

## **VII. Resolutions and Petitions**

### **1. Resolution of Concern and Support for the Fijian Methodist Church**

#### **Background**

During the summer of 2009, the military government of Fiji coerced the Fijian Methodist Church by arresting its leadership and many ministers and forcing the church to cancel its Annual Conference and cancel its choir festival.

The Fijian Methodist Church under pressure from the country's government, led by Commodore Bainimarama, has forced the Church to cancel its Annual Conference and choir festivals until 2014. Local districts and circuits are also having their activities restricted, with administrative meetings banned.

Whereas, the members of The United Methodist Church and its Kentucky Conference believe in freedom of religious expression as a basic human right; and

Whereas, we the members of the Kentucky Conference of The United Methodist Church believe that the government of Fiji is violating the human rights of Methodists in Fiji which account for over a third of that small nation's population; and

Whereas, the Kentucky Conference of the United Methodist Church stands with and prays for its persecuted brothers and sisters in Fiji; and

Whereas, much of the world is unaware of this injustice to the Methodist Christians of Fiji;

It is hereby resolved by the Kentucky Conference of The United Methodist Church that we will:

Have a moment of silent prayer for the persecuted Methodists of Fiji; and

Encourage each church in our Conference to pray for the persecuted Methodists of Fiji; and

Send a copy of this resolution along with a letter to the Embassy of Fiji asking the government of Fiji to allow Methodists to hold their Annual Conference and Choir Festivals beginning immediately and to lift all restrictions regarding Methodist worship and meetings; and

Copies of this resolution along with the letter sent to the Embassy of Fiji be sent to the Secretary of State, all members of Congress from Kentucky and the media.

*Submitted by Paul Whalen*

**Action: Resolution was adopted.**

### **2. Resolution on the United Methodist Lobby Office and Government Funded Abortion**

Whereas, the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society (GBCS) on Capital Hill in Washington D.C. is our church's official political lobby and routinely advocates many political stances to Congress and others; and

Whereas, the GBCS has vigorously lobbied for federal government funding of abortion in any new federal health care legislation; and

Whereas, the GBCS continues to belong to the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (RCRC), which also lobbies for government-funded abortion and opposes all legal restrictions on abortion; and

Whereas, the United Methodist Church's Social Principles support some restrictions on abortion, such as partial birth abortion;

Therefore, we strongly urge GBCS to end its lobbying for government-funded abortion and to withdraw from the RCRC.

*Submitted by Asbury United Methodist Church, Highland Heights, KY*

**Action: Resolution was not adopted.**

## **RESOLUTIONS ON DISCONTINUANCE**

### **1. Worthington Chapel in the Covington District**

WHEREAS, the Worthington Chapel UMC, Mason County, has continued to decline in membership and attendance, and thus unable to sustain itself as an active congregation of the United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Worthington Chapel has not held any church services or activities for the past two years, and

WHEREAS, the presiding Bishop and the District Superintendents of the Kentucky Annual Conference have given consent to discontinue;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2010 Kentucky Annual Conference held at Covington, Kentucky, June 9-12, 2010 declare the Worthington Chapel UMC to be discontinued and that the Conference Trustees be instructed to dispose of the property consistent with SR 21(a) of the 2009 Conference Journal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Worthington Chapel congregation have the privilege of moving their membership to the church of their choice with the membership roll being deposited with the Lee's Chapel UMC.

[Signed]

Lindsey Davis, Resident Bishop

Wayne Sayre, Ashland District

Mike Powers, Bowling Green District

Darren Brandon, Columbia District

Farley Stuart, Corbin District

Kevin Burney, Covington District

Coleman Howlett, Elizabethtown District

Kenneth Cummings, Frankfort District

Mark Girard, Lexington District

Michael Gibbons, Louisville District

Jay Smith, Madisonville District

Dale Carden, Owensboro District

Charles Douglas, Prestonsburg District

### **2. Mt. Sharon UMC in the Bowling Green District**

WHEREAS, the Mt. Sharon UMC, Todd County, has continued to decline in membership and attendance, and thus unable to sustain itself as an active congregation of the United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, the remaining members voted on May 17, 2010 to close the church; and

WHEREAS, the presiding Bishop and the District Superintendents of the Kentucky Annual Conference have given consent to discontinue;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2010 Kentucky Annual Conference held at Covington, Kentucky, June 9-12, 2010 declare the Mt. Sharon UMC be discontinued and that the Conference Trustees be instructed to dispose the building and property and that sale proceeds, after expenses, be placed in the Bowling Green District Fund to be used for church development in the district;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Mt. Sharon congregation have the privilege of moving their membership to the church of their choice with the membership roll being deposited with the District Superintendent.

