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United Methodist Church Foundation Elects New Leadership

Nashville, TN – The United Methodist Church Foundation Board (UMCF) recently elected its officers who began service January 1, 2010. They are: President – Oscar Garza - (Houston, Texas); Vice President – Irma Clark (Chicago, Illinois); Secretary – Larna Spearman (Indianapolis, Indiana); Treasurer – Jessica Vargo (N. Canton, Ohio); and Chair of the Funds Management Committee – Mona Waymire (Madill, Oklahoma).

The Foundation is a ministry of the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA), which serves as the Foundation’s sole member and elects its board members. Five new persons were elected by the board of GCFA at its November annual meeting. They are: Nathaniel L. Bishop (Roanoke, Virginia); Susan Ezrati (Tivoli, New York); Dixie Hall (Elverson, Pennsylvania); Keith Andrew Hwang (Los Angeles, California); and Mathew A. Pinson, (Atlanta, Georgia).

Newly elected president of the board, Oscar Garza, stated “I am excited about being elected to serve as president of the board of the United Methodist Church Foundation. The organization has had remarkable leadership under our past president Don Underwood. With the grace of God and with the help of the board and staff, we will do our best to continue the work before us. Our focus in the coming years will be increasing the size of the endowments and furthering our mission as investment stewards of Church funds.”

The 20-member, global board sets policy for the United Methodist Church Foundation. The mission of the Foundation is to empower the Church – local to global – by modeling a culture of generosity in trusted partnership with agencies and institutions to endow its mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

The staff of the Foundation includes Byrd Bonner, Executive Director; and Rev. Sharon Clapp, Director of Development and Philanthropic Initiatives.

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