

# Bishop's Report To The Judicial Council Of The United Methodist Church

1. This is the form which the Judicial Council is required to provide for the reporting of decisions of law made by bishops in response to questions of law submitted to them in writing during the regular business of a conference session. The reporting of such decisions is mandatory, whether or not they are appealed. (See ¶¶ 56, and 2609 of 2008 *The Book of Discipline*, and Judicial Council Decision 153, ¶ 3 under "jurisdiction.")

2. This form may also be used to report decisions on questions of law when such decisions are appealed by one-fifth of the members of the conference. (See ¶¶ 56 and 2609 of 2008 *The Book of Discipline*, and Judicial Council Decision 153, ¶ 2 under "jurisdiction.")

Please check whether this report is under 1 ☒ or 2 ☐

Report of an episcopal decision made by Bishop Hope Morgan Ward

during the session of the North Carolina Annual Conference, meeting at

Greenville, NC on June 14, 2013.

Subject: The Reverend Chris Humphreys, associate member and pastor of Center UMC in Sanford, NC, requested a ruling on whether or not line item 54 of the Conference budget (North Carolina Council of Churches) constituted promoting the acceptance of homosexuality in violation of ¶613.19 of the 2012 Book of Discipline.

Please attach the following relevant documents and information:

If under No. 1 - The text of the written request for decision; the decision, and, optionally, the reasoning behind it; notation of appeal, if taken; pertinent background information, etc.

If under No. 2 - The parliamentary situation; the decision, and, optionally, the reasoning behind it; transcript of the appeal taken; pertinent background information, etc.

Signed Hope Morgan Ward  
Bishop of The United Methodist Church

Date mailed to the Secretary of the Judicial Council June 25, 2013

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Secretary of the Judicial Council (13 Copies) Bishop (1 Copy)

**Bishop Ward's Ruling of Law Concerning line item 54 in the North Carolina Conference Budget, ¶613.20 of the 2012 Book of Discipline and "promoting the practice of homosexuality"...**

Paragraph 613 of the 2012 Book of Discipline prescribes the duties of the Annual Conference Council on Finance and Administration. Among those duties are the following:

To ensure that no annual conference board, agency, committee, commission, or council shall give United Methodist funds to any gay caucus or group, or otherwise use such funds to promote the acceptance of homosexuality or violate the expressed commitment of The UMC "not to reject or condemn lesbian and gay members and friends" (¶161F). The council shall have the right to stop such expenditures. This restriction shall not limit the Church's ministry in response to the HIV epidemic, nor shall it preclude funding for dialogs or educational events where the Church's official position is fairly and equally represented.

*2012 Discipline*, ¶613.19.

A brief review of past Judicial Council actions construing the requirements of this paragraph may be helpful. In 2007, the Judicial Council in Memorandum 1081 (attached as Exhibit 5) addressed whether the Council on Finance and Administration (CF&A) of the Western North Carolina Conference, by making unrestricted grants to the North Carolina Council of Churches in the conference's 2007 budget, had violated the provisions of Paragraph 612.19 of the 2004 Book of Discipline prohibiting the use of United Methodist funds to promote the acceptance of homosexuality. The bishop in that case had ruled on a written request for a ruling of law by affirming that no violation of that paragraph by either the Conference or the CF&A had occurred. In reviewing the bishop's decision of law, the Judicial Council found that the record in that case did not reflect that the CF&A had evaluated the work of the N.C. Council of Churches and made a determination as to whether the N.C. Council was being used to promote the acceptance of homosexuality. For this reason, the Judicial Council remanded the case to that conference's CF&A to make the determination required by Paragraph 612.19 of the 2004 Discipline and to report its findings to the Judicial Council.

After subsequently reviewing the funding requests and work and activities of the N.C. Council of Churches, the CF&A of the Western N.C. Conference reported to the Judicial Council that the allocation of funds did not violate Paragraph 612.19. In Judicial Council Decision 1091, the Judicial Council determined that the CF&A had acted appropriately under the provisions of ¶612 of the 2004 Book of Discipline. Judicial Council Decision 1091 (attached as Exhibit 6).

In the instant case, this issue was discussed at a meeting of the North Carolina Conference CF&A (relevant portion of minutes is attached as Exhibit 4) on March 27, 2012. At the invitation of the CF&A, the Reverend George Reed, Executive Director of the North Carolina Council of Churches, and Wilson Hayman, the Conference Chancellor, came to discuss whether CF&A's financial support of the N.C. Council of Churches violated the provisions of Paragraph 613.20 of the 2008 Book of Discipline. As indicated in the attached minutes of that meeting, Reverend Reed reviewed for CF&A the Council of Churches' history on the issue of homosexuality and its position opposing discrimination and harassment based on sexual orientation, but not endorsing or promoting homosexuality. After some discussion, the CF&A decided that the funding did not violate Paragraph 613.20. The following motion was passed: "We [the Council on Finance and Administration of the North Carolina Conference] have reviewed the activities of the North Carolina Council of Churches, including without limitation its opposition to the proposed Amendment One, and we have concluded that they do not violate paragraph 613.20 of The 2008 Book of Discipline."

Therefore, my decision is that the North Carolina Conference Council on Finance and Administration, as is their responsibility, has reviewed their financial support of the North Carolina Conference Council of Churches and concluded that such support did not “promote the acceptance of homosexuality” and was therefore not in violation of Paragraph 613.19 of the 2012 Book of Discipline.