[Signed]

Lindsey Davis, Resident Bishop

Wayne Sayre, Ashland District

Mike Powers, Bowling Green District

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Kevin Burney, Covington District

Coleman Howlett, Elizabethtown District

Kenneth Cummings, Frankfort District

Mark Girard, Lexington District

Michael Gibbons, Louisville District

Jay Smith, Madisonville District

Dale Carden, Owensboro District

Charles Douglas, Prestonsburg District

### **3. Hopewell UMC in the Frankfort District**

WHEREAS, the Hopewell UMC, Carroll County, has discontinued to exist as a congregation and no longer has an active membership of the United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, the presiding Bishop and the District Superintendents of the Kentucky Annual Conference have given consent to discontinue;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2010 Kentucky Annual Conference held at Covington, Kentucky, June 9-12, 2010 declare the Hopewell UMC be discontinued and that the Conference Trustees be instructed to dispose the building and property and that sale proceeds, after expenses, be placed in the Frankfort District Fund to be used for church development in the district;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Hopewell congregation have the privilege of moving their membership to the church of their choice with the membership roll being deposited with the District Superintendent.

[Signed]

Lindsey Davis, Resident Bishop

Wayne Sayre, Ashland District

Mike Powers, Bowling Green District

Darren Brandon, Columbia District

Farley Stuart, Corbin District

Kevin Burney, Covington District

Coleman Howlett, Elizabethtown District

Kenneth Cummings, Frankfort District

Mark Girard, Lexington District

Michael Gibbons, Louisville District

Jay Smith, Madisonville District

Dale Carden, Owensboro District

Charles Douglas, Prestonsburg District

#### **4. Penneys Chapel UMC in the Frankfort District**

WHEREAS, the Penneys Chapel UMC, Anderson County, has continued to decline in membership and attendance, and thus unable to sustain itself as an active congregation of the United Methodist Church; and has not held any church services or activities for the past two years; and

WHEREAS, the presiding Bishop and the District Superintendents of the Kentucky Annual Conference have given consent to discontinue;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2010 Kentucky Annual Conference held at Covington, Kentucky, June 9-12, 2010 declare the Penneys Chapel UMC be discontinued and that the Conference Trustees be instructed to dispose the building and property and that sale proceeds, after expenses, be placed in the Frankfort District Fund to be used for church development in the district;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Penneys Chapel congregation have the privilege of moving their membership to the church of their choice with the membership roll being deposited with the District Superintendent.

[Signed]

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Wayne Sayre, Ashland District

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#### **CHANGES IN CHARGE LINES**

##### **Ashland District**

Muses Chapel/ Mt. Tabor charge becomes Mt. Tabor Charge and Muses Chapel Charge; Headquarters/Oakland Mills charge becomes Oakland Mills charge and Headquarters Charge.

##### **Bowling Green District**

Place Red Oak Grove UMC with Guthrie UMC to form the Guthrie/Red Oak Grove Charge.

Place Bethel UMC (Logan County) with Lewisburg UMC to form the Lewisburg/Bethel Charge.

Remove New Buck Creek from the Mt. Pleasant/New Buck Creek Charge to form the Mt. Pleasant Church Charge.

##### **Columbia District**

Dissolve the Sulphurwell/Liletown charge and both become station churches.

Dissolve the Antioch/Jones Charge and both become station churches.

Dissolve the Oak Grove/BonAyr Charge and both become station churches.

##### **Covington District**

Remove the Foster church from the Concord/Neave/Foster charge to form the Concord/Neave Charge.

Join Foster to the Augusta Charge to form the Augusta/Foster Charge.

##### **Louisville District**

Separate PRP and Preston Highway as a joint charge to two separate charges.

**Madisonville District**

Remove Rockcastle from the Siloam/Rockcastle/Dyers Charge creating the Siloam Charge.  
Add Dyers Chapel to Rockcastle creating the Rockcastle/Dyers Chapel Charge.

**Owensboro District**

Take Rosine from Barnes Chapel/Rosine Charge. Make the Rosine Charge and the Barnes Chapel Charge.

**Prestonsburg District**

Take Warfield from the Warfield Charge. Place with Inez Golden Memorial Charge forming the Inez Golden Memorial/Warfield Charge.



*Ordination and Commission in service at the 2010 Annual Conference*