularly close relationship with Highland Park United Methodist Church and its senior minister, the Rev. Mark Craig. I enjoy serving as guest preacher at that church each fall. We ask for your continued prayers and support as SMU moves forward in the coming year.

Reports from Institutions Beyond the Jurisdiction

Candler School of Theology

Jan Love, Dean

Candler School of Theology prepares *real* people to make a *real* difference in the *real* world. Our distinctive commitment to authentic discipleship and relevant ministry enables us to develop uniquely well-rounded leaders who are challenged academically, encouraged spiritually, and immersed in Christian service from the first day they arrive on campus.

As one of the 13 official seminaries of The United Methodist Church, Candler is grounded in the Christian faith and shaped by the Wesleyan tradition of evangelical piety, ecumenical openness, and social concern. As one of seven graduate professional schools of Emory University, Candler provides a rich context for learning and formation supported by the extensive resources of a top-tier research university. As a school located in the major metropolitan area of Atlanta, Georgia, Candler offers students a learning laboratory that reflects the highly diverse communities of our 21st century world. There is no better place for ministry preparation that addresses our major denominational priorities: developing leaders, starting and growing churches, ministry with the poor, and improving global health.

Candler's student body continues to reflect the diversity and breadth of the Christian faithful. Our enrollment stands at 469, with 358 seeking the Master of Divinity, 67 the Master of Theological Studies, 16 the Master of Theology, 14 the Doctor of Theology, and 14 enrolled as Special, Non-Degree students. The total student population is 25% US ethnic minority, 9% international, and 52% women. Forty-six denominations are represented, with 52% of MDiv students being United Methodist. The median age of our entering class of MDiv students is 26, with 57% of total enrollment under thirty.

To ensure that our students are prepared for leadership in an increasingly global context, Candler continues its emphasis on internationalizing the curriculum. This fall, Rev. Dr. Beauty Maenzanise, dean of the theology faculty at Africa University in Zimbabwe, joined us as the 2010-11 McDonald Chair in the Study of Jesus and Culture, and the Rev. Dr. Margot Kaessmann, former head of the 14 million-member Protestant church in Germany, joined us for a semester as visiting Theologian-in-Residence. This year, Candler has academic exchange partnerships with theology schools across five continents and nine countries, including many related to The United Methodist Church. In addition to our ongoing summer internship program with the Methodist Church in the Bahamas, Candler once again partnered with International Relief and Development, Inc., to send eight student interns as far as Cambodia and as near as Gulfport, Miss., to address a broad range of issues, including democracy and governance, HIV/AIDS, child poverty and mortality, and community development. Travel seminars in 2010-2011 include the Middle East Travel Seminar in May-June and World Methodist Evangelism Institute evangelism seminars to the Philippines, India, and Colombia.

A hallmark of the Candler MDiv experience, the two-year Contextual Education program shapes our students' pastoral identities by interweaving service at ministry sites and churches with academic analysis in the classroom and spiritual reflection in pastor-led small groups. In any given week, Candler deploys more than 250 ConEd students throughout the region to minister to people in congregations, hospitals, and social service agencies. This year, we will expand Candler Advantage, a program designed to pay rising third-year MDiv students for summer internships in congregations so they can concentrate fully on honing their pastoral skills beyond the first two years of ConEd.

Candler's Lifelong Learning events strengthen the church by providing opportunities for clergy and lay leaders to learn more about the practice of ministry. Fall Conference 2010 focused on conflict transformation; the spring event featured poet, author, and funeral director Tom Lynch along with Candler's own Tom Long, addressing "The Good Funeral." The 2011 Fall Conference highlights "The Art of Preaching in the 21st Century," with a chance to learn from some of the most respected names in preaching.

In addition to our Lifelong Learning events, Candler oversees the educational process of more than 900 people each year through the Course of Study regional school and our five extension schools in the Southeast.

Despite today's challenging economic climate, Candler remains committed to making theological education financially possible for our students. Although our operating budget essentially remained flat this year, we increased our total financial aid investment to over \$5 million. Eighty-three percent of eligible students received Candler-based financial aid, with the average award covering 76 percent of tuition. In March, we hosted our third annual Leadership Candler event, an all-expenses-paid discernment experience that draws together top prospective MDiv students to explore the richness of life and study at Candler as they are considered for 30 top scholarships. In addition, Candler won a grant from the Carpenter Foundation to offer financial management training to our students. The grant also sponsored the public lecture series, "Simple Enough?" to explore the relationship between financial and spiritual well-being. Featured speakers were popular United Methodist pastors and authors Adam Hamilton and Paul Escamilla.

