

REMEMBER &
Be Faithful

A stylized graphic featuring a dove in flight, rendered in a light, ethereal style. The dove is positioned to the left of the text, with its wings spread. A long, flowing ribbon or streamer extends from the dove's tail, curving around the bottom of the text 'Be Faithful'.

**TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
of the United Methodist Church
2011 Journal**

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RESOLUTIONS TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

A RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO THE
TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
FROM ARCHIVES & HISTORY

WHEREAS, The Discipline (§ 641.1-4) of the United Methodist Church requires each annual conference to maintain a fire safe archive for the foundational documents of the conference and other items of historical importance, and

WHEREAS, the archives of the Texas Annual Conference are now housed in rental units not designed for archival storage, and

WHEREAS, the usefulness of the archives is severely compromised by the lack of an archival building

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The Texas Annual Conference shall build a Heritage Center that would combine both museum and archival functions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT

The Heritage Center should be a building of approximately 3000 square feet of useable space built according to the standards described in Manual for Annual Conference Commissions on Archives and History, 2009-2012, published by the General Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church, Madison, NJ, 2009.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT

The Heritage Center be located on the building lot offered by Chappell Hill United Methodist Church to Bishop Huie in a letter dated October 17, 2010.

Commission on Archives and History
January 24, 2011

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TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
FROM ARCHIVES & HISTORY

WHEREAS the General Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church is charged by the General Conference of the United Methodist Church with the tasks of preserving, protecting, and recognizing historic Methodist historic sites and structures, and . . .

WHEREAS the General Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church has implemented a program to recognize United Methodist Historic Sites, and . . .

WHEREAS Grace United Methodist Church, a church in the Central South District of the Texas Annual Conference, has completed the application process prescribed by the General Commission on Archives and History for registration as a United Methodist Historic Site.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas Annual Conference, meeting in regular session, endorse the application of Grace United Methodist Church of Houston, Texas, for recognition as a United Methodist Historic Site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution together with the completed application, signatures of the presiding Bishop of the Texas Annual Conference, the Conference Secretary, and the Chair of the Texas Annual Conference Commission on Archives and History, and necessary photographs of Grace United Methodist Church, be forwarded to the General Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church, P O Box 127, 36 Madison Ave., Madison, NJ 07940.

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WHEREAS Greggton United Methodist Church, a church in the North District of the Texas Annual Conference, has completed the application process prescribed by the General Commission on Archives and History for registration as a United Methodist Historic Site.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas Annual Conference, meeting in regular session, endorse the application of Greggton United Methodist Church of Longview, Texas, for recognition as a United Methodist Historic Site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution together with the completed application, signatures of the presiding Bishop of the Texas Annual Conference, the Conference Secretary, and the Chair of the Texas Annual Conference Commission on Archives and History, and necessary photographs of Greggton United Methodist Church, be forwarded to the General Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church, P O Box 127, 36 Madison Ave., Madison, NJ 07940.

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WHEREAS Pasadena First United Methodist Church, a church in the South District of the Texas Annual Conference, has completed the application process prescribed by the General Commission on Archives and History for registration as a United Methodist Historic Site.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas Annual Conference, meeting in regular session, endorse the application of Pasadena First United Methodist Church of Pasadena, Texas, for recognition as a United Methodist Historic Site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution together with the completed application, signatures of the presiding Bishop of the Texas Annual Conference, the Conference Secretary, and the Chair of the Texas Annual Conference Commission on Archives and History, and necessary photographs of Pasadena First United Methodist Church, be forwarded to the General Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church, P O Box 127, 36 Madison Ave., Madison, NJ 07940.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
to Strategic Mapping Team resolution #2: Youth Ministry,
which was passed at the session of the Texas Annual Conference in 2007,
from The Center For Congregational Excellence

“(1) That the Model for Ministry be changed to expand the ~~Conference Council on Youth Ministry~~ **Conference Youth Council** from 9 members (one from each district) to 36 members (two youth and one adult from each district, plus 9 at-large positions.) Youth in each district shall elect two youth, plus one alternate. Each district ~~Nominations Committee~~ shall elect one adult. Following the election of district delegates, **the Conference Youth Council will recommend to the** Conference Nominations Committee, ~~will recommend 5~~ **6** youth and **43** adults for at-large positions in order to ensure conference-wide inclusiveness and diversity; (2) that the expanded Conference Council on Youth Ministry develop a new vision for conference youth ministry by the 2008 Annual Conference session.”

