

**NOMINATIONS**  
(UPDATED 4/22/10)

**CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (D-¶2512)**

Membership: shall be 12 - recommended 1/3 laywomen, 1/3 laymen, 1/3 clergy

Esther Evans (O)	Mary Fitzgerald (S)	
Jeanne Gordon (S)	†Mark Terwilliger (S)	
†Charles F. Gommer, Jr.(W)	Alison Hanson (B)	
Ronald Myers(B)	Arthur Sherwood (W)	
†Thomas A. Clemow, II (O)	†Lori Steffensen (W) (former CFA Chair)	
Charles Lemmond, Jr. (W)	†Douglas Sivers (W) (former Pension & Health Benefits Chair)	
Honorary Trustees: Wallace F. Stettler, Harry Woodfield		
Ex-Officio (without vote): Cabinet Representative: † TBD		

**WYOMING SEMINARY LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Class of 2011:	† Chuck Gommer	
Class of 2012:	Leslie Bullock	
Class of 2013:	To be selected by the Central Pennsylvania Conference	

**WYOMING SEMINARY TRUSTEES**

Class of 2011:	† Chuck Gommer	
Class of 2012:	Leslie Bullock	
Class of 2013:	Mike Katerman	

†: Denotes clergy

**REPORT FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE NETWORK**

This year the Wyoming Conference Social Justice Network has concentrated on doing a few things well, as we worked to transfer our energies to working in our new conference areas. We have met with partners in our new conferences as new areas of ministry are being formed.

In September we presented a Green Churches Forum in Oneonta NY, with our keynote speaker Rev. Pat Watkins, Director of Caretakers of God's Creation. Workshop leaders provided practical ideas for churches and individuals to be better stewards of God's creation. This event was so successful that we were asked to replicate the event in Pennsylvania. This April we held our second Forum in Scranton PA, with our own conference's Rev. Mark Terwilliger as our keynote speaker.

In March, we co-sponsored an interfaith prayer service. This prayer service began the annual 40-Hour Fast sponsored by the Labor-Religion Coalition of New York State. This year's theme was "From False

1 Idols to Moral Vision.” This fast was a time for prayer and reflection, sacrifice and action for change.

2 (<http://www.labor-religion.org/fast2010-main.htm>)

3 This spring we have affirmed The Kairos Palestine Document. An introduction states: “We, a group of  
4 Palestinian Christians, after prayer, reflection and an exchange of opinion, cry out from within the suffering  
5 . . . in our country, under the Israeli occupation, with a cry of hope in the absence of all hope, a cry full of  
6 prayer and faith in a God ever vigilant, in God’s divine providence for all the inhabitants of this land.” This  
7 document was brought to us by the North Central New York Task Force on Peace with Justice in Palestine/  
8 Israel; we look forward to working with these and other partners in our new conferences. (<http://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/documents/other-ecumenical-bodies/kairos-palestine-document.html>)

9 Though we will cease to meet as a group, we will continue to seek justice, to love mercy and to walk  
10 humbly with our God wherever we may go.

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Submitted by Eric Yetter for the Network

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### 14 **RESOLUTION FOR INCLUSION OF EMORY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,** 15 **HANCOCK, NY IN THE SUSQUEHANNA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

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16 **Whereas:** The Emory United Methodist Church is located in close proximity to the Pennsylvania border;

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18 **And whereas:** The members of the congregation predominantly gravitate to the Honesdale, PA area  
19 for goods, services, and medical care;

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20 **And whereas:** The congregation feels it is a better cultural match with the population and mission of  
21 the churches of the northern border of Pennsylvania;

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23 **And whereas:** the 2008 Book of Discipline (Paragraphs 41 and 260) allows for the transfer of  
24 local churches from one Annual Conference to another by 2/3rds vote of the Charge Conference, a  
25 congregational meeting of the local church and each of the two Annual Conferences involved; and,

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26 **And whereas:** The members of the congregation voted by a 2/3 majority on April 25, 2010 in favor of  
27 recommending inclusion in the Susquehanna Annual Conference;

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28 **Therefore, be it resolved that:** the Wyoming Annual Conference approve the recommendation that  
29 the Emory United Methodist Church, Hancock, NY be received as a participating congregation in the  
30 Susquehanna Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

