

# Charge Conference Minutes

## January 26, 2010

**In Attendance:** Pastor Dennis Winkleblack, Susan Powers, Heidi Flower, Janice Moore, Tim Krauss, Jill Wilson, Chris Wilson, John Hickman, Marion Hickman, Ronald Baker, Tammy Kelly, David Kelly, Louise Schaffrick, Bill Katt, Melissa Brown, Ray Barker, Linda Ice, Jeannette Baker, Susie Parker, Terry Parker, Kathy Dube, Joyce Rioux, John Rioux, Jeff Paulette, Don Titus, Pastor Laura Galbraith, Barbara Fasci, Shirley Paulette, Don Workman, Jane Workman

**Recording Secretary:** Jill Wilson

Meeting called to order by Rev. Laura Galbraith. Polls were opened for the Trustee vote. Rev. Galbraith offered a prayer following a short description of worship opportunities that she experienced on her recent trip to Thailand, Cambodia, and Korea.

### **Congregation Celebrations:**

- Increased awareness within our congregation to notice and greet people visiting our church
- Understanding our church's minimum factor of passionate spirituality – added adult educational opportunities with Sunday morning bible class, Thursday evening “Beginnings” course, Sunday afternoon class and Lenten studies
- Pastor Winkleblack's presence and leadership
- Formation of a ReThink Church committee, and participation in homelessness, and hunger awareness events.
- Continued dedication to the Covenant to Care Program
- Looking into possibly hiring someone to be outside with the young people in our parking lot, getting to know them and connecting with them somehow.
- We have one new Lay Speaker in our congregation – Sue Powers
- Participation in District training and Conference activities
- Overcoming a budget shortfall last year and living within a balanced budget.
- Music program
- Celebrated 175 years that our congregation has been in Bristol

### **Connection's Celebrations:**

- Meeting of 5,000 – Bishop Park wants to fill the arena at Annual Conference on 6/12/10 with all new members, their sponsors, and families for a grand celebration.
  - Asbury UMC is looking into hiring a bus to go to this event and will let us know how we can coordinate
- VIM trips – 3 teams went to Ghana this past year.
- The Conference has spent 5 years in Biloxi, MS and is completing our wrapping up our participation
- District Conference to be held May 2, 2010

### **Book of Reports**

- Unanimous vote to remove all names on page 8 of the Membership Report for whom we have no address and all those who have not responded to letters of inquiry for two last years, except the Bennett family (Garry, Scott, and Katherine).
- Trustee Vote: Elected were Chris Wilson, Bud Funk, and Ron Baker.
- 27 votes cast
  - Chris Wilson 27

- Bud Funk 25
- Ron Baker 24
- Sue Powers 2
- Dave Corey 1
- John Hickman 1
- Mike Fasci 1

### **Nominating and Leadership Development:**

- Unanimous vote to accept the Nominations report with the following edits:
  - Scholarship – remove Barbara Blais; Add Karla Heister
  - Finance – Add Jane Pallokat to the year 2010
  - Safe Sanctuary – Add Earl Pelletier Chair, add Bill Thibodeau, remove Gerry Lee
  - Membership Records – Remove Jane Pallokat and add Financial Secretary
  - Nominations – Add Ray Barker

### **Budget/Pastor's Compensation**

- We have a shared arrangement with the Conference for Rev. Winkleblack.
- Pension is tied to the salary
- Conference dictates the Health Insurance Costs
- Unanimous vote to approve the Pastor's Compensation package
- Unanimous vote to accept the rest of the budget following these clarifications:
  - Pulpit supply = preaching coverage, \$100/Sunday
  - Associate Music Director is to substitute for Music Director's absences
  - Copier lease is in the 3d of a 5 year lease
  - Advertising in newspapers has been discontinued.

### **Receivings**

- Voted to affirm the 3 Certified Lay Speakers: Jan Moore, Tim Krauss, and Terry Parker; and 3 local lay speakers: Joyce Rioux, Sue Powers, and Bill Katt.
- No Bequests
- Reports from other Clergy – None requested
  - Rev. Winkleblack noted Rev. Bill Barnes' invaluable support
  - Also noted are those who call Prospect their home: Rev. Alan Krauss and Rev. George Harris

### **Fiduciary Questions**

- See page 40 of Book of Reports for information regarding Insurance Carrier and Liability coverage.
- Last audit was completed in 2009 for the year 2007.
- Last Parsonage Inspection was 12/2008 and will be done Spring 2010

### **Other Business**

- Continued desire for financial transparency – all group treasurers have been asked for information that will be entered into the Power Church Program database. This information will be combined in a balance sheet of program funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm

Respectfully,  
 Jill Wilson  
 Recording Secretary