Rationale:

The recommended changes in the Model for Ministry per said resolution were accidentally omitted from the Model for Ministry printed in Annual Conference Journals 2008, 2009 and 2010. The proposed changes to the resolution and the resulting changes in the model of ministry will allow for:

- Reference to the current name of the conference committee- In the Fall of 2007, the Conference Council on Youth Ministry voted to change its name to “Conference Youth Council”
- Greater flexibility for the districts’ adult representative nominating processes
- Compliance with The Book of Discipline- BOD 2008, Par. 649.1 and 649.2 state that
 - o “1. In each annual conference there shall be a conference council on youth ministry or other equivalent structure...”
 - o “2. Membership- No more than one-third of the membership of the council shall be adults...”
- Greater Conference Youth Council involvement in the recommendation of candidates for at-large membership

A RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO THE
TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
FROM THE CENTERS FOR MISSIONAL EXCELLENCE
AND CONNECTIONAL RESOURCES – RECOMMENDED BY COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND
ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina directly hit the Louisiana, Mississippi coast line August 29, 2005, the Texas Annual Conference engaged in responding appropriately.

WHEREAS, Disaster Recovery was launched on September 24, 2005, when hurricane Rita made landfall on Southeast, Texas;

WHEREAS, On September 13, 2008, Hurricane Ike struck the Texas coast causing great devastation;

WHEREAS, the Texas Annual Conference in partnership with United Methodist Committee on Relief established a long term recovery effort which concluded December 31, 2010;

WHEREAS, all of the case loads registered with the recovery centers were completed.

WHEREAS, from all of these efforts we have accumulated a large volume of tools, recovery equipment, trucks, trailers, portable bathrooms and showers;

WHEREAS, the rationale for construction is drum majored by “readiness” for a future disaster: not will it occur, but when it occurs;

WHEREAS, UMCOR has agreed to continue partnership with the Texas Annual Conference as it has done with Florida and Mississippi conferences in erecting a permanent warehouse;

WHEREAS, the Katrina Account of designated funds now totals \$900,188.84. Utilization of these funds for construction and development is recommended by the Council on Finance and Administration.

WHEREAS, we have identified a potential building site of (six acres) located east of Conroe at Loop 336 and Hwy 105 East now being marketed at \$225,000. Purchase of this site is pending the recommended from the Board of Trustees;

AND WHEREAS, UMCOR has tentatively committed \$494,858.00 toward the construction of the Disaster Recovery Center;

Therefore, We are requesting the Texas Annual Conference session 2011 to authorize the conference Trustees and CFA to move forward with construction and development.

THE EMERGING LEADERS' ENDOWMENT

By this trust agreement, the Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, a Texas non-profit corporation ("Texas Annual Conference" or the "Conference"), as "trustor," establishes the Emerging Leaders' Endowment. Trustor grants, assigns and delivers to the persons identified in Paragraph B-1, as "trustees," the property described in Attachment A. Attachment A, which is captioned "Initial Contributions to the Emerging Leaders' Endowment," is incorporated by reference as a part of this trust agreement.

This trust agreement and the trust established by it are irrevocable. Except as provided in Paragraph A-7, no person shall have the right to revoke or amend this trust agreement or any of its provisions.

A. EMERGING LEADERS' ENDOWMENT

A-1. Creation. The property described in Attachment A shall constitute the initial trust estate of a trust to be used in accordance with this trust agreement to provide financial support and incentives to designated programs of, and participants in, the Emerging Leaders Initiative of the Texas Annual Conference ("Emerging Leaders Initiative"). There shall be annual reporting of the activities, transactions, and business of this trust estate to the Texas Annual Conference through the Conference Council on Finance and Administration.

A-2. Additional Contributions. Property acceptable to the trustees may be contributed to the trust from time to time in the future by trustor or any other person. It is contemplated that churches, foundations, businesses and friends of the Texas Annual Conference may desire to make contributions to the Emerging Leaders' Endowment to facilitate its purpose.