Our esteemed faculty continues to distinguish itself at the highest levels. Dr. Luke Johnson won the prestigious Grawemeyer award in religion, Dr. Carol Newsom received a Luce grant from the Association of Theological Schools, and Dr. Jacob Wright received a medal of honor from the Collège de France in Paris. In addition to their achievements in scholarship and teaching, faculty members continually demonstrate their dedication to the church through preaching and teaching engagements and service in parishes both local and across the country and world.

We celebrate the outstanding achievements of two of our United Methodist faculty as they retire this year: Dr. Russ Richey and Dr. Brooks Holifield. Both are highly regarded for their extraordinary work in their areas of expertise—the history of Methodism and American Christianity, respectively—and for their service to our denomination, both at the local and national levels.

Candler draws considerable vitality and inspiration from its relationship with The United Methodist Church. Our ability to fulfill our mission of *educating faithful and creative leaders for the church's ministries in the world* depends upon your support, gifts, and prayers. Thank you for the countless ways you strengthen this essential ministry in the life of our denomination. We invite you to visit us in person in Atlanta or online at www.candler.emory.edu to see firsthand how Candler prepares *real* people to make a *real* difference in the *real* world.

Drew University School of Theology

The Rev. Dr. Kah-Jin Jeffrey Kuan, Ph.D., Dean
My predecessor, Dean Maxine Beach, has said to me that Drew University Theological School is "a special place" on more than one occasion. Since coming to Drew, I have begun to see how right she is. It is a welcoming, hospitable, and caring community. We do not pretend to be a perfect community but we strive hard to welcome all who come through our doors and care for the *shalom*, the well-being, of each individual and as well as the Common Good.

Drew is "a special place" because of the many ways we seek to equip and empower leaders for Christian ministry through the numerous programs we offer:

- . M.Div., S.T.M., M.A., M.A.Min., D.Min., and Ph D.;
- . Continuing Education opportunities for pastors and lay people;
- . Internships through Communities of Shalom in Shalom zones world wide
- . Partnership for Religious Education in Prisons program in a local men's prison and women's prison, where Drew students and inmates study and learn together;
- . Certification in Spiritual Formation and Camp and Retreat;
- . Cross-Cultural Courses in India, Turkey, El Salvador, Mexico, Taize, and Ghana;
- . United Methodist Liaison and Deacon Liaison to assist students in their discernment.

In my first weeks, I have begun to visit churches and alumni in the vicinity. I believe very strongly that we can only do theological education *with* communities, both communities of faith and other kinds of communities that our alumni serve. In many ways, we owe a debt to our churches and other agencies that work *with* us to train and form our students for leadership.

We take pride in having a faculty that is perhaps one of the most diverse in theological education with an almost equal number of women and men. Our student body is equally diverse. We take seriously our United Methodist identity. Drew is well positioned to be a leading progressive United Methodist seminary. I welcome ongoing dialogue as we work together to shape a vision in equipping the saints for ministry. Together we can make Christian disciples that transform the world.

United Theological Seminary

Wendy J. Deichmann, President

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United has one goal: to train dynamic leaders for the ministry of Jesus Christ. As you consider whether God is calling you or someone you know into ministry, we invite you to explore the opportunities at United!

United offers:

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- . A youthful, diverse, widely published faculty committed to the Christian faith!
- . Friendly and helpful staff and students!
- . A UM matching scholarship program and scholarships for others as well!

At United, we are committed to following the Spirit's lead in renewing the Church for the mission of Jesus Christ in the world!

Enrollment at United is growing steadily and we invite you to call, visit or sign up for a class or program that meets your needs!

Thank you for your prayers, partnership and service in the ministry of Jesus Christ!

Boston University School of Theology

Mary Elizabeth Moore

Greetings from Boston University School of Theology, one of your United Methodist partners in mission! We thank you for your prayerful support of us through the past year, and will share some new developments in our School.

