

# DISTRICT COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES

September 8, 2005

## Meeting Notes

**In attendance:** Dwight Chapman, Heath Farmer, Alecia Fischer, Susan Jespersen, Rick Lasley, Jerry McClanahan, David Norbury, John Rice, Jerry Statler, Ron Watts

The District Council on Ministries met on September 8, 2005 at the First United Methodist Church in Sikeston. Rev. Ron Watts, Chairperson, called the meeting to order. Rev. David Norbury, District Superintendent, gave a brief devotion.

Susan Jespersen, Administrative Assistant, provided and discussed the Treasurer's Report through August 2005. The Council approved \$500 toward the purchase of a vehicle for Mozambique (Mission/VIM account #515). Additionally \$200 was approved to assist Susan Hoyle in transportation costs connected with a mission trip to the Gulf Coast to aid Hurricane victims (Mission/VIM account #515). The Council voted affirmatively to forgive the \$774.90 due to the Operating Fund from the Parsonage Fund for \$\$'s loaned at the time of the Wesley House Parsonage purchase. The note, related to same, can be removed from the Treasurer's report. The Council also agreed to close the DS Moving Expense Fund (07). The \$660 balance will be moved to the Parsonage Maintenance & Repair Fund (03). It was agreed that the \$1,146.73 in the Camp Scholarship Fund (08) would be used to offset scholarships charged to account #517.

Rev Ron Watts, District Council on Ministries chair, reminded the Council members that action was taken at the 2004 District Conference related to the 2006 budget. He explained the District apportionments were increased 20% in 2004, 20% in 2005 and are to be increased 12% in 2006. Currently the District apportionment amount is \$79,200. With a 12% increase the amount will be \$88,704. Susan Jespersen will send the figure to Reuben Wilbur, Conference Treasurer, who will return a report detailing the amount for each church. District Apportionment figures will be given to the churches as soon as they are received. A District Conference will not be required to approved the budget since the amount was set by action in 2004. As soon as possible after the first of the year, the Executive Committee will meet to set & approve the line item budget for 2006. Executive Committee members are Ron Watts-Chairperson, Jerry McClanahan-Chair of the Church Location & Building Team, Dwight Chapman-Chair of the Mission & Church Extension Society, Don Mowery-District Lay Leader, David Norbury-District Superintendent, and Susan Jespersen-Administrative Assistant. Rev. Norbury will set the date.

After lengthy discussion of pros and cons and preliminary evaluation of needs and resources it was decided to discontinue publication of the Circuit Rider with the December issue. A more definitive assessment of communication needs and additional discussion of the best use of staff, resources, and technologies will be a goal for 2006.

Alecia Fischer gave a report on upcoming Youth events. Rick Lasley reported on plans for the Festival of Sharing.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Jespersen, Administrative Assistant