A-3. Purpose. The Emerging Leaders' Endowment is intended to qualify as a charitable "supporting organization" described in section 509(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that is operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of the Texas Annual Conference. Specifically, the trust estate of this trust shall be used in a manner to be determined by the trustees, in support of the following:

1. **Senior High Youth** – The Conference currently provides the opportunity for senior high school youth to participate in the Texas Annual Conference Youth Academy ("TYA"), a two-week Christian Formation academy for students entering their junior or senior year in high school. The academy seeks to foster theological development and vocational discernment in a community of fellow students, mentors (clergy and youth directors), artists-in-residence and seminary faculty;
2. **College Students** – The Conference currently provides college students with the opportunity to participate in the Texas Annual Conference College Pastoral Internship Project ("CPIP"). The CPIP is a program designed for college students 19 to 24 years of age who are interested in exploring ordained ministry as a career to spend a summer serving as a pastoral intern in a congregation of the Texas Annual Conference. Participants serve in a wide variety of ministry areas in their assigned congregation throughout the ten-week internship. The interns are supervised by the senior pastor of their congregation, while also being advised and supported by a committee of laypersons specifically chosen for this purpose;
3. **Young Commissioned Clergy** – The Conference currently offers to young commissioned clergy the opportunity to participate in the Texas Annual Conference Ambassadors Grant Program ("AGP"). The AGP reimburses the cost of seminary tuition, fees and books incurred by selected young clergy entering the Texas Annual Conference through commissioning, ordination or

transfer. Clergy are eligible to apply for a grant if they are commissioned before their 34th birthday. Eligibility only extends from commissioning until ordination; those who have been ordained are not eligible to receive a grant;

4. **Gifted Young Ordained Clergy** – The Conference currently supports gifted young ordained clergy through the Advancing Pastoral Leadership (“APL”) program. APL offers ordained clergy who show promise for strategic conference leadership, with no less than 30 potential years of remaining service to the church, the opportunity to learn from a variety of leading pastors and community leaders while developing their capacity for fruitful leadership. Over the 14 week-long leadership training sessions, this five-year program offers focused development and formation in the areas of leadership, organizational change, preaching, engaging the public square, and stewardship; and
5. **Related Youth and Young-Adult Ministries** – Related projects, programs, and ministries of the Emerging Leaders’ Initiative and their successors, and undesignated funds.

Consistent with the foregoing, and notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, this trust is to be operated exclusively for charitable purposes, and as such, shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by a trust exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or (ii) by a trust to which contributions are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code. Furthermore, if the Texas Annual Conference ever ceases to be an organization described in sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, the alternate termination provision of Paragraph A-6 shall apply.

A-4. Use of Trust Estate.

- (a) In General. The trustees may expend, transfer or otherwise apply the trust estate of the Emerging Leaders’ Endowment (including the income there from) in such manner as the trustees, in their discretion, deem advisable to cover program and participant costs related to the Emerging Leaders Initiative.
- (b) Distribution Terms. The trustees shall distribute trust funds to the beneficiaries no less than annually, with the date and manner of such distributions to be determined by the trustees. The total amount to be distributed to the beneficiaries per year shall be calculated as follows:
 - (1) Every year the value of the fund will be appraised based on the fund’s value on January 1st of that year. For the first two years of the fund’s existence, 5% of the appraised value of unrestricted funds will be designated for distributions. Beginning the third year of the fund’s existence, the value of unrestricted funds designated for distribution shall be determined by multiplying the distribution rate by the average of the three most recent annual appraisals.
 - (2) The initial distribution rate is 5%. The Board reserves the right to change the distribution rate based on current market conditions.
- (c) Restricted Contributions. Notwithstanding Paragraph A-4(a), the trustees shall comply with a restriction imposed by a contributor limiting expenditures hereunder to the "income" generated by the contributed property. (For these purposes, all contributions shall be considered to be restricted contributions, unless the contributor expressly provides otherwise.) Unless the trustees expressly agree otherwise in writing at the time of a restricted contribution, the provisions of the The Uniform Prudent Investor Act of Texas shall govern the determination of the expendable income generated by such restricted contribution and the contributed property need not be segregated in a separate account. If the trustees ever decide to terminate the Emerging Leaders’ Endowment by expending or transferring the entire trust estate in accordance with Paragraph A-4(a), any portion of the trust estate that cannot be expended

because of applicable contribution restrictions shall be transferred to the Texas Annual Conference, as an endowment fund, the future income of which shall be used by the Texas Annual Conference to carry out one or more of its charitable purposes.

A-5. Trust is Perpetual. Unless the trust estate of the Emerging Leaders' Endowment is completely exhausted by expenditures or transfers authorized under Paragraph A-4, or the alternate termination provision of Paragraph A-6 takes effect, this trust is perpetual and shall continue forever.

A-6. Alternate Termination Provision. In the highly unlikely event the Texas Annual Conference ever ceases to be an organization described in sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, the Emerging Leaders' Endowment shall terminate, and the entire trust estate shall be distributed to such one or more other charitable organizations described in section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and also in section 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code as the trustees select; provided that any such organization shall be connected or affiliated with the United Methodist Church. The preceding sentence shall not apply if the Texas Annual Conference is lawfully merged or consolidated with another unincorporated religious association (such as another annual conference of the United Methodist Church), because that successor association shall thereafter replace the Texas Annual Conference for all purposes of this trust agreement.