Signed: Hope Morgan  
Bishop of The United Methodist Church

Date: June 24, 2013

# Exhibit 1 – The request for a ruling

## Request for Decision of Law

Under the Annual Conference Section:

¶613.20. To ensure that no annual conference board, agency, committee, commission, or council shall give United Methodist funds to any gay caucus or group, or otherwise use such funds to promote the acceptance of homosexuality or violate the expressed commitment of the UMC "not to reject or condemn lesbian and gay members and friends"(¶161.F). The council shall have the right to stop such expenditures. This restriction shall not limit the Church's ministry in response to the HIV epidemic, nor shall it preclude funding for dialogs or educational events where the Church's official position is fairly and equally represented.

Line item 54 in our budget outlines an amount to be sent to the North Carolina Council of Churches. Does this line item violate ¶613.20?

I have looked at the activities of the North Carolina Council of Churches and have found that their treatment on this issue is decidedly one-sided and appears to "promote the acceptance of homosexuality by:

- 1) Electing a self avowed practicing homosexual as president-elect of its body in 2011.
- 2) Advocating for the legalization of homosexual marriage.
- 3) Admitting into its membership denominations that ordain self avowed homosexuals and conduct same sex marriages or unions.
- 4) Providing worship resources that encourage acceptance of homosexuality.

Upon extensive research into the North Carolina Council of Churches position, I could find nothing that provides the position that the practice of homosexuality is a sin or a call to repentance. Quite the opposite- all the literature, position papers, etc sound the call that the practice of homosexuality is to be accepted as a normal lifestyle.

Regardless of one's position on the issue of homosexuality and how it relates to the church I am confident that any reasonable person would admit that the practices outlined above to "promote the acceptance of homosexuality" the only issue is whether one is supportive of advancing the acceptance of homosexuality or not.

Thank you and God bless,  
The Reverend Chris D. Humphreys  
Center United Methodist Church  
4141 S Plank Road  
Sanford, NC

# Exhibit 2 – Minutes of Annual Conference

## MORNING SESSION, FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2013

Breakout sessions were held prior to the business session. Candace Lewis led “Strengthening the Black Church.” Tom Berlin led “Leading toward Faithfulness.” Lovett Weems led “Key challenges facing United Methodist Churches.” Christine Dodson led “Your Gift\$ bear much fruit.” Douglas Ward and Derek Leek led “Connecting through Social Media.” Christine Harmon and others led “Spiritual Practices for Growing Disciples.” Ed Moore led “Pastor and Parish.” and “Listening to our Timothys.”

The business session was preceded at 10:41 a.m. by a video presentation from the Committee on Evangelism describing Clarity, October 24 - 26, an initiative of that committee. Conference Secretary, Jerry Bryan, made announcements and Gary Locklear, Conference Lay Leader, made an announcement regarding the picnic and the Laity celebration Friday evening.

The morning plenary session began at 10:47 a.m. Randy Innes, Heritage District Superintendent, led the annual conference in singing, “Holy, Holy, Holy” and “Thou Art Worthy, O Lord.” Randy Innes led the annual conference in prayer. Bishop Ward thanked the annual conference for the gifts received and the encouraging emails as well.

Bishop Ward recognized Rev. Jodi Lamply (SO - Epworth) who rose to a moment of personal privilege sharing verses from Psalm 145. This was followed by a dance routine led by Sound District Superintendent Linda Taylor. “The God Mob” performed to the song, “Our God.” Bishop Ward called Alan Swartz, Chair, Committee on Resolutions, to present the resolutions which are found on pages 18 - 20 in the Advocate supplement. An additional resolution from Fairmont UMC was also presented. Dr. Swartz noted a procedural change. Instead of stating concurrence, non-concurrence or no decision for the resolutions, the Committee made a recommendation on each one and presented them for a vote. Dr. Swartz brought Resolution 1 concerning Health Care which came from the NC Council Board of Church & Society. This resolution was placed before the body by the Resolutions Committee without recommendation. Bishop Ward recognized Henry Harris (CA - Angier) who spoke against the resolution. Ken Ripley (HE - Spring Hope Charge) spoke in favor of the resolution. Bishop Ward ordered the vote and Resolution 1 passed.

Dr. Swartz presented Resolution 2 to support global maternal health from the NC Conference Board of Church & Society. Bishop Ward ordered the vote and Resolution 2 was approved. It was then announced that 4500 Birthing Kits had been given at Annual Conference.

Additionally, 60,000 meals had been packed for Stop Hunger Now. A goal of 100,000 before the close of conference was set.

Dr. Swartz presented Resolution 3 related to the General Conference's decision regarding homosexuality.

This resolution came from Anita Tyndall (CA - Wendell). The resolution was placed before the body with the endorsement from the Committee on Resolutions. Bishop Ward recognized Sylvia Hewitt (CA -

At Large) spoke in favor of the resolution. Alan Morris (GA - spoke against the resolution. Patrick Sinclair (FA - Chatham/Cedar Grove) rose to a point of information and then asked to speak in favor of the resolution. He is spoke in favor of the resolution on behalf of his son. Ken Ripley (HE - Spring Hope

Charge) moved to refer the resolution to Church & Society and received a second. Bishop Ward recognized Anita Tyndall who authored the resolution. She spoke against the Ripley motion. Mark Woods (SO - Cherry Point) spoke in favor of the motion to refer. Charles Michael Smith (BE - Retired) spoke against the motion. Bishop Ward recognized Joshua Nichols (SO - At Large) spoke in favor of the motion. Steve Hickle (CA - EXTMIN) spoke against the motion to refer. Terry Williams, (Spring Hill GA) moved the previous question. Debate was ended. Bishop Ward ordered the vote on the motion and the Ripley motion was defeated.

