

# District Conference Minutes

November 12, 2006

United Methodist Church-Southeast District

Clergy and laity of the Southeast District gathered for a District Conference at 3:00 pm in the Family Life Center of the First United Methodist Church in Sikeston. A copy of the agenda, the 2007 District Budget (Proposed), and nominees for election were distributed to participants as they arrived. **The handouts are included as part of these minutes.**

Reverend Ron Watts, Chair of the District Council on Ministries (DCOM) presented the proposed 2007 District Budget. It was moved and seconded that the budget be approved. After a brief discussion, **the 2007 District Budget was approved as presented.**

Reverend Watts on behalf of the DCOM Executive committee recommended the District Conference authorize the District Trustees to prepare a feasibility study of purchasing versus renting a District Administrative Office/Center. The Trustees would be charged with doing the study and preparing a recommendation, based on the study, for presentation at the District Conference in 2007. **It was moved and seconded that the Trustees be so charged. Motion carried.**

Reverend Norbury presented the list of three nominees for the “2009 class members” of the District Trustees/Church Location and Building Team and three nominees for members of the Lay Speaking Team. There were no other nominees. **The nominees were elected as presented.**

Don Mowery, District Lay Leader, gave a brief report on the success of the September District Training Event, “The Effective Church on Any Scale.” An event will be planned for 2007. A planning team is being formed. He invited **anyone who would be interested and available to be part of the planning team to let him know.**

Following the business meeting, **reports were given celebrating the mission and ministry of the Southeast District.** Reports were received on the district’s ministry with Hispanic/Latinos, the response to disasters at Caruthersville, Crosstown, Fredericktown, and Lilbourn, and the Festival of Sharing Ingathering at Dexter. Reverend **Geovanna Chavez, Conference Director of Hispanic Ministry** reported briefly providing some brief statistics on the Hispanic/latino population in the state. She explained that ministries across the state are predominately “needs” based.

**Reverend Max Marble, Director of the Office of Creative Ministries, addressed the group** on the call to mission and ministry. He shared a DVD on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Festival of Sharing. A copy of the DVD is available at the Southeast District office and the Conference Resource Library and can be reserved for use by local churches and individuals.

Reverend Norbury **recognized the Zion (Gordonville) and Hayti: First churches** for their recent Rural Church ministry awards. He also shared some of the district’s other joys and concerns before closing the meeting with prayer.

Refreshments and a time of fellowship followed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Jespersen  
Secretary

# **Southeast District Conference Agenda**

Sunday, November 12, 2006 3:00 p.m.  
First United Methodist Church – Sikeston

Gathering	Praise Band, Sikeston First UMC
Welcome	Reverend Geoff Posegate, Sikeston: First
Opening Song	UMH #569 Verse 1 <i>“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”</i>
Invocation	Pastor Ed Barnes, Hayti: St. Luke’s
Business Meeting	
2007 District Budget	Reverend Ron Watts, LaCroix
Administrative Office/Center Feasibility Study	Reverend Ron Watts, LaCroix
2007 District Officers	Reverend David Norbury
Report of District Lay Leader	Don Mowery, Gordonville: Zion
Song	UMH #569 Verse 4 <i>“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”</i>
Celebrating the Mission and Ministry of the Southeast District	
Hispanic Ministry	Reverend Dan Usher, East Prairie/Bridges Reverend Geovanna Chavez, Conference Director of Hispanic Ministry Pastor Saul Munoz, Jesus es el Camino
Disaster Response	Jim Mills, SE District Disaster Response Coordinator Reverend Dwight Chapman, Caruthersville
Festival of Sharing	Reverend Rick Lasley, Fredericktown
Song	FWS #2130 <i>“The Summons”</i>
Keynote	Reverend Max Marble, Office of Creative Ministries
Benediction	Reverend David Norbury

A time for fellowship and refreshments hosted by Sikeston First UMC

**Southeast District  
2007 Budget (Proposed)**

11/9/06

<b>INCOME</b>		Acct.	2007 Budget	2006 Budget	2006 EA	2005 A	2004 A
Apportionments	401		\$97,000	\$88,704	\$87,000.00	\$77,907.00	\$65,968.00
Interest Income (CD's & MCES)	402		\$8,000	\$16,000	\$7,850.00	\$16,589.44	\$5,600.04
Other Income (MO Tax Rebate)	403		\$100	\$35	\$1,750.00	\$17.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>			<b>\$105,100</b>	<b>\$104,739</b>	<b>\$96,600.00</b>	<b>\$94,513.44</b>	<b>\$71,568.04</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>			2007 Budget	2006 Budget	2006 EA	2005 A	2004 A
<b>SALARY Support</b>							
Administrative Asst. (Gross wages)	501		\$24,960	\$24,960	\$24,960.00	\$25,130.75	\$26,734.37
Secretary (Gross Wages)	502		\$15,350	\$14,102	\$14,915.23	\$9,553.93	\$8,786.60
Vacation/Temp Help/Peak Periods	503		\$8,100	\$2,124	\$5,200.00	\$3,709.71	\$400.00
Housekeeper	508		\$420	\$0	\$105.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Employer FICA/Medicare	504		\$3,735	\$3,151	\$3,456.27	\$2,921.89	\$4,268.61
Admin Asst. Acct Reimb	505		\$500	\$500	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Secretary Acct Reimb	507		\$500	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Retirement Benefit	506		\$1,452	\$1,236	\$1,352.25	\$0.00	\$0.00
Staff (Continuing Education)	509		\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$950.46
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$56,017</b>	<b>\$47,073</b>	<b>\$51,488.75</b>	<b>\$42,316.28</b>	<b>\$41,140.04</b>

