

ACTAS OFICIALES
de la
CONFERENCIA ANUAL DEL RÍO GRANDE DE
LA IGLESIA METODISTA UNIDA

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 Cl = Persona Clériga
 DMC = Director de Ministerios Conexionales
 HMU = Hombres Metodistas Unidos
 G = Gabinete
 JA = Jóvenes Adultos

L = Persona Laica
 LL = Líder Laico
 ME = Ministerio de Extensión
 MMU = Mujeres Metodistas Unidas
 NO = Distrito Noroeste
 S = Distrito Sur
 TUT= Mesa Transitoria de la Unificación

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SECCIÓN C. MINUTA DIARIA (¶606.3c)

Centro de Convenciones Henry B. Gonzalez, San Antonio TX, a sábado 8 de febrero del 2014

Conferencia Anual Extraordinaria, Sesión I

Inicio: La sesión comenzó con un devocional dirigido por “*IMU El Mesías and Friends*” (*IMU El Mesías* de Mission TX) y con la predicación del Obispo James E. Dorff quien predicó sobre la Zarza Ardiente y los planes de Dios que se construyen y viven en el camino debiendo ser enfocados en hacer discípulos y discípulas de Jesucristo para la transformación del mundo. El Obispo James E. Dorff, quien es el Obispo Presidente del Área de San Antonio, ofreció una palabra de bienvenida y de agradecimiento a los delegados y las delegadas presentes y a los y las visitantes.

Organización: La conferencia anual pasó a organizarse con un sólo punto en la agenda: El plan de unificación de las Conferencias Anuales del Río Grande (RGAC) y de Southwest Texas (SWTAC). Se explicó el sistema de votación por separado y de traducción considerando que se estarían dando dos conferencias anuales simultáneas aunque discutiendo juntos y juntas un mismo asunto.

Reglas Conferenciales: Barbara Mobley y José Torres del Comité Unificado de Reglas presentaron reglas conferenciales para la conferencia extraordinaria. John Feagins, presentó una enmienda al punto #6 para que no se pusiese límites al número de intervenciones necesarias en el debate. La enmienda fue aprobada por RGAC (asimismo por la conferencia hermana). Abraham Ramirez presentó una enmienda al punto #7 eliminando la necesidad de que una persona de otra conferencial tuviese que secundar la enmienda. La enmienda fue aprobada por la RGAC (y también por la SWTAC). Los secretarios preguntaron si era parlamentariamente correcto que un miembro de la otra conferencia secundara una enmienda a lo que el Obispo falló que sí, si fuese este el deseo de ambas conferencias anuales.

Presentación del Informe del Equipo de Implementación de la Unificación: El Obispo Dorff introdujo al Equipo de Implementación de la Unificación (EIU) explicando que esta entidad había empezado a trabajar ya desde junio del 2013 bajo la autorización misma de ambas conferencias anuales. El reporte del EIU fue presentado por Byrd Bonner y por Robert López en forma intercalada. Bonner celebró el poder finalmente de estar juntos y juntas por primera vez como conferencias y sesionando en pleno. También agradeció a López y al equipo todo por su trabajo haciendo referencia a la historia del proceso que empezase desde la Conferencia de la Jurisdicción Sur Central hasta llegar a este momento. Explicó que habrá que medir en el futuro cercano la constitucionalidad de la nueva estructura y presupuesto propiamente aprobado por las entidades correspondientes pero que el plan a aprobar nos ayudará a dar un paso en una serie de pasos a todavía caminar. Expresó su deseo de que ojalá al medirse tal constitucionalidad no tuviese que convocarse a otra conferencia extraordinaria para antes del 1 de enero del 2015. López se expresó que, para él, el centro de la propuesta era alcanzar a la comunidad hispano/latino y otras comunidades juntos y juntas. Explicó que las pp. 49-63 detallaban la estructura conferencial y que la p. 53 presentaba la visión unificada. López entonces paso a ofrecer un resumen ejecutivo de la propuesta en el tenor siguiente: La estructura reducirá membresía en agencias de 400 a 250 líderes; el interés es uno de lograr parear los dineros con la misión; la propuesta busca promover la equidad en cuestiones de pensión y seguro médico según lo registra la p. 65. A esto Bonner entonces aumentó: el campo misionero es el corazón de la propuesta; el Cuerpo de Cristo sería ordenado a través de un Centro de Vitalidad Misional; se establecerá un Centro para Media (para que cuide el asunto del idioma y que conecte a la Conferencia con el exterior); se pondrá énfasis en todas las entidades sobre ministerios hispano/latinos respondiendo al reto demográfico; se trabajará desde siete distritos; y se brindará la oportunidad a todas las congregaciones para iniciar trabajo de misión. López entonces pasó a referir a las conferencias a la p. 19 “*Siguientes Pasos*”. Se tendrá que aprobar, presupuestos, reglas conferenciales, ofrecer nominaciones, pero todo en función a la Disciplina y la Constitución de La Iglesia Metodista Unida. Se ha buscado asesoría legal, consultado con personas del concilio judicial, obispos, y con conferencias anuales, explicó. En fin, se ha hecho lo mejor que se ha podido en medio de las circunstancias, planteó como palabras de cierre.

Discusión y Aprobación del Reporte del EIU: Roberto López refirió a las conferencias a la p.7 proponiendo lo siguiente: “El Equipo de Implementación de la Unificación propone que la Conferencias Anuales del Río Grande y de Southwest Texas aprueben le plan de unificación conforme ha sido presentado.” El Obispo Dorff estableció como proceso la

discusión de las primeras 64 páginas en un inicio y luego la discusión de las siguientes páginas en un segundo tiempo. Hubo bastante discusión y hasta una enmienda retirada cuando se aclaró que en ningún momento se dejaría de perfeccionar cualesquier parte del informe. Roberto Gomez presentó una enmienda de que el nombre a adoptar fuese Conferencia del Rio Grande en lugar de Conferencia Anual de Río Texas. Después de amplia discusión en favor y en contra -y bajo la propuesta de cerrar el debate ofrecida por José L. Palos y aprobada por la RGAC y SWTAC- la enmienda de Gómez no prosperó. John Feagins propuso una enmienda a la p. 57 línea 40 de aumentar el número de 2 a 7 representantes de los ministerios universitarios. Se discutió la propuesta y se elevaron varias preguntas e hicieron varias aclaraciones, incluyendo la necesidad de aumentar el número de 20 a 25 en la línea 26 de la p. 57 si la enmienda prosperaba. La RGAC aprobó la enmienda no siendo así la SWTAC. Se sugirió una conversa entre el EIU y la persona que presentase la enmienda, durante el receso.

Receso: Después de un punto de privilegio otorgado a Antonio Olmos para saludar a la conferencia y celebrar el trabajo unido en el pasado, se tomó un receso para la comida.

Edgar Avitia, Secretario



Centro de Convenciones Henry B. Gonzalez, San Antonio TX, a sábado 17 de febrero del 2014 Conferencia Anual Extraordinaria, Sesión II

Inicio: La sesión comenzó con un devocional por medio de música ofrecido por “*IMU El Mesías and Friends*” (*IMU El Mesías* de Mission TX). El Obispo James E. Dorff, saludó con las buenas tardes y agradeció a los y las concurrentes por su pronta presencia.

Reinicio de la Discusión y Aprobación del Reporte del EIU: Byrd Bonner reportó que el sentido de la conversa entre el EIU y la persona que propusiese la enmienda fue uno de referir el asunto al Comité Unificado de Reglas para más estudio. David Seilheimer propuso tal cosa y la referencia fue aprobada por ambas conferencias. Mark Mariol presentó una enmienda a la p. 43 línea 4 relativa a no designar presupuesto hasta que fuese discutido en las respectivas conferencias anuales a lo que David Seilheimer en su calidad de Tesorero de la SWTAC aclaró no ser necesaria tal enmienda pues esto sucedería de facto pues tales conferencias deben de aprobar los presupuestos antes que nada se pueda asignar. Con esto Mariol retiró la enmienda. Jerry Smith propuso que se cerrara el debate y se pasara a aprobar el informe conforme fue presentado y enmendado. Ambas dos conferencias aprobaron suspender el debate. Y fue entonces que el informe fue aprobado en su totalidad conforme fuese enmendado.

Referencia al Concilio Judicial: Austin Frederick pidió al Obispo Dorff que fallara sobre la constitucionalidad del nuevo plan de estructuración de la nueva conferencia anual a organizar de tal manera de que fuese tal fallo referido al Concilio Judicial para la deliberación correspondiente. El Obispo respondió que fallaría en las próximas semanas.

Servicio de Comunión y Cierre: Con un servicio de comunión que incluyó la participación del Obispo Joel N. Martínez se cerraron los trabajos de la conferencia anual extraordinaria.

Edgar Avitia, Secretario



American Bank Center, Corpus Christi TX, a jueves 12 de junio del 2014 Sesión Ejecutiva

Inicio: La sesión clerical fue declarada abierta por el Obispo Joel N. Martínez con palabras de bienvenida. Recordó que, aunque todos los clérigos pueden asistir, sólo los miembros en plena conexión podían votar. Dirigió el Obispo un breve devocional.

Preguntas Disciplinarias: Se repasaron las preguntas disciplinarias comenzando con la pregunta 17 de los “Negocios de la Conferencia Anual”. Juan Osorio dirigió la presentación después de una introducción por parte de David Blanco. El Obispo Martínez presentó las preguntas históricas a los candidatos y la candidata a ordenación y después de ello ofreció una plegaria a favor de los hermanos y hermana. El reporte fue aprobado en su totalidad, después de algunas correcciones en fechas.

Cierre: Se concluyó la reunión con una oración de clausura para pasar a la primera sesión.

Juan Osorio, Secretario Asistente



American Bank Center, Corpus Christi TX, a jueves 12 de junio del 2014
Sesión I, Sesión Conjunta

Apertura de la Sesión: La conferencia dio apertura a las 3:32pm bajo la presidencia del Obispo Jim E. Dorff extendiendo palabras de bienvenida y gratitud.

Organización de la Conferencia y Adopción de la Agenda: Se organizó lo de la traducción y se cantó un himno seguido por una oración ofrecida por Abel Vega, Jr. El Obispo explicó que aunque la conferencia anual era conjunta, la Conferencia Río Texas propiamente no iniciaría hasta el 1 de enero del 2015. Así, algunos asuntos requerirán acción separada. El Obispo repasó el agenda. David Seilheimer, secretario de la Conferencia Southwest Texas y Daniel García, secretario asistente de la Conferencia del Río Grande, fueron presentados para el establecimiento de la barra la cual propiamente se hizo. En seguida se explicó el proceso de votación electrónica. Se pasó a aprobar la agenda según se ADJUNTA. Finalmente, se seleccionaron a una persona para tomar el tiempo y a otras como pajes.

Consideración de Reportes para Información: David Seilheimer y Daniel García pidieron la aceptación de todos los informes que no requerían acción de las conferencias; es decir, “para información” según se ADJUNTAN en el Registro Preconferencial y en su Addendum. Para ello, también hicieron mención a una Fe de Errata distribuida en la mañana. Tales informes fueron recibidos.

Estado de la Iglesia: El Obispo Dorff dio su informe acerca de cómo él percibía el estado de la conferencia anual según se ADJUNTA. Se recibió su informe.

Reglas Conferenciales: José Arnulfo Torres y Barbara Mobley presentaron el informe #2 de las Reglas Conferenciales de procedimientos para la presente conferencia conjunta según se ADJUNTA y fue aprobado como tal. Torres y Mobley entonces presentaron el resto del informe para aprobación. Larry Harrison propuso que se eliminara la última frase del Informe III punto 7 lo cual fue aprobado por la Conferencia de Southwest Texas mas no por la de Río Grande. Jason Fry propuso se refiriera de nuevo al Comité para su reconsideración lo cual se aprobó. Tom Deviney propuso que se pusiera el reporte sobre la mesa hasta el siguiente día lo cual también se aprobó.

Nominaciones Preliminares: El informe preliminar de postulaciones fue presentado por Abel Vega Jr. y Virgilio Vázquez Garza según se ADJUNTA mas sólo para información. Roberto L. Gómez pidió que se revisara la parte relativa al Comité de Revisión Administrativa lo cual se dijo se haría. Se explicó, además, que si alguien lo deseaba podía el proceso para postulaciones desde el piso de la conferencia.

Cierre: Se ofreció una oración de clausura y se levantó la sesión para las actividades de la noche de Cena Celebrativa y Culto de Apertura y Comunión seguido por una recepción ofrecida por el Distrito de Corpus Christi.

Daniel García, Secretario Asistente



American Bank Center, Corpus Christi TX, a viernes 13 de junio del 2014

Sesión II, Sesión Conjunta

Inicio: El Obispo James E. Dorff dio inicio a la sesión después de un momento devocional. Inició ofreciendo un par de videos de saludos de los clérigos y clérigas de la Conferencia de Southwest Texas a jubilarse en esta sesión. El Obispo recordó que había todavía bastante agenda a cubrir. Ponderó su agradecimiento al Rev. Dr. Marcus Freeman por su predicación de anoche de último minuto a la luz de la imposibilidad del Obispo Blescoe de llegar al culto debido a las tormentas en la región. Se pidió la oración para las congregaciones que habían sido grandemente dañadas por la reciente tormenta oración que se elevó.

Comité de Reglas: El Comité retomó el informe que se pusiese sobre la mesa el día anterior. Larry Harrison and Oscar O. Garza presentaron una enmienda al asunto en cuestión del día anterior en el informe III punto 7 de cambiar el año del 2028 al 2020 y de borrar las palabras “igualmente” y “bien” en la misma frase. Esto fue debidamente secundado y fue aprobado como tal por ambas conferencias. Jason Fry propuso una enmienda al Reporte III punto 16. de substituir los incisos f al i. con “El Comité de Reglas de Río Texas desarrollará una fórmula para distribuir la representación laicista requerida en la ecualización de la membresía entre laicos y clérigos dando consideración a la representación proporcional de las iglesias en base a número de miembros. Este reporte se presentará para adopción en la sesión 2015 de la Conferencia Río Texas y tomará efecto al cierre de los trabajos de dicha sesión. Los miembros laicos de la sesión anual 2015 serán electos de acuerdo a la práctica de cada una de las presentes conferencias.” Tal enmienda no fue aprobada. Sam Honeycutt pidió la votación de aprobación del informe lo cual fue aprobado. El Informe del Comité fue aprobado en su totalidad conforme fuese enmendado.

Mesa Conjunta de Finanzas: Los copresidentes Oscar O. Garza y Mark Nerio de la Mesa Conjunta de Finanzas abrieron su presentación explicando que la misma incluía asuntos de compensación, auditoría y finanzas y, además, algunos asuntos de personal. Luego se hizo un reconocimiento a Margie Trafton for su venidera jubilación al fin del presente año después de 14 años como Tesorera y 12 como asistente de tesorería. Se presentó el Reporte II el cuál fue aprobado según se ADJUNTA. Se presentó el Reporte III el cuál fue aprobado según se ADJUNTA. Se presentó el Reporte IV el cuál fue aprobado según se ADJUNTA mas con un cambio editorial menor. Se presentó el Reporte V el cuál fue aprobado según se ADJUNTA. Se presentó el Reporte VI el cuál fue aprobado según se ADJUNTA. Oscar pidió al cierre del informe un punto de privilegio persona recordando el ¶245.9 en el tenor de que se debería de usar el lenguaje de la mayoría de los participantes en los asuntos de conferencia, especialmente los de conferencias de cargo.

Junta Conferencial del Ministerio Ordenado: David Blanco y Susan F. Isaacs informaron sobre el proceso utilizado hasta el momento en el trabajo conjunto que se empieza a lograr utilizando una presentación visual. Detallaron el trabajo de los dos equipos técnicos fueron organizados: Residencia en Ministerio y Líderes Misionales. Luego presentaron a los candidatos de ambas conferencias a ser comisionados, ordenados y reconocidos. Con acción de gracias por los mismos y las mismas, y después de una oración ofrecida por el Obispo, se dio por recibido el informe conjunto. Después de este momento se pasó a un receso.

Estudio Bíblico: Rubén Sáenz, Jr. presentó un estudio bíblico a las Conferencias bajo el tema de presentar a Cristo no sólo en acción más además en palabra en base a Hechos 11 y la vida de la iglesia en Antioquía el cual fue muy bien recibido.

Methodist Healthcare Ministry: Jaime Wesolovsky ofreció un saludo y presentó el nuevo liderato de la entidad. Presentó un informe por medio de un video el cuál fue recibido con aprecio por ambas conferencias.

Lydia Patterson Institute: Mrs. Socorro de Anda inició su presentación con un saludo muy fraternal a los concurrentes y, sin más, presentó un informativo video. Mrs. Entonces ponderó su profundo agradecimiento a las Conferencias y en especial al Obispo y a Barbara Dorff por su apoyo fehaciente en los avances de la institución educativa. Con informe se cerraron los trabajos de la sesión conjunta.

Edgar Avitia, Secretario



American Bank Center, Corpus Christi TX, a sábado 14 de junio del 2014
Sesión III, Sesión Separada

Apertura: La sesión de la Conferencia Anual del Río Grande por separado tuvo su inicio después de un Servicio Memorial. El Secretario organizó la barra. El Obispo James E. Dorff explicó la agenda que era básicamente cuestiones que requerían aprobación sólo de parte de la conferencia.

Elecciones a Conferencias General y Jurisdiccional: Se llevaron a cabo las elecciones de la delegación de a Conferencias General y Jurisdiccional. Se explicó el procedimiento y se aclaró que se tenía derecho a un delegado clérigo y uno laico a la General y dos delegados clérigos y dos laicos a la Jurisdiccional así como dos delegados de reserva haciendo un total de ocho elecciones. El proceso de elección incluyó momentos donde se redujo los candidatos y candidatas a las dos personas con más votos. La delegación finalmente electa consistirá de, en orden de elección, Rubén Sáenz, Jr., Edgar Avitia, Raquel Cajiri Feagins y Robert López como delegados clérigos y delegada clériga y Abel Vega, Jr., Cynthia Andrade Johnson, Leticia Ortigón y Minerva Briones como delegado laico y delegadas laicas.

Líder Laica: Por la premura del tiempo, se aceptó el informe ADJUNTO de la líder laica sin ser leído mas con la aprobación de ella misma, Sandra Nieto.

Síndicos: Max Pérez presentó un informe sobre la estructura tanto de la Junta de los Síndicos como de la Corporación de la Conferencia Anual del Río Grande según se ADJUNTA. Tal estructura, la cual incluyó la elección de los miembros de las mismas organizados por clase fue aprobada. Se pasó a aprobar la transferencia de las Iglesias listadas en el ADJUNTO informe. Dichas transferencias fueron aprobadas con dos votos en contra. Esto antes de aclararse que, en el caso de la Iglesia en Odessa TX, la transferencia no tomaría efecto hasta que fuese la misma aprobada por la Conferencia Anual de Nuevo México. Con esta última acción, se cerró la sesión.

Edgar Avitia, Secretario



American Bank Center, Corpus Christi TX, a sábado 14 de junio del 2014
Sesión IV, Sesión Conjunta

Apertura: La cuarta y última sesión se inició con un devocional y palabras de gratitud por los trabajos del día anterior. El Obispo Dorff agradeció muy en especial a sus colegas los Obispos Joel N. Martínez y Dan Salomon por su apoyo tanto en presidir varias de las sesiones como en los servicios de culminación y celebración.

Comité de Nominaciones: Abel Vega y Virgilio Garza presentaron la planilla de nominaciones para la Conferencia Río Texas. Presentaron además, propuestas de substituciones que fuesen ofrecidas por los miembros de la conferencia a partir del informe preliminar revelado el día anterior. La planilla fue aprobada en su totalidad según se ADJUNTA. Esto sin antes el Obispo Dorff llamar a una sesión ejecutiva extraordinaria a los clérigos y clérigas de la Conferencia del Río Grande con el propósito de elegir a los miembros del Comité de Revisión Administrativa que faltaban en tal planilla. Y además sin dejar de mencionar la copresidencia de los presentes líderes laicos hasta una nueva elección y la selección de Jay Brim como Canciller.

Pensiones: Álvaro Guzmán y Doug Aycock presentaron el informe de la Junta Unida de Pensiones. El Reporte II fue aprobado según se ADJUNTA con un cambio editorial ofrecido por Daniel Garcia que refleja el espíritu original de la propuesta y que dejaría el texto en “La Escala 2015 para el Servicio Pre-82 será de \$648 de crédito anual por año en ambas de las conferencias antecesoras de la Conferencia de Río Texas”. El Reporte III fue aprobado según se ADJUNTA. El Reporte IV fue aprobado según se ADJUNTA.

Comité Unido de Distribución: Oscar O. Garza y Greg Hackett presentaron el informe correspondiente al Comité Unido de Distribución. Sin más, tal informe fue aprobado según se ADJUNTA.

Mesa Transitoria para la Unificación: Eduardo García y Abigail Parker Herrera presentaron el informe correspondiente en la perspectiva de agradecer por los trabajos alcanzados y que se detallan en los informes impresos en el Registro

Preconferencial. Fue un momento de compartir algunas generalidades sobre tales trabajos. El informe fue recibido por ambas conferencias anuales con aprecio.

Comité de Personal: El Comité de Personal presentó un breve informe de los avances del proceso de personal. Dijeron que se está trabajando para lograr equipar a la nueva conferencial con el personal necesario. Se disculparon por no dar detalles al Mark Nerio preguntar por los mismos en base a que se precisarían tales para lograr armar un presupuesto más exacto. El Obispo agradeció a este importante Comité por todos sus esfuerzos.

Delegaciones a Conferencias General y Jurisdiccional: Edgar Avitia y Laura Merrill presentaron un breve informe sobre el sistema de trabajo común de las delegaciones de Río Grande y Southwest Texas. Introdujeron a la conferencia a las delegaciones electas por las respectivas conferencias afirmando el compromiso de un trabajo conjunto. El Obispo elevó una oración en su favor.

Comité Unido para el Episcopado y Superintendentes de Distrito: Edgar Avitia conectó en informe de las delegaciones con el episcopado en el sentido de que era una de las funciones primarias de la delegación de trabajar con los comités jurisdiccional y conferenciales para el episcopado. Dio gracias a Dios por la vida del Obispo Dorff y su esposa Barbara. Se separó un momento para los Dorff saludar a las conferencias lo cual hicieron el Obispo y la hermana Bárbara así como su hijo y familia los cuales se encontraban presentes. Laura Merrill tomó la palabra para decir que los informes de los superintendentes, quienes habían estado trabajando en forma unida, se encontraban en los registros preconferenciales y que no los estaría leyendo pero que en su lugar se celebraba los buenos oficios del Obispo James E. Dorff. La celebración se arrancó con la canción "Happy" lo que provocó júbilo en toda la conferencia y espíritu de fiesta.

Moción para Reuniones Distritales: Bill Henderson presentó una moción para que la conferencia autorizara a los superintendentes de distrito a organizar conferencias distritales con el propósito de desarrollar los correspondientes presupuesto distritales para los años venideros. Tal moción fue aprobada.

Puntos de Privilegio Personal: Se pasó a recibir varios puntos de privilegio personal que incluyeron anuncios de un campamento para niños y niñas, un anuncio sobre un evento jurisdiccional sobre archivo e historia, palabras de agradecimiento por el servicio de Kathleen Jones como la primer Diácono en Plena Conexión de la Conferencia del Southwest Texas, y la celebración por la elección de Abigail Herrera, Isabel Perez, David Brewster para una convocación global sobre juventud. Asimismo se aprobó una resolución honrando a William James Abraham por su servicio como la cual fue aprobada según se ADJUNTA.

Iglesias a Transferirse: Edgar Avitia leyó los nombres de las iglesias de la Conferencia Anual del Río Grande a transferirse a las hermanas conferencias anuales a la vez que pasaban al frente representantes de las mismas para tener un momento de celebración y envío. El Obispo oró y con dolor mas con gozo fueron las mismas enviadas por la conferencia conjunta a servir a Dios en sus nuevas conferencias anuales.

Cierre: El Obispo dio gracias a todas las personas que hicieron posible que las sesiones de la conferencial fuesen un éxito y declaró a las 11:32pm el cierre de trabajos de las conferencias para pasar a las reuniones por Distritos y luego al Servicio de Ordenación y Nombramientos,

Edgar Avitia, Secretario

SECCIÓN D. NEGOCIOS DE LA CONFERENCIA ANUAL (¶606.3d)

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PART I ORGANIZATION AND GENERAL BUSINESS

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2. Is the Annual Conference incorporated (¶603.1)? **Yes.**

3. Bonding and auditing:

What officers handling funds of the conference have been bonded, and in what amounts (¶¶618, 2511)?

Name	Position	Amount Bonded
Margie Trafton	Treasurer	\$1,000,000

Have the books of said officers or persons been audited (¶¶617, 2511)? **Yes. Please see report in the Journal.**

4. What agencies have been appointed or elected?

a) Who have been elected chairpersons for the mandated structures listed?

Structure	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
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Board of Pensions (¶639)	Alvaro Guzman	156 Biscayne Loop, Laredo, TX 78045	956-723-8184	alvaroguzman@earthlink.net
Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference (¶2512)	Maximino Perez	1357 Jesús Chávez Pl., El Paso, TX 79928	915-433-6935	Ekklesiaep@att.net
Committee on Episcopacy (¶637)	Edgar Avitia	475 Riverside Dr., Room 320, New York, NY 10115	347-438-9192	eavitia@umcmision.org
Administrative Review Committee (¶636)	Paul Barton	12353 Zeller Ln., Austin, TX 78753	512-922-8815	paul.barton@ssw.edu

b) Indicate the name of the agency (or agencies) and the chairperson(s) in your annual conference which is (are) responsible for the functions related to each of the following general church agencies (¶610.1):

General Agency	Conference Agency	Chairpers on	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email

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General Board of Church and Society	Unification Implementation Table	Robert Lopez	5606 N. Navarro, Ste. 200 C & D, Victoria, TX 77904	956-266-7687	lopez4gbk@hotmail.com
General Board of Discipleship	Unification Implementation Table	Robert Lopez	5606 N. Navarro, Ste. 200 C & D, Victoria, TX 77904	956-266-7687	lopez4gbk@hotmail.com
General Board of Global Ministries	Unification Implementation Table	Robert Lopez	5606 N. Navarro, Ste. 200 C & D, Victoria, TX 77904	956-266-7687	lopez4gbk@hotmail.com
Higher Education and Campus Ministry	Unification Implementation Table	Robert Lopez	5606 N. Navarro, Ste. 200 C & D, Victoria, TX 77904	956-266-7687	lopez4gbk@hotmail.com
General Commission on Archives and History	Commission on Archives and History	Paul Barton	12353 Zeller Ln., Austin, TX 78753	512-922-8815	paul.barton@ssw.edu
General Commission on Christian Unity and Inter-religious Concerns	Unification Implementation Table	Robert Lopez	5606 N. Navarro, Ste. 200 C & D, Victoria, TX 77904	956-266-7687	lopez4gbk@hotmail.com
General Commission on Religion and Race	Unification Implementation Table	Robert Lopez	5606 N. Navarro, Ste. 200 C & D, Victoria, TX 77904	956-266-7687	lopez4gbk@hotmail.com
General Commission on the Status and Role of Women	Unification Implementation Table	Robert Lopez	5606 N. Navarro, Ste. 200 C & D, Victoria, TX 77904	956-266-7687	lopez4gbk@hotmail.com
United Methodist Communications	Unification Implementation Table	Robert Lopez	5606 N. Navarro, Ste. 200 C & D, Victoria, TX 77904	956-266-7687	lopez4gbk@hotmail.com

c) Indicate the conference agencies and chairpersons which have responsibilities for the following functions:

General Agency	Name of Agency	Chairpersons	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries (¶657)?	Unification Implementation Table	Robert Lopez	5606 N. Navarro, Ste. 200 C & D, Victoria, TX 77904	956-266-7687	lopez4gbk@hotmail.com
Disability Concerns (¶653)?	Board on the Ordained Ministry and Board of Pensions and Health Benefits	David Blanco and Alvaro Guzman	705 E. University, Edinburg, TX 78539 and 156 Biscayne Loop, Laredo, TX 78045	956-383-2515 and 956-723-8184	revdblanc@gmail.com and alvaroguzman@earthlink.net
Equitable Compensation (¶625)?	Financial Resources Table	Oscar O. Garza, IV	942 Serenade, San Antonio, TX. 78213	210-342-8154	oggarza4@yahoo.com
Laity (¶631)?	Unification Implementation Table	Robert Lopez	5606 N. Navarro, Ste. 200 C & D, Victoria, TX 77904	956-266-7687	lopez4gbk@hotmail.com
Native American Ministry (¶654)?	Unification Implementation Table	Robert Lopez	5606 N. Navarro, Ste. 200 C & D, Victoria, TX 77904	956-266-7687	lopez4gbk@hotmail.com
Small Membership Church (¶645)?	Unification Implementation Table	Robert Lopez	5606 N. Navarro, Ste. 200 C & D, Victoria, TX 77904	956-266-7687	lopez4gbk@hotmail.com

d) Indicate the president or equivalent for the following organizations.

Organization	Name of Agency	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
Conference United Methodist Women (¶647)	United Methodist Women	Raquel Mariscal	550 Gettysburg Rd., San Antonio, TX 78228	210-736-3588	arturomariscal@sbcglobal.net

Conference United Methodist Men (¶648)	United Methodist Men	Aristides Laguna, Sr.	P.O. Box 7582, Houston, TX 77270	713-862-3387	alaguna2327@sbcglobal.net
Conference Council on Youth Ministry (¶649)	UM Youth Fellowship	Miguel Padilla, Coordinator	3225 W. Poplar, San Antonio, TX 78201	325-340-2609	fray_mike@hotmail.com
Conference Council on Young Adult Ministry (¶650)?	UM Young Adult Organization	David Moreno, Coordinator	123 N. Sugar Rd., Edinburg, TX 78539	956-381-4463	dimoreno.umcm@gmail.com

e) Have persons been elected for the following district boards and committees? Answer yes or no.

- (1) District Boards of Church Location & Building (¶2518)? **Yes.**
- (2) Committees on District Superintendency (¶669)? **Yes.**
- (3) District Committees on Ordained Ministry (¶666)? **Yes.**

f) What other councils, boards, commissions, or committees have been appointed or elected in the annual conference?