A-7. Power of Amendment.

- (a) IRS Compliance. The trustees shall have the power, by written instrument filed with the trust records, to amend this trust agreement if such an amendment is necessary in order to insure that the Emerging Leaders' Endowment qualifies as a charitable "supporting organization" described in section 509(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (b) General Conference. Following each General Conference, the trustees shall amend this trust agreement if necessary to conform to any changes in the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church.
- (c) Other Amendments. Subject to the restrictions on charitable trusts as set forth in Paragraph A-3, the trustees may amend this trust agreement at any time in order to further the purpose of the Emerging Leaders' Endowment. However, the trustees may not amend or supplement any provision of this trust agreement which governs the rights, duties, liabilities, or general powers of a trustee or trustees.

B. OFFICE OF TRUSTEE

B-1. Initial Trustees. The initial trustees of the Emerging Leaders' Endowment shall be each of the persons appointed by presiding Bishop of the Texas Annual Conference, with such trustee appointments to be confirmed by the Conference. The initial trustees are those persons whose names are listed on Attachment B hereto, entitled "Initial Trustees of the Emerging Leaders' Endowment." Attachment B is incorporated by reference as a part of this trust agreement. As provided in Paragraph C-1, these trustees constitute the initial Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Emerging Leaders' Endowment.

B-2. Number. The number of trustees shall be nine (9), except during such times as when a trustee has been removed or resigned, and a new trustee has not yet been appointed. The presiding Bishop of the Conference, or the presiding Bishop's designee, shall be an ex-officio non-voting member of the Board.

B-3. Annual and Regular Meetings. The Board shall meet annually at a time and date to be deter-

mined by the Board. The annual meeting may be held on a different date at the direction of the Board or the Chairperson of the Board (Chairperson). At the annual meeting of the Board, the Board may establish by resolution the regular meetings of the Board for the following year. Unless established by resolution at the annual meeting, notice of a regular meeting of the Board shall be given at least fifteen calendar days prior to the date of the meeting.

- B-4. Removal of Trustee. A trustee's election is valid for all purposes unless and until he or she is removed as provided herein. Grounds for removal shall be: (a) repetitive, unexcused absences from Board and committee meetings; and (b) an immoral or illegal act; as follows:
- (1) The Trusteeship Committee shall have the authority to recommend to the Board that a trustee be removed for repetitive, unexcused absences from Board meetings. The Trusteeship Committee shall give written notice of its recommendation to the affected trustee and shall hold a hearing regarding any such recommendation. The affected trustee shall be given two weeks notice of the hearing and an opportunity to appear and present witnesses and evidence at the hearing. The findings of the Trusteeship Committee shall be presented in writing to the Board. Upon a vote of two-thirds of the voting members of the Board, the trustee shall be removed from office.
 - (2) Upon a vote of two-thirds of the voting members of the Board setting forth an immoral or illegal act by a Board member, the Trusteeship Committee shall be charged with investigating the allegations. The Trusteeship Committee will hold a hearing regarding such allegations. The trustee accused of wrongdoing shall be given two weeks notice of the hearing and the opportunity to appear and to present witnesses and evidence at the hearing. The findings of the Trusteeship Committee shall be presented in writing to the Board. Upon a vote of two-thirds of the voting members of the Board, the trustee shall be removed from office.
- B-5. Successor Trustees. Successor trustees of the Emerging Leaders' Endowment shall be elected, after consultation with the then-presiding Bishop of the Conference, by majority vote of the trustees, subject to confirmation by the Conference.
- B-6. Resignation of Trustee. A trustee may resign without the necessity of any court proceeding by giving at least 30 days' written notice (if not waived) to each of the other persons then serving as trustee of the Emerging Leaders' Endowment.
- B-7. Vacancies. Vacancies may be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term of any trustee by the then-presiding Bishop of the Conference, subject to confirmation by the Conference. If the number of trustees is reduced through removal, death, disability, or resignation below the number required for a quorum, vacancies may be filled by a majority of the remaining trustees then serving. A full term for which a trustee shall be elected is three years; provided however, of the initial trustees one-third shall have a one-year term, one-third shall have a two-year term, and one-third shall have a three-year term. One-third of the total membership of the Board shall normally be elected each year.
- B-8. Clergy Members. One-third of the trustees and their successors in office shall be elected clergy members of the Conference, subject to confirmation by the Conference. If the membership on the Board is, for any reason, composed of more or less than one-third clergy, that fact shall not affect the regularity or validity of (a) the Board or any committee thereof, or (b) any action taken by the Board or any of its committees or under its or their authority.
- B-9. Term Limitations. No trustee shall serve more than nine consecutive years as a trustee, without

a break in service of one or more years.