Bishop Ward recognized Margaret Joyner (GA - Mt.Ariel) spoke in favor of Resolution 3. Ray Broadwell, FA District Superintendent, rose to a point of information, Jinho Hwang (CO - ) spoke against the resolution. Beverly Leggett (BE - Asbury) spoke against the resolution. David Banks (SO - Garber) rose to a point of information asking for clarity under the first "be it resolved" and the Bishop responded. Johnn Dooley (FA - Apex) spoke against the resolution. Bishop Ward asked him to wait until someone spoke in favor. Bishop Ward recognized Catherine Clyburn (CO - Youth At Large) who spoke in favor of the resolution. Bishop Ward returned to Mr. Dooley who spoke against the resolution. Sam Wynn,

Gateway District Superintendent, rose to a point of information and asked if the resolution could be deferred to the 2015 annual conference. Bishop Ward responded that the resolution could be deferred to the committee to be presented later. Rev. Wynn's motion to defer was seconded. Charles Michael Smith (BE - Retired) spoke against the motion to defer. Bishop Ward called for the vote on the Wynn motion and it was defeated. The question was called but there was also a point of order called by Ken Ripley. Ken Ripley (HE - Spring Hope Charge) rose to a point of order objecting to the phrasing of the motion to defer. Bishop Ward ordered another vote and it was still defeated. Bishop Ward moved the previous question and ordered the vote on the resolution. The resolution passed.

Bishop Ward recognized Dr. Swartz who presented Resolution 4, The Trial of Dr. Kermit Gosnell and the Response of the General Church & Society. This was presented by Paul Stallsworth (HA - Whiteville). Dr. Swartz noted that the resolution had been re-cast as a commendation to the General Board of Church & Society for their response to the situation. The title now reads: "The Trial of Dr. Kermit Gosnell and the Response of the General Board of Church & Society." This resolution was amended and has the endorsement of the Committee on Resolution. Ken Ripley (HE - Spring Hope Charge) rose to offer a friendly amendment and it was accepted. Bishop Ward recognized Bob Way (CO - Hightower Charge) who rose to offer a friendly amendment and it was accepted. Bishop Ward ordered the vote and the resolution passed.

Dr. Swartz referred the body to the resolution distributed by Henry Jarrett from the Church Council of Fairmont UMC. The resolution was placed before the body with the recommendation to approve from the Board of Resolutions. Bishop Ward recognized Ken Ripley (HE - Spring Hope Charge) who rose to speak in favor of the resolution. Powell Osteen (SO - Leave of Absence) who spoke against the resolution. Pegg Witt (SO - Retired) rose to a point of information. The Bishop ruled that Pegg had a point of information. Bishop Ward recognized Martha Glass (CA - Cary First) who rose to speak in favor of the resolution. Paul Stallsworth, (HA - Whiteville) rose to a point of order objecting to its format. The

bishop denied the point of order because the rules were previously suspended for this resolution to be submitted. David Haley(CO - Oxford) was recognized and rose to speak against the resolution. Henry Jarrett (CA - Fairmont) spoke in favor of the resolution. Without objection, the bishop ordered the vote on the resolution. After not being able to visually determine the results from a standing vote, the Bishop called for the tellers to count as another vote was taken.

Bishop Ward directed Conference Secretary, Jerry Bryan, to make announcements. While the Tellers tallied the votes, Dr. Swartz expressed his appreciation for the other members of the Committee on Resolutions and to the annual conference for their participation in the process and their willingness to share resolutions.

#### Statistician's Report

Bishop Ward called on George Speake (SO - Jacksonville Trinity) to bring the Statistician's Report for 2013. Total membership throughout the conference is 229,064. Rev. Speake made a plea for accuracy on Tables I II and III. His full report can be found on the conference website. Bishop Ward thanked Rev. Speake for his efforts.

#### Request for a Ruling

**Chris Humphreys (FA - Center) requested a decision of law concerning line item 54 of the budget regarding the NC Council of Churches and paragraph 613.20 of the Discipline. Bishop Ward received that as a question of law and will respond in writing within 30 days and post the decision on the website.**

Ken Ripley (HE - Spring Hope Charge) rose to a point of information regarding the statistician's report. Bishop Ward directed the question to George Speake who gave clarification.

#### Report from the Tellers

The Bishop reported to the annual conference that the Resolution from Fairmont Church Council passed by a vote of 525 to 418.

Bishop Ward recognized Irene Gattis (CO - Retired Deacon) to bring the report of the Junaluska Associates. A video highlighting Lake Junaluska was shown at the conclusion of the morning session.

Ms. Gattis announced that Rob Huckaby, formerly of this annual conference has returned to be Operations Director at Lake Junaluska. Bishop Ward dismissed the morning session at 12:29 p.m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION, FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2013

The Afternoon Session began at 1:33 p.m. Sam Wynn, Gateway District Superintendent, began the session with a word of prayer. The annual conference sang "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

Bishop Ward introduced the Platform speakers, Tom Berlin and Lovett Weems. Before they began, Bishop Ward led the conference in prayer asking for God's blessing for the time together. At the close of their presentation, Rev. Berlin and Rev. Weems entered into a Question & Answer session. Bishop Ward expressed thanks to Rev. Berlin and Rev. Weems and they were given a standing ovation.