Structure	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
Committee on Agenda	James E. Dorff	16400 Huebner Rd., San Antonio, TX 78242	210-408-4500	bishop@umcswtx.org
Commission on New Congregational Development	Javier Leyva	P.O. Box 1570, McAllen, TX 78505	956-686-8564	pastorleyva@yahoo.com
Courtesy	Rev. Carlos Zamora	P.O. Box 782, Weslaco, TX 78599	956-968-2404	carloszamora56@yahoo.com
Memorials	James E. Dorff	16400 Huebner Rd., San Antonio, TX 78242	210-408-4500	bishop@umcswtx.org
Minutes	Javier Leyva	P.O. Box 1570, McAllen, TX 78505	956-686-8564	pastorleyva@yahoo.com
Nominations	James E. Dorff	16400 Huebner Rd., San Antonio, TX 78242	210-408-4500	bishop@umcswtx.org
Rules	José Torres	2548 Palm Circle Dr., Rio Grande City, TX 78582	956-488-1573	torres_enriquez@yahoo.com
Relief (UMCOR)	Javier Leyva	P.O. Box 1570, McAllen, TX 78505	956-686-8564	pastorleyva@yahoo.com

- 5. Have the secretaries, treasurers, and statisticians kept and reported their respective data in accordance to the prescribed formats? (¶606.8)? **Yes.**
- 6. What is the report of the statistician? **Yes. Please see report in the Journal.**
- 7. What is the report of the treasurer? **Yes. Please see report in the Journal.**
- 8. What are the reports of the district superintendents as to the status of the work within their districts? **Yes. Please see report in the Journal.**
- 9. What is the schedule of minimum base compensation for clergy for the ensuing year (¶¶342, 625.3)? **Deacon or Elder in Full Connection, \$38,000; Associate or Provisional Elder, \$35,200; Local Pastor, \$32,100.**
- 10. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of the district superintendents for the ensuing year (¶614.1a)? **\$ 164,389.**
- 11. a) What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of the pension and benefit programs of the conference for the ensuing year (¶¶614.1d, 1507)? **\$197,827.**
- b) What are the apportionments to this conference for the ensuing year?
 - (1) For the World Service Fund? **\$45,391**
 - (2) For the Ministerial Education Fund? **\$15,584**
 - (3) For the Black College Fund? **\$6,216**
 - (4) For the Africa University Fund? **\$1,391**
 - (5) For the Episcopal Fund? **\$13,254**

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| (6) For the General Administration Fund? | \$5,478 |
| (7) For the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund? | \$1,218 |

12. What are the findings of the annual audit of the conference treasuries? **Please see report in the Journal.**

13. Conference and district lay leaders (§§603.9, 659):
- a) Conference lay leader: Name: **Sandra Nieto**
Mailing Address: **28000 Hwy 186, Raymondville, TX 78580**
 - b) Associate conference lay leaders: **N/A**
 - c) District and associate district lay leaders: **N/A**

14. List local churches which have been:

- a) Organized or continued as New Church Starts or Mission Congregations (§259.1-4, continue to list congregations here until listed in questions 14.c, d, or e)

Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Date Founded
El Paraiso	Southern	105 E. Warren, Pharr, TX 78577	956-787-0111	
Nueva Vida	Southern	304 W. Dicker, Pharr, TX 78577	956-605-8338	1988

- b) Satellite congregations (§259.5-10, continue to list here until listed in questions 14.c, d, or e)

Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Date Chartered
None				

- c) Chartered

Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Date Chartered
None				

- d) Merged (§§2546, 2547)

- (1) United Methodist with United Methodist

Name of First Church	Name of Second Church	Name of Merged Church	Date Merged
None			

- (2) Other mergers (indicate denomination)

Name of First Church	Name of Second Church	Name of Merged Church	Date Merged
None			

- e) Discontinued or abandoned (§§229, 341.2, 2549) (State which for each church listed.)

- (1) New Church Start (§259.2,3)

Church Name	District	Location	Date Closed
None			

- (2) Mission Congregation (§259.1a)

Church Name	District	Location	Date Closed
None			

- (3) Satellite Congregation

Church Name	District	Location	Date Closed
None			

- (4) Chartered Local Church (§259.5)

Church Name	District	Location	Date Closed
None			

- f) Relocated and to what address

Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Physical Location	Date Relocated
None				

- g) Changed name of church? (Example: "First" to "Trinity")

Former Name	New Name	Address	District
None			

h) Transferred this year into this conference from other United Methodist conference(s) and with what membership (§141, 260)?

Name	Membership	Sending Conference
None		

i) What cooperative parishes in structured forms have been established? (§206.b)

Parish Name	Charge Name	Church Name	District
None			

j) What other changes have taken place in the list of churches? **Transferred the following chartered congregations:**

Name	Membership	Receiving Conference
Bryan: Templo del Espíritu Santo	43	Texas
Dallas: Agape	142	North Texas
Dallas: Casa Emmanuel	327	North Texas
Lubbock: Templo Nazareth	73	Northwest Texas
Mesquite: NM Del Valle	102	New Mexico
Las Cruces: El Calvario	155	New Mexico
Carlsbad: Monte Sinai	18	New Mexico
El Paso: El Divino Redentor	159	New Mexico
El Paso: Emmanuel	98	New Mexico
El Paso: Wesley	113	New Mexico
El Paso: El Alfarero	56	New Mexico

15. Are there Ecumenical Shared Ministries in the conference? (§208)

a) Federated church

Name	District	Other Denomination(s)
None		

b) Union Church

Name	District	Other Denomination(s)
None		

c) Merged Church

Name	District	Other Denomination(s)
None		

d) Yoked Parish

Name	District	Other Denomination(s)
None		

16. What changes have been made in district and charge lines? **None**

PART II PERTAINING TO ORDAINED AND LICENSED CLERGY

(Note: A (v) notation following a question in this section signifies that the action or election requires a majority vote of the clergy session of the annual conference. If an action requires more than a simple majority, the notation (v 2/3) or (v 3/4) signifies that a two-thirds or three-fourths majority vote is required. Indicate credential of persons in Part II: FD, FE, PD, PE, and AM when requested.)

17. Are all the clergy members of the conference blameless in their life and official administration (§1604.4, 605.6)? **Yes.**

18. Who constitute:

a) The Administrative Review Committee (§636)? (v) **Paul Barton (FE) 2012, Abel Vega (RE) 2012, Roberto L. Gomez (RE) 2013. Alternates: Sandra Cabrera (FE) 2013, Frank Estrada (RE) 2013.**

b) The Conference Relations Committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry (§635.1d)? **Edgar Avitia (FE), Thelma Flores (FD), Roberto Lopez (FE).**

19. Who are the certified candidates (§ 310, 313, 314)

a) Who are currently certified as candidates for ordained or licensed ministry?

Name	District	Date Certified
Mark Rivera	Central	June 12, 2014
Miguel Padilla	Central	June 1, 2011

b) Who have had their candidacy for ordained or licensed ministry accepted by a District Committee on Ordained Ministry in another annual conference? (Include name of accepting conference.)

Name	Receiving Conference	Date Originally Certified	Date Accepted by District in Other Conference
Gilberto Paredes	Southwest Texas	2013	July 1, 2014
Baldemar Barrera	Southwest Texas	2001	July 1, 2014

c) Who have been discontinued as certified candidates for licensed or ordained ministry?

Name	District	Date Certified	Date Discontinued
Raul Dominguez	Central	2010	February 7, 2014

20. Who have completed the studies for the license as a local pastor, are approved, but are not now appointed? (§315 —Indicate for each person the year the license was approved.):

Name	District	Year Last Licensed
Mark Rivera	Central	2014
Miguel Padilla	Central	2011

21. Who are approved and appointed as: (Indicate for each person the first year the license was awarded. Indicate what progress each has made in the course of study or the name of the seminary in which they are enrolled. Indicate with an asterisk those who have completed the five year course of study or the M.Div. (§319.4)? PLEASE NOTE: Persons on this list must receive an episcopal appointment. (v)

a) Full-time local pastors? (§318.1)

Name	First Year License Awarded	Years Completed with Course of Study
Bernardo Garzon*	2005	5 Basic, ½ Advanced
Casimiro Osvaldo Benítez	2013	Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 1st Year
Esperanza Baltazar-Ramirez*	2007	5 Basic, 2 Advanced
José David Mercado	2013	0 Basic
Juanita García*	1996	5 Basic
María Soto	2010	1 ½ Basic

b) Part-time local pastors? (§318.2) (fraction of full-time in one-quarter increments)

Name	First Year License Awarded	Years Completed with Course of Study
Albino Renteria	¼ Time, 2013	0 Basic
Arnoldo C. Cavazos*	½ Time, 2001	5 Basic
Augusto Sarria-Anaya	¼ Time, 2014	0 Basic
Federico Pérez	½ Time, 2011	½ Basic
Jesus Lopez*	½ Time, 1998	5 Basic, 4 Advanced
Juan de Dios Jara*	1996	5 Basic, ½ Advanced
María Elena Reyna*	½ Time, 1999	5 Basic and 4 Advanced

Maria Vela	¼ Time, 2013	0 Basic
Noelia Gomez	¼ Time, 2011	½ Basic
Norma Pollard	½ Time, 2007	1 ½ Basic
Rumualdo Jimenez	½ Time, 2010	3 Basic
Santiago Machado	½ Time, 2014	5 Basic
Steven Salinas	½ Time, 2003	4 ½ Basic

c) Students from other annual conferences or denominations serving as local pastors and enrolled in a school of theology listed by the University Senate (§318.3, 4)?

Name	First Year License Awarded	Seminary	Home Conference
None			

d) Students who have been certified as candidates in your annual conference and are serving as local pastors in another annual conference while enrolled in a school of theology listed by the University Senate (§318.3)

Name	First Year License Awarded	Years Completed in Course of Study
Aaron Arturo Gonzalez	2007	United Theological
David Rivera	2011	Perkins

e) Persons serving as local pastors while seeking readmission to conference membership (§366.4, 367, 369.3)? (If not in this conference indicate name of conference where serving.)

Name	Years Completed in Course of Study
None	

22. Who have been discontinued as local pastors (§320.1)?

Name	Date discontinued
Reynaldo Rodriguez	July 1, 2014

23. Who have been reinstated as local pastors (§320.4)?

Name	Years Completed in Course of Study
None	

24. What ordained ministers or provisional members from other Annual Conferences or Methodist denominations are approved for appointment in the Annual Conference while retaining their conference or denominational membership (§331.8, 346.1)? (List alphabetically; indicate Annual Conference or denomination where membership is held. Indicate credential.)

a) Annual Conferences

Name	Clergy Status	Home Conference
Carl Rohlfs	FE	Southwest Texas
Cynthia Layton	FE	Southwest Texas
John Feagins	FE	Southwest Texas
Jon Herrin	FE	North Georgia
Laura Merrill	FE	Southwest Texas
Steve Purdy	FE	Southwest Texas

b) Other Methodist Denominations

Name	Clergy Status	Denomination
None		

25. What clergy in good standing in other Christian denominations have been approved to serve appointments or ecumenical ministries within the bounds of the Annual Conference while retaining their denominational affiliation (§331.8, 346.2)? (v) (Designate with an asterisk those who have been accorded voting rights within the annual conference. Indicate credential.)

Name	Clergy Status	Denomination
None		

26. Who are affiliate members: (List alphabetically; indicate annual conference or denomination where membership is held.)

a) With vote (§586.4 [v])?

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Name	Member Conference/Denomination	First Year of Affiliation
None		

b) Without vote (§§334.5, 344.4)? (v 2/3)

Name	Member Conference/Denomination	First Year of Affiliation
None		

NOTE: If your conference has admitted or ordained persons as a courtesy to another conference, list these persons in Question 40 only. If persons have been admitted or ordained by another annual conference as a courtesy to your conference, list these persons in Questions 27-39, whichever are appropriate, giving the date and name of the accommodating conference.

27. Who are elected as associate members? §322 (v) (List alphabetically-see note preceding Question 27):

Name
None

28. Who are elected as provisional members and what seminary are they attending, if in school? (under §§322.4, 324, 325)

a) Provisional Deacons under the provisions of §§ 324.4a, c or §324.5?(v)

Name	Seminary
None	

b) Provisional Elders under the provisions of §§ 324.4a, b or §324.6 (v)); § 322.4 (v 3/4)

Name	Seminary
Juan Cantu	Perkins
Maribel Vazquez	Perkins
Ricardo Rubio	Perkins

29. Who are continued as provisional members, in what year were they admitted to provisional membership, and what seminary are they attending, if in school (§326)?

a) In preparation for ordination as a deacon or elder? (§326)

Name	Clergy Status (PD or PE)	Date and Seminary
Alicia Campos	PE	July 1, 2013, Perkins

b) Provisional deacons who became provisional elders?

Name	Original Year of Membership
None	

c) Provisional elders who became provisional deacons? (Indicate year)

Name	Original Year of Membership
None	

d) Provisional members who transferred from other conferences or denominations? (§347.1)

Name	Clergy Status (PD or PE)	Original Year of Membership	Previous Conference or Denomination
None			

30. What ordained clergy, coming from other Christian denominations, have had their orders recognized (§348): (v) **A person's orders may be recognized when they are transferring their membership into your annual conference from another Christian denomination. A person who is listed in Q.30 must also be listed in either Q. 31 a or b, depending on the transfer status.**

Name	Clergy Status	Previous Denomination
Ricardo Rubio	Elder	Roman Catholic Church

31. What ordained clergy have been received from other Christian denominations (§347.3): (List alphabetically—see note preceding Question 27):

a) As provisional members (§347.3a,b)? (v)

Name	Clergy Status (PD or PE)	Date Received	Former Denomination
Ricardo Rubio	PE	June 14, 2014	Roman Catholic Church

b) As local pastors (§347.3a)? (v)

Name	Clergy Status (FL or PL)	Date Received	Former Denomination

None			
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32. Who are elected as members in full connection? (List alphabetically-see note preceding Question 27. **Anyone appearing on this question must also be listed somewhere in questions 32-33 or 35, unless the clergy's orders from another denomination were recognized on question 39 in a previous year.**) (v 2/3):

a) Deacons

Name
None

b) Elders

Name
David Sanchez
Ella Luna
William C. Davis

33. Who are ordained as deacons and what seminary awarded their degree? Or, if their master's degree is not from a seminary, at what seminary did they complete the basic graduate theological studies?: (List alphabetically-see note preceding Question 27)

a) After provisional membership (¶330)? (v 2/3)

Name	Seminary
None	

b) Transfer from elder?(¶309) (v 2/3)

Name	Seminary
None	

34. Who are ordained as elders and what seminary awarded their degree?

a) After provisional membership? (¶335) (v 2/3)

Name	Seminary
David Sanchez	Perkins
Ella Luna	Perkins
William C. Davis	Perkins

b) Transfer from deacon? (¶309) (v 2/3)

Name	Seminary
None	

35. What provisional members, previously discontinued, are readmitted (¶365)? (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Year Previously Discontinued
None		

36. Who are readmitted (¶¶366-368 [v], ¶369 [v 2/3]):

Name	Clergy Status	Previous Status
None		

37. Who are returned to the effective relationship after voluntary retirement (¶358.7): (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Year Retired
None		

38. Who have been received by transfer from other annual conferences of The United Methodist Church (¶¶347.1, 416.5, 635.2m)? (List alphabetically. Indicate credential. See note preceding Question 27.)

Name	Clergy Status	Previous Conference	Date of Transfer
None			

39. Who are transferred in from other Methodist denominations (¶347.2)? (List alphabetically. Indicate credential.)

Name	Clergy Status	Previous Methodist Denomination	Date of Transfer
None			

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40. Who have been ordained as a courtesy to other conferences, after election by the other conference? (See note preceding Question 27. Such courtesy elections or ordinations do not require transfer of conference membership.)

a) Deacons?

Name	Member Conference
None	

b) Elders?

Name	Member Conference
None	

41. Who have been transferred out to other annual conferences of The United Methodist Church (§416.5)? (List alphabetically. Indicate credential. See note preceding Question 27.)

Name	Clergy Status	New Conference	Date of Transfer
None			

42. Who are discontinued as provisional members (§327)? (v).

a) By expiration of eight-year time limit (§ 327)

Name	Clergy Status
None	

b) By voluntary discontinuance (§ 327.6) (v)

Name	Clergy Status
None	

c) By involuntary discontinuance (§ 327.6) (v)

Name	Clergy Status
None	

d) By reaching Mandatory Retirement Age after December 31, 2012 (§ 327.7)

Name	Clergy Status
None	

43. Who are on location?

a) Who has been granted honorable location (§359.1)?

(1) This year? (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Charge Conference Membership	Date Effective
None			

(2) Previously?

Name	Year Originally Granted	Charge Conference Membership	Year of Most Recent Report
Javier F. Careaga	AM	Pharr: La Trinidad	July 1, 2013

b) Who on honorable location are appointed ad interim as local pastors? (§359.2) (Indicate date and appointment.)

Name	Appointment	Year Originally Granted Location
None		

c) Who has been placed on administrative location (§360)?

(1) This year? (v)

Name	Date Effective	Charge Conference Membership
None		

(2) Previously?

Name	Year Originally Placed	Charge Conference Membership	Year of Most Recent Report
None			

44. Who have been granted the status of honorable location—retired (§359.3):

a) This year? (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Year Originally Granted	Honorable	Location	Charge Conference Membership
None					

b) Previously?

Name	Clergy Status	Year Originally Granted	Honorable	Location	Charge Conference Membership
Absalon Gamez	FE	1985			Houston: El Buen Pastor
David Alvarez	FE	1966			San Antonio: La Trinidad
Frances Mitchell	FE	1988			Dallas: Elmwood-El Buen Samaritano
Viterbo Montaña	AM	2010			San Antonio: El Divino Salvador

45. Who have had their status as honorably located and their orders terminated (§359.2)? (v)

Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status
None		

46. Who have had their conference membership terminated?

a) By withdrawal to unite with another denomination (§361.1, .4)? (v)

Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status
None		

b) By withdrawal from the ordained ministerial office (§361.2, .4)? (v)

Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status
None		

c) By withdrawal under complaints or charges (§361.3, .4; 2719.2)? (v)

Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status
None		

d) By termination of orders under recommendation of the Board of Ordained Ministry (§354.12)? (v)

Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status
None		

e) By trial (§2713)?

Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status
None		

47. Who have been suspended under the provisions of §363.1d, §2704.2c or §2711.3? (Give effective dates. Indicate credential.)

Name	Date Effective	Clergy Status
None		

48. Deceased (List alphabetically in the spaces provided)

a) What associate members have died during the year?

Effective:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death
None		

Retired:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death
Jose J. Vasquez	May 9, 1923	January 14, 2014
Miguel Ramirez	August 15, 1917	February 24, 2014

b) What provisional members have died during the year? (Indicate credential.)

Effective:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death
None		

Retired:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death
None		

(3) Family, 5 years or less (¶354.2b 3) (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference
None			

(4) Family, more than 5 years (¶354.2b 3) (v 2/3)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference
None			

(5) Transitional (¶354.2c)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference
None			

b) Involuntary (¶ 355)? (v 2/3)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference
None			

51. Who are granted sabbatical leave (¶352)? (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference
None			

52. Who have been granted medical leave due to medical or disabling conditions (¶357)? (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference
Guadalupe R. Palos	AM	02/01/2012	San Antonio: Emmanuel

53. What members in full connection have been retired (¶358): (List alphabetically giving full name—first, middle, last—in that order. If retiring in the interim between conference sessions (¶358.2d), indicate the effective date of retirement.) (Under ¶358.1, no vote required; under ¶358.2, v; under ¶358.3, v 2/3)

Deacons

a) This year?

Name	Date Effective
None	

b) Previously?

Name	Date Effective
Anna María Soltero	January 4, 2001

Elders

a) This year?

Name	Date Effective
None	

b) Previously?

Name	Date Effective
Alderete, Jacinto	October 1, 1998
Almaguel, Ramón	June 1, 1993
Alvarado, Pablo	July 1, 1995
Barrera, Rodolfo	July 1, 2009
Bermúdez, Jesús	July 1, 2004
Campos, Rafael	July 1, 2007
Chávez, Guillermo	July 1, 2002
Dobbs, Michael R.	July 1, 2010
Estrada, Delia	July 1, 2010
Estrada, Francisco	July 1, 2013
García, Daniel	August 1, 2009
Francisco Gaytan	July 1, 2001
Gómez, Isabel	July 1, 2004
Gómez, Roberto L.	July 1, 2013
Gonzales, Eutimio, Jr.	July 1, 2010

Gonzales, Noé E.	July 1, 1995
González, Justo L.	June 1, 1994
Guzmán, Álvaro J.	July 1, 2012
Hinojosa Willis, Alejandro	July 1, 2012
Hinojosa Willis, Pedro	July 1, 2008
Jones, William B.	June 1, 1994
Maldonado, David	July 1, 2011
Mariscal, Arturo	July 1, 1995
Mora, Joel	July 1, 2004
Muñoz-Sol, Bernabé	July 1, 2011
Olmos, Antonio V.	June 1, 1991
Palos, José L.	July 1, 2011
Paredes, Pedro L.	July 1, 2006
Peña, Teresa F.	July 1, 1999
Ponce, Eubaldo T.	July 1, 1998
Rodríguez, Daniel Z.	July 1, 2002
Rodríguez, Francisco J.	January 1, 2006
Salas, Joel	July 1, 2007
Salas, José	July 1, 1995
Salas, Juan A.	July 1, 2010
Salcido, Rubén	July 1, 2000
Santibáñez, Ruby	July 1, 2008
Solís, Melquisedec	July 1, 2011
Soltero, Conrado Gerald	July 1, 1998
Sylvest, Edwin E., Jr.	July 1, 2001
Tovar, Alicia	July 1, 2012
Vega, Sr., Abel	June 1, 2000
Vela, Antonio	June 1, 1994
Yáñez, Moisés	July 1, 1997

54. What associate members have been retired (¶358): (List alphabetically giving full name-first, middle, last-in that order. If retiring in the interim between conference sessions (¶358.2d), indicate the effective date of retirement.) (Under ¶358.1, no vote required; under ¶358.2, v; under ¶358.3, v 2/3)

a) This year?

Name	Date Effective
None	

b) Previously?

Name	Date Effective
Abraham Cabrales	June 30, 2001
Antonio Pastrana	July 1, 1995
Emilio Garza	July 1, 1997
Fidel Alcalá	July 1, 1997
Josué Mora Peña	July 1, 2005
Libny Pineda	July 1, 2013
Moises Garces	July 1, 2000
Raúl E. Martínez	July 1, 2006
Raúl Quintanilla	July 1, 1994
Samuel Cenicerros	July 1, 2010
Samuel Picazo	July 1, 1997
Samuel T. Tun	July 1, 2004

55. What provisional members have been retired before January 1, 2013 (¶358, 2008 *Book of Discipline*): (Indicate credential. If retiring in the interim between conference sessions (¶358.2d), indicate the effective date of retirement.) (Under ¶358.1, no vote required; under ¶358.2, v; under ¶358.3, v 2/3)

a) This year? (NOTE: Provisional members who reach mandatory retirement age and have not retired by Jan. 1, 2013 shall be discontinued (¶ 327.7) and listed in Q. 42.)

Name	Date Effective
None	

b) Previously?

Name	Date Effective
None	

56. Who have been recognized as retired local pastors (¶320.5):

a) This year?

Name	Date Effective
None	

b) Previously?

Name	Date Effective
Eutimio González, Sr.	June 1, 1988
Gloria Salazar	December 31, 2011
Orfila Amaya	July 1, 2006

57. What is the number of clergy members of the Annual Conference:

a) By appointment category and conference relationship?

(NOTES:

- (1) Where applicable, the question numbers on this report form corresponding to each category have been placed in parenthesis following the category title. Where these question numbers appear, the number reported in that category should agree with the number of names listed in the corresponding questions.
- (2) For the three categories of Appointments to Extension Ministries, report as follows:
 ¶344.1a, c): the number of clergy members appointed within United Methodist connectional structures, including district superintendents, or to an ecumenical agency.
 ¶344.1b): the number of clergy members appointed to extension ministries, under endorsement by the Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.
 ¶344.1d): the number of clergy members appointed to other valid ministries, confirmed by a two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference.

Note: Report those in extension ministry in one category only.

See the Discipline paragraphs indicated for more detailed description of these appointment categories.)

Note: Those approved to serve as a local pastor, but not currently under appointment, are not counted as clergy members of the conference.

Categories	Deacons in Full Connection	Elders in Full Connection	Provisional Deacons	Provisional Elders	Associate Members & Affiliate Members With Vote	Full-time Local Pastors	Part-time Local Pastors
Pastors and deacons whose primary appointment is to a Local Church (¶¶331.1c, 339) (76, 78c)	None	9	None	3	2	7	12
Deacons (in full connection and provisional) serving Beyond the Local Church (¶331.1a, b) (78a,b)	None	XXXXX	None	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
Appointments to Extension Ministries (¶316.1; 344.1a, c) (77a)	XXXXX	8	XXXXX	None	1	None	None
Appointments to Extension Ministries (¶316.1; 344.1b) (77b)	XXXXX	3	XXXXX	None	None	None	None
Appointments to Extension Ministries (¶316.1; 344.1d) (77c)	XXXXX	1	XXXXX	None	None	None	None

Appointments to Attend School (§331.3) (79)	1	1	None	None	None	XXXXX	XXXXX
Appointed to Other Annual Conferences (49)	None	13	None	1	1	XXXXX	XXXXX
On Leave of Absence (50a1, a2)	None	1	None	None	None	XXXXX	XXXXX
On Family Leave (50a3, a4)	None	None	None	None	None	XXXXX	XXXXX
On Sabbatical Leave (51)	None	None	None	None	None	XXXXX	XXXXX
On Medical Leave (52)	None	None	None	None	1	XXXXX	XXXXX
On Transitional Leave (50a5)	None	None	None	None	None	XXXXX	XXXXX
Retired (53, 54, 55)	1	44	None	None	12	XXXXX	XXXXX
Total Number, Clergy Members	2	80	0	4	17	7	12
Grand Total, All Conference Clergy Members	122						

Note: Information on clergy by race and gender in the annual conference is available through the General Council on Finance and Administration at www.gcfa.org.

PART III CERTIFICATION IN SPECIALIZED MINISTRY

Note: Indicate credential of persons in Part III: FD, FE, PD, PE, AM, FL, PL, and LM.

58. Who are the candidates in process for certification in specialized ministry?

Name	Clergy/Lay Status	Specialized Ministry
None		

59. Who is certified in specialized ministry? (List the areas of specialized ministry. Indicate by an asterisk those certified this year.)

Name	Clergy/Lay Status	Specialized Ministry
None		

60. Who are transferred in as a certified person in specialized ministry?

Name	Clergy/Lay Status	Specialized Ministry	Sending Conference
None			

61. Who are transferred out as a certified person in specialized ministry?

Name	Clergy/Lay Status	Specialized Ministry	Receiving Conference
None			

62. Who have been removed as a certified person in specialized ministry?

Name	Clergy/Lay Status	Specialized Ministry
None		

PART IV CERTIFIED LAY MINISTRY

(§§ 271, and 666.10 *The Book of Discipline*)

63. Who are certified as lay ministers (§ 271, and 666.10)? (List alphabetically giving full name—first, middle, last—in that order, by district)

Name	District
None	

PART V DIACONAL MINISTERS

(Paragraph numbers in questions 65-72 refer to *The 1992 Book of Discipline*)

64. Who constitute the Committee on Investigation (§2703.3)? (v)

Name
None

65. Who are transferred in as diaconal ministers (§312)?

Name	Previous Annual Conference	Date
None		

66. Who are transferred out as diaconal ministers (§312)?

Name	Previous Annual Conference	Date
None		

67. Who have had their conference relationship as diaconal ministers terminated by Annual Conference action (§313.3)? (Under §313.3a, no vote; under §313.3b, v 2/3)

Name	Date Effective
None	

68. What diaconal ministers have died during the year?

a) Effective:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death
None		

b) Retired:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death
None		

69. What diaconal ministers have been granted leaves of absence under §313.1a, c, d) (disability, study/sabbatical, or personal leave): (v)

Name	Type of Leave	Date Originally Granted
None		

70. What diaconal ministers have been granted an extended leave (§313.1e):

Name	Date Originally Granted
None	

71. Who have returned to active status from extended leave (§313.1e)? (v)

Name	Date Originally Granted
None	

72. Who have taken the retired relationship to the Annual Conference as diaconal ministers (§313.2): (Under §313.2b, v 2/3)

a) This year?

Name	Date Effective
None	

b) Previously?

Name	Date Effective
None	

PART VI APPOINTMENTS AND CONCLUDING BUSINESS

73. Who are approved for less than full-time service?

a) What associate members, provisional, or full elders are approved for appointment to less than full-time service, what is the total number of years for which such approval has been granted to each, and for what fraction of full-time service (in one-quarter increments) is approval granted (for purposes of equitable compensation claim and pension credit) §§338.2, 342.2, 1506)? (v 2/3, after 8 years v 3/4):

Name	Appointment	Fraction of Full-Time Service
None		

b) What deacons in full connection and provisional deacons are approved for appointment to less than full-time service (§331.7)?

Name	Appointment	Fraction of Full-Time Service
None		

74. Who have been appointed as interim pastors under the provisions of §338.3 since the last session of the annual conference, and for what period of time?

Name	Appointment
None	

75. What changes have been made in appointments since the last annual conference session? (Attach list. Include and identify Appointments Beyond the Local Church (Deacons) and Appointments to Extension Ministries (Elders). Give effective dates of all changes.)
Augusto Sarria-Anaya from No Appointment to Oak Grove in Bryan, TX effective 7/23/2013; Casimiro Osvaldo Benitez from No Appointment to Príncipe de Paz in San Antonio, TX effective 7/23/2013; Gilberto Paredes from No Appointment to El Divino Salvador in San Antonio, TX effective 7/23/2013; Jose David Mercado from No Appointment to Emanuel in San Antonio, TX effective 7/23/2013; Maribel Vázquez from No Appointment to Emmanuel in El Paso, TX effective 7/23/2013; Jose Torres from First in Rio Grande City, TX to El Buen Pastor in Corpus Christi, TX effective November 1, 2013; Helen Brock from Bethel and Lakeview in San Angelo, TX to Bethel San Angelo, TX effective January 1, 2014; Albino Renteria from No Appointment to El Divino Salvador in Sherman, TX effective February 7, 2014; Maria Vela from No Appointment to El Buen Samaritano in Kenedy, TX effective February 7, 2014; Nydia Irizarry-Jara from La Trinidad in Pharr, TX (1/2 time) and District Superintendent of the Southern District (1/2 time) to District Superintendent of the Southern District effective April 1, 2014; Jon Herrin from Voluntary Leave of Absence with North Georgia Annual Conference to First in Rio Grande City, TX effective January 1, 2014; Daniel Flores from El Buen Samaritano in Albuquerque, NM to Public Service Librarian at Tarrant County College in Fort Worth, TX effective May 1, 2014.
76. What elders (full connection and provisional), associate members, and local pastors are appointed to ministry to the local church and where are they appointed for the ensuing year? (Attach a list.) **List attached.**
77. What elders (full connection and provisional), associate members, and local pastors are appointed to extension ministries for the ensuing year? (Attach a list)
- Within the connectional structures of United Methodism (§344.1a, c)? **List attached.**
 - To ministries endorsed by the Board of Higher Education and Ministry (344.1b)? **List attached.**
 - To other valid ministries under the provisions of §344.1d? **(v 2/3) List attached.**
78. Who are appointed as deacons (full connection and provisional) for the ensuing year? (Attach a list.)
- Through non-United Methodist agencies and settings beyond the local church (§331.1a)? **List attached.**
 - Through United Methodist Church-related agencies and schools within the connectional structures of The United Methodist Church (§331.1b)? **None**
 - Within a local congregation, charge, or cooperative parish (§331.1c)? **None**
79. Who are appointed to attend school (§416.6)? (List alphabetically all those whose prime appointment is to attend school.)