B-10. Rights and Liabilities.

- (a) Bond Not Required. No bond or other security shall be required of any trustee.
- (b) Liabilities. This agreement shall always be construed in favor of the validity of any act by or omission of any trustee. A trustee shall not be liable for any act or omission except in the case of gross negligence, bad faith or fraud. Specifically, in assessing the propriety of any investment of the trust estate, the overall performance of the entire trust estate shall be taken into account.
- (c) Compensation. No trustee shall be entitled to receive compensation for serving in that capacity.

C. ADMINISTRATION

- C-1. Board of Trustees. The persons serving as trustees of the Emerging Leaders' Endowment at any given time shall constitute a "Board of Trustees" which shall be responsible for the administration of the trust. Meetings of the Trustees require no less than 14 days advance notice. A 2/3 majority of the members of the Board of Trustees may also adopt (or amend) written bylaws governing the administration of the Emerging Leaders' Endowment. These bylaws may delegate any of the powers possessed by the Board of Trustees to certain of its members or to other designated persons, but may not conflict with the provisions of this trust agreement.
- C-2. Investment of Trust Assets. The trustees shall invest the trust estate of the Emerging Leaders' Endowment through one or more investment accounts managed by (i) the Heartspring Foundation, (ii) the Texas Methodist Foundation, (iii) The General Board of Pensions or (iv) such other investment manager(s) as selected by the trustees and approved by the Texas Annual Conference.
- C-3. General Powers of Trustees. To carry out the trust purposes, but subject to any limitations stated elsewhere herein, the trustees shall have the following powers, which may be exercised free from court supervision, and which shall exist until all of the trust estate has been distributed:
 - (a) Trust Estate. The trustees may invest and reinvest all or any part of the trust estate in property of any description and may retain as a part of the trust estate any property acquired at any time and in any manner. Specifically, and without regard to the provisions of any applicable state law, the trustees may retain, or invest and reinvest in, property unproductive of income, shares of open or closed end investment trusts or companies, wasting assets, and any other property, regardless of location and without regard to any requirement of diversification as to kind or amount. Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph C-3(a), the trustees shall invest the trust estate in accordance with the Investment Policy Statement of the Emerging Leaders' Endowment, a copy of which is attached to this trust document as Attachment C and incorporated by reference.
 - (b) Business Interests. The trustees may continue operation of any business entity, in any business form, with all or any part of the trust estate, and may reorganize or liquidate any such entity at any time.
 - (c) Transfers, Loans. The trustees may lease, sell, transfer, or encumber in any manner (including with purchase money mortgages) all or any part of the trust estate, and may loan or borrow money in any manner (including by joint and several obligations) with or without security.
 - (d) Agents, Employees. The trustees may employ and compensate agents and other employees and may delegate to them any and all discretions and powers.

- (e) Claims, Controversies. The trustees may maintain and defend any claim or controversy by or against the trust without the joinder or consent of any beneficiary.
 - (f) Additional Powers. In addition, the trustees shall have all rights, privileges and powers now or hereafter granted to trustees in Texas, including those granted under the Texas Trust Code. Any subsequent legislation or regulation expanding or limiting the rights, privileges and powers granted a trustee shall apply to the trust hereunder unless the trustees elect not to have such legislation or regulation apply by a written instrument filed with the trust records. All trust powers may be exercised upon such terms as the trustees deem advisable.
- C-4. Release and Delegations of Powers. Any power granted to the trustees may be released, in whole or in part, temporarily or permanently. Any such power may be delegated by a trustee, in whole or in part, temporarily or permanently, to any other trustee then acting. A release or delegation shall be by written instrument filed with the trust records.
- C-5. Certain Prohibitions. Notwithstanding any other provision of this trust agreement, the trustees shall not:
- (a) Permit any part of the Emerging Leaders' Endowment's net earnings to inure to the benefit of any private individual, except that the trust estate may be used to pay reasonable compensation for personal services rendered to or for the Emerging Leaders' Endowment affecting one or more of its purposes;
 - (b) Devote more than an insubstantial part of the Emerging Leaders' Endowment's activities to attempting to influence legislation by propaganda or otherwise;
 - (c) Participate in, intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office; or
 - (d) Attempt to influence the outcome of any specific election or carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drives.

D. DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

- D-1. Trust Estate. "Trust estate" means all assets, however and whenever acquired (including income and accumulated income), which may belong to the trust at any given time.
- D-2. Internal Revenue Code. "Internal Revenue Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- D-3. Other Terms. The use of any gender includes the other genders, and the use of either the singular or the plural includes the other.
- D-4. Spendthrift Provision. No beneficiary shall have the power to anticipate, encumber, or transfer his interest in the trust estate in any manner. No part of any trust estate shall be liable for or charged with any debts, contracts, liabilities or torts of a beneficiary or subject to seizure or other process by any creditor of a beneficiary.
- D-5. Texas Law Applies. The situs of the trust established under this trust agreement is Texas. Wherever possible, the laws of Texas shall apply to the construction, administration and validity of the trust.

E. ACCEPTANCE BY TRUSTEE

By signing this trust agreement, each undersigned trustee (i) accepts this trust and all of the rights, powers and duties attached to the office of trustee as provided herein, (ii) agrees to serve as trustee of the Emerging Leaders' Endowment , (iii) acknowledges receipt of the property described in Attachment A, and (iv) agrees to hold and administer the trust estate in accordance with the terms of this trust agreement.

This trust agreement is executed effective as of the _____ day of _____, 2011.

Trustee

Trustee

Trustee

Trustee

Trustee

Trustee

ATTACHMENT A: INITIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
EMERGING LEADERS' ENDOWMENT

Cash or other assets in the amount of \$[], plus investment earnings / losses from [DATE].
The initial gift was deposited with the Heartspring Foundation under their trust document until this
trust document could be drafted and approved.

Initial Deposit Summary:

ATTACHMENT B: INITIAL TRUSTEES OF THE
EMERGING LEADERS' ENDOWMENT

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**Task Force Considering the Implications of Judicial Council Decision Number 1150
Resolution Number 1**

BACKGROUND

The 2010 Texas Annual Conference passed several resolutions introduced by the first Task Force Considering Implications of Judicial Council Decision Number 1150. Some of these resolutions sought changes in the Rules of the Annual Conference. Unfortunately, some of these changes were not included in the 2010 Journal.

WHEREAS, the 2010 Texas Annual Conference adopted changes in the Rules of the Annual Conference which were not published in the 2010 Journal, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2011 Journal incorporate the following corrections:

1. Elimination of Paragraph I. A. 1 of Section 3: Model for Ministry in the Texas Annual Conference and renumber the subsequent paragraphs.
2. Move Item I. A. B. 1. e. of Section 3. Model for Ministry in the Texas Annual Conference under “Voting Members” to become new Item I. B. 2. f.
3. Change Item I. B. 2. of Section 3. Model for Ministry in the Texas Annual Conference from “Ex-Officio Membership” to “Ex-Officio Membership (non-voting)”

RATIONALE: Corrections based upon action by the 2010 Annual Conference—no new action.

**Task Force Considering the Implications of Judicial Council Decision Number 1150
Resolution 2**

BACKGROUND: With the adoption of the Model for Ministry the duties of the Rules and Structure Committee of the Annual Conference were assigned to the Core Leadership Team. The Judicial Council Decision No. 1150, as have other Judicial Council decisions, states that the Annual Conference cannot delegate its decision-making authority to a committee, council, or team. The Task Force authorized by the 2009 Annual Conference recommended rule changes which were adopted by the 2010 Annual Conference. This Task Force, authorized by the 2010 Annual Conference, is recommending further rule changes. Both task forces reviewed the structure and operations of the Model for Ministry in developing their recommendations. For the future, there is no task force responsible for further review.

This Task Force conducted the five listening sessions and held several face-to-face meetings of its members. Yet, the challenge of perfecting language describing the duties and membership of a new committee must remain beyond the scope of this Task Force’s work.

WHEREAS, the future demands upon the Model for Ministry may require changes in operation and structure, and

WHEREAS, the Core Leadership Team is continually engaged in other assigned duties, including the implementation of Annual Conference decisions, and

WHEREAS, the Task Force recommends the establishment of a new committee to recommend, when appropriate, changes in structure and rules to the Annual Conference, and

WHEREAS, the specific duties to be assigned to this new committee and the size of its membership have not yet been developed,

RESOLVED, that the Quadrennial Assessment Committee be assigned the responsibility of bringing a recommendation to the 2012 Annual Conference that defines the purpose, scope, and size of membership of a new committee as it deems appropriate.

