

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2007 MEETING OF THE
EASTERN ANNUAL CONFERENCE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION**

The Eastern Annual Conference Board of Administration convened on November 10, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. at Southern Methodist College in Orangeburg, SC. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Ellison Evans, Annual Conference Vice-President and Board Chairman.

The chairman led in the time of devotion and spiritual orientation. He shared from Matthew 16:27 and other passages on the need for all Christians to have a healthy fear of the Lord in a society that largely has turned away from fearing the Lord.

After receiving prayer requests, the chairman called on Rev. Dr. John T. Hucks, Jr., who led in a season of prayer.

The chairman distributed a proposed agenda and noted that additional items for the meeting could be brought from the floor at the appropriate time.

The secretary called the roll with the following members present:

1. Rev. Ellison L. Evans, III
2. Rev. Dr. Philip C. Fulmer
3. Mr. James D. Minton, Sr.
4. Mr. Julian Boland
5. Mr. Woody Gregory
6. Rev. Steven Reynolds
7. Miss Deborah Westbury
8. Rev. Greg Williams
9. Rev. Dr. John T. Hucks, Jr.
10. Rev. Dr. Larry Crowe
11. Rev. Nathanael Waites
12. Mr. Tim Enlow
13. Rev. William Allen
14. Rev. Tony Curcio
15. Rev. George C. Howell
16. Rev. David E. Fulmer
17. Mr. Jack Corbett
18. Mrs. Laura Westbury

The chairman called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. The secretary read the minutes from the August 2007 meeting. Mr. Woody Gregory moved that the minutes be received; the motion was seconded by Rev. William Allen and carried without dissent.

The chairman called for the Report of the Conference Treasurer. Mr. James Minton, Treasurer, read his report (see attached). Rev. David Fulmer moved the report be received; the motion was seconded by Rev. Greg Williams and carried without dissent.

The chairman called for the report on the two retirees' funds (see attached). Mr. James Minton reported on the balance of monies in the Adopt-A-Retiree Fund and in the Love Offering Fund. Rev. Greg Williams moved that the report be received; the motion was seconded by Rev. Steven Reynolds and carried without dissent.

The chairman reported to the BOA that the Board needed to reconsider the election of ministers to the Scholarship Committee. Rev. Greg Williams moved that the BOA make an exception to Rule 9 of the EAC Annual Conference Rules as printed in the 2007 Journal for the sake of necessity to allow the election of Rev. William Allen to serve on both the Scholarship Committee and the Board of Administration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woody Gregory and carried without dissent. Rev. Greg Williams moved that Rev. William Allen (1-year term) and Rev. William Daniel (2-year term) be elected to the Scholarship Committee, pending their acceptance of the office. The motion was seconded by Rev. Steven Reynolds and carried without dissent.

Rev. Greg Williams, EAC Sunday School Superintendent, reported that he was tentatively planning a meeting of local church Sunday School Superintendents to be held on January 19, 2008.

The chairman reviewed the committee assignments and declared the following committee structure:

Board Committee on Finance –Rev. Ellison Evans; Mr. James D. Minton, Rev. George Howell, Rev. Philip Fulmer, Mr. Jack Corbett

Board Committee on Christian Life and Action – Rev. David Fulmer, Rev. Tony Curcio, Mr. John Mellis, Mr. Tim Enlow, Mr. Alan Berry, Rev. William Allen, Mr. Earl Bullard, and Rev. Dr. Larry Crowe.

Board Committee on Lay Activities and Home Missions – Mrs. Betty Tindall, Rev. Steven Reynolds, Mr. Julian Boland, Miss Deborah Westbury, Rev. Greg Williams, Mrs. Laura Westbury, Rev. Nathanael Waites, and Mr. Woody Gregory.

Following announcements, the Board recessed so that the Board Committees could meet to consider relevant items.

The Board of Administration reconvened to consider reports from committees.

The chairman called for the report of the Committee on Lay Activities and Home Missions. Miss Deborah Westbury, recording secretary of the committee, reported that audio copies of the 2007 Leadership Retreat were still available. She also reported that planning for the 2008 retreat had progressed with a tentative schedule of speakers and times.