Name	Clergy Status	School
Evgenia E. Gurina-Rodriguez (FE)	FE	Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth, TX (§416.6)
Thelma Flores	FD	Gordon-Conwell, South Hamilton, MA (§416.6)

80. Where are the diaconal ministers appointed for the ensuing year (§310) [1992 Discipline]? (Attach list) **None.**
81. What other personal notations should be made? (Include such matters as changes in pension credit (§1506.5), corrections or additions to matters reported in the "Business of the Annual Conference" form in previous years, and legal name changes of clergy members and diaconal ministers.). **Correction: Gustavo Diaz was discontinued as an Associate Member in 1993. Legal name change of Helen Ruth Brock Maxwell to Helen Ruth Brock.**
82. Where and when shall the next Conference Session be held (§603.2, 3)? **This will constitute the last session of the Rio Grande Annual Conference. The Rio Grande Annual Conference will become the Rio Texas Annual Conference as of January 1, 2015. The session of the Rio Texas Annual Conference will be June 11 to 14, 2015 in Corpus Christi, TX.**

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ESTADO DE LA CONFERENCIA – 2014, DISCURSO EPISCOPAL

Mis hermanos y hermanas en Cristo; Con añoranza he estado anticipando nuestra conferencia unida. En efecto estamos comenzando nuestra nueva vida, unidos como una nueva conferencia anual. Como con cualquier nueva relación, las cosas pueden ser un poco incómodas al principio. Debemos acostumbrarnos los unos a los otros. Debemos llegar a conocernos bien. Debemos cada vez más plenamente conocernos y apreciarnos los unos a los otros. Debemos buscar el movimiento del Espíritu entre nosotros. Hay que estar atentos a la acción del Espíritu Santo. Debemos dar gracias a Dios por traernos a este tiempo y a este lugar. Hoy comenzamos una nueva jornada unidos como fieles siervos de Dios en la emergente Conferencia Río Texas.

Hasta el 1 de enero todavía seremos dos conferencias separadas, Río Grande y Southwest Texas. Hasta entonces, seguiremos el proceso de transición de dos a una. En esta sesión de nuestras dos conferencias, vamos a finalizar el trabajo de detallar la aplicación de las decisiones en nuestra reunión unida del febrero pasado. Hay algunas decisiones técnicas que necesitan su atención y acción. Estarán escuchando informes y recomendaciones de los comités unidos que han estado trabajando arduamente durante varios meses. El tono y el espíritu de estos comités mixtos han sido siempre pensantes, en oración, relacionales y cooperativos. De hecho, estamos unidos en una jornada que continúa y continuará a medida de que busquemos la voluntad y el camino de nuestro Señor para nuestra nueva conferencia. Ha sido una bendición para mí servir con ustedes en esta jornada. En efecto, ha sido realmente la experiencia de toda una vida.

Recuerdo muy bien que en 2010, en la sesión de la Conferencia de Southwest Texas, recibimos un informe sobre el progreso de la campaña de recaudación de fondos Imagine No Malaria. Fuimos la primera conferencia en la conexión que entró en una campaña abarcando a toda la Conferencia. No había ningún precedente de esta campaña y no había guía alguna. Sin embargo, debido al compromiso y la persistencia de un gran número de superintendentes de distrito, pastores y laicos, se planteó recabar casi 1.5 millones de dólares para este esfuerzo de toda la denominación. Sentado aquí y entre lágrimas les dije a todos, "No sé exactamente cómo sucedió." También recuerdo que muchos de ustedes me respondían diciendo: "¡Es de Dios!" "¡Esta acción es del Señor!" Y así lo fue.

Sinceramente creo que lo mismo puede decirse de este proceso de unificación. Las conversaciones entre los líderes de ambas conferencias comenzaron durante mi segundo año entre ustedes y han continuado desde entonces. Parece que Dios ha abierto sus puertas de gracia y del entendimiento entre todos nosotros durante todo el camino. Ustedes han estado dispuestos a entrar por estas puertas abiertas. Aquí estamos hoy terminando el trabajo y experimentando el privilegio de ser uno en Cristo a través de Río Texas. Una vez más digo que no sé cómo pasó, pero he aprendido de ustedes a permitir que el Espíritu haga su trabajo en la Iglesia. Cosas sorprendentes y maravillosas pueden suceder y suceden. "¡Es de Dios!" "¡Esta acción es del Señor!" Y así es. ¡Gracias sean dadas a Dios! ¡Demos gracias a Dios!

Al continuar la jornada, todavía hay mucho qué hacer. Ustedes harán decisiones necesarias durante los próximos dos días. Avanzaremos a implementar esas decisiones y nos prepararemos para el 1 de enero y más allá. Se cometerán errores. Ajustes serán necesarios al seguir adelante. Se producirán cambios. Pero ustedes han establecido una plataforma para el lanzamiento de la Conferencia Río Texas. Creo que es buena y que nos podrá ayudar a alcanzar a más personas para Cristo.

Extiendo mi más profundo agradecimiento a todos aquellos de ambas conferencias que tan fielmente han servido para discernir la voluntad del Espíritu para nuestras Conferencias. Desde la Comisión del Obispo de la Zona Cooperativa de Ministerios, al Equipo de Dirección de la Unificación, al Equipo de Implementación de la Unificación, hasta la Mesa Transitoria de la Unificación, sus líderes han sido fieles, estando en oración, en sacrificio y eficaces. Le doy gracias a Dios por todos ellos, y espero que ustedes también lo hagan.

Al mirar hacia nuestro futuro unido como Río Texas y guiados por la gracia, estoy decididamente consciente de que hay asuntos ante nosotros y la iglesia en general que necesitan y merecen nuestra atención. Algunos de estos

han sido y de cierto pueden continuar a ser ocasión de considerable desacuerdo entre los cristianos metodistas unidos. Particularmente, yo llamaría vuestra atención a las cuestiones del papel y el lugar de lesbianas, "gays", bisexuales y personas de transgénero en la iglesia, cual sea la autoridad de las Escrituras y cómo se debe establecer, la naturaleza exacta de la autoridad del *Libro de la Disciplina* que todas las personas ordenadas se han comprometido a respetar y a la naturaleza global de La Iglesia Metodista Unida.

Estos todos son los temas de suma importancia ante toda la iglesia y ante nosotros como parte de ella. Al acercarnos a la Conferencia General de 2016, estos temas y otros que puedan surgir merecen nuestra consideración y oración como nueva conferencia anual, como parte de la iglesia extendida y de las iglesias locales. Por lo tanto, pido a cada superintendente de distrito que trabaje con el Equipo de Estrategia Misional Distrital en cada Distrito para desarrollar una serie de conversaciones en los distritos. Estas conversaciones intencionalmente incluirán clérigos y laicos en momentos específicamente organizados para tal haber donde se tratarán tales temas y otros asuntos que puedan surgir al acercarse la Conferencia General. Vuestros delegados recién elegidos a la Conferencias General y Jurisdiccional deben incluirse en la planificación y la ejecución de estas reuniones. También estaré dirigiendo al personal conferencial para asistir en la dotación de recursos hacia estas conversaciones y examinar la posibilidad de celebrar reuniones de toda la Conferencia.

Cada distrito podrá desarrollar su propia manera de conversar sobre estos temas, pero debemos dejar de hablar *de* los demás y empezar a hablar *con* los demás. Creo que nuestro Señor no requiere algo menos a esto. En estos días, intercambios y discusiones por los medios sociales son formas vitales de vida nuestra, pero sinceramente les pido que se abstengan de sólo estas conversaciones y estén dispuestos a unirse con los demás en su Distrito para escucharse los unos a los otros en sus Distritos como hermanos y hermanas en Cristo. Los metodistas jamás han estado de acuerdo en nada. La historia de la cristiandad refleja los mismos patrones de la vida común. Pero sin duda todos podemos escuchar y aprender los unos de los otros en maneras llenas de gracia, aunque no cambien las perspectivas y las opiniones. Por favor, pues, estén dispuestos a trabajar con su Superintendente de Distrito y con sus equipos de estrategia de distrito y en la planificación y participación en estos momentos importantes de conferencia.

No se me escapa la ironía de nuestra vida común. Espero que no se pierda esto en ustedes tampoco. Al celebrar nuestro nuevo nacimiento como una sola Conferencia y al trabajar diligentemente para preparar el camino para el futuro de Dios, entre algunos en la iglesia se oye hablar de división. De seguro, en nuestra amada La Iglesia Metodista Unida, no todos los individuos o grupos siempre han estado contentos o satisfechos con todas las posiciones de la iglesia a cada momento. Esto me incluye a mí. Sin embargo, seguimos viviendo y trabajando juntos para poder dar un testimonio mutuo de la gracia salvadora y el amor incondicional de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Oro porque todos estemos comprometidos y motivados por este mismo deseo en el día y la hora nuestra. Hay mucho en juego. Es además cuestión de vida o muerte para los que esperan escuchar las Buenas Nuevas de Jesucristo. Hemos sido llamados a compartir estas Buenas Nuevas. Que nunca olvidemos o perdamos nuestro enfoque.

Como mencioné anteriormente, estos últimos seis años han sido la experiencia de toda una vida para mí. Bárbara y yo hemos sido más que bendecidos al servir entre ustedes estos años y ansiosamente anticipamos los próximos dos años. Hemos aprendido mucho de ustedes y con ustedes. Hemos experimentado la presencia y el movimiento del Espíritu Santo con ustedes. Confío totalmente que el mismo Espíritu permanecerá con nosotros al desarrollarse esta jornada. Tenemos grandes desafíos ante nosotros. Hay mucho trabajo por hacer, tanto en el interior como afuera. Dios nos puso todos aquí juntos en tal tiempo como el presente. No creo que esto sea ningún accidente. Yo creo que Dios espera que grandes cosas se harán por el poder del Espíritu Santo a través de nosotros, por diferentes que seamos. Estoy convencido que Dios espera grandes obras a través del Espíritu Santo aún en nuestras diferencias. ¡Qué bendición! ¡Qué gran bendición!

Realmente estoy fijando la mirada hacia la obra ante nosotros y hacia nuestro ministerio común. Que todos busquemos una cosa y solamente una cosa... *Hacer Discípulos y Discípulas de Jesucristo para la Transformación del Mundo*. Espero que todos busquemos una sola meta... *Hacer Discípulos y Discípulas de Jesucristo para la Transformación del Mundo*. Necesitamos a nuestro Señor y unos a los otros en los días venideros y en el cumplimiento de esta tarea. No hay duda en mi mente que cuando lleguemos a una pausa en el camino de la Conferencia Anual Río Texas, podremos mirar hacia atrás y decir, "No sé exactamente cómo esto sucedió" y recordar que, "¡Es de Dios!" "¡Esta acción es del Señor!"...

Que Dios los bendiga,

Obispo James E. Dorff

STATE OF THE CONFERENCE 2014, EPISCOPAL ADDRESS

My brothers and sisters in Christ; hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

I have been looking forward to our joint conferences. We are literally beginning to live together as one new annual conference. As with any new relationship, things may be a bit awkward at first. We must become adjusted to one another. We must get acquainted with one another. We must ever more fully know and appreciate one another. We must look for the movement of the Spirit among us. Hay que estar atentos a la acción del Espíritu Santo. We must give thanks to God for bringing us to this time and place. We are just beginning a new journey together as God's faithful servants in the emerging Rio Texas Conference.

Until January 1 we shall still be two separate conferences, Rio Grande and Southwest Texas. Until then we will continue the process of transitioning from two to one. At this session of our two conferences, we shall be completing the detail work in implementing the decisions you made at our joint meeting last February. There are some technical decisions which need your attention and action. You will hear reports and recommendations from joint committees which have been hard at work for several months. The tone and spirit of these joint committees has always been thoughtful, prayerful, relational and cooperative. Indeed, we are on a journey together, which continues and will continue as we seek our Lord's will and way for our new conference. It has been a blessing for me to serve with you on this journey. In fact, it has truly been the experience of a lifetime.

I well remember that in 2010 at the session of the Southwest Texas Conference, we received a report regarding the progress of the Imagine No Malaria fundraising campaign. We were the first conference in the connection to enter into a conference-wide campaign. There was no precedent for such a campaign and no road map. Nonetheless, due to the commitment and persistence of a huge number of district superintendents/ pastors and laity, almost \$1.5 million was raised for this denomination-wide effort. I sat here and tearfully said to you all, "I don't know exactly how this happened." I also remember many of you yelled at me and said, "It's of God!" "¡Esta acción es del Señor!" And so it was.

I earnestly believe the same can be said for this process of unification. Conversations among leaders from both conferences began my second year among you and have been continuous since. It seems God has opened doors of grace and understanding between us all along the way. You have been willing to walk through those open doors. Here we are today finishing the work and privilege of becoming one in Christ through Rio Texas. Again, I am not sure how this happened, but I have learned from you to allow the Spirit to work in the church. Amazing and wonderful things can and do happen. "It's of God." "¡Esta acción es del Señor!" And so it is. Thanks be to God! ¡Demos gracias a Dios!

As we continue the journey, there is much yet to be done. You will make necessary decisions during the next two days. We will move forward to implement those decisions and prepare ourselves for January 1 and beyond. Mistakes will be made. Adjustments will be necessary as we move ahead. Changes will occur. But you have established a platform for the launching of the Rio Texas Conference. I believe it is a good one which can help us reach more people for Christ.

My deepest appreciation goes to all those from both conferences who have served so faithfully to discern the will of the Spirit for our conferences. From the Bishop's Commission on Area Cooperative Ministries, to the Unification Steering Team, to the Unification Implementation Team, to the Transitional Uniting Table, your leaders have been faithful, prayerful, sacrificial, and effective. I give God thanks for them all. I pray you do, too.

As we look forward to our future together, guided by grace as Rio Texas, I am certainly aware that there are issues before us and the general church which need and deserve our attention. Some of these have been and may well continue to be places of significant disagreement among United Methodist Christians. Particularly, I would call to

your attention the issues of the role and place of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered persons in the church, the authority of Scripture and how it is established, the exact nature of the authority of the *Book of Discipline* which all ordained persons have pledged to uphold, and the global nature of The United Methodist Church.

These are all extremely important issues facing the whole church and us as a part of it. As we move toward the General Conference of 2016, these subjects and others which may emerge are deserving of our prayerful consideration as a new annual conference, as part of the larger church and as local churches. Therefore, I am asking each District Superintendent to work with the District Mission Strategy Team in each district to develop a series of conversations in the districts. These will intentionally engage clergy and laity in holy conferencing on these issues and others which may emerge as General Conference comes nearer. Your newly-elected delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conference must be included in the planning and implementation of these gatherings. I will also be directing your conference staff to assist in resourcing these conversations and examine the possibility of holding conference-wide gatherings.

Each district may develop its own way of entering into conversations around these issues, but we must stop talking about each other and start talking to each other. It is my belief that our Lord requires nothing less. Social media arguments and exchanges are a way of life among us these days, but I sincerely ask you to refrain from only these conversations and be willing to join others in your district to listen to each other in your districts as brothers and sisters in Christ. Methodists have never all agreed on anything. The history of Christendom reflects the same patterns of common life. But, surely we can all listen and learn from one another in grace-filled ways, even if perspectives and opinions don't change. Please be willing to work with your District Superintendent and district strategy teams in planning and participating in these important times of conferencing.

The irony of our common life is not lost on me. I hope it is not lost on you either. As we are celebrating our new birth as one conference and working diligently to prepare the way for God's future, among some in the church there is talk of division. To be sure, in our beloved United Methodist Church, not all individuals or groups have ever been pleased or satisfied with all the positions of the church at all times. This includes me. However, we continue to live and work together that a common witness can be made to the saving grace and unconditional love of our Lord Jesus Christ. I pray we shall all be committed to and motivated by this same desire in our day and time. There is much at stake. It is even a life and death matter for those waiting to hear of the Good News of Jesus Christ. We have been called to share this Good News. May we never forget or lose our focus.

As I mentioned earlier, these past six years have been the experience of a lifetime for me. Barbara and I have been beyond blessed to serve among you these years and look so forward to the next two years. We have learned so much about you and from you. We have experienced the presence and movement of the Holy Spirit while with you. I completely trust the same Spirit will remain with us as this journey unfolds. We have great challenges ahead. Tenemos grandes desafíos frente a nosotros. We have much work to do, both from within and without. God put us all here together for just such a time as this. I don't believe it is any accident. I believe God expects great things will be done by the power of the Holy Spirit through us, as different as we are. Estoy convencido que Dios espera grandes obras a través del Espíritu Santo aún con nuestras diferencias. What a blessing! ¡Qué gran bendición!

I am really looking forward to the work before us and our common ministry. May we all seek one thing and one thing only....making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Espero que todos busquemos una sola meta...hacer discípulos de Jesús para la transformación del mundo. We need our Lord and each other for the days ahead and the fulfillment of this task. There is no doubt in my mind that when we come to a pause on the path of the Rio Texas Annual Conference, we can look back and say, "I don't know exactly how this happened" and be reminded that: "It's of God!" "¡Esta acción es del Señor!"...

Que Dios los bendiga,

Bishop James E. Dorff

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Informe I
Informe del Presidente
Para Información Solamente

El Equipo Técnico de Reglas Permanentes fue creado en junio de 2013 para crear un conjunto de reglas para la nueva Conferencia unida. El equipo ha incluido a tres miembros de cada una de comisiones sobre las reglas permanentes de las conferencias patrocinadoras, además de una persona del personal de apoyo de cada conferencia. Los copresidentes del Equipo de Implementación de Unificación han colaborado con nosotros también durante todo el proceso. El Equipo se ha reunido casi mensualmente durante todo el año para llevar a cabo esta asignada tarea.

Desde el principio, hemos estado conscientes de que las reglas permanentes deben reflejar las necesidades de la Conferencia; deben expresar las decisiones adoptadas por la Conferencia de asuntos para los cuales el Libro de Disciplina nos da opción; y deben expresar duraderas decisiones, en lugar de decisiones que cambian anualmente. Hemos intentado evitar simplemente parchar juntos los sistemas de reglas de las dos conferencias patrocinadoras, pero hemos sido conscientes de que estos dos conjuntos de reglas existentes contienen mucho que nos pueden ayudar a seguir adelante. Comenzamos por familiarizarnos con ambos conjuntos de reglas y con los requisitos disciplinarios y sus opciones. Hemos decidido cuales reglas deben ser incluidas, y cuales reglas dependerían de las decisiones de otros antes de poder ser incluidas. Seguimos la dirección del Plan de Acción como fue presentado en la sesión invocada en febrero. Vimos lo que han hecho otras conferencias anuales, y consideramos cuidadosamente la reacción del Concilio Judicial hacia intentos por algunas conferencias anuales de reestructurarse a sí mismas. A lo largo de todo el proceso, hemos intentado estar atentos a las preocupaciones que las voces integrales no se pierdan: que se dé mayor atención a las personas jóvenes; que se consideraran los efectos de nuestras decisiones sobre las iglesias más pequeñas, más pobres; y que celebráramos la integración de las culturas y tradiciones al unirnos ambas conferencias.

Decidimos hacer hincapié en el enfoque de la Misión, Visión y Estructura de la conferencia anual al ponerlos en primer lugar. Por lo tanto, la nueva estructura de la conferencia se deletrea claramente en la primera sección y seguida por las secciones sobre membresía y en procedimientos. Hay algunos lugares donde la estructura definida en estas reglas es levemente diferente del Plan de Acción aprobado previamente. Todos estos cambios se deben a los detalles inadvertidamente pasados por alto en el Plan de Acción, pero que son necesarios según el Libro de Disciplina, o en otras partes del Plan de Acción.

De significativo reciente es el proceso propuesto para determinar los miembros laicos de la conferencia anual. Tras largos debates de alternativas, recomendamos que miembros laicos adicionales necesarios para igualar la membresía de laicos y clérigos se asignen a cada distrito basado en la membresía de distrito. Cada distrito luego determinaría el método de elección de los miembros adicionales. Esto es consistente con el énfasis en el Plan de Acción que se aumente el rol de la organización del distrito, ya que el distrito está más cercano a las misiones. El distrito podría optar por elegir a estos miembros adicionales en una conferencia de distrito, o asignarlos por iglesia, basado en una fórmula, o algún otro método. Al no asignar arbitrariamente miembros laicos adicionales a nuestras iglesias más grandes, abrimos posibilidades de inclusión mayor en muchas áreas. Se proveen estos miembros laicos adicionales para incluir a personas de ambas conferencias patrocinadoras y para incluir también a personas menores de 30 años.

Durante la sesión extraordinaria en San Antonio el 08 de febrero de 2014, se refirió una pregunta a la Comisión Unida de Reglas Permanentes: ¿Qué significa "por lo menos dos" en la línea de la página 57/58 40 del Plan de Acción? Esta línea específica se refiere al área del programa de la Junta de Educación Superior y Ministerio y el Equipo de Visión Desarrollando Líderes, pero tiene implicaciones para otras áreas del programa y otros Equipos de Visión. Nos

enteramos del Equipo de Implementación de Unificación que su intención era de poner a trabajar a todo el Equipo de Visión en cada una de las áreas del programa colocadas dentro del área de enfoque del Equipo. El lenguaje típico que se utiliza a lo largo es: "la membresía de la Junta de Educación Superior y Ministerio Universitario será de dos personas elegidas por la Conferencia Anual cuya responsabilidad específica es Educación Superior y Ministerio del Campus, además de todos los otros miembros del Equipo de Visión Desarrollando Líderes". También existe esta disposición por explicarse además: "Se espera que la Mesa Unida y los cuatro Equipos de Visión recluten e involucren a personas laicos y clérigos a través de la Conferencia para servir en los grupos de tarea, asistiéndoles en sus responsabilidades." Por lo tanto, "por lo menos dos" significa esas dos personas, además de otros miembros del Equipo de Visión, y además de cualquier grupo de tarea que se forme para servir en porciones específicas de la tarea. Esto también deja abierta la posibilidad de que otros miembros del Equipo de Visión puedan estar también bastante interesados en tal área de programa en particular.

El Informe II contiene un conjunto de Reglas Permanentes Especiales para uso durante las Sesiones de Negocios Unidos en la Conferencia Anual en junio de 2014. Estas reglas son muy parecidas a las que se adoptaron durante la sesión invocada en San Antonio el 08 de febrero de 2014.

El Informe III contiene las propuestas Reglas Permanentes de la Conferencia Río Texas, que se llevarán en efecto en la misma fecha del principio oficial de la Conferencia.

Gracias por permitirnos servirles de esta manera.

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Informe II
Reglas Permanentes Especiales
Para la Sesión Unida de la Conferencia Anual
Para Acción de la Conferencia

Reglas propuestas para las Sesiones Unidas de junio de 2014:

Las *Reglas de Orden Roberts, Recién Revisadas* se utilizarán cuando un asunto no esté cubierto por estas reglas.

1. La barra de la Conferencia se establece en el escenario, las mesas y las sillas en la sala de exposiciones dedicada a los miembros.
2. Cuando un/a orador/a se pone en pie para presentar, él/ella debe identificarse utilizando su nombre, iglesia y Conferencia.
3. A los miembros de cada conferencia se les dará un instrumento de color para identificar a su Conferencia cuando haya votación por mano alzada.
4. Si hay balota escrita, las balotas serán también identificadas por color particular de cada Conferencia.
5. Los pajes elegidos por cada conferencia contarán los votos durante la conferencia.
6. Cada discurso será limitado a 3 minutos. Habrá un cronometrador quien informará al Obispo cuando se ha expirado el tiempo.
7. Ambas conferencias deben adoptar cualquier artículo de acción por una simple mayoría para que pueda ser aprobado por el Plenario.

Informe III
Reglas Permanentes de la Conferencia Río Texas
Para Acción de la Conferencia

La **Misión** de la Conferencia Río Texas es: Hacer discípulos de Jesucristo para la transformación del mundo. La **Visión** de la Conferencia de Río Texas: Uniendo Pueblos, Vitalizando Congregaciones, Desarrollando Líderes, Transformando Comunidades.

ESTRUCTURA Y AGENCIAS

1. Habrá una Mesa Unida cuya función es de coordinar la misión y el ministerio en la Conferencia Rio Texas a través de los cuatro Equipos de Visión cimentados por los cuatro pilares de la Visión de la Conferencia: Uniendo Pueblos, Vitalizando Congregaciones, Desarrollando Líderes, y Transformando Comunidades. La Mesa Unida y los cuatro Equipos de Visión son responsables de enfocarse en el Campo Misionero. Los miembros de la Mesa Unida serán: el Obispo (ex officio sin derecho a voto); el decano del gabinete; el líder laico; los presidentes de los Equipos de Visión de Uniendo Pueblos, Vitalizando Congregaciones, Desarrollando Líderes y Transformando Comunidades; el Presidente del Equipo de Administración; un representante de cada uno de la Junta del Ministerio Ordenado, el Comité del Episcopado y el Concilio de Ministerios de los Niños; los presidentes de las Mujeres Metodistas Unidas, los Hombres Metodistas Unidos, el Concilio de Ministerios Juveniles y el Concilio de Ministerios de Jóvenes Adultos; y el Presidente. También habrá siete (7) miembros en general y un defensor del campo de misión, nombrados por el Comité de Nominaciones y elegido por la Conferencia Anual. Todas las referencias en el Libro de Disciplina a un Concilio de la Conferencia de ministerios se cumplirán por la Mesa Unida. La Mesa Unida rinde cuentas a la Conferencia Anual y es financiada por ella.

a. La Mesa Unida y los cuatro Equipos de Visión reclutarán la participación de las personas del laicado y clérigo a través de la Conferencia para servir en los grupos de tarea y ayudarles en sus responsabilidades.

b. Cada Equipo de Visión tendrá será apoyado financieramente a través del presupuesto de la Conferencia Anual. Las reuniones del Equipo se financiarán de la cantidad presupuestada para ese Equipo. Designadas tareas también se financiarán a través de la cantidad proporcionada en el presupuesto anual de la Conferencia y asignado a ese equipo.

c. El Comité de Nominaciones nombrará y la Conferencia Anual elegirá a los presidentes de la Mesa Unida, a cada uno de los cuatro Equipos de Visión y el Equipo de Administración. Ninguno de estos presidentes tendrá otras responsabilidades de Ministerio específicas en la Mesa Unida o en cualquiera de los Equipos de Visión, ni será presidente de cualquier otra agencia de la Conferencia.

d. Las constituciones de las Mujeres Metodistas Unidas (¶ 647) y Hombres Metodistas Unidos (¶ 648) están incluidos en el Libro de Disciplina 2012. Las Mujeres Metodistas Unidas y Hombres Metodistas Unidos son organizaciones independientes que nominan y eligen a sus propios líderes. Cada una de estas organizaciones será representada por el presidente u otra persona designada en diversas agencias de la Conferencia Anual, inclusive la Mesa Unida. Las Mujeres Metodistas Unidas se relacionan con la organización nacional de las Mujeres Metodistas Unidas. Los Hombres Metodistas Unidos se relacionan con la Comisión General de Hombres Metodistas Unidos.

Equipo de Visión “Uniando Pueblos”

2. Habrá un Equipo de Visión Uniando Pueblos cuya función es de facilitar la unidad, el testimonio, la comunicación y la justicia y de trabajar hacia la competencia intercultural en todos los ámbitos de la vida de la Conferencia. Los miembros del Equipo de Visión Uniando Pueblos serán: dos personas cuya responsabilidad específica es Unidad Cristiana y Relaciones Interreligiosas, dos personas cuya responsabilidad específica es Religión y Raza, dos personas cuya responsabilidad específica es el Estado y Rol de la Mujer, dos personas cuya responsabilidad específica es Comunicaciones, dos personas cuya responsabilidad específica es Asuntos de Incapacidad, dos personas cuya responsabilidad específica es Ministerios Hispanos/Latinos y un Presidente; todos designados por el Comité de Nominaciones y elegidos por la Conferencia Anual. Todo el Equipo de Visión tiene toda la responsabilidad hacia cada una de las áreas de enfoque representadas por sus miembros. El Equipo de Visión Uniando Pueblos se relaciona al Concilio de Obispos, la Comisión General de Religión y Raza, la Comisión General sobre el Estado y Rol de la Mujer y a la Mesa Unida. El Equipo de Visión Uniando Pueblos rinde cuentas a la Conferencia Anual y es financiado por ella.

a. Habrá una Comisión de Unidad Cristiana y Relaciones Interreligiosas (la Comisión) cuya función se define en ¶ 642 del Libro de Disciplina 2012. Los miembros de la Comisión serán las dos personas elegidas por la Conferencia Anual cuya responsabilidad específica es Unidad Cristiana y Relaciones Interreligiosas, además de todos los otros miembros del Equipo de Visión Uniendo Pueblos. La Comisión se relaciona con el Concilio de Obispos y el Equipo de Visión Uniendo Pueblos. La Comisión es responsable al Equipo de Visión Uniendo Pueblos y a la Conferencia Anual y es financiada de la porción del presupuesto del Equipo de Visión Uniendo Pueblos.

b. Habrá una Comisión de Religión y Raza (la Comisión) cuya función se define en ¶ 643 del Libro de Disciplina 2012. Los miembros de la Comisión serán las dos personas elegidas por la Conferencia Anual cuya responsabilidad específica es Religión y Raza, además de todos los otros miembros del Equipo de Visión Uniendo Pueblos. La Comisión es responsable a la Comisión General de Religión y Raza y al Equipo de Visión Uniendo Pueblos. La Comisión es responsable al Equipo de Visión Uniendo Pueblos y a la Conferencia Anual y es financiada de la porción del presupuesto del Equipo de Visión Uniendo Pueblos.

c. Se establecerá una Comisión sobre el Estado y el Rol de la Mujer (la Comisión) cuya función se define en ¶ 644 del Libro de Disciplina 2012. Los miembros de la Comisión serán las dos personas elegidas por la Conferencia Anual cuya responsabilidad específica es el Estado y Rol de la Mujer, además de todos los otros miembros del Equipo de Visión Uniendo Pueblos, y además de un miembro nombrado por la Conferencia de las Mujeres Metodistas Unidas. La Presidente de esta Comisión será una mujer, y una mayoría de sus miembros serán mujeres. La Comisión es responsable a la Comisión General sobre el Estado y Rol de la Mujer y al Equipo de Visión Uniendo Pueblos. La Comisión es responsable al Equipo de Visión Uniendo Pueblos y a la Conferencia Anual y es financiada de la porción del presupuesto del Equipo de Visión Uniendo Pueblos.

d. Habrá una Comisión de Comunicaciones (la Comisión) cuya función se define en ¶ 646 del Libro de Disciplina 2012. Los miembros de la Comisión serán las dos personas elegidas por la Conferencia Anual cuya responsabilidad específica es Comunicaciones, además de todos los otros miembros del Equipo de Visión Uniendo Pueblos. La Comisión es responsable al Equipo de Visión Uniendo Pueblos y a la Conferencia Anual y es financiada de la porción del presupuesto del Equipo de Visión Uniendo Pueblos.

e. Se establecerá un Comité sobre asuntos relacionados con Incapacidades (el Comité) cuya función se define en ¶ 653 del Libro de Disciplina 2012. Los miembros del Comité serán las dos personas elegidas por la Conferencia Anual cuya responsabilidad específica es Asuntos de Incapacidad, además de todos los otros miembros del Equipo de Visión Uniendo Pueblos. Membresía deberá incluir a personas con incapacidades físicas y personas con incapacidades mentales. El Comité se relaciona con el Equipo de Visión Uniendo Pueblos. El Comité es responsable al Equipo de Visión Uniendo Pueblos y a la Conferencia Anual y es financiada de la porción del presupuesto del Equipo de Visión Uniendo Pueblos.

f. Se establecerá un Comité de Ministerios Hispano/Latinos (el Comité) cuya función se define en ¶ 655 del Libro de Disciplina 2012. Este Comité se relaciona con cada uno de los cuatro Equipos de Visión y cada uno de los Equipos de Visión será representado por dos personas cuya responsabilidad específica es Ministerios Hispano/Latinos. Los miembros del Comité serán ocho personas elegidas por la Conferencia Anual cuya responsabilidad específica es Ministerios Hispano/Latinos en cada uno de los Equipos de Visión. Cada uno de los Equipos de Visión, dirigido por el Comité, tiene la responsabilidad de Ministerios Hispanos/Latinos dentro de su área de interés. Por lo menos un tercio de los miembros serán personas hispanas/latinas. El Comité corresponde a la Conferencia Anual y es financiado de la porción del presupuesto del Equipo de Visión.