**Task Force Considering the Implications of Judicial Council Decision Number 1150
Resolution 3**

BACKGROUND: The 2010 Texas Annual Conference established a second Task Force Charged to Respond to Judicial Council Decision Number 1150 to further investigate the implications of this decision and report back to the 2011 Texas Annual Conference. This second Task Force recommends the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Task Force held five listening sessions within the boundaries of the annual conference, held several face-to-face meetings, communicated many times through e-mails and telephone calls, and completed its preliminary report that was published in the pre-conference journal, the Task Force recommends the following:

RESOLVED, the Texas Annual Conference adopts the following changes in the Rules:

1. In Item I. B. 2. f. of Section 3: Model for Ministry in the Texas Annual Conference change the word “chair” to “preside over.”

RATIONALE: To make the language consistent with ¶ 403 1.f. in the *Book of Discipline*.

2. On Page A-9, Core Leadership Team, move the fifth bullet point under “Voting Members” to become the sixth bullet point under “Ex-Officio Members without vote”, changing the word “chair” to “preside over.”

RATIONALE: To be consistent with Section 3, Model for Ministry in the Texas Annual Conference.

3. Delete Page A-10 and Page A-12.

RATIONALE: Resolution adopted in 2010 and its required task completed.

4. Replace Page A-11 with the attached revision:

RATIONALE: To be consistent with Section 3, Model for Ministry in the Texas Annual Conference. To add the word “approved” in new item 2 to be consistent with the emphasized role of CF&A.

Purpose of the Core Leadership Team

The purpose of the Core Leadership Team is to implement decisions of the Annual Conference in accordance with the mission, vision and core beliefs of the Texas Annual Conference. It will:

1. Consult with the Bishop, Cabinet, Trustees and CF&A in implementing the decisions of the Annual Conference.
2. Identify emerging missional needs and deploy approved resources to meet them.
3. Recommend to the Conference Nominations Committee leadership changes for Conference agencies when needed.

4. Work with the Bishop to define and recommend Conference staff positions.
5. Develop criteria and skills needed for Conference staff positions as a resource for the Bishop.
6. Develop criteria for those nominated to the pool of nominees for the Conference Nominating Committee.
7. Recommend changes to the Model for Ministry and Rules for consideration by the Annual Conference.
8. Have authority from the Annual Conference to hold Conference bodies accountable for action.
9. Review the work of the Annual Conference in light of our core beliefs.
10. Develop Conference-wide measures of fruitfulness.
11. Develop criteria for congregational and clergy excellence as a resource for the Bishop.
12. Hold accountable each Conference agency for effective, efficient, and fruitful programming while empowering Districts and local congregations for mission and ministry which reflects our core beliefs.
13. After consultation with the Conference Centers for ministry, the Core Leadership Team shall submit its annual budget request to the CF&A.
14. Give definition to our connectional system of corporate life, witness, and service.
15. Create a culture of accountability within the Conference by conducting an ongoing process of strategic planning, goal setting, and annual reporting to the Annual Conference.

RESOLUTION TO 2011 TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
RE: JUST REPRESENTATION – PETITIONS TO 2012 GENERAL CONFERENCE

Whereas, The Book of Discipline, ¶¶15 and 502.3.d, provides that each annual, missionary and provisional conference is entitled to two general conference delegates. In ¶543.8 the central conferences are given power to “fix the boundaries of ...provisional annual conferences... within it bounds...” with no parameters or restrictions. Consequently many small provisional conferences have been formed in Europe and the Philippines for valid missional purposes. Some have as few as 400 members but each is entitled to two General Conference delegates.

Whereas, the practice of forming small provisional conferences has resulted in Europe with 70,786 total members having 42 delegates to the 2012 General Conference, which constitutes an average of 1,685 members per delegate, compared to 14,361 members per delegate for the Texas Annual Conference. The Philippines with 147,354 members will have 48 delegates to 2012 General Conference. These two areas represent 1.7% of the church membership but will have 9.2% of the 2012 General Conference delegates. The current formula for allocating delegates would produce 22 delegates but with at least two per provisional conference these central conferences now have 90 delegates.

Whereas, this matter is an injustice that needs to be corrected: The *Book of Discipline* sets a maximum of 1,000 delegates to General Conference; therefore whenever one conference is over-represented another conference must be under-represented. Our present practices have resulted in producing large scale injustice to many conferences in the jurisdictions and Africa.