<b>PROGRAMMING</b>			2007 Budget	2006 Budget	2006 EA	2005 A	2004 A
Annual Conference	511		\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,661.16	\$1,728.72	\$5,073.98
DCOM	512		\$100	\$100	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
* District Special Event	513		\$500	\$500	\$500.00	(\$1,450.85)	(\$282.90)
Festival of Sharing	514		\$250	\$250	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
* Mission/VIM Support/Disaster	515		\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,000.00	\$2,082.92	\$1,218.00
Old McKendree Day	516		\$500	\$1,100	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Youth Ministries	517		\$2,000	\$2,500	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.18	\$1,297.07
Hispanic Ministries	518		\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$16,850</b>	<b>\$18,450</b>	<b>\$17,811.16</b>	<b>\$14,860.97</b>	<b>\$17,306.15</b>

<b>TRAINING / SUPPORT</b>			2007 Budget	2006 Budget	2006 EA	2005 A	2004 A
Ordained Ministry Team	521		\$300	\$500	\$150.00	\$274.83	\$24.70
OMT Scholarships	522		\$300	\$550	\$100.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Ordinands Trip	523		\$500	\$1,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pastors' Meetings	524		\$250	\$500	\$250.00	\$234.16	\$0.00
Clergy/Family Annual Events	525		\$1,500	\$2,500	\$1,500.00	\$1,251.55	\$1,470.04
Staff Welcome/Farewell Expenses	526		\$500	\$500	\$0.00	\$501.35	\$575.23
* Laity Training Events	527		\$500	\$500	\$500.00	(\$573.59)	(\$128.50)
Resources	528		\$100	\$250	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$3,950</b>	<b>\$6,300</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,988.30</b>	<b>\$1,955.47</b>

<b>OFFICE EXPENSES</b>			2007 Budget	2006 Budget	2006 EA	2005 A	2004 A
Local Phone	541		\$2,000	\$2,400	\$1,700.00	\$2,145.72	\$2,372.48
Long Distance / Cell Phone	542		\$1,000	\$800	\$868.00	\$598.99	\$1,045.99
Postage	543		\$1,800	\$2,000	\$1,400.00	\$1,357.86	\$1,361.72
E-Mail	544		\$150	\$150	\$120.00	\$159.80	\$57.90
District Newspaper/Publicity	545		\$500	\$2,500	\$0.00	\$2,169.77	\$2,315.24
Supplies	546		\$3,200	\$2,325	\$3,000.00	\$2,208.24	\$2,414.61
Sam's Club Membership	547		\$35	\$30	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Software Programs/Upgrades	548		\$600	\$600	\$500.00	\$414.39	\$904.89
Web hosting	549		\$100	\$100	\$100.00	\$199.98	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$9,385</b>	<b>\$10,905</b>	<b>\$7,723.00</b>	<b>\$9,284.75</b>	<b>\$10,502.83</b>

# EXPENSES

	2007 Budget	2006 Budget	2006 EA	2005 A	2004 A	
<b>FACILITY / EQUIPMENT</b>						
Rent for Office space	551	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000.00	\$6,616.69	\$6,872.23
Utilities	552	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,000.00	\$680.56	\$0.00
Insurance for Office	553	\$300	\$300	\$300.00	\$457.00	\$400.00
Worker's Compensation	554	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100.00	\$1,098.00	\$772.00
* Equipment Purchase	555	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,601.90
* Equipment Maint./Repair	556	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000.00	\$990.00	\$0.00
Facility Maint. / Repair	557	\$200	\$1,000	\$200.00	\$220.35	\$0.00
Corporation Fees	558	\$30	\$30	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$40.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$12,230</b>	<b>\$14,530</b>	<b>\$13,610.00</b>	<b>\$13,082.60</b>	<b>\$10,686.13</b>
<b>PARSONAGE</b>						
* Parsonage Maint. / Repair	562	\$4,600	\$5,200	\$5,200.00	\$5,200.00	\$1,428.81
Parsonage Insurance	563	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300.00	\$1,638.00	\$1,750.00
*Dist. Superintendent Moving Exp.	566	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$660.00	\$2,278.55
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$5,900</b>	<b>\$6,500</b>	<b>\$6,500.00</b>	<b>\$7,498.00</b>	<b>\$5,457.36</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>						
Miscellaneous Expenses	571	\$500	\$960	\$200.00	\$1,342.73	\$1,067.53
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$960</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$1,342.73</b>	<b>\$1,067.53</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$104,832</b>	<b>\$104,718</b>	<b>\$99,832.91</b>	<b>\$90,373.63</b>	<b>\$88,115.51</b>
<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>		<b>\$268</b>	<b>\$21</b>	<b>(\$3,232.91)</b>	<b>\$4,139.81</b>	<b>(\$16,547.47)</b>

## **Trustees/Church Location and Building Team**

### *Class of 2009:*

Jack Byrd, 2301 Cty Rd. 454, Oak Ridge

John Spence, 500 Cooter Rd., Steele

Michael Woods, PO Box 424, Piedmont

## **Lay Speaking Team:**

### *Members:*

John Hammond, 25 Christian Ct., Fredericktown

Ed Reeves, 1907 Ward Ave, Caruthersville

Larry Reid, 213 Kelly Dr., Dexter