Equipo del Visión “Vitalizando Congregaciones”

3. Habrá un Equipo de Visión de Vitalizando Congregaciones cuya función es discernir, desarrollar y desplegar los recursos pertinentes para el cumplimiento de la misión y propósito de la iglesia local y apoyar el restablecimiento de

la vitalidad de la iglesia local. Los miembros del Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones serán: dos personas cuya responsabilidad específica es Discipulado, dos personas cuya responsabilidad específica es Desarrollo Congregacional y Revitalización, dos personas cuya responsabilidad específica es Preocupaciones Locales Étnicas de la Iglesia, dos personas cuya responsabilidad específica es Iglesia y Desarrollo Comunitario, dos personas cuya responsabilidad específica es la Iglesia de Pequeña Membresía, dos personas cuya responsabilidad específica es el Nuevo Desarrollo de la Iglesia, dos personas cuya responsabilidad específica es Ministerio de Niños, dos personas cuya responsabilidad específica es Ministerios de Personas de Edad Mayor, dos personas cuya responsabilidad específica es Ministerios Hispanos/Latinos y un Presidente; todos designados por el Comité de Nominaciones y elegido por la Conferencia Anual. Miembros adicionales serán los presidentes o representantes de las Mujeres Metodistas Unidas, los Hombres Metodistas Unidos, el Concilio de Ministerios Juveniles y el Concilio de Ministerios de Jóvenes Adultos. Todo el Equipo de Visión tiene toda la responsabilidad hacia cada una de las áreas de enfoque representada por sus miembros. El Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones se relaciona con la Junta General de Discipulado, la Junta General de Ministerios Globales y la Mesa Unida. El Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones es financiado por la Conferencia Anual responsable a ella.

a. Habrá una Junta de Discipulado (la Junta) cuya función se define en ¶ 630 del Libro de Disciplina 2012. Los miembros de la Junta serán las dos personas elegidas por la Conferencia Anual cuya responsabilidad específica es Discipulado, además de todos los otros miembros del Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones. La Junta se relaciona con la Junta General de Discipulado y al Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones. La Junta es responsable al Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones y a la Conferencia Anual y se financiará de la porción del presupuesto del Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones.

b. Se establecerá un Comité de Desarrollo Congregacional y Revitalización (el Comité) cuya función se define en ¶ 633.5e del Libro de Disciplina 2012. Los miembros del Comité serán las dos personas elegidas por la Conferencia Anual cuya responsabilidad específica es Desarrollo Congregacional y Revitalización, además de todos los otros miembros del Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones. El Comité se relaciona con la Junta General de Ministerios Globales y al Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones. El Comité es responsable al Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones y a la Conferencia Anual y es financiado de la porción del presupuesto del Equipo de Visión de Vitalizando Congregaciones.

c. Habrá un Comité sobre Asuntos Étnicos de la Iglesia Local (el Comité) cuya función se define en ¶ 632 del Libro de Disciplina 2012. Los miembros del Comité serán las dos personas elegidas por la Conferencia Anual cuya responsabilidad específica es Asuntos Étnicos de la Iglesia Local, además de todos los otros miembros del Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones. El Comité se relaciona con el Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones. El Comité es responsable al Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones y a la Conferencia Anual y es financiado de la porción del presupuesto del Equipo de Visión de Vitalizando Congregaciones.

d. Se establecerá un Comité de Parroquia y Desarrollo Comunitario (el Comité) cuya función se define en ¶ 633.5 del Libro de Disciplina 2012. Los miembros del Comité serán las dos personas elegidas por la Conferencia Anual cuya responsabilidad específica es Parroquia y Desarrollo Comunitario, además de todos los otros miembros del presupuesto del Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones. El Comité se relaciona con la Junta General de Ministerios Globales y al Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones. El Comité es responsable al Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones y a la Conferencia Anual y es financiado del presupuesto del Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones.

e. Se establecerá una Comisión de la Iglesia de Membresía Pequeña (la Comisión) cuya función se define en ¶ 645 y ¶ 633.5i del Libro de Disciplina 2012. Los miembros de la Comisión serán las dos personas elegidas por la Conferencia Anual cuya responsabilidad específica es la Iglesia de Membresía Pequeña, además de todos los demás miembros del Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones. La Comisión se relaciona con la Junta General

de Ministerios Globales y al Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones. La Comisión es responsable al Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones y a la Conferencia Anual y es financiada de la porción del presupuesto del Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones.

f. Habrá un Comité de Desarrollo de Nuevas Iglesias (el Comité) cuya función se define en ¶ 633.5e-h y ¶ 630.3 del Libro de Disciplina 2012. Los miembros del Comité serán las dos personas elegidas por la Conferencia Anual cuya responsabilidad específica es el Desarrollo de Nuevas Iglesias, además de todos los otros miembros del Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones. El Comité se relaciona con la Junta General de Ministerios Globales, la Junta General de Discipulado y al Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones. El Comité es responsable al Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones y a la Conferencia Anual y es financiado de la porción del presupuesto del Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones.

g. Habrá un Concilio de Ministerios de Niños (el Concilio) cuya función es la de planificar, crear visión y abogar por los niños dentro de la Conferencia. Los miembros del Concilio serán las dos personas elegidas por la Conferencia Anual cuya responsabilidad específica es Ministerio de Niños, además de todos los demás miembros del Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones. El Concilio se relaciona con el Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones. El Concilio es responsable al Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones y a la Conferencia Anual y es financiado de la porción del presupuesto del Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones.

h. Habrá un Concilio Ministerios de Adultos Mayores (el Concilio) cuya función se define en ¶ 651 del Libro de Disciplina 2012. Los miembros del Concilio serán las dos personas elegidas por la Conferencia Anual cuya responsabilidad específica es ministerios de adultos mayores, además de todos los otros miembros del Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones. El Concilio se relaciona con la Junta General de Discipulado y el Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones. El Concilio es responsable al Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones y a la Conferencia Anual y es financiado de la porción del presupuesto del Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones.

i. Comité de Ministerios Hispanos/Latinos: ver regla #2.f.

j. Habrá un Concilio de Ministerios Juveniles, u otra estructura equivalente, cuya función se define en ¶ 649 del Libro de Disciplina 2012. Habrá un Concilio de Ministerios de Jóvenes Adultos, u otra estructura equivalente, cuya función se define en ¶ 650 del Libro de Disciplina 2012. Cada una de estas organizaciones será representada por el Presidente u otra persona designada en diversas agencias de la Conferencia Anual, inclusive la Mesa Unida. El Concilio de Ministerios Juveniles y el Concilio de Ministerios de Jóvenes Adultos se relacionan con la Junta General de la División de Discipulado de Ministerios Juveniles. Los Concilios son responsables a la Conferencia Anual y financiado por la porción del presupuesto del Equipo de Visión Vitalizando Congregaciones.

Equipo de Visión “Desarrollando Líderes”

4. Habrá un Equipo de Visión Desarrollando Líderes cuya función es llamar a equipar a líderes laicos y del clero en el campo misionero y para animar especialmente a líderes más jóvenes. Los miembros del Equipo de Visión Desarrollando Líderes serán: dos personas cuya responsabilidad específica es Educación Superior y la Ministerio Universitario, dos personas cuya responsabilidad específica es Ministerios Hispanos/Latinos y un Presidente; todos designados por el Comité de Nominaciones y elegido por la Conferencia Anual. Miembros adicionales serán los presidentes o representantes de las Mujeres Metodistas Unidas, los Hombres Metodistas Unidos, el Concilio de Ministerios Juveniles y el Concilio de Ministerios de Jóvenes Adultos; dos representantes de la Junta del Ministerio Ordenado; un representante del Comité de Revisión Administrativa; el/la Líder Laico-a Conferencial y siete (7) líderes laicos distritales. Todo el Equipo de Visión tiene toda la responsabilidad para cada una de las áreas de enfoque representadas por sus miembros. El Equipo de Visión Desarrollando Líderes se relaciona con la Junta General de

Educación Superior y Ministerio y su División de Educación Superior, a la Junta General de Discipulado y a la Mesa Unida. El Equipo de Visión Desarrollando Líderes rinde cuentas a la Conferencia Anual y es financiado por ella.

a. Habrá una Junta de Educación Superior y Ministerio Universitario (la Junta) cuya función se define en ¶ 634 del Libro de Disciplina 2012. Los miembros de la Junta Directiva serán las dos personas elegidas por la Conferencia Anual cuya responsabilidad específica es Educación Superior y Ministerio Universitario, además de todos los otros miembros del Equipo de Visión Desarrollando Líderes. La Junta se relaciona con el Concilio General de su División de Educación Superior, Educación Superior y Ministerio y al Equipo de Visión Desarrollando Líderes. La Junta es responsable al Equipo de Visión Desarrollando Líderes y a la Conferencia Anual y es financiado de la porción del presupuesto del Equipo de Visión Desarrollando Líderes.

b. Comité de Ministerios Hispano/Latinos: ver regla #2.f.

c. Habrá una Junta de Ministerio Ordenado (la Junta) cuya función, composición y organización se definen en ¶ 635 del Libro de Disciplina 2012. Habrá treinta (30) miembros de la Junta, nombrados por el Obispo y elegidos por la Conferencia Anual. La Junta se relacionará con la Junta General de Educación Superior y Ministerio. La junta es responsable a la Conferencia Anual e informa a ella y es financiada de la porción del presupuesto del Equipo de Visión Desarrollando Líderes.

d. Se establecerá un Comité de Revisión Administrativa (el comité), cuya función y membresía se definen en ¶ 636 del Libro de Disciplina 2012. Habrá tres (3) miembros del Comité y dos (2) suplentes, nombrados por el Obispo y elegidos por la sesión de cleros de la Conferencia Anual. El Comité es responsable ante la reunión del clero de la Conferencia Anual y es financiada de la porción del presupuesto del Equipo de Visión Desarrollando Líderes.

e. Habrá una Junta de Laicos (la Junta) cuya función se define en ¶ 631 del Libro de Disciplina 2012. Los miembros de la Junta serán el Líder Laico Conferencial como Presidente y los líderes distritales, además de todos los demás miembros del Equipo de Visión Desarrollando Líderes. La Junta está representada por uno o más de sus miembros en diversas agencias de la Conferencia Anual. La Junta se relaciona con la Junta General de Discipulado y al Equipo de Visión Desarrollando Líderes. La Junta es responsable e informa a la Conferencia Anual y es financiada de la porción del presupuesto del Equipo de Visión Desarrollando Líderes.

Equipo de Visión “Transformando Comunidades”

5. Habrá un Equipo de Visión Transformando Comunidades cuya función es equipar, educar y apoyar a las congregaciones alrededor de las áreas de misión y el Avance, problemas étnicos específicos y asuntos de justicia. Los miembros del Equipo de Visión Transformando Comunidades serán: dos personas cuya responsabilidad específica es la Iglesia y Sociedad, dos personas cuya responsabilidad específica es Ministerios Globales, dos personas cuya responsabilidad específica es Ministerios Nativo-Americanos, dos personas cuya responsabilidad específica es el programa de Avance, dos personas cuya responsabilidad específica es la Justicia y Misericordia, dos personas cuya responsabilidad específica es Ministerios Hispanos/Latinos y un Presidente; todos designados por el Comité de Nominaciones y elegido por la Conferencia Anual. El Coordinador de Paz con Justicia también será miembro. Todo el Equipo de Visión tiene toda la responsabilidad para cada una de las áreas de enfoque representadas por sus miembros. El Equipo de Visión Transformando Comunidades se relaciona con la Junta General de la Iglesia y Sociedad, la Junta General de Ministerios Globales y la Mesa Unida. El Equipo de Visión Transformando Comunidades es financiado por la Conferencia Anual y rinde cuentas a ellas.

a. Habrá una Junta de Iglesia y Sociedad (la Junta) cuya función se define en ¶ 629 del Libro de Disciplina 2012. Los miembros de la Junta Directiva serán las dos personas elegidas por la Conferencia Anual cuya responsabilidad específica es la Iglesia y Sociedad, además de todos los otros miembros del Equipo de Visión Transformando Comunidades, además de un miembro nombrado por la Conferencia de las Mujeres Metodistas Unidas. La Junta

se relaciona con la Junta General de Iglesia y Sociedad y con Equipo de Visión Transformando Comunidades. La Junta es responsable al Equipo de Visión Transformando Comunidades y a la Conferencia Anual y es financiada a través de la porción de del presupuesto del Equipo de Visión Transformando Comunidades. La Junta nombrará al coordinador de Paz con Justicia.

b. Habrá una Junta de Ministerios Globales (la Junta) cuya función se define en ¶ 633 del Libro de Disciplina 2012. La membresía de la Junta será de dos personas elegidas por la Conferencia Anual cuya responsabilidad específica es Ministerios Globales, además de todos los otros miembros del Equipo de Visión Transformando Comunidades, además de un miembro nombrado por la Conferencia de las Mujeres Metodistas Unidas. La Junta se relaciona con la Junta General de Ministerios Globales y con el Equipo de Visión Transformando Comunidades. La Junta es responsable al Equipo de Visión Transformando Comunidades y a la Conferencia Anual y es financiada de la porción del presupuesto del Equipo de Visión Transformando Comunidades.

c. Se establecerá un Comité de Ministerios Nativo-Americanos (el Comité) cuya función se define en ¶ 654 del Libro de Disciplina 2012. Los miembros del Comité serán las dos personas elegidas por la Conferencia Anual cuya responsabilidad específica es Ministerios Nativo-Americanos, además de todos los demás miembros del Equipo de Visión Transformando Comunidades. El Comité se relaciona con el Equipo de Visión Transformando Comunidades. El Comité es responsable al Equipo de Visión Transformando Comunidades y a la Conferencia Anual y es financiada de la porción del presupuesto del Equipo de Visión Transformando Comunidades.

d. Se establecerá un Comité en el Avance (el Comité) cuya función se define en ¶ 656 del Libro de Disciplina 2012. Los miembros del Comité serán las dos personas elegidas por la Conferencia Anual cuya responsabilidad específica es el Avance, además de todos los demás miembros del Equipo de Visión Transformando Comunidades. El Comité se relaciona con el Equipo de Visión Transformando Comunidades. El Comité es responsable al Equipo de Visión Transformando Comunidades y a la Conferencia Anual y es financiada de la porción del presupuesto del Equipo de Visión Transformando Comunidades.

e. Se establecerá un Comité de Justicia y Misericordia (el Comité) cuya función se define en ¶ 657 del Libro de Disciplina 2012. Los miembros del Comité serán las dos personas elegidas por la Conferencia Anual cuya responsabilidad específica es Justicia y Misericordia, además de todos los otros miembros del Equipo de Visión Transformando Comunidades. El Comité se relaciona con el Equipo de Visión Transformando Comunidades. El Comité es responsable al Equipo de Visión Transformando Comunidades y a la Conferencia Anual y es financiado de la porción del presupuesto del Equipo de Visión Transformando Comunidades.

f. Comisión de Ministerios Hispano/Latinos: ver regla #2.f.

Equipo de Administración

6. Habrá un Equipo de Administración cuya función es proporcionar apoyo administrativo en curso a la Conferencia a través de las agencias representadas entre sus miembros. La membresía del Equipo de Administración será compuesto de un representante de la Mesa de Finanzas, la Junta de Síndicos, el Comité de Reglas Permanentes, el Comité de Agenda y Adoración, el Comité del Episcopado, la Comisión de Residencia Episcopal, la Junta de Pensiones, la Comisión de Archivos e Historia y el Comité de Nominaciones, además de un Presidente. Cada una de estas funciones se llevará a cabo por una agencia separada e independiente cuyos miembros son designados por el Comité de Nominaciones y elegidos por la Conferencia Anual. Cada una de estas agencias es directamente responsable a la Conferencia Anual, informa a la Conferencia Anual y es financiado en el presupuesto de la Conferencia Anual.

a. Habrá una Mesa de Finanzas cuya función se define en §§ 611-628 del Libro de Disciplina 2012, y que cumplirá con todas las referencias en el Libro de Disciplina ante el Concilio de Administración y Finanzas. La Mesa de Finanzas también cumplirá con todas las referencias en el Libro de Disciplina a la Comisión de Compensación Equitativa, cuya función se define en ¶ 625 del Libro de Disciplina 2012. Habrá dieciséis (16) miembros en la Mesa

de Finanzas. La Mesa de Finanzas se relaciona con el Concilio General de Administración y Finanzas. También habrá un Comité de Personal para llevar a cabo las funciones de la Mesa de Finanzas en ¶ 613.13 del Libro de Disciplina 2012. Habrá cuatro (4) miembros del Comité de Personal además de un representante de la Mesa de Finanzas y un Superintendente del distrito.

b. Habrá una Junta de Síndicos, cuya función se define en ¶ 2512 del Libro de Disciplina 2012. Habrá doce (12) miembros de la Junta de Síndicos que serán elegidos en cuatro (4) clases de tres (3) miembros cada uno. La primera Junta de Síndicos tendrá tres personas elegidas por la Southwest Texas Conference cuyo fin de términos es en junio de 2015, tres personas elegidas por la Conferencia Rio Grande cuyo fin de término es en junio de 2016, tres personas elegidas por la Conferencia Rio Grande cuyo fin de término es en junio de 2017 y tres personas elegidas por la Southwest Texas Conference cuyo fin de término es en junio de 2018.

c. Habrá un Comité sobre Reglas Permanentes, cuya función es supervisar las reglas de la Conferencia Anual, a la medida permitida en ¶ 604.1 del Libro de Disciplina 2012. Habrá seis (6) miembros del Comité de Reglas Permanentes.

d. Habrá un Comité de Agenda y Adoración cuya función se define en ¶ 605.2 del Libro de Disciplina 2012. La membresía de la Comisión de Agenda y Adoración será del Obispo y el agente del Obispo (título por determinar); los superintendentes de siete (7) Distritos; los presidentes de las Mujeres Metodistas Unidas, los Hombres Metodistas Unidos, el Concilio de Ministerios de Jóvenes Adultos y el Concilio de Ministerios Juveniles; el Líder Laico Conferencial; el Tesorero de la Conferencia; el Secretario de la Conferencia; el Presidente de la Mesa Unida; y un Coordinador del Equipo de Adoración reclutado por el Comité.

e. Se establecerá un Comité del Episcopado cuya función se define en ¶ 637 del Libro de Disciplina 2012. Habrá doce (12) miembros del Comité del Episcopado.

f. Se establecerá un Comité de Residencia Episcopal cuya función se define en ¶ 638 del Libro de Disciplina 2012. Habrá seis (6) miembros de la Comisión de Residencia Episcopal.

g. Habrá una Junta de Pensiones, cuya función se define en ¶ 639 del Libro de Disciplina 2012. Habrá dieciséis (16) miembros de la Junta de Pensiones que servirán términos escalonados de ocho años, con dos miembros siendo elegidos cada año. La primera Junta de Pensiones tendrá dos personas cuyos nombramientos terminan en junio de 2015 y dos personas cuyos nombramientos terminan en sucesiva cada año a través de junio de 2022, con el fin de establecer los términos escalonados. Las Conferencias 2014 cada una elegirán a una persona por cada clase que conforma a la primera Junta de Pensiones. La Junta de Pensiones se relaciona con la Junta General de Pensiones y Beneficios de Salud.

h. Habrá una Comisión de Archivos e Historia cuya función se define en ¶ 641 del Libro de Disciplina 2012. Habrá ocho (8) miembros de la Comisión de Archivos e Historia. La Comisión de Archivos e Historia se relaciona con la Comisión General de Archivos e Historia.

i. Habrá un Comité de Nominaciones (el Comité) cuya función es identificar a candidatos para cada posición de líderes elegidos ya que el Libro de Disciplina no especifica otro método de nominación. Los miembros del Comité serán el Obispo y el agente del Obispo (título por determinar); los superintendentes de siete Distritos; una persona de cada Conferencia patrocinadora que representan las Mujeres Metodistas Unidas, Hombres Metodistas Unidos, el Concilio de Ministerios de Jóvenes Adultos y el Concilio de Ministerios Juveniles; el Líder Laico Conferencial; y seis (6) prófugos miembros designados por el Comité de Nominaciones y elegidos por la Conferencia Anual para garantizar una representación equitativa en el Comité de cada una de las Conferencias

patrocinadoras. Por lo menos a través de 2024 el Comité de Nominaciones constará de un número igual de miembros de cada una de las Conferencias patrocinadoras.

De Aplicación a Todas las Agencias:

7. El Comité de Nominaciones colaborará con los objetivos de inclusión como sigue adelante en ¶ 610,5 en el Libro de Disciplina 2012 que establece: "...especial atención se dará a la inclusión de mujeres del clero, juventud (¶ 256.2 [sic] [Ed. Nota: debe ser ¶ 256.3]), jóvenes adultos, adultos mayores, personas de iglesias con membresías pequeñas, las personas con incapacidad y personas étnicas y raciales, en consonancia con las políticas de las agencias generales de la Iglesia. También se recomienda que los miembros de dichas agencias, excepto la Junta del Ministerio Ordenado, incluyan un tercio de clero, un tercio de laicas y laicos que profesan ser miembros de las iglesias locales." El Comité de Nominaciones también se esforzará a que haya una representación equitativa de los distritos; y, a la medida de lo que sea posible, la diversidad de los nominados deberá reflejar la diversidad de las Misiones. Será importante por lo menos a través de 2020 que ambas conferencias patrocinadoras sean representadas en la Junta de Pensiones, y que ambas estén representadas en la Mesa Unida y en los Equipos de Visión.

8. El término de membresía en cualquier agencia conferencial es cuatrienal, excepto donde el Libro de Disciplina estipule a lo contrario. Lo máximo que una persona puede servir en una agencia es dos términos, excepto donde el Libro de Disciplina estipule a lo contrario, o cuando se llene un vacante durante el cuatrienio. El llenar un vacante de un nombramiento vigente de más de dos años se considera un término completo y se contará como cuatro años.

9. Ex-oficio miembros de una agencia, incluyendo miembros de Agencias Generales y Jurisdiccionales que residen dentro de los límites de la Conferencia, son además de los miembros de las agencias mencionadas.

10. Los presidentes de las agencias de la Conferencia deberán ser sensibles a los horarios de trabajo de laicos al establecer reuniones.

11. Cuando una persona esté ausente sin aviso de dos consecutivas reuniones de Agencia del cual es miembro, dicha persona será considerada que ha renunciado a dicha membresía, y al Comité de Nominaciones se le notificará que otra persona puede ser nominada para el resto del plazo.

12. Ninguna persona de Personal del Superintendente o Conferencia será elegible para servir como miembro electivo de cualquier agencia de Conferencia. Si fuera miembro en el momento del nombramiento o de empleo, él/ella se considerará haber renunciado tal membresía.

Centros

13. Habrá un Centro de Vitalidad a la Misión que tiene cuatro funciones principales: Vitalidad Congregacional, capacitar y equipar a todos los que trabajan con las congregaciones existentes; Nueva Vitalidad de la Comunidad de Fe, ayudar y apoyar a aquellos que inician nuevas comunidades de fe; Vitalidad de Liderazgo, para ofrecer desarrollo de liderazgo para laicos y líderes del clero, asociando presbíteros participantes con los entrenadores congregacionales; y Vitalidad de Alcance y Ministerio Conexional, para movilizarnos a todos nosotros para transformar las comunidades a través de oportunidades misionales y compromiso. El Centro de la Vitalidad de la Misión apoyará la Junta de Ministerio Ordenado y sus iniciativas de bienestar del clero, centros de conferencias que ofrecen retiros y experiencias de aprendizaje, ministerios de jóvenes y adultos jóvenes, Caminatas a Emaús y programas de Crisálida y servicios de registro para tales eventos. El Centro de Vitalidad de la Misión rendirá cuentas a la Conferencia Anual y será financiado por ella. Habrá un Director del Centro de Vitalidad de la Misión y otras personas de personal según lo determinado por el Comité de Personal.

14. Habrá un Centro de Medios de Comunicación cuya función es apoyar las comunicaciones y para dirigir a la Conferencia en el uso de nuevas y emergentes tecnologías que se utilizarán como herramientas para el

Ministerio. Específicamente, el Centro de Medios de Comunicación trabajará para asegurar que cada congregación tenga la capacidad de ser conectadas digitalmente y pueda utilizar su sitio web y redes sociales con eficacia; que el Centro de Conferencias pueda apoyar teleconferencias, reuniones virtuales y servicios de traducción; y que la capacitación en el uso de estas tecnologías esté ampliamente disponible. El Centro de Medios de Comunicación apoyará las congregaciones locales, distritos, la Conferencia y todos sus miembros laicos y clérigos en alcanzar el Campo Misionero. El Centro de Medios de Comunicación será financiado por la Conferencia Anual rendirá cuentas a ella. Habrá un Director del Centro de Medios de Comunicación y otras personas de personal según lo determinado por el Comité de Personal.

15. Se establecerá un Centro de Recursos cuya función es gestionar los recursos financieros de la Conferencia y para desarrollar fuentes alternativas de financiación para la Conferencia. El Centro de Recursos proporcionará colaboración y asociación entre todos los programas y entidades administrativas y financieras de la Conferencia. El Centro de Recursos apoyará la Mesa de Finanzas y la Comisión de Compensación Equitativa, la Junta de Síndicos, la Junta de Pensiones, el Tesorero conferencial y la oficina de Desarrollo de Nuevos Recursos. El Centro de Recursos será responsable a la Mesa de Finanzas y a la Conferencia Anual y será financiado por la Conferencia Anual. Habrá un Director del Centro de Recursos y otras personas de personal según lo determinado por el Comité de Personal.

MEMBRESIA DE LA CONFERENCIA ANUAL

16. La membresía de Laicos de la Conferencia Anual será:

Miembros Laicos definidos por el Libro de Disciplina

- a. Un profesante miembro elegido por cada cargo, como es provisto en ¶ 602.4 del Libro de Disciplina 2012;
- b. Un adicional miembro laico asignado a cada cargo por cada miembro adicional del clero que es nombrado para el cargo como es provisto en ¶ 602.4 del Libro de Disciplina 2012;
- c. Ministros Diaconales, Diaconisas activas, Misioneros en casa bajo nombramiento Episcopal dentro de los límites de la Conferencia Anual, el Presidente de la Conferencia de Mujeres Metodistas Unidas, el Presidente de la Conferencia de Hombres Metodistas Unidos, el Líder Laico Conferencial, líderes laicos Distritales, el Director de la Conferencia de Ministerios de Servicio Laico, el Secretario de la Conferencia de Ministerios Globales (si es laico), el Presidente o funcionario equivalente de la organización de la Conferencia para Jóvenes Adultos, el Presidente de la organización de la Conferencia de Jóvenes, el Presidente de la Conferencia Anual de Estudiantes Universitarios, una persona joven entre las edades de doce (12) y diecisiete (17) y una persona joven entre las edades de dieciocho (18) y treinta (30) de cada distrito para ser electo de la manera determinada por la Conferencia Anual, como previsto en ¶ 602.4 y ¶ 32 del Libro de Disciplina 2012;

(El método de seleccionar a los jóvenes, universitarios y jóvenes adultos representantes a la Conferencia Anual será como sigue: la organización de la Conferencia de Jóvenes seleccionará una persona joven entre las edades de doce (12) y diecisiete (17) de cada distrito, la organización de la Conferencia para adultos jóvenes seleccionará una persona joven entre las edades de 18 dieciocho y treinta 30 de cada distrito. En ausencia de una organización estudiantil universitaria, la Junta de Educación Superior y el Ministerio Universitario seleccionará el estudiante universitario para servir como Miembro Laico de la Conferencia Anual. Cada una de las agencias es responsable de proporcionar los nombres y la información de contacto de estas personas a la Secretaria de la Conferencia a no más tardar del 15 de enero de cada año).

Miembros Laicos definidos por la Conferencia Anual

- d. Un miembro laico adicional asignado a cada iglesia que no tiene un miembro laico como es provisto en 16a y 16b arriba; y
- e. Otros miembros según lo definido por la Conferencia Anual que incluya: un representante adicional de los comités ejecutivos de las organizaciones de la Conferencia de Hombres Metodistas Unidos, las Mujeres Metodistas Unidas, Jóvenes, Jóvenes Adultos; el Presidente y un representante adicional de los comités ejecutivos de las organizaciones del distrito de las Mujeres Metodistas Unidas, Hombres Metodistas Unidos,

Jóvenes, Jóvenes Adultos; el Canciller, el Director laico de la Conferencia Emaús (si existe), el Coordinador de la Scout Conference (si existe), Líderes Laicos Asociados de la Conferencia (si existen), elegidos ejecutivos de personal Conferencial (si existen), el Presidente de cualquier Comité o agencia Conferencial permanente que informa directamente a la Conferencia Anual; Miembros Laicos de la Mesa Unida y la Mesa de Finanzas, un miembro laico para cada iglesia de nuevo comienzo elegida por el distrito donde se encuentra la iglesia de nuevo comienzo.

f. Miembros Laicos adicionales necesarios para igualar la membresía y miembros del laicado y clero se asignarán a cada distrito basado en la membresía de distrito. El Secretario de la Conferencia deberá notificar a cada Superintendente de Distrito del número de miembros laicos adicionales que deben ser elegidos a no más tardar de 60 días después de la Conferencia Anual. Cada distrito determinará el método de elección.

g. Hasta el año 2024 los miembros laicos adicionales elegidos deberán incluir a miembros de ambas conferencias patrocinadoras.

h. Al menos 10% de estos miembros laicos adicionales serán de 30 años o menos de edad en el momento de la elección.

i. Esta regla entrará en vigor tras el cierre de la sesión de la Conferencia Anual de junio de 2015. Miembros laicos de la sesión de la Conferencia Anual de 2015 serán elegidos según la práctica de cada una de las conferencias actuales.