Bishop Ward invited the annual conference to sing the chorus "Majesty." Bishop Ward informed the annual conference that the count of meals packaged for Stop Hunger Now stood at 70,000. Bishop Ward recognized Charlie Gray, Conference UMM President, who presented the John Wesley Fellows Award to Wally Mills. Sam Loy, Chair, Missions Team and President of Board of Missions, presented the Key Taylor Award to New Hope UMC in Beacon District. The pastor, Ed Rutenkroger and lay leader accepted the award. Rev. Loy reported that over 6,000 birthing kits had been collected. Rev. Eric Lindblade, Chair of Conference Board of Church & Society, presented the Jack & Kay Crum Award to "Youth for Hope," a cross-cultural leadership training program based in Jerusalem. They are in partnership with Jerusalem Arc, part of the Rainbow Covenant ministries. Harold Salmon received the award on behalf of the NC Youth for Christ. Rev. Jerry Jackson, Chair, Conference Board of Evangelism, presented the Harry Denman Evangelism Award. Dr. Jackson presented the youth award to Jennifer White, GA District. He also presented the Denman Award for Laity to Todd Rentz, member of Trinity UMC, Red Springs. The clergy award was presented to Rev. Jerry Mitchell (CA - Garriss Chapel). Bishop Ward led a prayer for Rev. Mitchell who is currently battling pancreatic cancer. Lynn James, UM Foundation, presented the Saints of God Award. Mr. James reported that the UM Foundation is currently responsible for \$125 million in investments on behalf of the annual conference and individual churches. The 2013 Saints of God Award for Christian Stewardship was presented to Rhems UMC, SO District. The award was received by Connie Stutts, pastor, a lay member of the church and Linda Taylor, SO District Superintendent. The presentation closed with the hymn "I Sing The Song of the Saints."

Bishop Ward invited Rev. Bill Gattis, Director, Academy for Leadership Excellence, to make a report on behalf of the Academy. Rev. Gattis asked all the current alumni and fellows of the Leadership Academy from the Academy for Leadership Excellence to stand and be recognized. The coaches and faculty were also recognized. Rev. Gattis announced new Academy of Leadership Excellence programs that will include a rural ministry program which will work with clergy and laity through The Duke Endowment.

Bishop Ward called for a vote on the Report of the Trustees, and the report was affirmed. Bishop Ward thanked Jerry Bryan for his service as Secretary to the Annual Conference and Ray Gooch as the Registrar for the Annual Conference. She thanked Alan Swartz for serving as Parliamentarian as well as the Chair of the Committee on Resolutions and Reference. Tim Russell was thanked for his companionship and guidance. Carol Goehring, Bill Norton, Christine Dodson and the Treasurer's staff were all thanked as was Jeff Seivert, member of the extended cabinet for church planting. Lastly, she thanked the Conference Lay Leader, Gary Locklear.

#### Point of Personal Privilege.

The Bishop recognized Larry Bowden (BE - Hertford) for a point of personal privilege. He informed the conference that it was Conference UMW President LaNella Smith's birthday. The bishop directed the conference to stand and sing "Happy Birthday" to Lanella.



## Order of the Day

The Celebration of the Laity began at 3:33 p.m. The report began with a video presented by Gary Locklear. It celebrated men, women, youth, and lay servant ministries. LaNella Smith presented the portion for the United Methodist Women as Conference UMW President. Sandra Mendell gave witness for the ministry of the UMW. Tabitha Pate also gave witness for the UMW. Charlie Gray, Conference UMM President, spoke about the United Methodist Men. Bringing in young men is a priority for UMM in the conference. He spoke of the Men's Ministry Specialist Program. He concluded his report with a video from the national gathering of UMM. Lisa Bachman talked about small groups in the John Wesley tradition. She stated that being the hands and feet of Christ is the responsibility of the laity and not pastors exclusively. Bachman described the change of General Conference terminology from Lay Speaking to Lay Servant Ministries. There are two categories: Local Lay Servants and Certified Lay Servants. There are basic and advanced Lay Servant courses. Certification is required every three years along with reports of activities for both basic and advanced categories. Ellen Beasley, Conference Youth President, addressed the conference. She used the John Wesley bobble-head as a prop. She talked about how youth ministry changes the lives of those in the NC Annual Conference. She asked for all youth present to stand.

The Conference Lay Leader recognized the Lay Ministries of the Year. These included the "Soul Patrol" at Sharon UMC, Beacon District, a three-year-old ministry.

David Rockefeller, CA Lay Leader, presented the Capital District's Lay Ministry of the Year entitled "Sharing Christ," a table ministry with Harvest House. Maple Grove UMC and Newton Grove UMC both participate in the ministry.

Martha Caves, Lay Leader, CO District, made the presentation for her district. Duke Memorial UMC was awarded Lay Ministry of the Year for its "Christmas Market."

The Lay Ministry Award for the Fairway District was presented to "Martha's Place" of Page Memorial UMC. Caroline Jackson, Lay Leader, made the presentation.

Michelle Skipper, Lay Leader, announced the Gateway District award which went to Mt. Olive UMC, Lumberton, for their project "Evangelism in Action."

The Lay Ministry for the Harbor District went to Warsaw UMC, for its "Prayer Shawl Ministry." The award was presented by Lynn Shuffner, Lay Leader.