News flashes from the School!

- . **New Faculty:** We welcomed three new faculty this year and they are already contributing mightily to the life of STH. *Dr. Walter Fluker* is the Martin Luther King, Jr. Professor of Ethical Leadership.

He teaches exciting courses, consults with international organizations on ethical leadership, and leads the Howard Thurman Papers Project, now based at STH. *Dr. Christopher Evans* is Professor of the History of Christianity and Methodist Studies. He brings expertise in American Christianity and the history and theology of Wesleyan traditions. Besides, he is a great teacher. *Dr. Courtney Goto* is Assistant Professor of Religious Education, reviving the STH program in educational ministry with her distinctive interest in teaching and the arts. She has recently studied the artful ministry of her Japanese-American UMC congregation, especially its sanctuary art, worship, and Japanese garden.

New Curriculum: The new curriculum – “Faith Engaging the World” – has arrived, and we are discovering the potential of this curriculum to prepare spiritually-centered, prophetic, intelligent, practical religious leaders who can contribute to renewing and transforming the church and the world. Not only are M.Div. and M.T.S. students benefitting from the new curriculum, but we have also launched our new one-year Master of Sacred Theology program for military chaplains, responding to their increasing needs to address issues of ethics, trauma, and conflict transformation.

Church Connections: United Methodist Women will read two books authored or co-authored by our faculty in the UMW Mission Studies this summer: Dana Robert’s *Joy to the World!: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity* and Stephanie Hixon and Tom Porter’s *The Journey: Forgiveness, Restorative Justice and Reconciliation*. In addition, Bryan Stone and his students continue to initiate and support new church starts; several of our faculty and students have spoken or consulted with church boards and agencies; and our graduates are giving strong leadership in their home churches and conferences.

Global Connections: Travel seminars have studied this year in Ephesus (modern Turkey) and Russia, and the School has collaborated with people in Korea, China, South Africa, Norway, and Australia. Dr. Thomas Thangaraj has been Visiting Professor in Global Christianity and Mission, teaching courses in Images of Christ and Christian Encounters with Hinduism. Professor Dana Robert, Truman Collins Professor of World Christianity and Mission, delivered the opening keynote address in the 100th anniversary of the Edinburgh World Missionary Conference and in the opening convocation of the 2010 Boston Conference: The Changing Contours of World Mission and Christianity. The Reverend Canon Ted Karpf, recently of the World Health Organization, has joined our team as Director of Development. He is already building new global connections that will challenge and stretch us!

Contextual Engagement: The School received a grant of \$200,000 to support its LINC program – *Learning in a Nexus of Communities*. We continue to build partnerships with local churches and service agencies, as we contextualize theological education at STH. We are grateful to the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations for supporting these efforts.

Community Building: Community life is buzzing with dynamic weekly worship, followed by a community meal, and with daily morning prayer. We have expanded our efforts to strengthen community and spiritual life with the addition of a Spiritual Life Coordinator, the Reverend Robin Olson, and the addition of a Coordinator of Communications and International Student Life, Philippa Mpunzwana.

Sustainability Charge: We have charged ourselves to build toward greater sustainability, having implemented energy conserving practices, designed a green community center for our basement, and launched an intentional living community for some of our students in the “Green House.”

Still to Come!

New faculty searches: We are presently searching for faculty in preaching, pastoral theology, and history of Christianity.

People’s History: The STH People’s History Project continues, and we have had some wonderful oral history interviews with alums this year. Contact the Alumni Office if you are interested in sharing your story with us: (617) 353-2349.

Lifelong Learning: Our work in lifelong learning has just begun, but we have begun collaborations with churches and other educational institutions to respond to the needs of local churches, clergy, and lay leaders. We welcome your ideas.

Alumni Networking: We are decentralizing alumni activity to conferences and regions in order to facilitate the exchange of ideas, knowledge and collaborations. Jaclyn Jones is the point of contact for these efforts to stimulate the connection between alumni and Boston University School of Theology. Jaclyn is reached at *sthalum@bu.edu*

We are abundantly grateful for our BU graduates and friends in your conference, and also for our church partners throughout the United Methodist connection. We continue to pray for you and we welcome your prayers for us. We are in this ministry together!