17. De acuerdo con ¶ 659 del Libro de Disciplina 2012, las Conferencias de Distrito estarán compuestas por todos los miembros de la Conferencia Anual como delineado adelante en las Reglas Permanentes que están relacionados con las iglesias dentro de los límites de sus respectivos distritos y actualmente electos a un cargo. Además, se incluirá al Presidente de cada Agencia de Distrito.

PROCEDIMIENTOS CONFERENCIALES

18. Propuestas e Informes de Agencias de la Conferencia se elaborarán en un informe preconferencial que se hará disponible como un documento electrónico o en forma impresa a todos los miembros de la Conferencia por lo menos treinta (30) días antes de la Sesión Anual de la Conferencia. Por lo menos una copia impresa del Informe preconferencial se enviará a cada iglesia local. Cada Informe deberá estar marcado "Para acción de la Conferencia" o "Para Información Solamente."

19. Se hará un esfuerzo intencional para producir informes escritos en inglés y en español; y para proporcionar la traducción oral entre el español e el inglés y para proveer apoyo de visión y audición a personas incapacitadas durante todas las sesiones de la Conferencia Anual.

20. Resoluciones deberán llegar el piso de la Conferencia sólo después de consideración y acción de la agencia conferencial apropiada.

21. Los procedimientos de la Conferencia se regirán por las siguientes en orden de prioridad: el Libro de Disciplina, las Reglas Permanentes, cualquier regla especial adoptada por la Conferencia Anual y la edición actual de las Reglas de Orden Roberts.

22. El Secretario de la Conferencia establecerá la barra de la Conferencia. El Secretario de la Conferencia nombrará, y la Conferencia Anual elegirá a las personas que se necesiten para asistir en los procedimientos de la Conferencia. Estos incluyen el cronometrador, cajeras, secretarias asociados y el Comité de Minutas.

23. Los oradores deben identificarse, dando su nombre y el de su iglesia, y declarar si son miembros clérigos o laicos de la Conferencia.

24. Cada discurso desde el piso o en contra de una moción estará limitado a tres minutos. El cronometrador informará al Obispo cuando se ha expirado el tiempo.

25. La Agenda 1 de Consentimiento consiste en Informes de Agencias de la Conferencia que no son para acción, sino "Únicamente para Información." La Conferencia actúa sólo para recibir estos informes e imprimirlos en el diario. La Agenda 2 de Consentimiento consiste en informes de acción sobre los cuales se cree que poca o ninguna disidencia existe. Los artículos incluidos en la Agenda 2 de Consentimiento están determinados por un grupo de tarea compuesto por miembros de la Comisión de Agenda y Adoración. Cualquier miembro de la Conferencia Anual puede proponer la supresión de cualquiera de los artículos de las Agendas de Consentimiento. Con una segunda y una explicación de un minuto por el creador de la propuesta, será votado en la Conferencia sin debate. Si el 20% de los miembros votan que el artículo se elimine, será eliminado e introducido en el piso como un elemento sin consentimiento en el momento que determine la Comisión de Agenda y Adoración.

26. El Comité de Reglas Permanentes informará a la Conferencia Anual durante la primera sesión de negocios de cada Conferencia Anual. Revisiones o modificaciones deben ser adoptadas por dos tercios (2/3) de votos de la Conferencia Anual y se convierten en vigor inmediatamente después de su adopción, salvo que se indique en la legislación autorizante. Las Reglas Permanentes pueden ser suspendidas en cualquier momento por dos tercios (2/3) de votos de la Conferencia Anual.

27. El informe preliminar del Comité de Nominaciones se presentará temprano en la agenda de las actas de la Conferencia Anual, incluyendo el proceso de nominaciones desde el piso. Se presentará el informe final del Comité de Nominaciones y se actuará sobre el mismo en una sesión posterior de esa Conferencia Anual.

28. Cualquier informe o resolución que requieren acción de la Conferencia debe estar en manos del Secretario de la Conferencia lo más temprano suficiente para permitir la impresión y distribución a la Conferencia veinticuatro 24 horas antes de que el informe sea considerado por la Conferencia. Mociones del piso deben presentarse por escrito al Presidente y el Secretario de la Conferencia en el momento que la moción se hace.

29. El Líder Laico Conferencial presidirá la Comisión de Resoluciones y Cortesía y será responsable por elegir otras personas para asistir en la preparación del informe.

30. Los únicos materiales que pueden colocarse sobre las mesas del piso de la Conferencia son aquellos materiales oficiales distribuidos por el Secretario de la Conferencia y su personal.

31. Las minutas se harán disponibles en línea electrónica a no más tarde de sesenta (60) días después de la clausura de la sesión de la Conferencia Anual.

OTROS

32. El Informe de la Iglesia Local a la Conferencia Anual (Informe Anual de Estadísticas) requerido por la Iglesia General será completado y presentado ante la Conferencia no más tardar del 30 de enero, como se indica en ¶ 606.7 del Libro de Disciplina 2012. Esto puede hacerse utilizando el método más fácil y efectivo determinado por el Estadista Conferencial.

33. Habrá un Manual de Política que contiene las políticas adoptadas por la Conferencia Anual. Cambios en dichas políticas deben ser aprobados por la Conferencia Anual. El Secretario de la Conferencia hará que estas sean disponibles como documento electrónico y en forma impresa.

34. Cualquier ministro de la Conferencia Anual que conduzca el servicio funeral o memorial de un ministro o cónyuge de un ministro proporcionará al Secretario de la Conferencia con un memorial de tal persona dentro de un mes, conforme a las Directivas sobre Memoriales, y entregada por el Secretario de la Conferencia.

35. Estas reglas Permanentes para la Conferencia Río Texas se proponen para su adopción por la Conferencia Río Grande y la Southwest Texas Conference durante sus sesiones de junio del año 2014. Sin embargo, tomarán efecto, salvo que se indique arriba, en la misma fecha del comienzo oficial de la Conferencia Anual Rio Texas.

JOINT STANDING RULES TECHNICAL TEAM

Report I Chairpersons' Report For Information Only

The Standing Rules Technical Team was created in June 2013 to create a set of rules for the new unified conference. The team has included three members from each of the parent conferences' Committees on Standing Rules, plus a staff support person from each conference. The co-chairpersons of the Unification Implementation Team have worked with us as well throughout the process. The Team has met approximately monthly throughout the year to accomplish this assigned task.

From the beginning, we have been aware that Standing Rules should reflect the needs of the conference; should express decisions made by the conference in matters for which the Book of Discipline gives us a choice; and should express lasting decisions, rather than decisions which change annually. We have tried to avoid simply patching together the sets of rules from the two parent conferences, but have been aware that these two sets of existing rules contain much that can help us move forward. We began by becoming familiar with both sets of rules, and with the Disciplinary requirements and options. We decided which rules should be included, and which rules depended on the decisions of others before being able to be included. We followed the guidance of the Plan of Action as presented at the called session in February. We looked at what other annual conferences have done, and we considered carefully the reaction of the Judicial Council to attempts by some annual conferences to re-structure themselves. Throughout the whole process, we have tried to be attentive to concerns that voices not be lost: that we give increased attention to young persons; that we consider the effects of our decisions on smaller, poorer churches; and that we celebrate the coming together of cultures and traditions as we unify the two conferences.

We decided to emphasize the Mission, Vision, and Mission-focused structure of the annual conference by putting them first. Therefore, the new structure of the conference is spelled out clearly in the first section, followed by sections on membership and on procedures. There are a few places where the structure defined in these rules differs slightly from the Plan of Action previously approved. All of these changes are due to details accidentally overlooked in the Plan of Action, but which are necessary according to the Book of Discipline, or to other portions of the Plan of Action.

Significantly new is the proposed process for determining the lay members of annual conference. After considerable discussion of alternatives, we are recommending that the additional lay members needed to equalize lay and clergy membership be assigned to each district based upon district membership. Each district would then determine the method of electing these additional members. This is consistent with the emphasis in the Plan of Action that the role of the district organization be increased, as the district is closer to the Mission Field. The district could choose to elect these additional members at a district conference, or assign them to churches based on a formula, or some other method. By not arbitrarily assigning additional lay members to our larger churches, we open up possibilities for increased inclusiveness in many areas. Provisions are made for these additional lay members to include persons from both parent conferences, and to include persons under age 30.

During the called session in San Antonio on 8 February 2014, a question was referred to the joint committee on Standing Rules: what does "at least two" mean on page 57/58 line 40 of the Plan of Action? This specific line refers to the Board of Higher Education and Ministry program area and the Developing Leaders Vision Team, but has

implications for other program areas and other Vision Teams. We learned from the Unification Implementation Team that their intention was to have the entire Vision Team work in each of the program areas placed within that Team's area of focus. This typical language is used throughout: "The membership of the Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry shall be the two persons elected by the annual conference whose specific responsibility is Higher Education and Campus Ministry, plus all the other members of the Developing Leaders Vision Team." In addition, there is also this provision to further explain: "The Uniting Table and the four Vision Teams will be expected to recruit and engage lay and clergy persons across the conference to serve on task forces to assist in their responsibilities." Therefore, "at least two" means those two persons, plus other members of the Vision Team, plus whatever task forces are formed for specific portions of the task. It also leaves open the possibility that other members of the Vision Team may also be highly interested in that particular program area.

Report II contains a set of Special Standing Rules for use during the Joint Business Sessions of this June 2014 Annual Conference. These are very similar to those adopted during the 8 February 2014 called session in San Antonio.

Report III contains the proposed Standing Rules for the Río Texas Conference, to take effect on the same date as the official beginning of the conference.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you in this way.

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Report II Special Standing Rules For Joint Annual Conference Session For Conference Action

Proposed Rules for Joint Sessions June 2014:

Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised will be used when an issue is not covered by these rules.

1. The bar of the conference is established as the stage and the tables and chairs in the exhibit hall devoted to members.
2. When a speaker arises to speak, she/he should self-identify using name and church and conference.
3. The members of each conference will be given a colored device to identify the conference when there is a vote by a show of hands.
4. If there is a written ballot, the ballots will also be color coded to determine the conference.
5. The tellers elected by each conference will count the votes for that conference.
6. Each speech will be limited to 3 minutes. There will be a timekeeper who will inform the Bishop when the time has expired.
7. Both conferences must adopt any action item by a simple majority in order to be adopted by the whole.

Report III Standing Rules Río Texas Conference For Conference Action

Río Texas Conference Standing Rules

The Mission of the Río Texas Conference: to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The Vision of the Río Texas Conference: Uniting Peoples, Vitalizing Congregations, Developing Leaders, Transforming Communities.

STRUCTURE AND AGENCIES

1. There shall be a Uniting Table whose function is to coordinate mission and ministry in the Río Texas Conference through the four Vision Teams focused on the four pillars of the conference Vision: Uniting Peoples, Vitalizing Congregations, Developing Leaders, and Transforming Communities. The Uniting Table and the four Vision Teams are responsible for focusing on the Mission Field. The membership of the Uniting Table shall be: the Bishop (ex officio without vote); the dean of the cabinet; the lay leader; the chairpersons of the Uniting Peoples, Vitalizing Congregations, Developing Leaders and Transforming Communities Vision Teams; the chairperson of the Administration Team; one representative each from the Board of Ordained Ministry, the Committee on the Episcopacy, and the Council on Children’s Ministries; the presidents of United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, the Council on Youth Ministries, and the Council on Young Adult Ministries; and the chairperson. There shall also be seven (7) members at large and a mission field advocate, nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected by the Annual Conference. All references in the Book of Discipline to a conference council on ministries will be fulfilled by the Uniting Table. The Uniting Table is accountable to, and funded by, the Annual Conference.

a. The Uniting Table and the four Vision Teams will be expected to recruit and engage lay and clergy persons across the conference to serve on task forces to assist in their responsibilities.

b. Each Vision Team will have funding through the Annual Conference budget. Meetings of the Team will be funded through the amount budgeted to that Team. Appointed task forces also will be funded through the amount provided in the Annual Conference budget assigned to that Team.

c. The Committee on Nominations shall nominate, and the Annual Conference shall elect, the chairpersons of the Uniting Table, each of the four Vision Teams, and the Administration Team. None of these chairpersons shall have any other specific ministry responsibilities on the Uniting Table or any of the Vision Teams, nor shall they be chairperson of any other conference agency.

d. The Constitutions for United Methodist Women (¶ 647) and United Methodist Men (¶ 648) are included in the 2012 Book of Discipline. United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men are independent organizations which nominate and elect their own leaders. Each of these organizations is represented by the president and/or another designated person on various agencies of the Annual Conference, including the Uniting Table. United Methodist Women relates to the national organization of United Methodist Women. United Methodist Men relates to the General Commission on United Methodist Men.

Uniting Peoples Vision Team

2. There shall be a Uniting Peoples Vision Team whose function is to facilitate unity, witness, communication and justice, and to work toward intercultural competency in all areas of conference life. The membership of the Uniting Peoples Vision Team shall be: two persons whose specific responsibility is Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships, two persons whose specific responsibility is Religion and Race, two persons whose specific responsibility is the Status and Role of Women, two persons whose specific responsibility is Communications, two persons whose specific responsibility is Disability Concerns, two persons whose specific responsibility is Hispanic/Latino Ministries, and a chairperson; all nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected by the Annual Conference. The entire Vision Team has the full responsibility for each of the areas of focus represented by its members. The Uniting Peoples Vision Team relates to the Council of Bishops, the General Commission on Religion and Race, the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, and to the Uniting Table. The Uniting Peoples Vision Team is accountable to, and funded by, the Annual Conference.

a. There shall be a Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships (the commission) whose function is defined in ¶ 642 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. The membership of the commission shall be the two persons elected by the Annual Conference whose specific responsibility is Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships, plus all the other members of the Uniting Peoples Vision Team. The commission relates to the Council of Bishops,

and to the Uniting Peoples Vision Team. The commission is accountable to the Uniting Peoples Vision Team and to the Annual Conference, and is funded through the Uniting Peoples Vision Team portion of the budget.

b. There shall be a Commission on Religion and Race (the commission) whose function is defined in ¶ 643 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. The membership of the commission shall be the two persons elected by the Annual Conference whose specific responsibility is Religion and Race, plus all the other members of the Uniting Peoples Vision Team. The commission relates to the General Commission on Religion and Race, and to the Uniting Peoples Vision Team. The commission is accountable to the Uniting Peoples Vision Team and to the Annual Conference, and is funded through the Uniting Peoples Vision Team portion of the budget.

c. There shall be a Commission on the Status and Role of Women (the commission) whose function is defined in ¶ 644 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. The membership of the commission shall be the two persons elected by the Annual Conference whose specific responsibility is the Status and Role of Women, plus all the other members of the Uniting Peoples Vision Team, plus a member named by the conference United Methodist Women. The chairperson of this commission shall be a woman, and a majority of its members shall be women. The commission relates to the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, and to the Uniting Peoples Vision Team. The commission is accountable to the Uniting Peoples Vision Team and to the Annual Conference, and is funded through the Uniting Peoples Vision Team portion of the budget.

d. There shall be a Commission on Communications (the commission) whose function is defined in ¶ 646 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. The membership of the commission shall be the two persons elected by the Annual Conference whose specific responsibility is Communications, plus all the other members of the Uniting Peoples Vision Team. The commission relates to the Uniting Peoples Vision Team. The commission is accountable to the Uniting Peoples Vision Team and to the Annual Conference, and is funded through the Uniting Peoples Vision Team portion of the budget.

e. There shall be a Committee on Disability Concerns (the committee) whose function is defined in ¶ 653 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. The membership of the committee shall be the two persons elected by the Annual Conference whose specific responsibility is Disability Concerns, plus all the other member of the Uniting Peoples Vision Team. Membership shall include persons with physical disabilities and persons with mental disabilities. The committee relates to the Uniting Peoples Vision Team. The committee is accountable to the Uniting Peoples Vision Team and to the Annual Conference, and is funded through the Uniting Peoples Vision Team portion of the budget.

f. There shall be a Committee on Hispanic/Latino Ministries (the committee) whose function is defined in ¶ 655 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. This committee relates to each of the four Vision Teams, and is represented on each of the Vision Teams by two persons whose specific responsibility is Hispanic/Latino Ministries. The membership of the committee shall be these eight persons elected by the Annual Conference whose specific responsibility is Hispanic/Latino Ministries on each of the Vision Teams. Each of the Vision Teams, led by the committee, has the responsibility for Hispanic/Latino Ministries within its area of interest. At least one-third of the members shall be Hispanic/Latino persons. The committee is accountable to the Annual Conference, and is funded through the Vision Team portion of the budget.

Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team

3. There shall be a Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team whose function is to discern, develop and deploy resources pertinent to the fulfillment of the mission and purpose of the local church, and to support the restoring of vitality to the local church. The membership of the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team shall be: two persons whose specific responsibility is Discipleship, two persons whose specific responsibility is Congregational Development & Revitalization, two persons whose specific responsibility is Ethnic Local Church Concerns, two persons whose specific responsibility is Parish and Community Development, two persons whose specific responsibility is the Small Membership Church, two persons whose specific

responsibility is New Church Development, two persons whose specific responsibility is Children's Ministries, two persons whose specific responsibility is Older Adult Ministries, two persons whose specific responsibility is Hispanic/Latino Ministries, and a chairperson; all nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected by the Annual Conference. Additional members shall be the presidents or designees of United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, the Council on Youth Ministries, and the Council on Young Adult Ministries. The entire Vision Team has the full responsibility for each of the areas of focus represented by its members. The Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team relates to the General Board of Discipleship, the General Board of Global Ministries, and to the Uniting Table. The Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team is accountable to, and funded by, the Annual Conference.

a. There shall be a Board of Discipleship (the board) whose function is defined in ¶ 630 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. The membership of the board shall be the two persons elected by the Annual Conference whose specific responsibility is Discipleship, plus all the other members of the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team. The board relates to the General Board of Discipleship, and to the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team. The board is accountable to the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team and to the Annual Conference, and is funded through the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team portion of the budget.

b. There shall be a Committee on Congregational Development and Revitalization (the committee) whose function is defined in ¶ 633.5e of the 2012 Book of Discipline. The membership of the committee shall be the two persons elected by the Annual Conference whose specific responsibility is Congregational Development and Revitalization, plus all the other members of the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team. The committee relates to the General Board of Global Ministries and to the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team. The committee is accountable to the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team and to the Annual Conference, and is funded through the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team portion of the budget.

c. There shall be a Committee on Ethnic Local Church Concerns (the committee) whose function is defined in ¶ 632 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. The membership of the committee shall be the two persons elected by the Annual Conference whose specific responsibility is Ethnic Local Church Concerns, plus all the other members of the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team. The committee relates to the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team. The committee is accountable to the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team and to the Annual Conference, and is funded through the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team portion of the budget.

d. There shall be a Committee on Parish and Community Development (the committee) whose function is defined in ¶ 633.5 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. The membership of the committee shall be the two persons elected by the Annual Conference whose specific responsibility is Parish and Community Development, plus all the other members of the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team. The committee relates to the General Board of Global Ministries and to the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team. The committee is accountable to the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team and to the Annual Conference, and is funded through the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team portion of the budget.

e. There shall be a Commission on the Small Membership Church (the commission) whose function is defined in ¶ 645 and ¶ 633.5i of the 2012 Book of Discipline. The membership of the commission shall be the two persons elected by the Annual Conference whose specific responsibility is the Small Membership Church, plus all the other members of the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team. The commission relates to the General Board of Global Ministries and to the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team. The commission is accountable to the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team and to the Annual Conference, and is funded through the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team portion of the budget.

f. There shall be a Committee on New Church Development (the committee) whose function is defined in ¶ 633.5e-h and ¶ 630.3 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. The membership of the committee shall be the two persons elected

by the Annual Conference whose specific responsibility is New Church Development, plus all the other members of the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team. The committee relates to the General Board of Global Ministries, the General Board of Discipleship, and to the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team. The committee is accountable to the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team and to the Annual Conference, and is funded through the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team portion of the budget.

g. There shall be a Council on Children's Ministries (the council) whose function is to plan, vision and advocate for children within the conference. The membership of the council shall be the two persons elected by the Annual Conference whose specific responsibility is Children's Ministries, plus all the other members of the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team. The council relates to the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team. The council is accountable to the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team and to the Annual Conference, and is funded through the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team portion of the budget.

h. There shall be a Council on Older Adult Ministries (the council) whose function is defined in ¶ 651 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. The membership of the council shall be the two persons elected by the Annual Conference whose specific responsibility is Older Adult Ministries, plus all the other members of the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team. The council relates to the General Board of Discipleship, and to the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team. The council is accountable to the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team and to the Annual Conference, and is funded through the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team portion of the budget.

i. Committee on Hispanic/Latino Ministries: see rule #2.f.

j. There shall be a Council on Youth Ministries, or other equivalent structure, whose function is defined in ¶ 649 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. There shall be a Council on Young Adult Ministries, or other equivalent structure, whose function is defined in ¶ 650 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. Each of these organizations is represented by the president and/or another designated person on various agencies of the Annual Conference, including the Uniting Table. The Council on Youth Ministries and the Council on Young Adult Ministries relate to the General Board of Discipleship's Division on Ministries with Young People. The Councils are accountable to the Annual Conference, and are funded through the Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team portion of the budget.

Developing Leaders Vision Team

4. There shall be a Developing Leaders Vision Team whose function is to call and equip both lay and clergy leaders for the mission field, and to especially encourage younger leaders. The membership of the Developing Leaders Vision Team shall be: two persons whose specific responsibility is Higher Education and Campus Ministry, two persons whose specific responsibility is Hispanic/Latino Ministries, and a chairperson; all nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected by the Annual Conference. Additional members shall be the presidents or designees of United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, the Council on Youth Ministries, and the Council on Young Adult Ministries; two representatives from the Board of Ordained Ministry; one representative from the Administrative Review Committee; the conference lay leader and the seven (7) district lay leaders. The entire Vision Team has the full responsibility for each of the areas of focus represented by its members. The Developing Leaders Vision Team relates to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry and its Division of Higher Education, the General Board of Discipleship, and to the Uniting Table. The Developing Leaders Vision Team is accountable to, and funded by, the Annual Conference.

a. There shall be a Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry (the board) whose function is defined in ¶ 634 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. The membership of the board shall be the two persons elected by the Annual Conference whose specific responsibility is Higher Education and Campus Ministry, plus all the other members of the Developing Leaders Vision Team. The board relates to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, and its Division of Higher Education, and to the Developing Leaders Vision Team. The board is accountable to the

Developing Leaders Vision Team and to the Annual Conference, and is funded through the Developing Leaders Vision Team portion of the budget.

b. Committee on Hispanic/Latino Ministries: see rule #2.f.

c. There shall be a Board of Ordained Ministry (the board) whose function, membership and organization are defined in ¶ 635 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. The members of the board shall be nominated by the Bishop and elected by the Annual Conference. The board shall relate to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. The board is accountable to and reports to the Annual Conference, and is funded through the Developing Leaders Vision Team portion of the budget.

d. There shall be an Administrative Review Committee (the committee) whose function and membership are defined in ¶ 636 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. There shall be three (3) members of the committee and two (2) alternates, nominated by the Bishop and elected by the clergy session of the Annual Conference. The committee is accountable to the clergy session of the Annual Conference, and is funded through the Developing Leaders Vision Team portion of the budget.

e. There shall be a Board of Laity (the board) whose function is defined in ¶ 631 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. The membership of the board shall be the conference lay leader as chairperson and the district lay leaders, plus all the other members of the Developing Leaders Vision Team. The board is represented by one or more of its members on various agencies of the Annual Conference. The board relates to the General Board of Discipleship, and to the Developing Leaders Vision Team. The board is accountable to and reports to the Annual Conference, and is funded through the Developing Leaders Vision Team portion of the budget.

Transforming Communities Vision Team

5. There shall be a Transforming Communities Vision Team whose function is to equip, educate and support congregations around the areas of mission and The Advance, specific ethnic concerns, and justice issues. The membership of the Transforming Communities Vision Team shall be: two persons whose specific responsibility is Church and Society, two persons whose specific responsibility is Global Ministries, two persons whose specific responsibility is Native American Ministries, two persons whose specific responsibility is The Advance Program, two persons whose specific responsibility is the Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries, two persons whose specific responsibility is Hispanic/Latino Ministries, and a chairperson; all nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected by the Annual Conference. The Peace with Justice Coordinator shall also be a member. The entire Vision Team has the full responsibility for each of the areas of focus represented by its members. The Transforming Communities Vision Team relates to the General Board of Church and Society, the General Board of Global Ministries, and to the Uniting Table. The Transforming Communities Vision Team is accountable to, and funded by, the Annual Conference.

a. There shall be a Board of Church and Society (the board) whose function is defined in ¶ 629 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. The membership of the board shall be the two persons elected by the Annual Conference whose specific responsibility is Church and Society, plus all the other members of the Transforming Communities Vision Team, plus a member named by the conference United Methodist Women. The board relates to the General Board of Church and Society, and to the Transforming Communities Vision Team. The board is accountable to the Transforming Communities Vision Team and to the Annual Conference, and is funded through the Transforming Communities Vision Team portion of the budget. The board shall name the Peace with Justice Coordinator.

b. There shall be a Board of Global Ministries (the board) whose function is defined in ¶ 633 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. The membership of the board shall be the two persons elected by the Annual Conference whose specific responsibility is Global Ministries, plus all the other members of the Transforming Communities Vision Team, plus a member named by the conference United Methodist Women. The board relates to the General Board of Global

Ministries, and to the Transforming Communities Vision Team. The board is accountable to the Transforming Communities Vision Team and to the Annual Conference, and is funded through the Transforming Communities Vision Team portion of the budget.

c. There shall be a Committee on Native American Ministries (the committee) whose function is defined in ¶ 654 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. The membership of the committee shall be the two persons elected by the Annual Conference whose specific responsibility is Native American Ministries, plus all the other members of the Transforming Communities Vision Team. The committee relates to the Transforming Communities Vision Team. The committee is accountable to the Transforming Communities Vision Team and to the Annual Conference, and is funded through the Transforming Communities Vision Team portion of the budget.

d. There shall be a Committee on The Advance (the committee) whose function is defined in ¶ 656 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. The membership of the committee shall be the two persons elected by the Annual Conference whose specific responsibility is The Advance, plus all the other members of the Transforming Communities Vision Team. The committee relates to the Transforming Communities Vision Team. The committee is accountable to the Transforming Communities Vision Team and to the Annual Conference, and is funded through the Transforming Communities Vision Team portion of the budget.

e. There shall be a Committee on Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries (the committee) whose function is defined in ¶ 657 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. The membership of the committee shall be the two persons elected by the Annual Conference whose specific responsibility is Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries, plus all the other members of the Transforming Communities Vision Team. The committee relates to the Transforming Communities Vision Team. The committee is accountable to the Transforming Communities Vision Team and to the Annual Conference, and is funded through the Transforming Communities Vision Team portion of the budget.

f. Committee on Hispanic/Latino Ministries: see rule #2.f.

Administration Team

6. There shall be an Administration Team whose function is to provide ongoing administrative support to the conference through the agencies represented among its members. The membership of the Administration Team shall be one representative each from the Finance Table, the Board of Trustees, the Committee on Standing Rules, the Agenda and Worship Committee, the Committee on the Episcopacy, the Episcopal Residence Committee, the Board of Pensions, the Commission on Archives and History, and the Committee on Nominations, plus a chairperson. Each of these functions will be carried out by a separate and independent agency whose members are nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected by the Annual Conference. Each of these agencies is directly accountable to the Annual Conference, reports to the Annual Conference, and is funded through the budget of the Annual Conference.

a. There shall be a Finance Table whose function is defined in ¶¶ 611-628 of the 2012 Book of Discipline, and which will fulfill all references in the Book of Discipline to the Council on Finance and Administration. The Finance Table will also fulfill all references in the Book of Discipline to the Commission on Equitable Compensation, whose function is defined in ¶ 625 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. There shall be sixteen (16) members of the Finance Table. The Finance Table relates to the General Council on Finance and Administration. There shall also be a Personnel Committee to carry out those functions of the Finance Table in ¶ 613.13 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. There shall be four (4) members of the Personnel Committee plus a representative of the Finance Table and a district superintendent.

b. There shall be a Board of Trustees whose function is defined in ¶ 2512 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. There shall be twelve (12) members of the Board of Trustees, who will be elected in four classes of three members each. The first Board

of Trustees will have three persons elected by the Southwest Texas Conference whose terms end in June 2015, three persons elected by the Río Grande Conference whose terms end in June 2016, three persons elected by the Río Grande Conference whose terms end in June 2017, and three persons elected by the Southwest Texas Conference whose terms end in June 2018.

c. There shall be a Committee on Standing Rules whose function is to oversee the rules of the Annual Conference, as permitted in ¶ 604.1 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. There shall be six (6) members of the Committee on Standing Rules.

d. There shall be an Agenda and Worship Committee whose function is defined in ¶ 605.2 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. The members of the Agenda and Worship Committee shall be the Bishop and the Bishop's agent (title to be determined); the seven district superintendents; the presidents of United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, the Council on Young Adult Ministries, and the Council on Youth Ministries; the conference lay leader; the conference treasurer; the conference secretary; the chairperson of the Uniting Table; and a Worship Team Coordinator recruited by the committee.

e. There shall be a Committee on the Episcopacy whose function is defined in ¶ 637 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. There shall be twelve (12) members of the Committee on the Episcopacy.

f. There shall be an Episcopal Residence Committee whose function is defined in ¶ 638 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. There shall be six (6) members of the Episcopal Residence Committee.

g. There shall be a Board of Pensions whose function is defined in ¶ 639 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. There shall be sixteen (16) members of the Board of Pensions who will serve eight-year staggered terms, with two members being elected each year. The first Board of Pensions will have two persons whose terms end in June 2015, and two persons whose terms end in each succeeding year through June 2022 in order to establish the staggered terms. The 2014 conferences will each elect one person for each class to make up the first Board of Pensions. The Board of Pensions relates to the General Board of Pensions and Health Benefits.

h. There shall be a Commission on Archives and History whose function is defined in ¶ 641 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. There shall be eight (8) members of the Commission on Archives and History. The Commission on Archives and History relates to the General Commission on Archives and History.

i. There shall be a Committee on Nominations (the committee) whose function is to identify nominees for each elected leadership position for which the Book of Discipline does not specify another method of nomination. The members of the committee shall be the Bishop and the Bishop's agent (title to be determined); the seven district superintendents; one person from each parent conference representing United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, the Council on Young Adult Ministries, and the Council on Youth Ministries; the conference lay leader; and six (6) at large members nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected by the Annual Conference to ensure equal representation on the committee from each of the parent conferences. At least through 2024 the Committee on Nominations will consist of an equal number of members from each of the parent conferences.