The chairman called for the report of the Committee on Christian Life and Action. Rev. Dr. Larry Crowe reported that the committee had discussed holding another Pastor's Luncheon and Fellowship on December 29, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at Enon SMC; the intent is to hold such fellowships on the fifth Saturday of each quarter. He also stated that with upcoming political processes that require diligence by Christians for participation, it is critical for Southern Methodists to stay abreast of the issues using such resources as www.frc.org. He reported that the committee recommends that each church hold a day of prayer on January 6, 2008 to pray for upcoming elections.

The chairman called for the report of the Board Committee on Finance. Rev. Philip Fulmer, committee secretary, reported that the committee had reviewed the financial situation of the conference and will prepare a budget to be considered at the next meeting of the BOA. Also, the committee considered a request pertaining to possible financial support of an annual conference youth director. At the present time, the treasury does not contain sufficient funds to make a commitment, but the committee would review the financial situation again at the next BOA meeting.

The chairman called for the report of Conference officers.

The chairman recognized Rev. Dr. John T. Hucks, Jr., President of the Southern Methodist Church, who reported on announcements from the previous General Conference BOA meeting as well as other issues at the denominational level.

The chairman recognized Rev. Steven Reynolds, Conference Youth Director, who distributed information on the effort from the EAC Board of Trustees and the Epworth League Committee to raise funds to support a full-time Youth Director.

The chairman recognized Miss Deborah Westbury, President of the Epworth League, who reported that an Epworth League Retreat will be held at Camp Summers and Manget on February 29-March 2.

The chairman recognized Mr. Woody Gregory, President of the Cartwright Men's Fellowship, who reported on his efforts to encourage local fellowships to support home missions.

The chairman recognized Mr. Julian Boland, Conference Lay Leader, who encouraged continued participation in distribution of tracts and in the Adopt-A-Retiree program.

The chairman recognized Rev. Greg Williams, Sunday School Superintendent, who reported on his desire to see churches evaluate their respective Sunday Schools and pray concerning how God can use Sunday School to evangelize and reach the lost.

The chairman turned the chair to the vice-chairman, who called for the report of the chairman. Rev. Ellison Evans reported on his concern for the local Southern Methodist churches. He indicated that he would begin submitting articles to *The Southern Methodist* on a regular basis and that he is available for local churches and pastors as they have needs that he can help with.

The chairman announced that the next meeting of the BOA would be held on April 19, 2008, at First Southern Methodist Church in Sumter, SC, at 9:00.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Rev. Dr. Larry Crowe.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Dr. Philip C. Fulmer, Secretary
Eastern Annual Conference

ANNUAL CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT**GENERAL FUND**

Balance June 8, 2007 \$ 4,553.50

Income:

General Conference \$ 9,344.45

EAC Men's and Pastor's Fellowship \$ 374.00

Total \$ 9,718.45

Expenditures:

Retiree's and Widows' Stipends \$ 8125.00

Vice-President's Expenses \$ 668.00

EAC Men/Pastors' Fellowship (Home Missions) \$ 187.00

Treasurer's Expenses \$ 82.00

EAC Men/Pastors' Fellowship (Boys Farm) \$ 187.00

Secretary's Expenses \$ 100.00

Ministerial Relations Chairman's Expenses \$ 200.00

Min. Relations Secretary Expenses \$ 300.00

Min. Relations Secretary Gift ('07-'08) \$ 400.00

Contingency Fund \$ 108.61

Total \$ 10,357.61

Balance, November 10, 2007 \$3,914.34

RETIREE'S AND WIDOWS' LOVE OFFERING FUND

Beginning Balance, June 8, 2007		\$ 4,553.58
Income:		
Churches and Individuals	\$ 4,981.69	
Annual Conference Offering	\$ 6,791.50	
Golf Tournament	\$ 2,300.00	
Total		\$14,073.19
Expenditures:		
Love Offering	\$ 0.00	
Balance, November 10, 2007		\$18,626.77

ADOPT-A-RETIREE PROGRAM

Balance, June 8, 2007		\$ 5,594.50
Income:		
Churches and Individuals	\$ 10,880.00	
Expenditures:		
Retirees and Widows	\$16,127.00	
Balance, November 10, 2007		\$ 347.50