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Submitted by Rev. Jan Marsi  
Oneonta District Superintendent

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### 34 **DISCONTINUANCE OF THE PORT CRANE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

35 **Whereas:** The Port Crane United Methodist Church, located in Broome County, in the Oneonta  
36 District, has had a long and proud history;

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38 **And whereas:** Worship services ceased to be held at the church in the fall of 2008;

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39 **And whereas:** The demographics of the area have changed significantly since the church was established,  
40 and the active members have transferred their membership to other neighboring congregations;

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**And whereas:** The intention to use the building and property as a mission site have not developed as hoped, and the building itself is not adequate for such a mission site;

**And whereas:** The superintendent has recommended that the property be transferred to the Conference Board of Trustees;

**And whereas:** The consent to discontinue has been granted by the presiding bishop, the majority of the superintendents, and the District Board of Buildings and Locations;

**Therefore be it resolved that:** The Port Crane United Methodist Church be discontinued effective June 5, 2010, and that the property be transferred to the Conference Board of Trustees.

Submitted by Rev. Jan Marsi  
Oneonta District Superintendent

## RESOLUTION OF THE MERGER OF MORRIS AND GARRATTSVILLE

**Whereas:** The Garretttsville United Methodist Church building was destroyed by fire in August 2008;

**And whereas:** The members of the congregation fully explored a variety of options for their future, and the Oneonta District Board of Buildings and Locations took part in this discernment;

**And whereas:** The demographics of their former location have changed dramatically since the church was established, and the active membership has significantly diminished;

**And whereas:** Both the Garretttsville and Morris United Methodist Churches voted in separate church conferences to approve merging the two congregations;

**And whereas:** The Bishop and the Cabinet have affirmed this merger;

**Therefore, be it resolved:** That the Garretttsville and Morris congregations shall merge and become one congregation, effective June 1, 2010;

**And, be it further resolved:** The name of the merged congregation shall be Morris United Methodist Church.

Submitted by Rev. Jan Marsi  
Oneonta District Superintendent

## CLOSING RESOLUTIONS

**WHEREAS** on October 6, 2007, clergy and lay members of the North Central New York, Western New York, Troy and Wyoming Annual Conferences were called together in simultaneous Special Sessions, under the supervision of their respective Bishops; and

**WHEREAS** each of these four Annual Conferences separately considered, voted upon, and approved a unification and realignment creating one single Annual Conference across Upstate New York, with

1 the Pennsylvania churches of the Wyoming Annual Conference aligning with the Central Pennsylvania  
2 Annual Conference and the Vermont churches of the Troy Annual Conference aligning with the New  
3 England Annual Conference, to be implemented in 2010; and

4 **WHEREAS** the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference met on July 16, 2008, and adopted a resolution  
5 reconfiguring the boundaries of the Annual Conferences and Episcopal Areas in and around central  
6 Pennsylvania, New England and upstate New York; and

7 **WHEREAS** the six conferences involved in the realignments (Central Pennsylvania, New England,  
8 North Central NY, Troy, Western NY and Wyoming) in accordance with ¶1509 of the 2008 Book of  
9 Discipline formed a Joint Distributing Committee and an Assets Allocation Committee to allocate and  
10 equitably distribute the conferences' assets; and

11 **WHEREAS** the four Conferences wholly or partially in New York created a joint New Area/Conference  
12 Team ("New ACT") to lead them forward with the unification process; and

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14 **WHEREAS** the primary charge of New ACT was to coordinate the development of the new Upper New  
15 York Annual Conference; not by combination, but through unification; and

16 **WHEREAS** New ACT is responsible for presenting a plan of union to the June 19, 2010 Upper  
17 New York uniting conference session in Syracuse NY, with enabling legislation to create essential  
18 conference structures; and

19 **WHEREAS** in order to effectuate the work of consolidation and unification, New Act has taken steps  
20 to create an organizational, administrative, legal and program ministries structure for the new Upper  
21 New York Annual Conference; and

22 **WHEREAS** the Central Pennsylvania and Wyoming Conferences formed the joint "Vision Team" to lead  
23 them forward to the June 12, 2010 Susquehanna uniting conference session in Williamsport PA; and