Applying to All Agencies

7. The Committee on Nominations shall work toward the goals of inclusiveness as set forth in ¶ 610.5 in the 2012 Book of Discipline which states: "...special attention shall be given to the inclusion of clergywomen, youth (¶ 256.2 [sic] [Ed. Note: should be ¶ 256.3]), young adults, older adults, persons from churches with small memberships, people with disabilities, and racial and ethnic persons, in keeping with policies for general Church agencies. It is further recommended that the membership of such agencies, except for the Board of Ordained Ministry, include one-third clergy, one-third laywomen, and one-third laymen, who are professing members of local churches." The Committee

on Nominations shall also strive for equal representation from the districts; and, to the extent possible, the diversity of those nominated should reflect the diversity of the Mission Field. It will be important at least through 2020 that both the parent conferences be represented on the Board of Trustees and the Board of Pensions, and that both be represented on the Uniting Table and the Vision Teams.

8. The term of membership in any conference agency is quadrennial, except where the Book of Discipline stipulates otherwise. The maximum that a person can serve in an agency is two full terms, except where the Book of Discipline stipulates otherwise, or when he/she is filling a vacancy during the quadrennium. Filling a vacancy of an unexpired term of more than two years is considered to be a full term and shall count the same as four years.

9. Ex-officio members of an agency, including members of General and Jurisdictional Agencies who reside within the bounds of the conference, are in addition to the agency members named above.

10. Chairpersons of conference agencies should be sensitive to the work schedules of laity when setting meetings.

11. When a person is absent without notice from two consecutive conference agency meetings of which he/she is a member, such person shall be considered to have resigned such membership, and the Committee on Nominations shall be notified that another person can be nominated for the remainder of the term.

12. No district superintendent or conference staff person shall be eligible to serve as an elective member of any conference agency. If a member at the time of appointment or hire, he/she shall be considered to have resigned such membership.

Conference Staff and Resources

13. There shall be a Mission Vitality Center which has four primary functions: Congregational Vitality, to empower and equip all those working with existing congregations; New Faith Community Vitality, to assist and support those starting new faith communities; Leadership Vitality, to offer leadership development to lay and clergy leaders, partnering elders and congregational coaches; and Outreach Vitality & Connectional Ministry, to mobilize all of us to transform communities through missional opportunities and engagement. The Mission Vitality Center will support the Board of Ordained Ministry and its clergy wellness initiatives, conference centers offering retreats and learning experiences, youth and young adults ministries, Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis programs, and registration services for such events. The Mission Vitality Center shall be accountable to, and funded by, the Annual Conference. There shall be a Director of the Mission Vitality Center and other staff persons as determined by the Personnel Committee.

14. There shall be a Media Center whose function is to support communications and to lead the conference in using new and emerging technologies as tools for ministry. Specifically, the Media Center will work toward ensuring that every congregation has the capability of being digitally connected, and can use its website and social media effectively; that the conference center can support teleconferencing, virtual meetings and translation services; and that training in using these technologies is widely available. The Media Center will support local congregations, districts, the conference, and all their lay and clergy members in reaching the Mission Field. The Media Center shall be accountable to, and funded by, the Annual Conference. There shall be a Director of the Media Center and other staff persons as determined by the Personnel Committee.

15. There shall be a Resource Center whose function is to manage the financial resources of the conference, and to develop alternative sources of funding for the conference. The Resource Center will encourage collaboration and partnership among all program, administrative and financial entities of the conference. The Resource Center will support the Finance Table and the Commission on Equitable Compensation, the Board of Trustees, the Board of Pensions, the conference treasurer, and the office of New Resource Development. The Resource Center shall be accountable to the Finance Table and to the Annual

Conference, and shall be funded by the Annual Conference. There shall be a Director of the Resource Center and other staff persons as determined by the Personnel Committee.

MEMBERSHIP OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE

16. The lay membership of the Annual Conference shall be:

Lay Members Defined by the Book of Discipline

- a. A professing member elected by each charge, as provided for in ¶ 602.4 of the 2012 Book of Discipline;
- b. An additional lay member assigned to each charge for each additional clergy member who is appointed to the charge as provided for in ¶ 602.4 of the 2012 Book of Discipline;
- c. Diaconal ministers, active deaconesses, home missionaries under episcopal appointment within the bounds of the Annual Conference, the conference president of United Methodist Women, the conference president of United Methodist Men, the conference lay leader, district lay leaders, the conference director of lay servant ministries, conference secretary of global ministries (if lay), the president or equivalent officer of the conference young adult organization, the president of the conference youth organization, the chair of the Annual Conference college student organization, one young person between the ages of twelve (12) and seventeen (17) and one young person between the ages of eighteen (18) and thirty (30) from each district to be selected in such a manner as may be determined by the Annual Conference, as provided in ¶ 602.4 and ¶ 32 of the 2012 Book of Discipline;

(The method for selecting the youth, college and young adult representatives to Annual Conference will be as follows: the conference youth organization will select one young person between the ages of twelve (12) and seventeen (17) from each district; the conference young adult organization will select one young person between the ages of eighteen (18) and thirty (30) from each district. In the absence of a college student organization, the Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry will select the college student to serve as a Lay Member of the Annual Conference. Each of the agencies is responsible for providing the names and contact information for these persons to the conference secretary no later than January 15th each year.)

Lay Members Defined by Annual Conference

- d. An additional lay member assigned to each church that does not have a lay member as provided for in 16a and 16b above; and
- e. Other members as defined by the Annual Conference to include: an additional representative of the executive committees of the conference organizations of United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women, youth, and young adults; the president and one additional representative of the executive committees of the district organizations of United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, youth, and young adults; the chancellor, the conference Emmaus lay director (if any), the conference scouting coordinator (if any), conference associate lay leaders (if any), conference elected executive personnel (if any), the chairperson of any conference agency or standing committee that reports directly to the Annual Conference; lay members of the Uniting Table and Finance Table; and one lay member for each unchartered new church start elected by the district in which the new church start is located.
- f. Additional lay members required to equalize lay and clergy membership shall be assigned to each district based upon district membership. The conference secretary shall notify each district superintendent of the number of additional lay members to be elected no later than sixty (60) days following Annual Conference. Each district will determine the method of election.
- g. Through 2024 the additional lay members elected shall include members of both parent conferences.
- h. At least 10% of these additional lay members shall be age 30 or under at the time of election.
- i. This rule will become effective following the close of the June 2015 Annual Conference session. Lay members of the 2015 Annual Conference session will be elected according to the practice of each of the current conferences.

17. In accordance with ¶659 of the 2012 Book of Discipline, the District Conferences will be composed of all members of Annual Conference as set forth in the Standing Rules who are related to churches within the bounds of their respective districts and currently elected to office. In addition, it shall include the chairperson of each district agency.

CONFERENCE PROCEDURES

18. Proposals and reports from conference agencies shall be compiled in a Pre-Conference Report that shall be made available as an electronic document or in printed form to all conference members at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Conference session. At least one printed copy of the Pre-Conference Report will be sent to every local church. Each report shall be marked "For Conference Action" or "For Information Only."

19. An intentional effort will be made to produce written reports in both English and Spanish; and to provide oral translation between Spanish and English, and to provide support for hearing and vision impaired persons during all sessions of the Annual Conference.

20. Resolutions shall reach the floor of the conference only after consideration and action of the appropriate conference agency.

21. The conference procedures will be governed by the following in order of precedence: the Book of Discipline, the Standing Rules, any special rules adopted by the Annual Conference, and the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

22. The conference secretary shall establish the bar of the conference. The conference secretary shall nominate, and the Annual Conference elect, the persons needed to assist in the proceedings of the conference. These include the timekeeper, tellers, associate secretaries, and the minutes committee.

23. Speakers should identify themselves, giving their name and church, and whether they are a clergy or lay member of the conference.

24. Each speech from the floor for or against a motion will be limited to three minutes. The timekeeper will inform the Bishop when the time has expired.

25. Consent Agenda 1 consists of reports from conference agencies which are not for action, but are "For Information Only." The conference acts only to receive these reports and print them in the journal. Consent Agenda 2 consists of action reports about which there is believed to be little or no dissent. The items included in Consent Agenda 2 are determined by a task force composed of members of the Agenda and Worship Committee. Any member of the Annual Conference may move the deletion of any of the items from Consent Agendas. With a second, and a one-minute explanation by the maker of the motion, it will be voted on by the conference without debate. If 20% of the members vote that the item be removed, it will be removed and brought to the floor as a non-consent item at a time to be determined by the Agenda and Worship Committee.

26. The Committee on Standing Rules shall report to the Annual Conference during the first business session of each Annual Conference. Revisions or amendments must be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Annual Conference, and become effective immediately upon their adoption, unless otherwise stated in the enabling legislation. The Standing Rules may be suspended at any time by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Annual Conference.

27. The preliminary report of the Committee on Nominations will be presented early in the agenda of the Annual Conference proceedings, including the process for nominations from the floor. The final report of the Committee on Nominations will be presented and acted upon at a later session of that Annual Conference.

28. Any report or resolution requiring action of the conference must be in the hands of the conference secretary early enough to allow for printing and distribution to the conference twenty-four (24) hours before the report is considered by the conference. Motions made from the floor must be presented in writing to the presiding officer and the conference secretary at the time the motion is made.

29. The conference lay leader will chair the Committee on Resolutions and Courtesies, and will be responsible for appointing additional persons to assist in preparation of the report.

30. The only materials that are allowed to be placed on the tables of the conference floor are those official materials distributed by the conference secretary and his/her staff.

31. The minutes shall be available online no later than sixty days after the closing of the Annual Conference session.

OTHER

32. The Local Church Report to the Annual Conference (Annual Statistical Report) required by the general church will be completed and filed with the conference no later than January 30, as stated in ¶ 606.7 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. This can be done using the method determined by the conference statistician to be the easiest and most effective manner.

33. There will be a Policy Manual containing policies adopted by the Annual Conference. Changes in these policies must be approved by the Annual Conference. The conference secretary will make these available as an electronic document and in printed form

34. Any minister of the Annual Conference who conducts the funeral or memorial service of a fellow minister or a minister's spouse shall provide the conference secretary with a memorial for that person within one month, in accordance with the Guidelines on Memoirs to be furnished by the conference secretary.

35. These Standing Rules for the Río Texas Conference are being proposed for adoption by the Río Grande Conference and the Southwest Texas Conference during their June 2014 sessions. However, they are to take effect, unless otherwise stated above, on the same date as the official beginning of the Río Texas Annual Conference.

Resultado de Elecciones, Rio Texas, Election Results

A.	Uniting Table	Electing 8 persons	RTP - p.51		
	Category	Nominee	C/L/M/F/Ethnicity	Conference Origin	Current / Projected District
1	Member-at-large	Javier Ornelas	L/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern/Coastal Bend
2	Member-at-large	Sandra Nieto – Chairperson	L/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern/El Valle
3	Member-at-large	Arturo Perez	L/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern/El Valle
4	Member-at-large	Marco De La Garza	L/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern/El Valle
5	Member-at-large	Rick Mantoath	L/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	San Angelo/West
6	Member-at-large	Cynthia Grout Layton – Secretary	C/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Austin/El Valle
7	Member-at-large	Austin Frederick – Vice Chairperson	C/M/African Am.	Southwest Texas	San Antonio/Las Misiones
8	Mission Field Advocate	Abigail Herrera	C/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Austin/Capital
9	Bishop	Jim Dorff	C/M/Caucasian	SA Episcopal Area	Rio Texas
10	Cabinet Dean	Bill Henderson	C/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Rio Texas – Hill Country
11	Conference Lay Leader	Ralph Thompson	L/M/African Am.	Southwest Texas	San Angelo/West
12	Uniting Peoples Vision Team Chair	Will Rice	C/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	San Antonio/Las Misiones
13	Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team Chair	Diana K. Phillips	C/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	San Antonio/Las Misiones
14	Developing Leaders Vision Team Chair	Paul Barton	C/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Capital
15	Transforming Communities Vision Team Chair	Dionisio Salazar	L/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Capital
16	Administration Team Chair	Leonard Woods	L/M/African Am.	Southwest Texas	Austin/Capital
17	Board of Ordained Ministry (¶ 635)	Representative			
18	Episcopacy Committee Member (¶ 637)	Representative			
19	United Methodist Women President (¶ 647)	By position			
20	United Methodist Men President (¶ 648)	By position			
21	Conf. Council on Children’s Ministry	By position			
22	Conf. Council on Youth Ministry Pres(¶ 649.1)	By position			
23	Conf. Council on Y. Adult Min. Pres(¶ 650.1)	By position			

B.	Uniting Peoples Vision Team	Electing 13 persons	RTP - p.55		
	Category	Nominee	C/L/M/F/Ethnicity	Conference Origin	Current / Projected District
1	Christian Unity & Interreligious Rel. (¶ 642)	Hector Martinez	L/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Las Misiones
2	Commission on Religion & Race (¶ 643)	Maribel Vasquez	C/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Northwest/West
3	Commissions on Status & Role of Women (¶ 644)	Lizz Leyva - Secretary	L/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern/El Valle
4	Communications (¶ 646)	John Marez	L/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern/Coastal Bend
5	Disability Concerns (¶ 653)	Lisa Oliver – Vice Chairperson	L/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern/Crossroads
6	Hispanic / Latino Ministry (¶ 655)	Saudhy M. Concepcion	L/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern/El Valle

7	Christian Unity & Interreligious Rel. (¶ 642)	John Fluth	C/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	McAllen/El Valle
8	Commission on Religion & Race (¶ 643)	Juliette Green	L/F/African Am	Southwest Texas	San Antonio/Las Misiones
9	Commissions on Status & Role of Women (¶ 644)	Nanci Gibbons	L/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	San Angelo/West
10	Communications (¶ 646)	Celia Halfacre	C/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Kerrville/Hill Country
11	Disability Concerns (¶ 653)	Robert Charles Waddle	C/M/African Am	Southwest Texas	Victoria/Crossroads
12	Hispanic / Latino Ministry (¶ 655)	Sharon Stewart	C/F/African Am	Southwest Texas	Austin/Capital
13	Chairperson	Will Rice	C/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	San Antonio/Las Misiones
	Ex-Officio Member U.M. Communications	Virgilio Vazquez Garza	C/M/Hispanic	Southwest Texas	

C.	Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team	Electing 19 persons	RTP - p.55		
	Category	Nominee	C/L/M/F/Ethnicity	Conference Origin	Current / Projected District
1	Board of Discipleship (¶ 630)	Freddy Perez	C/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern/El Valle
2	Congregational Development & Revitalization	Juan Cantu	C/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Crossroads
3	Ethnic Local Church Concerns (¶ 632)	Isidro Piña	C/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern/Coastal Bend
4	Parish & Community Development (¶ 633)	Rumaldo R. Jimenez	L/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Capital
5	Small Membership Church (¶ 645)	Liliana Padilla	C/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Capital
6	New Church Development	Nydia Jara – Vice Chairperson	C/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern/El Valle
7	Children’s Ministry	Carmela Perez	L/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Northwest/West
8	Older Adult Ministries (¶ 651)	Esperanza B. Ramirez	C/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Hill Country
9	Hispanic / Latino Ministry (¶ 655)	Ignacia Ballesteros	L/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Las Misiones
10	Board of Discipleship (¶ 630)	Camille Bryant	C/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Corpus Christi / West
11	Congregational Development & Revitalization	John Winn	L/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Austin/Capital
12	Ethnic Local Church Concerns (¶ 632)	Robert Glenn	C/M/African Am	Southwest Texas	San Antonio/Las Misiones
13	Parish & Community Development (¶ 633)	Darlene Boaz	C/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Austin/Capital
14	Small Membership Church (¶ 645)	Germaine Mathis	C/F/African Am	Southwest Texas	San Antonio/Las Misiones
15	New Church Development	Adam Knight	C/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	San Antonio/Las Misiones
16	Children’s Ministry	Kercida McClain - Secretary	L/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	San Antonio/Las Misiones
17	Older Adult Ministries (¶ 651)	Jerry Heare	L/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Austin/Capital
18	Hispanic / Latino Ministry (¶ 655)	Gini Christian	L/F/Hispanic	Southwest Texas	San Angelo/West
19	Chairperson	Diana K. Phillips	C/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	San Antonio/Las Misiones
20	United Methodist Women (¶ 647)	president or designee			
21	United Methodist Men (¶ 648)	president or designee			

22	Conference Council on Youth Ministry (¶ 649.1)	president or designee			
23	Conf. Council on Young Adult Ministry (¶ 650.1)	president or designee			
	Ex-Officio Member General Board of Discipleship	Michael Swetman	L / M / Caucasian	Southwest Texas	

D.	Developing Leaders Vision Team	Electing 5 persons	RTP - p.57		
	Category	Nominee	C/L/M/F/Ethnicity	Conference Origin	Current / Projected District
1	Higher Education & Campus Ministry (¶ 634)	John Herrin	C/M/Caucasian	Rio Grande	Southern/El Valle
2	Hispanic / Latino Ministry (¶ 655)	Juan Osorio	C/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/El Valle
3	Chairperson	Paul Barton	C/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Capital
4	Higher Education & Campus Ministry (¶ 634)	Margot Perez-Greene – Vice Chairperson	C/F/Hispanic	Southwest Texas	Austin/Capital
5	Hispanic / Latino Ministry (¶ 655)	Lisa Gonzalez - Secretary	L/F/Hispanic	Southwest Texas	San Antonio/Las Misiones
6	Board of Ordained Ministry (¶ 635)	representative			
7	Board of Ordained Ministry (¶ 635)	representative			
8	Conference Lay Leader	By position			
9	District Lay Leader	By position			
10	District Lay Leader	By position			
11	District Lay Leader	By position			
12	District Lay Leader	By position			
13	District Lay Leader	By position			
14	District Lay Leader	By position			
15	District Lay Leader	By position			
16	United Methodist Women(¶ 647)	president or designee			
17	United Methodist Men (¶ 648)	president or designee			
18	Conference Council on Youth Ministry (¶ 649.1)	president or designee			
19	Conf. Council on Young Adult Ministry (¶ 650.1)	president or designee			
20	Conf. Administrative Review Committee (¶ 636)	Representative			
21	Lay Servant Ministries (¶668)	Sam Dubberly	L/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	San Antonio/Las Misiones
	Ex-Officio Member General Board Higher Ed.	Rachel Wright	L/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Austin/Capital
	Ex-Officio Member U.M. Publishing House	Barbara Ruth	C/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Austin/Capital
	Ex-Officio Member U.M. Publishing House	Ed Garcia	C/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Capital

E. Transforming Communities Vision Team		Electing 14 persons		RTP - p.59	
	Category	Nominee	C/L/M/F/Ethnicity	Conference Origin	Current / Projected District
1	Board of Church & Society (¶ 629)	Cindy Johnson	L/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern/El Valle
2	Board of Global Ministries (¶ 633)	Javier Leyva	C/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern/El Valle
3	Native American Ministries (¶ 654)	Rebecca Ysaguirre - Secretary	L/F/Anglo	Rio Grande	Southern/Hill Country
4	Conference Advance Program (¶ 656)	Ed Garcia	C/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Capital
5	Conf. Committee Criminal Justice & Mercy (¶ 657)	Henry Santana	L/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern/Coastal Bend
6	Hispanic / Latino Ministry (¶ 655)	Sonia Cruz	L/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Las Misiones
7	Chairperson	Dionisio Salazar	L/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Capital
8	Board of Church & Society (¶ 629)	Barbara Dyke	C/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Victoria/Crossroads
9	Board of Global Ministries (¶ 633)	Sandy Wilder – Vice Chairperson	L/F/Caucasian/Hispanic	Southwest Texas	Austin/Capital
10	Native American Ministries (¶ 654)	Terrence Hayes	C/M/African American	Southwest Texas	Victoria/Las Misiones
11	Conference Advance Program (¶ 656)	Sheldon Johnson	C/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Victoria/Crossroads
12	Conf. Committee Criminal Justice & Mercy (¶ 657)	Vicki McCuiston	L/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Austin/Hill Country
13	Hispanic / Latino Ministry (¶ 655)	Fernando Garza	L/M/Hispanic	Southwest Texas	McAllen/El Valle
14	Peace with Justice Coordinator	Charles Stephens	C/M/African American	Southwest Texas	Victoria/Crossroads
	Ex-Officio – Member Board of Church & Society	Cindy Johnson	L/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern/El Valle

F. Administration Team		Electing 1 person		RTP - p.63	
	Category	Nominee	C/L/M/F/Ethnicity	Conference Origin	Current / Projected District
1	Finance Table	Representative			
2	Board of Trustees (¶ 2512)	Representative			
3	Committee on Standing Rules	Representative			
4	Conference Agenda & Worship Committee	Representative			
5	Episcopacy Committee (¶ 637)	Representative			
6	Episcopal Residence Committee (¶ 638)	Representative			
7	Board of Pensions & Health Benefits ¶ 639)	Representative			
8	Commission on Archives and History (¶ 641)	Representative			
9	Chairperson	Leonard Woods	L/M/African Am.	Southwest Texas	Austin / Capital

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G. Finance Table		Electing 16 persons		RTP - p.63	
	Category	Nominee	C/L/M/F/Ethnicity	Conference Origin	Current / Projected District
1	Member – Lay – Male or Female	Pete Rivera	L/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern/Coastal Bend
2	Member – Lay – Male or Female	Jaime Mariscal	L/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Las Misiones
3	Member – Lay – Male or Female	Oscar O. Garza, IV.	L/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Las Misiones
4	Member – Lay – Male or Female	Rosalinda Rodriguez	L/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern/El Valle
5	Member – Clergy – Male or Female	Thelma Flores	C/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Capital
6	Member – Clergy – Male or Female	Jose Palos	C/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Las Misiones
7	Member – Clergy – Male or Female	Baldemar Barrera	C/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern/Hill Country
8	Member – Lay – Male or Female	Esther Salas	L/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern/El Valle
9	Member – Lay – Male or Female	Warren J. Camarano	L/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	San Antonio/Las Misiones
10	Member – Lay – Male or Female	Debbie Steinbach	L/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	San Angelo/West
11	Member – Lay – Male or Female	Marvin Morgenroth	L/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Austin/Capital
12	Member – Lay – Male or Female	Ken Bruner	L/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Kerrville/Hill Country
13	Member – Clergy – Male or Female	Tom Deviney	C/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Austin/Capital
14	Member – Clergy – Male or Female	Kelli Williamson	C/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Corpus Christi/Coastal Bend
15	Member – Clergy – Male or Female	Jim Noble	C/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	McAllen/West
16	Member – Clergy – Male or Female	Aaron Gonzales	C/M/Hispanic	Southwest Texas	San Antonio/Las Misiones

2012 UMC Book of Discipline ¶1612.2; p.411 recommends not less than 5 members; no more than 21; 1 lay more than clergy

H. Board of Trustees		Electing 12 persons		RTP - p.63		
	Category	Nominee	Term	C/L/M/F/Ethnicity	Conference Origin	Current / Projected District
1	Member – Clergy / Male or Female	Ella Luna	2 year	C/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Capital
2	Member – Clergy / Male or Female	Samuel Blanco	1 years	C/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern/El Valle
3	Member – Laity / Female	Letty Ortegon	3 years	L/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern/El Valle
4	Member – Laity / Female	Elizabeth Jimenez	3 years	L/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern/Las Misiones
5	Member – Laity / Male	Richard Irizarry	4 years	L/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern/El Valle
6	Member – Laity / Male	David Ancira	2 years	L/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central /Capital
7	Member – Clergy / Male or Female	William Knobles	3 years	C/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Victoria/Las Misiones
8	Member – Clergy / Male or Female	John Saint	1 year	C/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Corpus Christi/Hill Country

9	Member – Laity / Female	Penny Leonhardt	4 years	L/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	San Antonio/Las Misiones
10	Member – Laity / Female	Mary Jane Caudill	2 years	L/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Austin/Capital
11	Member – Laity / Male	Jim G. Martin	1 year	L/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	San Antonio/Las Misiones
12	Member – Laity / Male	Kevin Reed	4 years	L/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Austin/Capital

2012 UMC Book of Discipline ¶12512.1; p.726 consists of 12 members; 1/3 lay male; 1/3 lay female; 1/3 clergy – male or female

I. Board of Pensions and Health Benefits		Electing 16 persons		RTP - p.63		
	Category	Nominee	Term	C/L/M/F/Ethnicity	Conference Origin	Current / Projected District
1	Member – Clergy / Male or Female	Rodolfo Cajiri	7 years	C/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern/El Valle
2	Member – Clergy / Male or Female	Raquel Feagins	8 years	C/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Las Misiones
3	Member – Laity / Female	Zeda Alvarado	5 years	L/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Las Misiones
4	Member – Laity / Female	Toni Salazar Hernandez	6 years	L/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Capital
5	Member – Laity / Male	Mario Barrera	8 years	L/M/Hispanics	Rio Grande	Central/Mas Misiones
6	Member – Laity / Male	Mario Olivares	6 years	L/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern/Coastal Bend
7	Member – open	Alvaro Guzman	5 years	C/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern/El Valle
8	Member – open	Arnold Cavazos	7 years	L/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern/Las Misiones
9	Member – Clergy / Male or Female	Greg Hackett	8 years	C/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	CC/Coastal Bend
10	Member – Clergy / Male or Female	Danielle Knapp	5 years	C/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Kerrville/Crossroads
12	Member – Laity / Female	Patricia Greenwood	6 years	L/F/African Am	Southwest Texas	SA/Las Misiones
	Member – Laity / Female	Terry Schoenert	5 years	L/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	SA/Las Misiones
13	Member – Laity / Male	Gary W. Anderson	7 years	L/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Austin/Capital
14	Member – Laity / Male	Scott Maderer	5 years	L/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Kerrville/Hill Country
15	Member – open	Cleo Sue Huntsman	8 years	C/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	CC/Coastal Bend
16	Member – open	Ralph Mann	7 years	C/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	SA/Las Misiones
	Ex Officio –Member GBPHB	Teresa Keese		L/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	San Angelo/West

2012 UMC Book of Discipline ¶1639.2; p.468 not less than 12 members; 1/3 lay male; 1/3 lay female; 1/3 clergy – male or female

J. Committee on Standing Rules		Electing 6 persons		RTP - p.63		
	Category	Nominee		C/L/M/F/Ethnicity	Conference Origin	Current / Projected District
1	Member - C/L/M/F	Elva Garza		L /F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Las Misiones
2	Member - C/L/M/F	Bertha Castañeda		L/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern/Coastal Bend
3	Member - C/L/M/F	Edgar Avitia		C/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Northwest/West
4	Member - C/L/M/F	Barbara Mobley		L/F/ Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Corpus Christi/Coastal Bend

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5	Member - C/L/M/F	Eddie W. Pinchback	L/M/African Am.	Southwest Texas	San Antonio/Las Misiones
6	Member - C/L/M/F	James Michael Cave	C/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Kerville/Hill Country

K. Agenda & Worship Committee		RTP - p.63			
	Category	Leader	C/L/M/F/Ethnicity	Conference Origin	Current / Projected District
1	Bishop	Bishop Jim Dorff	C/M/Caucasian	Episcopal Area	RIO TEXAS
2	District Superintendent – Capital	Teresa Welborn	C/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Capital
3	District Superintendent – Coastal Bend	Eradio Valverde	C/M/Hispanic	Southwest Texas	Coastal Bend
4	District Superintendent – Crossroads	Robert Lopez	C/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Crossroads
5	District Superintendent – El Valle	Laura Merrill	C/M/Caucasian	Episcopal Area	El Valle
6	District Superintendent – Hill Country	Bill Henderson	C/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Hill Country
7	District Superintendent – Las Misiones	Carl Rohlfs	C/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Las Misiones
8	District Superintendent – West	Steve Purdy	C/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	West
9	United Methodist Women	President			
10	United Methodist Men	President			
11	Conference Council on Young Adult Ministry	President			
12	Conference Council on Youth ministry	President			
13	Conference Lay Leader	By position			
14	DCM / Bishop's Committee Agent	By position			
15	Conference Treasurer	By position			
16	Worship Team Coordinator	Recruited by Committee			
17	Conference Secretary	By position			

There shall be an Agenda and Worship Committee whose function is defined in ¶ 605.2 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. The members of the Agenda and Worship Committee shall be the Bishop and the Bishop's agent (title to be determined); the seven district superintendents; the presidents of United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, Council on Young Adult Ministries, Council on Youth Ministries; the conference Lay Leader; the conference treasurer; the conference secretary; the chairperson of the Uniting Table; and a Worship Team Coordinator recruited by the committee.

L. Nominations Committee		Electing 6 persons		RTP - p.119	
	Category	Nominee	C/L/M/F/Ethnicity	Conference Origin	Current / Projected District
1	Bishop	Bishop Jim Dorff	C/M/Caucasian	Episcopal Area	RIO TEXAS
2	District Superintendent – Capital	Teresa Welborn	C/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Capital
3	District Superintendent – Coastal Bend	Eradio Valverde	C/M/Hispanic	Southwest Texas	Coastal Bend
4	District Superintendent – Crossroads	Robert Lopez	C/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Crossroads
5	District Superintendent – El Valle	Laura Merrill	C/M/Caucasian	Episcopal Area	El Valle
6	District Superintendent – Hill Country	Bill Henderson	C/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Hill Country
7	District Superintendent – Las Misiones	Carl Rohlfs	C/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Las Misiones
8	District Superintendent – West	Steve Purdy	C/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	West
9	United Methodist Women	designated		Southwest Texas	

10	United Methodist Women	designated		Rio Grande	
11	United Methodist Men	designated		Southwest Texas	
12	United Methodist Men	designated		Rio Grande	
13	Conference Council on Young Adult Ministry	designated		Southwest Texas	
14	Conference Council on Young Adult Ministry	designated		Rio Grande	
15	Conference Council on Youth Ministry	designated		Southwest Texas	
16	Conference Council on Youth Ministry	designated		Rio Grande	
17	Conference Lay Leader	By position			
18	DCM / Bishop's Committee Agent	By position			
19	At-Large Member [for balance]	Alejandra Laguna	L/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Crossroads
20	At-Large Member [for balance]	Maria Vela	C/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Coastal Bend
21	At-Large Member [for balance]	Raquel Mariscal	L/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Las Misiones
22	At-Large Member [for balance]	Dan McAvoy	C/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Kerrville/Hill Country
23	At-Large Member [for balance]	Linda Montgomery	C/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	San Antonio/Las Misiones
24	At-Large Member [for balance]	Mary Frazier	L/F/African Am.	Southwest Texas	Austin/Capital

There shall be a Committee on Nominations (the committee) whose function is to identify nominees for each elected leadership position for which the Book of Discipline does not specify another method of nomination. The members of the Committee shall be the Bishop and the Bishop's agent (title to be determined); the seven district superintendents; one person from each parent conference representing United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, Council on Young Adult Ministries, Council on Youth Ministries; the conference Lay Leader; and six (6) at large members nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected by the Annual Conference to ensure equal representation on the Committee from each of the parent conferences. At least through 2024 the Committee on Nominations will consist of an equal number of members from each of the parent conferences.