The outstanding lay ministry of the Heritage District is a partnership between St. Paul UMC, Rocky Mount and Williford Elementary School. Tom Walden, HE District Lay Leader made presentation.

Ann Davis, Lay Leader, presented Steps for Sydney, the Lay Ministry of the Year for the Sound District to Trinity UMC in Jacksonville, NC.

Charles Barrow, Home Missioner, described the ministry of Methodist Deaconess' and Home Missioners.

At the end of the Lay Ministry presentation the conference joined hands and offered prayers for one another.

Gary Locklear announced that eight hundred forty five pounds of pig have been cooked along with hundreds of pounds of chicken in preparation for the Higher Education picnic.

Bishop Ward thanked the laity for their celebration and presentation. Bishop Ward recognized Steve Taylor who announced that 98,000 meals had been packed for Stop Hunger Now.

#### Other Announcements

Carol Goehring announced a workshop on September 21, 2013 in Nashville entitled "Church for All People." On November 23rd there will be a focus on child poverty at first UMC Wilson. The series of workshops will be sponsored by Christian Unity and Inter-Religious Concerns.

The report of the Joint Committee on Clergy Medical Leave was approved.

The total registration for the 2013 annual conference is 1644 delegates.

The 2014 Annual Conference will be held in Greenville June 11-14. The theme of the 2014 conference will be "Strength to Strength: Thrive" Gary Ganderson will be a guest speaker. The conference will include a 5K "Imagine No Malaria Mosquito Run." Bishop Ward announced that the business of the conference was completed. She reminded the members of the picnic following the Order of the day. Offerings received would go to Stop Hunger Now and Collegiate ministries. She thanked Eddie Barbour for furnishing the Ben and Jerry's ice cream for the picnic.

Rev. Carl King offered a blessing for the meal. Bishop Ward dismissed the conference by asking the Free Methodist question, "Are all hearts clear?" Conference was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

#### EVENING SESSION, FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2013

A Celebration of the Laity began with music from the children of All God's Children UMC, Beacon District. Gary Locklear, Conference Lay Leader preached from Act 6:1-7 stressing that the Kingdom of God needs persons who are open to God's will for their lives and willing to use their God-given gifts.

# Exhibit 3- The Budget Request for 2014

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, COUNCIL ON  
I. Conference Budget to be Raised  
January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