Therefore, be it resolved that the 2011 session of the Texas Annual Conference hereby authorize the Secretary of our conference to petition the 2012 General Conference of The United Methodist Church as follows:

PETITION 1 - JURISDICTIONAL AND CENTRAL CONFERENCE REPRESENTATION

Re: Paragraph 15. Article III - PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

The General Conference shall fix the ratio of representation in the General, jurisdictional, and central conferences from the **episcopal areas or** annual conferences, missionary conferences, and the provisional annual conferences, computed on a two-factor basis: (1) the number of clergy members of the **entity to be represented** ~~annual conference and the missionary conference~~, and (2) the number of professing members in the **entity to be represented** ~~annual conference and the missionary conference~~, provided that each annual conference, missionary conference, or provisional annual conference shall be entitled to at least one clergy and one lay delegate ~~in the General Conference and also~~ in the jurisdictional or central conference. **The General Conference shall prescribe a process for determining how the delegates allocated to any area are to be distributed among the conferences of the area when an area is made up of more than one conference.**

Rationale: This legislation is needed to allow changes in ¶502.3.d for the protection of a just allocation of General Conference delegates. The actual legislative provisions for calculating General Conference delegates should be a disciplinary rather than a constitutional matter. The amended constitutional provision would then properly become a protection for the number of delegates to jurisdictional and central conferences.

PETITION 2 – JUST REPRESENTATION

Paragraph 502.3.d – DISCIPLINARY PETITION

Every ~~annual conference~~ **episcopal area and missionary conference** shall be entitled to at least one clergy and one lay delegate. **An episcopal area is composed of the annual, missionary, and provisional annual conferences over which a single bishop presides. When the number of delegates allocated by the Secretary of the General Conference to any episcopal area is affected by this or other provisions, the delegates are to be allocated among the affected conferences of an episcopal area by a committee of representatives of each affected conference of the area, in consultation with the presiding bishop. Delegates so allocated shall be elected by the conference in which they are members in accordance with disciplinary provisions.**

Rationale: The bilateral missional decisions of central conferences to form provisional conferences has resulted in 1.7% of our membership having 9.2% of GC delegates (90 delegates rather than 22 under our present formula). Since the total number of delegates is limited to 1,000, every overrepresentation must cause an equal underrepresentation and injustice for larger conferences. The minimum guarantee of two General Conference delegates should be reserved for only those conferences that are formed by the General Conference.

(Please note: This provision will be effective if and only if the petition amending ¶15 of the Constitution is approved by General Conference and the members of the annual conferences and certified by the Council of Bishops.)

For Legislative Committee information:

Attached are complete details of the membership and 2012 delegation numbers for all conferences. This RESOLUTION is respectfully submitted by the following members of the 2011 Texas Conference:

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**Resolution to the 2011 Session of the Texas Annual Conference
From the Lon Morris College Executive Committee – Board of Trustees**

Whereas the Texas Annual Conference and Lon Morris College have shared a historic association and has always been led by United Methodist Presidents and by significant United Methodist representation on its board

Whereas the Texas Annual Conference and Lon Morris College have collaborated in the annual hosting of Local Pastor Licensing School and have partnered in programs that have trained and supported people of all ages pursuing ministry as a vocation

Whereas Lon Morris College has recently achieved its highest student enrollment in history

Whereas Lon Morris College has recently grown its Church Careers Program to historic highs in enrollment

Whereas Lon Morris College has as its mission that “Embracing the teachings of Christ as its foundation, Lon Morris College nurtures academic, social and spiritual growth through an engaging liberal arts curriculum and vibrant campus life.”

Whereas Lon Morris College has recently encountered monumental financial challenges deeper than ever before

Whereas Lon Morris College has invited and the Texas Annual Conference has generously supported, two external financial and management audits of its current financial and systems management situation

Whereas Lon Morris College and the Texas Annual Conference are faced with critical questions as to its responsibility and liability to and with one another

Therefore, be it resolved that The Texas Annual Conference authorize the forming of a Task Group to examine and clarify the responsibility and liability to and with one another

Be it resolved that the Task Group be comprised of seven members. Two members of the Conference Council on Finance and Administration (CFA), two members of the Lon Morris College Executive Committee, one member of the Conference Board of Trustees, one at large member to be named by the Bishop and one at large member to be named by the LMC President.

Be it further resolved that this Task Group will finish its work and report its conclusions within 60 days (a period beginning June 1, 2011) to the Texas Conference Council on Finance and Administration (CFA), the Lon Morris College Board of Trustees, and the Texas Conference Board of Trustees.

Respectfully Submitted, Lon Morris College Executive Committee – Board of Trustees