M.	Episcopacy Committee Category	Electing 12 persons Nominee	RTP - p.63 C/L/M/F/Ethnicity	Conference Origin	Current / Projected District
1	Laity – Male	Aristides Laguna	L/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Crossroads
2	Laity – Male	Freddy Nieto	L/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern/El Valle
3	Laity - Female	Raquel Mariscal	L/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Las Misiones
4	Clergy – Male or Female	Juan Cantu	L/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Crossroads
5	Laity - Female	Minerva Canales	L/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern/Coastal Bend
6	C/L/M/F – named by Bishop	Jose Mercado	C/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Las Misiones
7	Laity – Male	Jim Brown	L/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	San Antonio/Las Misiones
8	Clergy – Male or Female	Ricky Burke	C/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Kerrville/Hill Country
9	Clergy – Male or Female	Daesub Han	C/M/Asian Am.	Southwest Texas	Corpus Christi/Coastal Bend
10	C/L/M/F – named by Bishop	Jason Teague	C/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Corpus Christi/Coastal Bend
11	C/L/M/F – named by Bishop	Teresa Keese	L/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	San Angelo / West
12	C/L/M/F – named by Bishop	Robert Glenn	C/M/African Am.	Southwest Texas	San Antonio / Las Misiones
13	Member of SCJ Episcopacy Committee	By Position / Ex Officio			
14	Member of SCJ Episcopacy Committee	By Position / Ex Officio			

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2012 UMC Book of Discipline ¶637; p.466 at least 7 members; no more than 17; 1/3 lay male; 1/3 lay female; 1/3 clergy male or female; 1 of lay is Conference Lay Leader; 1/5 appointed by Bishop (3 persons)

N.	Episcopacy Residence Committee	RTP - p.63			
	Category	Nominee	C/L/M/F/Ethnicity	Conference Origin	Current / Projected District
1	Episcopacy Committee Chair or Designate	By Position			
2	Finance Table Chair or Designate	By Position			
3	Board of Trustees Chair or Designate	By Position			
4	Consultant w/o vote – C/L/M/F				
5	Consultant w/o vote – C/L/M/F				
6	Consultant w/o vote – C/L/M/F				

2012 UMC Book of Discipline ¶638; p.467

O.	Commission on Archives and History	RTP - p.63			
	Category	Nominee	C/L/M/F/Ethnicity	Conference Origin	Current / Projected District
1	Member – C/L/M/F	Paul Barton	C/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Capital
2	Member – C/L/M/F	Elizabeth Jimenez	L/F/ Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern/Las Misiones
3	Member – C/L/M/F	Gloria Venegas	L/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Crossroads
4	Member – C/L/M/F	Rosa Adalpe	L/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Hill Country
5	Member – C/L/M/F	Barbara (Penny) Robbins	L/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Kerrville/Hill Country
6	Member – C/L/M/F	Barbara Young	L/F/African Am	Southwest Texas	San Antonio/Las Misiones
7	Member – C/L/M/F	Charles Crane	C/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Kerrville/Hill Country
8	Member – C/L/M/F	Vallie Blaire	C/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Corpus Christi/Coastal Bend

2012 UMC Book of Discipline ¶641; p.472 as determined by annual conference

P.	Personnel Committee	RTP - p.35 (¶ 613.3) (¶ 162. A, F, & I.)			
	Category	Nominee	C/L/M/F/Ethnicity	Conference Origin	Current / Projected District
1	Member – C/L/M/F	Steve Salinas	C/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern/El Valle
2	Member – C/L/M/F	Grace Perez	L/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Las Misiones
3	Member – C/L/M/F	Kimberly Burke	C/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	San Antonio/Hill Country
4	Member – C/L/M/F	Dennis Jewell	L/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	McAllen/El Valle
5	Finance Table	Representative			
6	District Superintendent	Cabinet assignment			

The Joint Personnel Committee and Unification Implementation Team will continue to work with conference leadership to staff the conference office and develop staff operations consistent with the new conference mission, vision, structure and the best practices of The United Methodist Church. This work will continue until January 2015 when the Río Texas Conference Personnel Committee will be established. [RT p.119]

Q.	Board of Ordained Ministry				
	Category	Nominee – PER BISHOP DORFF	C/L/M/F/Ethnicity	Conference Origin	Current / Projected District
1	Elder in Full Connection	Miguel Albert	C/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central / Las Misiones
2	Elder in Full Connection	Edgar Avitia	C/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Northwest / West

3	Elder in Full Connection	David Blanco	C/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern / El Valle
4	Elder in Full Connection	Sandra Cabrera	C/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central / Capital
5	Elder in Full Connection	Francisco Campos	C/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central / Hill Country
6	Full Time Local Pastor	Juan Cantu	C/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central / Crossroads
7	Deacon in Full Connection	Thelma Flores	C/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central / Capital
8	Elder in Full Connection	Ed Garcia	C/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central / Capital
9	Full Time Local Pastor	Bernardo Garzon	C/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central / Las Misiones
10	Elder in Full Connection	Nydia Jara	C/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern / El Valle
11	Associate Member	Javier Leyva	C/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central / Hill Country
12	Elder in Full Connection	Ella Luna	C/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central / Capital
13	Elder in Full Connection	Juan Osorio	C/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central / El Valle
14	Lay Member	Pricilla Patterson	L/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern / El Valle
15	Lay Member	Grace Perez	L/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central / Las Misiones
16	Elder in Full Connection	Max Perez	C/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Northwest / West
17	Elder in Full Connection	Isidro Piña	C/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Southern / Coastal Bend
18	Elder in Full Connection	Abraham Ramirez	C/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central / Las Misiones
19	Elder in Full Connection	Peter Michael Aguilar	C/M/Hispanic	Southwest Texas	San Antonio/Las Misiones
20	Full Time Local Pastor	James Patrick Amerson	C/M/African American	Southwest Texas	Victoria /Las Misiones
21	Elder in Full Connection	James Ryan Barnett	C/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Corpus Christi/Coastal Bend
22	Associate Member	Scott Alan Bradford	C/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Austin/Capital
23	Elder in Full Connection	Laura Eileen Brewster	C/F/Hispanic	Southwest Texas	San Antonio/Las Misiones
24	Elder in Full Connection	Pamela Lynn Dykehouse	C/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Corpus Christi/Coastal Bend
25	Lay Member	Ed Engelking	L/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Austin/Capital
26	Elder in Full Connection	Paul Lynd Escamilla	C/M/Hispanic	Southwest Texas	Austin/Capital
27	Elder in Full Connection	Austin Frederick, Jr.	C/M/African American	Southwest Texas	San Antonio/Las Misiones
28	Elder in Full Connection	James Jason Fry	C/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Corpus Christi/Coastal Bend
29	Elder in Full Connection	Barbara Ruth Galloway	C/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	San Antonio/Las Misiones
30	Elder in Full Connection	Coleen Glasse Haley	C/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	San Angelo/West
31	Provisional Elder	Phillip Gregory Hoeflinger	C/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Kerrville/Hill Country
32	Elder in Full Connection	Bill Johnson	C/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Kerrville/Hill Country
33	Elder in Full Connection	Raymond Douglas Kiser	C/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Austin/Capital
34	Elder in Full Connection	Charles Adam Knight	C/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	San Antonio/Las Misiones
35	Deacon in Full Connection	Russell Thomas Miller	C/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Kerrville/Hill Country
36	Elder in Full Connection	Tamara Jean Strehli	C/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	San Angelo/West
37	Lay Member	Ralph G. Thompson	L/M/African American	Southwest Texas	San Angelo/West
38	Lay Member	Robert N. Tripson	L/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	Victoria/Crossroads
39	Provisional Elder	Elizabeth Ruth Wright	C/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	McAllen / El Valle

Per the Bishop and the Board of Ordained Ministry Chairs / 2012 UMC BOD ¶635; p.458 /members nominated by Bishop in consultation with BOOM Chair(s) + Exec Team

R.	Administrative Review	Nominee	C/L/M/F/Ethnicity	Conference Origin	Current / Projected District
	Category				
1	Elder in Full Connection M/F	Francisco Campos	C/M/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Hill County
2	Alternate - Elder in Full Connection M/F	Ella Luna	C/F/Hispanic	Rio Grande	Central/Appointed to Other Conference
3	Elder in Full Connection M/F	Doug Hinchcliff	C/M/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	McAllen/El Valle
4	Elder in Full Connection M/F	Suzanne Isaacs	C/F/Caucasian	Southwest Texas	San Antonio/Las Misiones
5	Alternate - Elder in Full Connection M/F	Carlos Cloyd	C/M/Hispanic	Southwest Texas	Kerrville/Hill Country

2012 UMC Book of Discipline ¶636; p.465 members nominated by Bishop and elected at clergy session

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REPORTE I

ASUNTOS ADOPTADOS EN LA SESIÓN EXTRAORDINARIA DEL 8 DE FEBRERO PARA INFORMACIÓN

Plan Comprehensivo de Protección	Plan de Unificación páginas 65 -- 66
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Plan de Beneficios para la Salud de los Jubilados	Plan de Unificación páginas 67 -- 68
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Programa de Seguridad en Beneficios Definidos para Clérigos Jubilados	Plan de Unificación páginas 71 -- 72
Plan de Inversiones Personales Metodista Unido	Plan de Unificación páginas 73 -- 74
Estructura de la Junta de Pensiones	Plan de Unificación páginas 73 -- 74

REPORTE II

ESCALA 2015 PARA EL SERVICIO PRE-82 PARA ACCIÓN DE LA CONFERENCIA UNIDA

- La Escala 2015 para el Servicio Pre-82 será de \$648 de crédito anual por año en ambas de las conferencias antecesoras de la Conferencia de Río Texas.

REPORTE III

RESOLUCIÓN RELATIVA A LOS SUBSIDIOS PARA RENTA/VIVIENDA PARA CLÉRIGOS JUBILADOS O DISCAPACITADOS DE LAS CONFERENCIAS DEL RÍO GRANDE Y SOUTHWEST TEXAS PARA ACCIÓN DE LA CONFERENCIA UNIDA

[Nota del Secretario: Sin traducirse por deberse presentar como tal a la Oficina de Recaudación Interna del Departamento del Tesoro]

The Southwest Texas Conference and the Río Grande Conference (the "Conferences") adopt the following resolutions relating to rental/housing allowances for active, retired, terminated, or disabled clergypersons of the two Conferences:

WHEREAS, the religious denomination known as The United Methodist Church (the "church"), of which this Conferences is a part, has in the past functioned and continues to function through ministers of the gospel (within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code section 107) who were or are duly ordained, commissioned, or licensed ministers of the Church ("Clergypersons");

WHEREAS, the practice of the Church and of this Conferences was and is to provide active Clergypersons with a parsonage or a rental/housing allowance as part of their gross compensation;

WHEREAS, pensions or other amounts paid to active, retired, terminated, and disabled Clergypersons are considered to be deferred compensation and are paid to active, retired, terminated, and disabled Clergypersons in consideration of previous active service; and

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service has recognized the Conferences (or its predecessors) as the appropriate organization to designate a rental/housing allowance for Clergypersons who are or were members of this Conferences and are eligible to receive such deferred compensation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT an amount equal to 100% of the pension, severance, or disability payments received from plans authorized under The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church (the "Discipline"), which includes all such payments from the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits ("GBOPHB"), during the years 2014 and 2015 by each active, retired, terminated, or disabled Clergyperson who is or was a member of the Conferences, or its predecessors, be and hereby is designated as a rental/housing allowance for each such Clergyperson; and that the pension severance, or disability payments to which this rental/housing allowance applies will be any pension, severance, or disability payments from plans, annuities, or funds authorized under the Discipline, including such payments from the GBOPHB and from a commercial annuity company that provides an annuity arising from benefits accrued under a GBOPHB plan, annuity, or fund authorized under the Discipline, that result from any service a

Clergyperson rendered to this Conferences or that an active, a retired, terminated, or a disabled Clergyperson of this Conferences rendered to any local church, annual Conferences of the Church, general agency of the Church, other institution of the Church, former denomination that is now a part of the Church, or any other employer that employed the Clergyperson to perform services related to the ministry of the Church, or its predecessors, and that elected to make contributions to, or accrue a benefit under, such a plan, annuity, or fund for such active, retired, or disabled Clergyperson’s pension or disability as part of his or her gross compensation.

***NOTE:** The rental/housing allowance that may be excluded from a Clergyperson’s gross income in any year for federal income tax purposes is limited under Internal Revenue Code section 107(2) and regulations hereunder to the least of: (1) the amount of the rental/housing allowance designated by the Clergyperson’s employer or other appropriate body of the Church (such as this Conferences in the foregoing resolutions) for such year; (2) the amount actually expended by the Clergyperson to rent or provide a home in such year; or (3) the fair rental value of the home, including furnishings and appurtenances (such as a garage), plus the cost of utilities in such year.*

**REPORTE IV
PLAN 2015 DE FONDOS COMPREHENSIVOS
PARA ACCIÓN DE CADA CONFERENCIA**

Las Juntas de las Conferencias de Southwest Texas y Río Grande están en conversación con la Junta General de Pensiones para definir cómo preparar este reporte como conferencial unificada.

**REPORTE V
ESTADOS FINANCIEROS AUDITADOS DE LA JUNTA DE PENSIONES DE LA CONFERENCIA DE
SOUTHWEST TEXAS DE LA IGLESIA METODISTA UNIDA
PARA INFORMACIÓN**

Los estados financieros 2013-2015 de la Junta de Pensiones de la Conferencia de Southwest Texas de La Iglesia Metodista Unida están en proceso de pasar por la auditoría anual y se está preparando tal reporte. Los estados financieros auditados estarán disponibles en la sesión de la conferencial anual del 2015 y se imprimirán en el respectivo Registro Conferencial del 2015.

**REPORTE VI
SUBVENCIONES ESPECIALES
PARA INFORMACIÓN**

En el 2013 la Junta de Pensiones de la Conferencia de Southwest Texas de La Iglesia Metodista Unida otorgó una subvención especial a Shirley Johnson.

JUNTA DE PENSIONES / BOARD OF PENSIONS

**REPORT I
ITEMS ADOPTED AT THE FEBRUARY 8 CALLED SESSION
FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

Comprehensive Protection Plan	Unification Plan pages 65 -- 66
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Retiree Health Benefit Plan	Unification Plan pages 67 -- 68
Active Clergy Health Benefit Plan.....	Unification Plan pages 69 – 72
Clergy Retirement Security Program Defined Benefit	Unification Plan pages 71 – 72
United Methodist Personal Investment Plan	Unification Plan pages 73 – 74
Structure of the Board of Pensions	Unification Plan pages 73 -- 74

REPORT II
2015 PRE-82 PAST SERVICE RATE
FOR JOINT CONFERENCE ACTION

- The Past Service Rate for 2015 will be \$648 per year of annuity credit in both of the parent Conferences of the Río Texas Conference

REPORT III
RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO RENTAL/HOUSING ALLOWANCES FOR RETIRED OR
DISABLED CLERGY PERSONS OF THE SOUTHWEST TEXAS AND RIO GRANDE CONFERENCES
FOR JOINT CONFERENCE ACTION

The Southwest Texas Conference and the Río Grande Conference (the “Conferences”) adopt the following resolutions relating to rental/housing allowances for active, retired, terminated, or disabled clergypersons of the two Conferences:

WHEREAS, the religious denomination known as The United Methodist Church (the “church”), of which this Conferences is a part, has in the past functioned and continues to function through ministers of the gospel (within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code section 107) who were or are duly ordained, commissioned, or licensed ministers of the Church (“Clergypersons”);

WHEREAS, the practice of the Church and of this Conferences was and is to provide active Clergypersons with a parsonage or a rental/housing allowance as part of their gross compensation;

WHEREAS, pensions or other amounts paid to active, retired, terminated, and disabled Clergypersons are considered to be deferred compensation and are paid to active, retired, terminated, and disabled Clergypersons in consideration of previous active service; and

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service has recognized the Conferences (or its predecessors) as the appropriate organization to designate a rental/housing allowance for Clergypersons who are or were members of this Conferences and are eligible to receive such deferred compensation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT an amount equal to 100% of the pension, severance, or disability payments received from plans authorized under The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church (the “Discipline”), which includes all such payments from the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits (“GBOPHB”), during the years 2014 and 2015 by each active, retired, terminated, or disabled Clergyperson who is or was a member of the Conferences, or its predecessors, be and hereby is designated as a rental/housing allowance for each such Clergyperson; and that the pension severance, or disability payments to which this rental/housing allowance applies will be any pension, severance, or disability payments from plans, annuities, or funds authorized under the Discipline, including such payments from the GBOPHB and from a commercial annuity company that provides an annuity arising from benefits accrued under a GBOPHB plan, annuity, or fund authorized under the Discipline, that result from any service a Clergyperson rendered to this Conferences or that an active, a retired, terminated, or a disabled Clergyperson of this Conferences rendered to any local church, annual Conferences of the Church, general agency of the Church, other institution of the Church, former denomination that is now a part of the Church, or any other employer that employed the Clergyperson to perform services related to the ministry of the Church, or its predecessors, and that elected to make contributions to, or accrue a benefit under, such a plan, annuity, or fund for such active, retired, or disabled Clergyperson’s pension or disability as part of his or her gross compensation.

NOTE: *The rental/housing allowance that may be excluded from a Clergyperson’s gross income in any year for federal income tax purposes is limited under Internal Revenue Code section 107(2) and regulations hereunder to the least of: (1) the amount of the rental/housing allowance designated by the Clergyperson’s employer or other appropriate body of the Church (such as this Conferences in the foregoing resolutions) for such year; (2) the amount actually expended by the Clergyperson to rent or provide a home in such year; or (3) the fair rental value of the home, including furnishings and appurtenances (such as a garage), plus the cost of utilities in such year.*

**REPORT IV
2015 COMPREHENSIVE FUNDING PLAN
FOR INDIVIDUAL CONFERENCE ACTION**

The Southwest Texas and Rio Grande Conference boards are in conversation with the General Board of Pensions regarding how this report shall be prepared for the merging conferences.

**REPORT V
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE
BOARD OF PENSIONS OF THE SOUTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE OF THE UNITEDMETHODIST CHURCH
FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

The 2013-2015 Financial statements of the Board of Pensions of The Southwest Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church are in the annual audit process as this report is being prepared. The Audited Statements will be available at the 2015 annual conference session and will be printed in the 2015 Southwest Texas Conference Journal.

**REPORT VI
SPECIAL GRANTS
FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

During 2013 a special grant was given by the Board of Pensions of The Southwest Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church to Shirley Johnson.

**JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE
FOR CONFERENCE ACTION**

Resolution: As further clarification on page 69 of the February 8 plan (funding for Active Clergy Health Benefit Plan) lines 32 through 33.

- Local Church is encouraged to pay the entire responsibility of the participant and-or the participant and family in a fair, equitable, and non-discriminatory basis.
- The billing will be from the Conference to the local church. Any clergy premium will be paid as a pre-tax payroll deduction through the cafeteria plan.

MESA CONJUNTA DE FINANZAS / JOINT FINANCE TABLE**Mesa Conjunta de Finanzas****Reporte I****Asuntos adoptados en la Conferencia Extraordinaria del 8 de febrero
Para Información**

Reembolsos para Reuniones.....	Plan de Unificación páginas 79 – 80
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Integridad de los Fondos Restringidos.....	Plan de Unificación páginas 111 – 112

Reporte II**Compensación Equitativa
Para Acción de la Conferencia**

Que el salario mínimo adoptado por las Conferencias de Southwest Texas y Río Grande en las sesiones del 2013 para los pastores locales en el 2014 sea cambiado retroactivamente al 1 de enero del 2014 a un monto de \$31,290. |

Que la escala de salario mínimo para el 2015 adoptado el 8 de febrero del 2014 (Plan de Unificación, líneas 39-41 en la página 81) sea cambiado a:

- Miembro en Plena Conexión o Provisorio sea cambiado de \$37,000 a \$38,000
- Miembro Asociado sea cambiado de \$34,200 a \$35,200
- Pastor Local o Miembro de Otra Denominación sea cambiado de \$31,100 a \$32,100

Que la siguiente frase se agregue a la página 85, línea 41:

- Describa el campo de misión al cuál su Iglesia o cargo se ve llamado a relacionarse y cuáles son las metas, estrategias, y planes específicos que su Iglesia o cargo ha establecido para alcanzar tal campo de misión.

Reporte III**Autoridad de la Mesa de Finanzas para Responder a Situaciones Financieras no Previstas
Para Acción de la Conferencia**

La Mesa Financiera tiene la autoridad de ajustar la aplicación del presupuesto en base a condiciones económicas cambiantes o circunstancias imprevistas según lo autoriza el Libro de la Disciplina 2012 ¶¶613.5 -- 613.11 and ¶¶616 -- 618.

Reporte IV**Apoyo para los Superintendentes de Distrito
Y Otras Posiciones a Nivel de Gabinete
Para Acción de la Conferencia**

La Mesa Conjunta de Finanzas está recomendando que los salarios y beneficios de los Superintendentes de Distrito y otras posiciones a nivel de Gabinete sean las mismas adoptadas por la Conferencia de Southwest Texas para el 2014.

Compensación

- Salario en efectivo se establezca en un monto de \$99,976 por año
- Los costos del Plan de Seguridad para la Jubilación de los Clérigos, el Plan Comprehensivo de Protección, Los Beneficios para la Salud, y los servicios públicos variarán según sea su costo real. Las contribuciones a Plan de Inversiones Personales, ya sea personales o exentas de impuestos se incluirán en el salario.

Viaje

- La Conferencia proveerá un auto a cada Superintendente de Distrito para su uso en el trabajo. Se incluye en este beneficio el pago por parte de la Conferencia de los costos reales de gasolina, mantenimiento, llantas, reparaciones y seguro.
- El mantenimiento y el cuidado propio del auto es la responsabilidad de la persona a quien se le asigne el mismo. La Conferencia asegurará el auto bajo la póliza de seguros de la Conferencia. En caso de accidente, el deducible será cubierto por la Conferencia por medio de algún fondo conferencial pertinente.
- El auto deberá ser sólo usado para propósitos eclesiásticos, para ir a la oficina, y algún uso mínimo personal de acuerdo a las guías de la regla 1.274-6T del Servicio de Recaudaciones Internas. Costos de uso para llegar a la oficina y para uso personal serán recuperados a la Conferencia en base la tarifa establecida por el Servicio de Recaudaciones Internas (\$0.56 por milla a partir del 1 de enero del 2014).
- Los gastos de gasolina, aceite, y reparaciones necesarias se incluirán en el cargo de \$0.56 por milla por uso del auto. La transportación pública, cuando fuese aprobada por el Gabinete deberá ser cubierta por el presupuesto asignado al Superintendente en cuestión.
- Cuando el auto de la Conferencia sea utilizado y los gastos incurridos sean cubiertos por otra agencia entonces el Superintendente de Distrito deberá pasar a la Conferencia el monto recuperado.
- Cuando un Superintendente de Distrito viaje fuera de la Conferencia vía aérea, se reembolsará los gastos reales. Se pedirá \$6,000 para tal propósito. La mayoría del Gabinete deberá aprobar los boletos aéreos antes de que los boletos sean comprados.
- La petición para el programa de auto es de un monto de \$15,143 por año por Distrito del Fondo para Superintendentes de Distrito.

Otros Gastos

- La Conferencia deberá proveer fondos para alojamiento y comidas en un monto total de \$48,000 para todos los Superintendentes.

El Enfoque Relativo al Gasto Incurrido en el Trabajo

- Se entiende que el auto puede ser usado, la habitación rentada, y las comidas ofrecidas para cualesquier actividades relacionadas al trabajo distrital. Esto incluirá gastos (no reembolsados por otras agencias) incurridos fuera de la Conferencia siempre y cuando las mismas sean incurridas por asistencia requerida de parte del Superintendente a tal actividad. Esto incluye las reuniones de Gabinete.
- Método para el Reembolso: Cada Superintendente deberá someter mensualmente al Tesorero Conferencial los recibos o talones de cargo para la gasolina, aceite, alojamiento, comidas y otros gastos reembolsables. Dichos gastos deberán ser sometidos en una forma aprobada por la Mesa de Finanzas.

Gastos cubiertos por los Distritos

- Espacio de oficina, teléfono en la oficina (incluyendo largas distancias), gastos de correo, servicios secretariales, gastos de impresión, servicios públicos de la oficina, seguro de los muebles de oficina y equipo según corresponda, gastos de biblioteca y suscripciones de hemeroteca, gastos distritales de cortesía (entertainment), y otros gastos regulares relativos a la superintendencia no cubiertos por la Conferencia Anual.
- Todo lo arriba listado deberá ser cubierto directamente por el Tesorero Distrital al presentarse la documentación correspondiente.
- El Distrito deberá proveer casa distrital, servicios públicos de la misma (no incluyendo gastos de llamadas personales de larga distancia) mantenimiento y seguro de la casa distrital o, en su defecto, una subvención para casa distrital.
- El Distrito no proveerá fondos al Superintendente del Distrito para gastos ya cubiertos por la Conferencia Anual.

Reporte V
Asignaciones 2015
Para Acción de la Conferencia

Nombre del Fondo	RIO TEXAS
General y Jurisdiccional	2,685,046
Benevolencias Conferenciales	3,163,991
Administración Conferencial	934,000
Apoyo Ministerial	1,453,064
Pensión y Beneficios	1,880,000
Ministerios Distritales	700,000
Total	10,816,101

Reporte VI
División de Asignaciones
Para Acción de la Conferencia

Fondo y División	Monto
General y Jurisdiccional	
GC: Africa University	40,533
GC: Fondo del Colegio de Negros	181,145
GC: Fondo de Administración General	159,658
GC: Fondo General Episcopal	396,710
GC: Cooperación Interdenominacional	35,531
GC: Fondo de Educación Ministerial	454,101
GC: Servicio Mundial	1,322,710
SCJ: Lydia Patterson	54,455
SCJ: Fondo de Misión y Administración	25,504
SCJ: Mount Sequoyah	13,022
SCJ: Ministerio Universitario en SMU	1,677
General y Jurisdiccional Total	2,685,046
Benevolencias Conferenciales	
Personal	1,256,217
Mesa de Unificación	5,000
Equipo de Visión de Vitalización Congregacional	572,278
Equipo de Visión de Desarrollo de Liderato	717,596
Equipo de Administración	5,000
Equipo de Visión de Unificando al Pueblo	147,300
Equipo de Visión de Transformando Comunidades	25,000
Mantenimiento del United Methodist Center	150,000
Golden Cross	8,000
Huston Tillotson University	20,600
Investigaciones/Respuesta a Emergencias	7,000
Respuesta a Emergencias del Gabinete	40,000
Interpretación de las Benevolencias	8,000
Contingencia para la Transición	200,000
Comisión de Archivos e Historia	2,000
Benevolencias Conferenciales Total	3,163,991

Administración Conferencial	Amount
Sesión de la Conferencia Anual	136,000
Auditoría	84,000
Delegados a las Conferencias General y Jurisdiccional	9,000
Registro Conferencial (Journal)	18,000
Mt. Wesley Conference Center	150,000
Reserva Salarial	85,000
Oficina del Tesorero	452,000
Administración Total	934,000
Apoyo Ministerial	Monto
Fondo de los Superintendentes de Distrito	1,015,564
Apoyo a las Oficina Episcopal	47,500
Salarios Equitativos	150,000
Gastos de Mudanza	240,000
Apoyo Ministerial Total	1,453,064
Pensiones y Beneficios	1,880,000
Ministerio Distrital cubierto por la Conferencia	700,000

**Reporte VII
Entendiendo las Asignaciones
Para Información**

Las asignaciones se han estructurado para apoyar la nueva Conferencia de Río Texas según los designios de las acciones tomadas el 8 de febrero del 2014 en las Conferencias Extraordinarias de las Conferencias del Río Grande y Southwest Texas. Según lo esperado, se han logrado ahorros substanciales en un número importante de áreas si se comparan con los montos de las asignaciones de las 2 conferencias anteriores aún con los ajustes de la Conferencia del Río Grande 2014 a las asignaciones para sólo 60 iglesias.

- Administración Conferencial ha decrecido en monto de \$163,221
- Apoyo Ministerial ha decrecido en un monto de \$136,901
- Pensiones and Beneficios ha decrecido en un monto de \$726,526

Asumiendo que las asignaciones distritales no serían más que las del 2014 menos \$100,000 por distrito, el monto total de las asignaciones del 2015 sería menor a las del 2014 en un monto de \$613,847.

El método para cubrir los gastos de las oficinas distritales y su misión y ministerio será un híbrido de las dos conferencias. Se tendrá una asignación conferencial de \$700,000 (\$100,000 para cada distrito) y se dará a cada distrito la opción de agregar asignaciones distritales que serían divididas entre las iglesias de dicho distrito. Algunos ditritos votarán sobre este particular en las reuniones por distrito a llevarse a cabo durante esta sesión de la conferencia anual. Otros se reunirán en junio o julio para votar sobre este monto. En la Conferencia del 2014 de Southwest Texas había un total de \$1,447,539 asignado a los diferente distritos. Es el deseo de la Mesa Conjunta de Finanzas que los montos de las Asignaciones Distritales a establecerse consideren que la Conferencia ha presupuestado ya \$100,000 para cada distrito y puedan reducir tal monto según corresponda.

Las asignaciones para Pensión y Beneficios es significativamente menor y refleja el cambio en el fondo de Beneficios para la Salud. Se espera que esta significativa reducción permita a las iglesias pagar el costo total de la prima de beneficios para la salud o que incrementen el salario del pastor reconociendo este cambio.

Las benevolencias conferenciales se han designado para proveer una flexibilidad óptima ante la nueva estructura en su primer año. Los montos que antes se listaban individualmente se incluyen ahora en los montos para cada equipo de visión. Todos los salarios del personal previamente cubiertos por las Benevolencias Conferenciales se han ahora listado bajo una partida la cuál será aplicada por el Comité de Personal para pagar los gastos del nuevo personal aún no anunciados al tiempo de publicación de este reporte. Se ha incluido una nueva partida denominada Contingencia para la Transición con un presupuesto de \$200,000 en el presupuesto de Benevolencias Conferenciales. Dicha partida será administrada por la Mesa Financiera y utilizada para cubrir áreas donde lo presupuestado para la nueva estructura pudiese no ser suficiente.

La Mesa Conjunta de Finanzas se complace en presentarles un presupuesto con reducciones significativas para establecer las asignaciones a las iglesias locales y que provee los recursos adecuados para la nueva Conferencia Río Texas y su estructura emergente.

Reporte VIII Compensación de los Clérigos Para Información

La compensación de los clérigos nombrados a los cargos de la Conferencia de Southwest Texas y a la Conferencia misma hasta el 1 de julio del 2014 (fecha cuando los cambios de nombramiento toman efecto) serán impresos en el Registro Conferencial 2014 (Journal). La compensación de los clérigos nombrados a cargos de la Conferencia Río Texas y a la Conferencia misma serán impresos en el Registro Conferencial 2015 (Journal).