Row #	Ministry Teams	Requested		UNAUDITED		Requested		Requested		0.92%	% of
		Shortfall	Request 2011	Actual	Shortfall	Request 2012	Request 2013	Increase	% Increase		
		for 2012	Raised 2012 for 2013	Raised 2012 for 2013	for 2013	Raised 2013 for 2014	Raised 2014 for 2015	(Decrease)	(Decrease)	Total	Apport
1	** World Service	\$140,476	\$1,961,236	\$1,840,929	\$120,306	\$1,906,133	\$1,935,489	\$30,366	1.69%	9.36%	
	<i>Outreach Ministry Team</i>										
2	Criminal Justice & Mercy Ministries	795	13,460	12,626	826	12,775	12,775	-	0.00%	0.06%	
3	Disciple Bible Outreach Ministries	2,083	30,000	28,160	1,840	28,800	28,800	-	0.00%	0.14%	
4	Disaster Response	349	10,000	9,387	613	16,000	16,000	-	0.00%	0.07%	
5	Asbury Homes Inc.	-	6,000	4,693	307	13,600	13,600	-	0.00%	0.07%	
6	Methodist Home for Children	13,960	200,000	187,732	12,268	192,000	192,000	-	0.00%	0.93%	
7	Methodist Retirement Homes	13,960	200,000	187,732	12,268	92,000	92,000	-	0.00%	0.44%	
8	Golden Cross Fund	1,060	16,100	14,174	926	16,100	16,100	-	0.00%	0.07%	
9	Missions and Outreach	34,333	461,600	461,444	30,166	608,000	608,000	-	0.00%	2.45%	
10	Refugee & Immigration	1,116	8,000	7,609	491	8,000	8,000	-	0.00%	0.04%	
11	Board of Institutions	36	760	704	46	760	780	-	0.00%	0.00%	
	<b>Subtotal - Outreach Ministry Team</b>		<b>\$973,900</b>	<b>\$914,169</b>	<b>\$59,741</b>	<b>\$885,925</b>	<b>\$914,169</b>	<b>\$28,244</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>4.28%</b>	
	<i>Christian Formation Team</i>										
12	Evangelism	\$6,972	\$95,600	\$89,736	\$5,864	\$86,010	\$80,410	(\$5,600)	-6.61%	0.39%	
13	Church & Society	1,046	12,260	11,499	761	11,600	12,000	400	3.45%	0.06%	
14	Spiritual Life	907	13,000	12,203	797	12,480	12,480	-	0.00%	0.06%	
15	Worship	363	6,200	4,881	319	4,992	4,992	-	0.00%	0.02%	
16	Higher Education and Campus Ministries	488	7,000	6,671	429	6,720	6,720	-	0.00%	0.03%	
17	** College Chaplaincy Support Fund	19,182	276,000	268,131	16,869	-	-	-	0.00%	0.00%	
18	College Chaplaincy Support	4,795	68,750	64,633	4,217	264,000	264,000	-	0.00%	1.28%	
19	Campus Ministry	34,946	601,000	470,268	30,732	480,960	480,960	-	0.00%	2.32%	
20	Youth Ministry	4,206	60,300	56,601	3,699	56,900	\$64,400	7,500	13.18%	0.31%	
21	Young Adults	282	4,000	3,766	246	6,000	8,000	-	0.00%	0.03%	
22	Children's Ministries	1,367	19,460	18,267	1,193	18,640	18,640	-	0.00%	0.09%	
23	Older Adults	419	7,000	6,671	429	6,800	6,800	-	0.00%	0.03%	
24	Education and Nurture	223	3,200	3,004	196	3,060	3,060	-	0.00%	0.01%	
25	Camp & Retreat Min Inc.	19,182	276,000	268,131	16,869	276,000	276,000	-	0.00%	1.33%	
26	Emerging Church Support	69,662	864,200	801,802	62,398	864,200	922,360	68,160	7.98%	4.48%	
27	New Faith Communities Sal & Ben	16,804	229,977	216,870	14,107	231,110	213,400	(17,710)	-7.66%	1.03%	
28	New Faith Communities Office	4,478	64,200	60,262	3,938	64,200	64,200	-	0.00%	0.31%	
29	Disability Concerns	-	2,360	2,206	144	3,460	2,000	(1,460)	-42.03%	0.01%	
30	Financial Discipleship Team	\$924	15,000	14,080	920	16,000	16,000	-	0.00%	0.07%	
	<b>Subtotal - Christian Formation Team</b>	<b>\$174,232</b>	<b>\$2,612,477</b>	<b>\$2,358,367</b>	<b>\$164,120</b>	<b>\$2,401,012</b>	<b>\$2,452,302</b>	<b>\$51,290</b>	<b>2.04%</b>	<b>11.86%</b>	
	<i>Leadership Team</i>										
31	Multicultural Ministries Team	\$568	\$14,000	\$13,141	\$859	\$9,600	\$13,000	\$3,600	36.84%	0.06%	
32	Multicultural Ministries Grants	3,488	60,000	46,933	3,067	60,000	60,000	-	0.00%	0.24%	
33	Multicultural Ministries Program	9,470	113,800	108,819	6,981	102,970	103,470	600	0.49%	0.50%	
34	Monitoring & Accountability	346	3,660	3,332	218	3,760	3,760	-	0.00%	0.02%	
35	** Ministerial Education Fund	47,466	660,701	610,786	39,916	664,062	664,484	10,422	1.59%	3.21%	
36	Board of Ordained / Diaconal Ministry †	13,637	212,000	198,996	13,004	227,500	237,166	9,666	4.24%	1.15%	
37	BODM: Sexual Ethics Programs †	1,266	18,000	16,896	1,104	-	-	-	0.00%	0.00%	
38	Seminary Visitation †	279	6,000	4,693	307	-	-	-	0.00%	0.00%	
39	Bishop's Days Apart †	668	9,000	8,448	652	-	-	-	0.00%	0.00%	
40	Laity	1,963	28,000	26,282	1,718	28,000	28,000	-	0.00%	0.14%	
41	Episcopacy †	84	1,200	1,126	74	-	-	-	0.00%	0.00%	
42	District Superintendents: Salaries & Benefits***	106,607	1,110,000	1,041,911	68,089	1,130,000	1,160,000	20,000	1.77%	5.65%	
43	Assistant to the DS Sal. & Ben.***	-	418,686	393,003	26,683	618,000	644,640	26,640	4.29%	3.11%	
44	District/Administrative Office***	-	-	-	-	226,600	227,200	600	0.26%	1.10%	
45	District Centralized Support Sal. & Ben.***	-	-	-	-	123,600	130,000	6,400	5.18%	0.63%	
46	District Centralized Support Office***	-	-	-	-	21,300	22,000	700	3.29%	0.11%	
47	District Superintendents & ADS: Travel	7,264	109,000	102,314	6,686	131,600	142,000	10,600	7.98%	0.69%	
48	Cabinet Meeting Expenses	2,790	40,000	37,646	2,464	40,000	40,000	-	0.00%	0.19%	
49	Cabinet Discretionary Fund	349	5,000	4,693	307	-	-	-	0.00%	0.00%	
50	Bishop's Discretionary Fund †	140	2,000	1,877	123	-	-	-	0.00%	0.00%	
51	Ministerial Relations Office-Sal & Benefits	23,967	348,811	327,226	21,384	348,611	348,811	-	0.00%	1.68%	
52	Ministerial Relations Office	1,709	24,600	22,997	1,603	24,600	24,820	320	1.31%	0.12%	
53	Christian Unity	488	7,000	6,671	429	7,000	7,000	-	0.00%	0.03%	
54	NC Council of Churches	1,266	18,000	16,896	1,104	18,000	18,000	-	0.00%	0.09%	
55	Office of the Bishop †	2,162	31,000	29,098	1,902	43,200	43,200	-	0.00%	0.21%	
56	Effective Ministry Program	1,744	26,000	23,466	1,634	26,000	26,000	-	0.00%	0.12%	
57	Nominations	140	1,000	939	61	1,000	1,000	-	0.00%	0.00%	
	<b>Subtotal - Leadership Team</b>	<b>\$226,789</b>	<b>\$3,245,044</b>	<b>\$3,046,901</b>	<b>\$198,887</b>	<b>\$3,234,093</b>	<b>\$3,323,230</b>	<b>\$89,137</b>	<b>2.76%</b>	<b>18.96%</b>	

# **Exhibit 4- Minutes from NCC CF&A**

## **THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE- THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

### **COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION March 27, 2012**

The Council on Finance and Administration met on March 27<sup>th</sup> 2012 at the Methodist Building in Garner. Those present were Danny Allen, President, Sheila Ahler, Charles Astrike, Bob Bauman, William Blount, David Clift, Pat Harrell, Herbert Lowry, Brenda Loy, Rachel Moser, Larry Robinson, Cynthia Walker, Karen Whitaker, Dennis Goodwin, Carol Goehring, Bishop Gwinn, Christine Dodson, Ivanna Cole and Alison Smith. Rick Clayton, William Inabnit, David Peele and Rex Scott had excused absences.