24 **WHEREAS** the Vision Team is responsible for a proposal to put into place the beginnings of a system  
25 which will be faithful to the Susquehanna Conference's mission and primary task as an annual  
26 conference and propose a supportive, transitional structure;

27 CLERGY MEMBERS [SEE PLAN OF UNION PP. 10-11; EXHIBIT 3]

28 **IT IS RESOLVED** that the clergy members of the June 5, 2010, Wyoming Annual Conference whose  
29 appointments have been announced effective July 1, 2010, to local United Methodist Churches  
30 in Pennsylvania will be transferred to the newly formed Susquehanna Conference, with voting  
31 rights and privileges at the Susquehanna Annual Conference Session on June 12, 2010. The  
32 clergy members of the June 5, 2010 Wyoming Annual Conference whose appointments have  
33 been announced effective July 1, 2010, to local United Methodist Churches in the Upper New York  
34 Annual Conference will be transferred to the Upper New York Annual Conference, with voting  
rights and privileges at the Uniting Conference on June 19, 2010.

35 LAY MEMBERS [SEE PLAN OF UNION PP. 10-11]

36 **IT IS RESOLVED** that the lay members of the June 5, 2010, Wyoming Annual Conference from  
37 churches located in New York State will be transferred to the Upper York Annual Conference,  
38 with voting rights and privileges at the Uniting Conference on June 19, 2010. The lay members  
39 of the June 5, 2010, Wyoming Annual Conference from churches located in Pennsylvania will be  
40 transferred to the Susquehanna Annual Conference, with voting rights and privileges at the Uniting  
Conference on June 12, 2010.

LAY EQUALIZING MEMBERS [SEE PLAN OF UNION PP. 10-11]

**IT IS RESOLVED** that the lay equalizing members of the June 5, 2010, Wyoming Annual Conference from churches located in New York State will be transferred to the Upper York Annual Conference as lay equalizing members at the Uniting Conference on June 19, 2010, and be recognized as lay equalizing members until new formulas for equalization are developed. The lay equalizing members of the June 5, 2010, Wyoming Annual Conference from churches located in Pennsylvania will be transferred to the Susquehanna Annual Conference as lay equalizing members at the Susquehanna Conference on June 12, 2010, and be recognized as lay equalizing members until new formulas for equalization are developed.

PLAN OF UNION

**IT IS RESOLVED** that the Plan of Union of the North Central New York, Western New York, Troy and Wyoming Annual Conferences is approved, including the transfer of assets from the Troy Annual Conference to the New England Annual Conference, the transfer of assets from the Wyoming Conference to the Upper New York and Central Pennsylvania- or its successor, Susquehanna- Annual Conferences, the eventual discontinuance of the Wyoming Annual Conference, and the consolidation of the North Central New York, Western New York and Troy Annual Conferences into the Upper New York Annual Conference; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that all future acts required to effectuate the Plan of Union are hereby authorized to be carried out, and all such prior acts are ratified and affirmed.

ASSIGNMENTS [SEE PLAN OF UNION EXHIBIT 7]

**IT IS RESOLVED** that the transfer of the Wyoming Annual Conference's assets according to the allocation proposed by the Joint Distributing Committee, Asset Allocation Task Force, and New ACT is approved, and the written Assignments of those assets pursuant to the allocation are approved and may be executed by the Wyoming Conference Board of Trustees or its agent at any time; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Wyoming Annual Conference Board of Trustees be empowered with all necessary authority to care for any business relating to the closing of the Wyoming Conference Corporation in accordance with the Plan of Union, or designate agents to care for such responsibilities; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Wyoming Annual Conference Trustees shall report to the Bishop of the Susquehanna Conference and the Bishop of the Upper New York Conference for ratification of any and all contracts of the Conference. Purely administrative acts by persons serving as agents for the Trustees of the Wyoming Annual Conference do not require ratification, but such administrative acts shall be reported to both Bishops within 30 days of their occurrence.

PRIOR ACTS

**IT IS RESOLVED** that all of the actions of the Wyoming Annual Conference, its boards, committees, agents and others including the representatives of New ACT and the Vision Team, taken to date in the processes of creating the Susquehanna and Upper New York Annual Conferences are ratified and affirmed.