

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
CONFERENCE CHANCELLORS ASSOCIATION

**STATEMENT REGARDING  
PROPOSED RESTRUCTURING PLANS**

Whereas, pursuant to the discharge of their duties under ¶603.8 of the 2008 Book Of Discipline, Chancellors of the United Methodist Church regularly provide legal advice and counsel on a continuing basis across the denomination about critical liability and taxation issues for our conferences, districts, local churches and related agencies, and

Whereas, the members of the United Methodist Church Conference Chancellors Association (UMC3) have reviewed current plans for restructuring general church boards or agencies proposed for consideration at the 2012 General Conference, and

Whereas, UMC3 is neutral with respect to these plans, and

Whereas, under the historic polity and tradition of The United Methodist Church, as embodied in ¶ 2501 of the Book Of Discipline, resources have developed and are located at points of mission, and

Whereas, the current plans do not clearly address joint liability issues or the potential loss of the current IRS denomination-wide group tax-exemption ruling arising from the collapse, merger or dissolution of current general boards or agencies.

Therefore, we urge the delegates to the General Conference:

- (1) to retain or adopt a structure for our denomination that protects the resources of the connection from joint liability, and
- (2) to retain or adopt a structure for our denomination that preserves the current IRS denomination-wide group tax-exemption ruling.

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