Danny called the meeting to order, and gave the opening prayer.

#### **BUDGET COMMITTEE FUNDING REVIEW REQUEST**

George Reed, Executive Director of the NC Council of Churches, and Wilson Hayman, the Conference Chancellor, came to discuss with CFA a review request we have received concerning the Council on Churches. There was a request from one of the district superintendents for CFA to determine if the active lobbying by the North Carolina Council of Churches against the proposed marriage amendment constitutes the attempt to "promote the acceptance of homosexuality" as prohibited by paragraph 613.20 of The Book of Discipline. Paragraph 613.20 of the 2008 Book of Discipline reads:

"To ensure that no annual conference board, agency, committee, commission, or council shall give United Methodist funds to any gay caucus or group, or otherwise use such funds to promote the acceptance of homosexuality or violate the expressed commitment of the UMC "not to reject or condemn lesbian and gay members and friends" (16I.F). The council shall have the right to stop such expenditures. This restriction shall not limit the Church's ministry in response to the HIV epidemic, nor shall it preclude funding for dialogs or educational events where the Church's official position is fairly and equally represented."

George Reed reviewed the Council's history on the issue of homosexuality. In 1992 the Council adopted a statement opposing harassment or discrimination based on sexual orientation. In 1993 the Council accepted the Metropolitan Community Churches in full membership in the Council. This is a denomination made up primarily of gays and lesbians and their families, but this is a very conservative denomination. Almost immediately after their acceptance as full membership, the NC Conference defunded the NC Council of Churches. The Conference opened up an advance option, but for about ten years, the Council got no funding from the Conference through the budget. In 2002 the funding was restored. In 2007, a challenge was brought to the Western NC Conference about whether the Council was violating the Discipline by promoting homosexuality. The Treasurer determined that there was no evidence that any funding provided by the Conference was used by the Council of Churches to promote homosexuality. The Bishop as well as the CFA of the Western NC Conference ruled that it was not a violation of the Discipline. The Council's position for 20 years has been one of opposition to discrimination and harassment based on sexual orientation, and not one of endorsing or promoting or supporting homosexuality. Their opposition

**to Amendment 1 is based on discrimination. They do not have a position either in support of or opposition to same gender marriage.**

**The question that CFA needs to address is whether or not the NC Council of Churches is promoting the acceptance of homosexuality by opposing Amendment One. Members of CFA felt that the actions of the Council of Churches do not promote homosexuality. After much discussion, Sheila Ahler made the following motion:**

**We have reviewed the activities of the North Carolina Council of Churches, including without limitation its opposition to the proposed Amendment One, and we have concluded that they do not violate paragraph 613.20 of The 2008 Book of Discipline.**

**Brenda Loy seconded, and the motion passed.**

# **Exhibit 5 – JC Memorandum 1081**

**Memorandum No. 1081**

**In Re: Review of Bishop’s Decision of Law in the Western North Carolina Annual Conference Concerning The Application of ¶ 612.19 of the 2004 Book of Discipline to the 2007 Conference Budget.**

**Saturday, October 27, 2007.**

**During the 2007 session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference, calendar items came before the body and the “Conference Funds and Financial Policies” was introduced. Thereafter, a lay member of the conference made a written request for a decision of law to the bishop. The questions asked were as follows:**

**Question 1:**

**Since the North Carolina Council of Churches is known to have funded various activities that promote acceptance of homosexuality - including, but not limited to, its promoting a list of “Study Guides and Resources for Faith Communities for Facilitating Discussion on Homosexuality” that has a strong overall bias against the church’s official position and its producing “Acts of Faith Resources for Prophetic Worship,” which repeatedly promotes perspectives opposed to United Methodist teaching on homosexuality - would Paragraph 612.19 of the Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church not prevent making any funds from this proposed budget available for unrestricted grants to the North Carolina Council of Churches?**

**Question 2:**

**Would making any funds in this proposed budget available to directly or indirectly support the Wesley-Luther Campus Ministry at UNC-Greensboro not be in conflict with Paragraph 612.19 of The United Methodist Book of Discipline as long as this campus ministry chooses to remain a part of the Reconciling Ministries network, which may be accurately described as a “gay caucus or group” and whose stated mission cannot be harmonized with the stance of our church?**

**The bishop announced a ruling would be issued within 30 days and upon consideration of the calendar item, it was adopted. The bishop ruled in the allotted time and said:**

**Though the questions raised . . . make assumptions that funds provided through the budget of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference to the North Carolina Council of Churches and the Wesley-Luther Campus Ministry are being used in violation of paragraph 612.19 of THE BOOK OF DISCIPLINE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, the questions present no evidence to substantiate the claim that any such funds are being so used. There is no violation of THE BOOK OF DISCIPLINE by either the Western North Carolina Annual Conference or its Council on Finance and Administration in granting these funds.**

**The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under ¶ 2609 of the 2004 Book of Discipline.**

**Paragraph 612.19 of the 2004 Discipline says:**

**[N]o annual conference board, agency, committee, commission, or council shall give United Methodist funds to any gay caucus or group, or otherwise use such funds to promote the acceptance of homosexuality. The council shall have the right to stop such expenditures. This restriction shall not limit the Church's ministry in response to the HIV epidemic, nor shall it preclude funding for dialogs or educational events where the Church's official position is fairly and equally represented.**

**The annual conference council on finance and administration is charged with the primary authority and responsibility to ensure that such funds are not given or used in a manner proscribed by ¶ 612.19. Decision 1030. The record before the Judicial Council does not reflect that the Western North Carolina Annual Conference Council on Finance and Administration has reviewed the funding requests, evaluated the work and activities of the North Carolina Council of Churches and Wesley-Luther Campus Ministry and made a determination as to whether funds are being given or used to promote the acceptance of homosexuality. Therefore, this matter is remanded to the Western North Carolina Annual Conference for the Council on Finance and Administration to make the determination required by ¶ 612.19 and to report its findings to the Judicial Council within 60 days of this decision. The Judicial Council retains jurisdiction.**

#### **DIGEST**

**The matter is remanded to the Western North Carolina Annual Conference for the Council on Finance and Administration to make the determination required by ¶ 612.19 of the 2004 Book of Discipline and to report its findings to the Judicial Council within 60 days of this decision. The Judicial Council retains jurisdiction.**

**October 27, 2007**

**James W. Holsinger, Jr., Jon R. Gray and Shamwange P. Kyungu were absent. C. Rex Bevins, the first clergy alternate, and Solomon Christian, the first lay alternate, participated in this decision.**

# **Exhibit 6 – JC Decision 1091**

**Decision No. 1091**

**In Re: Continuation of Review of Bishop’s Decision of Law in the Western North Carolina Annual Conference Concerning the Application of ¶ 612.19 of the 2004 Book of Discipline to the 2007 Conference Budget as Required by Decision 1081.**

## **DIGEST OF CASE**

**The Council on Finance and Administration of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference reviewed the Conference’s action in giving United Methodist funds to the North Carolina Council of Churches and to the Wesley-Luther Campus Ministry at UNC-Greensboro, and determined it acted appropriately under the provisions of ¶ 612 of the 2004 Book of Discipline. The Bishop’s decision of law is affirmed.**

## **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

**In Decision 1081 the Judicial Council retained jurisdiction to review the Bishop’s Decision of Law in the Western North Carolina Annual Conference Concerning the Application of ¶ 612.19 of the 2004 Book of Discipline to the 2007 Conference budget.**

**The record shows that the Western North Carolina Annual Conference Council on Finance and Administration reviewed the funding requests, evaluated the work and activities of the North Carolina Council of Churches and Wesley-Luther Campus Ministry, and made a determination as required by the 2004 Book of Discipline regarding ¶ 612.19. The Council reported its findings to the Judicial Council within the required 60 day timeline.**

**The Conference Council on Finance and Administration of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference reviewed materials related to the two questions raised and the Decision of Law by Bishop McCleskey. Based upon the review the Council reported its findings:**

**As to Question 1:**

**The allocation of funds to the N.C. Council of Churches in the 2008 Conference budget does not violate Paragraph 612.9 [sic] of the Discipline.**

**As to Question 2:**

**The allocation of funds to the Wesley-Luther Campus Ministry at UNC-Greensboro in the 2008 Conference budget does not violate Paragraph 612.9 [sic] of the Discipline.**

## **Jurisdiction**

**The Council retained jurisdiction under Decision 1081 under ¶ 2609 of the 2004 Book of Discipline.**

## **Analysis and Rationale**

**Paragraph 612.1 of the 2004 Discipline authorizes the conference council on finance and administration to “recommend to the annual conference for its action and determination budgets of**



anticipated income and proposed expenditures for all funds that provide for annual conference clergy support, annual conference administrative expenses, and annual conference benevolence and program causes.” Paragraph 612.19 of the 2004 Discipline states that “no annual conference board, agency, committee, commission, or council shall give United Methodist funds to any gay caucus or group, or otherwise use such funds to promote the acceptance of homosexuality. The council shall have the right to stop such expenditures.” The annual conference council on finance and administration is charged under ¶ 612.19 with the responsibility of determining whether United Methodist funds are being used on such expenditures which promote the acceptance of homosexuality.

The Western North Carolina Council on Finance and Administration reviewed and determined that the decision regarding the allocation of funds did not violate ¶612.19.

The Conference Council on Finance and Administration is authorized by the Discipline and has the authority to make such determination in recommending to the Annual Conference the budget. The Conference Council on Finance and Administration completed its mandated task. The Judicial Council reminds the annual conferences that decisions regarding expenditure of church funds can not violate ¶ 612.19 of the Discipline.

#### **Decision**

The Council on Finance and Administration of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference reviewed the Conference’s action in giving United Methodist funds to the North Carolina Council of Churches and to the Wesley-Luther Campus Ministry at UNC-Greensboro, and determined it acted appropriately under the provisions of ¶ 612 of the 2004 Book of Discipline. The Bishop’s decision of law is affirmed.

Shamwange P. Kyungu was absent. C. Rex Bevins, the first clergy alternate, participated in this decision.

Tuesday, April 29, 2008.