Reporte IX Estados Financieros Auditados Para Información

La auditoría de los estados financieros 2012-2013 de la Conferencia de Southwest Texas está ya completa. La auditoría de los estados financieros 2012-2013 de la Conferencia del Río Grande está agendada para mayo del 2014. Los estados finales no se presentarán hasta después de la junta del Comité de Auditoría. Un bosquejo se hará disponible a la conferencia anual y los estados financieros auditados se incluirán en el Registro Conferencia (Journal).

MESA CONJUNTA DE FINANZAS / JOINT FINANCE TABLE

Joint Finance Table Report I Items adopted at the February 8 Called Session For Information Only

Meeting Reimbursements	Unification Plan pages 79 – 80
Calculation of Apportionments.....	Unification Plan pages 75 – 76
Equitable Compensation Policies.....	Unification Plan pages 81 – 110
Integrity of Restricted Funds.....	Unification Plan pages 111 – 112

Report II Equitable Compensation For Conference Action

The minimum salary adopted by the 2013 Southwest Texas and Rio Grande Conferences for local pastors for 2014 is changed retroactive to January 1, 2014 to \$31,290.

The 2015 minimum salary schedule adopted on February 8, 2014 (Unification Plan lines 39-41 on page 81) is changed to:

- Full or Provisional Member is changed from \$37,000 to \$38,000
- Associate member is changed from \$34,200 to \$35,200
- Local Pastor or Member of Another Denomination is changed from \$31,100 to \$32,100

The following sentence is added to page 85, line 41:

- Describe the mission field to which the church or charge is called to relate and what specific missional goals, strategies, and plans does the church or charge have for reaching that missional field.

Report III

Authority of the Finance Table to Respond to Unforeseen Financial Situations For Conference Action

The Finance Table has the authority to adjust the budget implementation on the basis of changing economic conditions and unforeseen circumstances as authorized in the 2012 Book of Discipline ¶¶613.5 -- 613.11 and ¶¶616 - 618.

Report IV

Support For District Superintendents and Other Cabinet Level Positions For Conference Action

The Joint Finance Table is recommending that the salary and benefits for the Río Texas Conference District Superintendents and other cabinet level positions be set equal to that adopted by the Southwest Texas Conference for 2014.

Compensation

- Cash salary is set at \$99,976 per annum
- Clergy Retirement Security Plan, Comprehensive Protection Plan, Health Benefits, and utilities shall vary according to their actual cost. Contributions to the Personal Investment Plan, either personal or tax deferred, are included in salary.

Travel

- The Conference shall provide an automobile to each District Superintendent for use in his/her work. Included in this benefit is the payment by the Conference of the actual cost of gasoline, maintenance, tires, repairs and insurance.
- Maintenance and proper care of the automobile is the responsibility of the person to whom it is assigned. The Conference shall insure the automobile under the Conference Policy. In case of accident the deductible shall be paid by the Conference through the appropriate Conference fund.
- The automobile shall be used only for church purposes, commuting to and from the office, and other minimal personal use as defined in IRS regulation 1.274-6T. Commuting and personal use shall be reimbursed to the Conference at the IRS approval rate (\$0.56 per mile on January 1, 2014).
- The expense for gasoline, oil and necessary repairs shall be included in the \$0.56 per mile charge for use of the automobile. Travel by public transportation, when approved by the Cabinet, shall be charged to the Superintendent's expense budget.
- When a Conference car is used for transportation, where travel expense is paid by another agency other than the Annual Conference, the District Superintendent shall reimburse the Conference the amount received.
- When a District Superintendent must travel out of Conference by air, actual cost shall be reimbursed. A request for \$6,000 is made for this purpose. A majority of the entire Cabinet shall approve any air travel prior to tickets being purchased.

- The request for the automobile program is \$15,143 per year per District from the District Superintendent's Fund.

Other Expense

- The Conference shall provide funds for lodging and meals in an amount of \$48,000 for the total of all Superintendents.

The Scope of the Work Related to Expense

- It is understood that the automobile may be used and the room and meal expenses be claimed for any occasion related to the District work. This shall include expenses (not reimbursed by other agencies) incurred inside or outside our Conference as long as the expenses are incurred because attendance at said function was required as a District Superintendent. This includes meetings of the Cabinet.
- Method of Reimbursement: Each Superintendent shall submit to the Conference Treasurer the receipts or charge slips for gasoline, oil, lodging, meals and other reimbursable expenses on a monthly basis. These expenses shall be submitted on a form approved by the Finance Table.

Expenses to be provided by the Districts

- Office space, office telephone (including long distance), postage, secretarial service, printing, office utilities and insurance on furniture and equipment if applicable, library and periodical expenses, entertainment related to the district, and other normal expenses related to the superintendency not paid by the annual conference.
- All of the above items shall be paid directly by the District Treasurer upon presentation of the statements.
- The District shall also provide a parsonage, parsonage utilities (not including personal long distance), parsonage maintenance and insurance on parsonage or an appropriate housing allowance.)
- The district shall not provide funds to the District Superintendent for expenses provided by the Annual Conference.

Report V 2015 Apportionments For Conference Action

Fund Name	RIO TEXAS
General and Jurisdictional	2,685,046
Conference Benevolences	3,163,991
Conference Administration	934,000
Ministerial Support	1,453,064
Pension and Benefits	1,880,000
District Ministries	700,000
Total	10,816,101

Report VI Division of Apportionments For Conference Action

Fund and Division	Amount
General and Jurisdictional	
GC: Africa University	40,533
GC: Black College Fund	181,145
GC: General Administration Fund	159,658
GC: General Episcopal Fund	396,710
GC: Interdenominational Cooperation	35,531
GC: Ministerial Educational Fund	454,101

GC: World Service	1,322,710
SCJ: Lydia Patterson	54,455
SCJ: Mission and Administration Fund	25,504
SCJ: Mount Sequoyah	13,022
SCJ: SMU Campus Ministry	1,677
General and Jurisdictional Total	2,685,046
Conference Benevolences	Amount
Staffing	1,256,217
Uniting Table	5,000
Vitalizing Congregations Vision Team	572,278
Developing Leaders Vision Team	717,596
Administration Team	5,000
Uniting People Vision Team	147,300
Transforming Communities Vision Team	25,000
United Methodist Center Maintenance	150,000
Golden Cross	8,000
Huston Tillotson University	20,600
Investigations/Emergency Response	7,000
Cabinet Emergency Response	40,000
Benevolence Interpretation	8,000
Contingency for Transition	200,000
Commission on Archives & History	2,000
Conference Benevolences Total	3,163,991
Conference Administration	Amount
Annual Conference Session	136,000
Auditing	84,000
General & Jurisdictional Conference Delegates	9,000
Journal	18,000
Mt. Wesley Conference Center	150,000
Salary Reserve	85,000
Treasurer's Office	452,000
Administration Total	934,000
Ministerial Support	Amount
District Superintendents Fund	1,015,564
Episcopal Office Support	47,500
Equitable Salaries	150,000
Moving Expense	240,000
Ministerial Support Total	1,453,064
Pensions and Benefits	1,880,000
District Ministry paid by Conference	700,000

Report VII Understanding the Apportionments For Information only

The apportionments are structured to support the new Rio Texas Conference as designed by the actions of the February 8, 2014 Called Session of both the Rio Grande and the Southwest Texas Conference. As expected, there are substantial savings in a number of areas when compared to the amount apportioned by the 2 previous conferences even after adjusting the Rio Grande Conference 2014 apportionment to account for only 60 churches.

- Conference Administration is decreased by \$163,221
- Ministerial Support is decreased by \$136,901
- Pension and Benefits is decreased by \$726,526

Assuming that the district apportionments are no more than 2014 less \$100,000 per district, the entire apportionment amount is lower than the 2014 amount by \$613,847.

The method of funding the district offices and their mission and ministry is a hybrid of the two conferences. There is a conference apportionment of \$700,000 (\$100,000 for each district) while each district has the option to add an additional district apportionment that will be divided only among the churches in that district. Some Districts will vote on this at the district meeting to be held during the annual conference session. Others will meet during June or July to vote on this amount. In the Southwest Texas Conference in 2014 there was a total of \$1,447,539 apportioned to the various districts. It is the hope of the Joint Finance Table that the amounts of the District Apportionments will reflect the fact that the Conference is apportioning \$100,000 for each district and lower their own apportionment accordingly.

The Pension and Benefit apportionment is significantly lower reflecting the change in Health Benefit funding. It is hoped that this significant reduction will allow churches to respond by either paying the entire cost of the remaining cost of health benefit coverage or increasing their pastor's salary recognizing that this change has been made.

The Conference Benevolences budget has been designed to provide the maximum flexibility to the new structure in its first year. Amounts that have previously been individual line items are now included in the amount for the various vision teams. All salaries for staff previously funded by Conference Benevolences are now put into one line item which will be used by the Personnel Committee to fund the new staff plan which has not been announced at the time of this writing. A new line item called Transition Contingency with a budget of \$200,000 has been included in the Conference Benevolence budget. This will be administered by the Finance Table and used to fund areas where our current estimate of need under the new structure is not adequate.

The Finance Table is pleased to present a budget that both significantly decreases the total amount apportioned to the local churches and provides adequately for the new Rio Texas Conference and its emerging structure.

Report VIII Clergy Compensation For Information Only

The compensation of the clergy appointed to the charges of the Southwest Texas Conference and to the Conference itself as of July 1, 2014 (Effective Date of Appointment Changes) will be printed in the 2014 Journal. The compensation of the clergy appointed charges of the Rio Texas Conference and to the Conference itself will be printed in the 2015 Journal.

Report IX Audited Financial Statements For Information Only

The audit work on the Southwest Texas Conference 2012-2013 financial statements has been completed. The audit work on the Rio Grande Conference 2012-2013 is scheduled for May, 2014. The final statements will not be issued until after the meeting of the Audit Committee. A draft will be available for annual conference and the audited financial statements will be entered into the Journal.

**SECCIÓN F. INFORMES REQUERIDOS POR LA CONFERENCIA ANUAL (¶606.3f), PARTE
TERCERA, INFORMES CONJUNTOS PARA INFORMACIÓN**
[en orden de presentación]

COMITÉ UNIDO DEL EPISCOPADO / JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE EPISCOPACY

Reporte 2014 a las Conferencias Anuales del Río Grande y Southwest Texas

El Comité Unido del Episcopado ha tenido el privilegio y la responsabilidad de trabajar de cerca con James Edward Dorff en su función de Obispo Residente dentro de los confines del Área Episcopal de San Antonio. Esto además de servir como vínculo en ese mismo tenor en su ministerio a otros niveles de la Iglesia.

En su conocido espíritu de apertura el Obispo ha compartido con el Comité lo hasta aquí avanzado – particularmente en haberes de la unificación- hablándonos de aciertos pero también de cosas que hubiese él deseado que hubiesen tomado otra dirección. Se ha conversado con él también sobre todo el aparato de apoyo de su oficina en personal y en temas operacionales con el único deseo de que llegue a tener las más óptimas condiciones de trabajo. También se ha estado pendiente de la vida de las Conferencias Anuales bajo su episcopado y se le han compartido algunos asuntos de preocupación pero sobre todo de celebración. Otro asunto ha sido el acompañamiento más de corte personal tratando de velar por su bienestar físico y emocional y de familia.

A niveles de iglesia general, nos hemos visto muy animados por el liderazgo ofrecido por el Obispo en un buen número de agencias generales y esfuerzos especiales. Ya sea como Obispo Presidente de la Junta General de Educación Superior y Ministerio -no tan pequeña responsabilidad- o como líder en entidades jurisdiccionales y ecuménicas a nivel nacional y global. Ha sido claro que todas estas responsabilidades agregadas propias de su oficio no le han hecho menguar en su trabajo diario de gabinete, de sobrever el orden y promover la unidad y de guardar, transmitir, enseñar y proclamar la fe apostólica y otras responsabilidades de su investidura.

El Comité Unido ha estado en consulta con el Comité Jurisdiccional del Episcopado para acompañar los procesos de evaluación y de desarrollo que le competen al segundo. Ha respondido a todo requerimiento que sirva para evaluar y fortalecer al Obispo Dorff en su ministerio. Y espera el Comité continuar en este espíritu de buen entendimiento y coordinación.

Podemos decir que - por la gracia y el amor de Dios - todo ha caminado bien con nuestro Obispo. Estamos sumamente agradecidos con Dios por el Obispo James Edward Dorff y su apreciable familia.

Edgar Avitia
Co-presidente

Laura Merrill
Co-presidente

Report 2014 to the Rio Grande and Southwest Texas Annual Conferences

The Joint Committee on the Episcopacy has had the privilege and responsibility of working closely with James Edward Dorff in his function as the Resident Bishop of the San Antonio Episcopal Area. The Committee has additionally served as the liaison of the conferences before other levels of the Church.

With his well-known spirit of openness, Bishop has shared with the Committee the advancements of ministry at the Annual Conferences--particularly in matters pertaining to unification--as well as always sharing with us challenges that he has faced. The Committee has dialogued with him regarding the support system he has in place for personnel and other operational matters in his office, to ensure the best working conditions. The Committee has also been made aware of the present situation of the Annual Conferences and has shared some areas of concern with Bishop in addition to celebrating the ongoing ministry. Another area of our work has been of a more personal nature, offering support for his physical and emotional well-being and that of his family.

In regard to the general church, the Committee has been very encouraged by the leadership offered by Bishop Dorff in several general agencies and special assignments, whether as the Bishop presiding over the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry--not an easy responsibility--or as a leader in jurisdictional and ecumenical entities, both nationally and globally. It has been clear to the Committee that the many responsibilities of his office have not affected his commitment and work level, whether in his ongoing Cabinet work, in overseeing of the order of the Church, in his promotion of Christian unity, or in his responsibility of guarding, transmitting, teaching and proclaiming the apostolic faith and many other responsibilities of his investiture.

The Joint Committee has also been in consultation with the Jurisdictional Committee on the Episcopacy to offer the necessary information related to the assessment of Bishop Dorff's work and to support his professional development in any way necessary. The Joint Committee will continue to function under this spirit of coordination and understanding in the future.

We can say that--by God's grace and love--"it is well" with our Bishop. We are very grateful with God for the life and ministry of Obispo James Edward Dorff and his beloved family.

Edgar Avitia
Co-president

Laura Merrill
Co-president

ESTRUCTURA DISTRITAL DE LA CONFERENCIA DE RÍO TEXAS / RÍO TEXAS DISTRICT
STRUCTURE

For Information Only

Bishop James (Jim) Dorff has announced the makeup of the districts of the Río Texas Conference to be effective on January 1, 2015 with the beginning of the new conference. The names of the seven districts are:

- Capital
- Coastal
- Crossroads
- El Valle
- Hill Country
- Las Misiones
- West

The list below shows which churches will be in each district. Churches with “***” following their name are not chartered. Churches with “*” following their name have expressed a desire to move to the geographical conference in which they are located. **[Note from the Secretary: Rio Grande Annual Conference churches in RED]**

Capital [52]

Austin: Asbury	Austin: Servant Church**	Dallas: Agape Memorial*
Austin: Berkeley	Austin: Simpson	Dallas: Casa Emanu-El*
Austin: Bethany	Austin: St. John's	Driftwood: Driftwood
Austin: Covenant	Austin: St. Luke	Dripping Springs
Austin: Crestview	Austin: St. Mark	Fort Worth: Nueva Vida
Austin: Decker	Austin: St. Paul's	Kempner
Austin: Emmanuel	Austin: St. Peter's	Lago Vista: Rolling Hills Community
Austin: Faith	Austin: Tarrytown	Lampasas
Austin: First	Austin: Trinity	Leander
Austin: Govalle	Austin: University	Liberty Hill
Austin: Grace	Austin: Wesley	Lometa
Austin: Korean	Austin: Westlake	Manchaca
Austin: Lake Travis	Bee Creek: Spicewood	Moody: El Buen Pastor
Austin: Memorial	Bend: San Saba	Pflugerville
Austin: Northwest Hills	Bertram: Bertram	Sherman: El Divino Salvador
Austin: Oak Hill	Burnet: Burnet	Temple: El Divino Salvador
Austin: Parker Lane	Cedar Park: First - Cedar Park	Waco: Latin American
	Chapel Hill	

Coastal [59]

Alice: El Mesias	Corpus Christi: St. Peter's By The Sea	Pawnee
Alice: First	Corpus Christi: Wesley	Pettus
Aransas Pass	Falfurrias: First	Point Comfort
Austwell	Fannin	Port Lavaca: First
Banquete	Fashing	Portland: First
Beeville: First	Freer	Premont
Beeville: Jones Chapel	George West	Refugio
Bishop: El Redentor	Goliad: Fannin St.	Riviera

Bishop: First
 Bloomington: First UMC
 Bruni
 Corpus Christi: Asbury
Corpus Christi: El Buen Pastor
 Corpus Christi: First
 Corpus Christi: Grace
 Corpus Christi: Island in the Son
Corpus Christi: Kelsey Memorial
 Corpus Christi: St. John's
 Corpus Christi: St. Luke's
 Corpus Christi: St. Paul

Goliad: First
 Hebronville: First
 Ingleside
 Karnes City: UMC
Kenedy: El Buen Samaritano
 Kingsville: Christ
Kingsville: El Buen Pastor
 Kingsville: First
 Lolita
 Mathis
 Odem: First
 Palacios

Robstown
Robstown: El Redentor
 Rockport: First
 Runge
San Diego: First
 Seadrift
 Sinton: First
 Skidmore
 Taft
 Three Rivers
 Woodsboro: Faith United

Crossroads [76]

Altair: Wesley Chapel
 Bastrop
Bay City: Nazareth
 Belmont
Bryan: Oak Grove
Bryan: Templo del Espiritu Santo
 Cedar Creek
 Columbus: First
 Columbus: St. Paul
 Cuero: First
 Dale: Corinth
 Dewville
 Eagle Lake
 Edna: First
 Edna: Scruggs Chapel
 El Campo: First
 El Campo: St. Paul
 El Campo: Wesley Chapel
 Elgin
Elgin: Bethel
 Evan's Chapel
 Fentress
 Flatonia
 Freyburg
 Ganado: First

Garwood: Lehrer Memorial Chapel
 Gonzales: First
 Gonzales: Henson Chapel
 Hallettsville: First
 Hallettsville: Richardson-Brown
 Harwood
 Haynie Chapel
 Hope
Houston: El Buen Pastor
Houston: El Mesias
 Industry
 Industry: Cherry Chapel
 Kingsbury
 La Grange: First
 La Grange: St. James
 Lockhart: First
 Lockhart: St. Mark's
 Louise
 Luling: First
 Luling: William Taylor
 Lytton Springs
 Manor
 Martindale
 Monthalia
 Muldoon
 Nixon

Nixon: Harris Chapel
 Nursery
Port Arthur: Getsemani
 Prairie Lea
 Rabke
 Rock Island
 Schulenburg: Stevens Chapel
 Schulenburg
 Seguin: First
Seguin: La Trinidad
 Seguin: Wesley Harper
 Shiner: First
 Shiner: Johnson's Chapel
 Smiley
 Smithville: First
 Staples
 Telferner
 Victoria: First
 Victoria: John Wesley
 Victoria: Webster Chapel
 Waelder
 Weimar: First
 Winchester
 Yoakum: First
 Yorktown: First

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Alamo: San Pablo
Brownsville: El Buen Pastor
 Brownsville: First
Brownsville: Templo Emmanuel
 Donna: First
Donna: Principe de Paz
 Edcouch: First

La Feria: Dios es Amor
Las Milpas: Nueva Vida
 Los Fresnos
 Lyford: First
McAllen: El Divino Redentor
 McAllen: First
 McAllen: St. Mark

Port Isabel: First
 Primera: Harlingen**
Raymondville: Bethel
 Raymondville: First
 Rio Grande City: Capilla de la Fe**
Rio Grande City: First
 Rio Grande City: St. John

Edinburg: El Buen Pastor

Edinburg: First

Elsa: First

Harlingen: El Buen Samaritano

Harlingen: First

Harlingen: Valley Praise

Harlingen: Wesley

La Feria

McAllen: Trinity

Mercedes: El Buen Pastor

Mercedes: First

Mercedes: La Mesa**

Mission: El Paraiso**

Mission: El Mesias

Mission: First

Pharr

Pharr: La Trinidad

San Benito: First

San Juan

San Juan: Los Wesleyanos

San Juan: San Lucas

Santa Rosa

Weslaco: First

Weslaco: La Santisima Trinidad

Zapata

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Bandera

Blanco

Boerne

Buchanan Dam: Highland Lakes

Buda

Canyon Lake

Canyon Lake: North Shore

Carrizo Springs

Castroville: Medina Valley

Center Point

Cherokee

Comfort: Gaddis Memorial

Crystal City

Crystal City: Swindall Memorial

Eagle Pass

Eagle Pass: La Trinidad

Fredericksburg

Granite Shoals: Grace UMC

Gruene UMC

Harper

Hondo

Hunt

Johnson City: First

Kerrville: Barnett Chapel

Kerrville: First

Kerrville: St. Paul's

Kyle

Lakehills

Leakey

Llano: Lutie Watkins

Marble Falls

Medina

Montel

New Braunfels: First

New Fountain

Sabinal: First

San Marcos: El Buen Pastor

San Marcos: First

San Marcos: Jackson Chapel

The Journey**

Utopia

Uvalde: First

Uvalde: La Divina Trinidad

Valley Spring

Walnut

Wimberley

Yancey

Las Misiones [75]

Bracken

Bulverde

Bulverde: Hope Arise**

Christine

Converse: New Hope

Cotulla: First

Devine: First

Dilley

Dilley: Bethania

Floresville

Floresville: El Mesias

Helotes Hills

Jourdanton

La Vernia

Laredo: El Mesias

Laredo: First

Laredo: La Trinidad

Lytle

Oak Island

San Antonio: Alamo Heights

San Antonio: Aldersgate

San Antonio: Bethany

San Antonio: Bethel

San Antonio: Centro de Vida y

Alabanza

San Antonio: Chapel Hill

San Antonio: Chinese UMC

San Antonio: Christ Fellowship

San Antonio: Coker

San Antonio: Colonial Hills

San Antonio: East St. Paul

San Antonio: El Buen Samaritano

San Antonio: El Divino Salvador

San Antonio: El Mesias

San Antonio: Emanuel

San Antonio: Epworth

San Antonio: Ernest T. Dixon

San Antonio: Harlandale

San Antonio: Jacob's Chapel

San Antonio: Northwest Hills

San Antonio: Nuevo Amanecer**

San Antonio: Oak Meadow

San Antonio: Oxford

San Antonio: Pollard Memorial

San Antonio: Principe de Paz

San Antonio: Resurrection UMC

San Antonio: Sanford Chapel

San Antonio: Shepherd's Gate

San Antonio: Spring Creek

San Antonio: St. Andrew's

San Antonio: St. John's

San Antonio: St. Mark's

San Antonio: St. Matthew's

San Antonio: St. Paul

San Antonio: Travis Park

San Antonio: Trinity

San Antonio: University

San Antonio: Westlawn

Pearsall

Pearsall: San Pablo

Pleasanton: First

Poteet

Riverside Community Church **

San Antonio: Alamo

San Antonio: Jefferson

San Antonio: Korean

San Antonio: La Trinidad

San Antonio: Laurel Heights

San Antonio: Northeast Community**

San Antonio: Northern Hills

San Antonio: Windcrest

San Antonio: Windsong Christian Center**

Schertz

Somerset

Stockdale

Universal City

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Art

Barksdale

Barnhart

Big Lake: First

Brackettville

Brady: First

Bronte: First

Carlsbad: Monte Sinai*

Castell

Center City

Christoval

Del Rio: First

Del Rio: Principe de Paz**El Paso: El Alfarero*****El Paso: El Divino Redentor*****El Paso: Emmanuel*****El Paso: Wesley***

Eldorado: First

Goldthwaite

Hilda

Iraan

Junction: First

Las Cruces: El Calvario*

London

Lubbock: Nazaret

Mason: First

McCamey: First

Melvin

Menard: First

Mertzton

Mesquite: Del Valle*

Miles

Odessa: El Divino Salvador

Ozona

Paint Rock: First

Rankin

Robert Lee

Rocksprings: First

San Saba

San Angelo: Bethel

San Angelo: First

San Angelo: Grape Creek

San Angelo: Lakeview

San Angelo: Sierra Vista

San Angelo: St. Luke

San Angelo: Wesley Trinity

Sonora

Star

Sterling City: First

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MESA TRANSITORIA DE LA UNIFICACIÓN / TRANSITIONAL UNITING TABLE

Chairperson's Report For Information Only

The Transitional Uniting Table is responsible for the program areas of both conferences to provide a more nimble, hands-on oversight of various ministries, services, functions and events. We are helping people embrace the vision for the new annual conference, and helping the Unification Implementation Team have an understanding of what the Uniting Table will need in place to do its job for the new annual conference. The Transitional Uniting Table also oversees funding for ministry and program priorities for greater efficiency and effectiveness.

We began meeting in June with a briefing of our tasks for the next year and a half. The image given to us by the Bishop was that of building a bridge while walking across it. The members of the Unification Implementation Team explained the vision of what will be the Uniting Table and also helped us understand what items could not be lost as we continued toward creating the Rio Texas Conference. At this meeting we self-identified into 18 sub-committees to make sure the conference work required by the Book of Discipline remained in place. Each conference gave us an overview of their ministry budget and we devised a system for administering Southwest Texas Conference's Program Priority Fund. We also elected co-chairs, Abigail Parker Herrera and Edward Garcia, as well as an executive team consisting of the two lay leaders, Ralph Thompson and Sandra Nieto, and a treasurer, Susan Hellums. We agreed to meet in August to begin our work in earnest, working over the next month to research what the history was of our committee areas in each annual conference.

At the August meeting, Dionisio Salazar led us in an inspiring devotional from Luke 5:36-39, the parable of new and old wine skins. Our conversation around new and old wineskins has informed us throughout the rest of our time together. An idea that most struck a chord with us was that "Old wine is tasty, new wine is hopeful, and old and new wine can be mixed, but they can only be placed in a new wine skin." With these ideas in mind, we began the work of reorganizing ourselves into working groups within the Transitional Uniting Table, with an eye toward the organization of our conference ministries as well. We began by reporting the key points of the work in each of our committee areas. Some guidelines were the questions: what had been done, what could be done, what needs to continue, and what could end?

During the reports, we placed key programs and thoughts on a large sticky wall, creating a web of words and ideas. During lunch, we moved and grouped these words. Dionisio facilitated this conversation as well. When we finished, we realized we had changed our groups. Previously, the Unification Implementation put each committee into one of three task groups: nurture, outreach, and witness. When we were done mapping the ministries of the conferences, we could identify four clear categories and some movement of some committees to new and unique partnerships:

- **Uniting Peoples:** *Sustaining the Connection by facilitating communication and helping each other communicate well.*
 - Commission on Communications
 - Commission on the Status and Role of Women
 - Commission on Race and Religion
 - Committee on Disability Concerns
- **Developing Leaders:** *Calling and equipping both lay and clergy leaders for the mission field.*
 - Board of Ordained Ministry
 - Committee on Hispanic/Latino Ministry (although we recognized this group needed to me in each area)
 - Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry
- **Vitalizing Congregations:** *Discerning, developing, deploying: Responsive, deployed resources pertinent to the fulfillment of the mission and purpose of the local church.*
 - Board of Discipleship
 - Commission on the Small Church
 - Committee on Ethnic Local Church Concerns

- Board of Laity
- Committee on Parish and Community Development
- Council on Older Adult Ministries
- Transforming Communities: *Equipping, educating, and supporting congregations in mission around the areas of the Board of Mission, The Advance, and specific ethnic concerns and justice issues. Making good use of funds set aside for specific groups/ethnicities.*
 - Board of Global Ministries
 - Board of Church and Society
 - Committee on The Advance
 - Committee on Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries
 - Committee on Native American Ministries
 - Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships

These groups met together during September and, in October, we spent the bulk of our meeting preparing a report for the Unification Implementation Team in preparation for the called conference in January. Each group put forward a report to the Unification Implementation Team and we talked at length about a potential structure for the conference and for the Uniting Table. We also began to see the four vision pillars and teams in which we were working as the actual goal for each of the committees represented on that team. These were not simply tasks of the conference, but fruit we hoped the local churches of the conference could bear if we resourced them correctly. Finally, we discussed that rearranging the conference would mean nothing if the districts did not also create working groups that worked across church boundaries and bubbled up their ideas and actions to the conference structure.

We last met in February 2014 to discuss the new structure voted on by the Rio Grande and Southwest Texas Conferences. We went through it carefully and began to discuss our work over the next year. We also gave a financial update of the program priority fund and spoke about the future of that fund, realizing we would encounter difficulty in October/November as we began to transition from one way of funding conference level ministry to whatever new way the Finance Table finds for us.

Most importantly we talked about the ways we would make it possible for the Uniting Table and Vision Teams to begin their work in January 2015. We thought it would be best to have a meeting in September or October to orient those elected to the reasons for creating these Vision Teams; to orient them to all the work that has gone before. We also want to make sure each of the Vision Teams is aware of any items they must begin working on immediately. They need some idea of task forces that must be formed in order to continue good and important work that could easily be lost (the ministry planning team for annual conference or the oversight team for campus ministries are good examples of this). We also thought it would be important for some members of the Transitional Uniting Table to be on these Vision Teams and spent some time talking about the nominations process with Abel Vega.

Finally, we talked about our next steps really being at the district level now. Once we know the new district boundaries, the Transitional Uniting Team will need to begin reaching out to people in those districts, seeking individuals who can help the Vision Teams in their goals and perhaps be on Vision Teams in their districts. If the conference is going to be smaller and more nimble, it is up to the Vision Teams to draw passionate people into their work, creating task forces for various ministries and movements. We must help the district develop vital networks that can inform the conference of resourcing needs.

Edward Garcia and Abigail Parker Herrera, co-chairs

UNITING PEOPLE'S VISION TEAM:

COMMISSION ON COMMUNICATIONS

Chairperson's Report

For Information Only

No Report

GENERAL COMMISSION ON THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN

**Chairperson's Report
For Information Only**

On the Transitional Uniting Table each committee began the year researching previous work in that committee area in both conferences. We found little to no work being done within the last couple of years in both conferences. In the Southwest Texas Conference, it seemed the primary work of the committee was monitoring the appointment process to measure how female clergy were treated. While there was a lot of data on this, it had not yet been compiled into something the conference might be able to use. Also important had been a ministry of monitoring during conferences. We do not think these two ministries should end but encourage the new Vision Team to work toward integrating these better into the overall communication of the conference.

The Uniting Peoples Vision Team feel the work of this commission and the work of the General Commission on Race and Religion will be very important as we create the new Rio Texas Conference. We are working with Abel Vega on creating cultural competency trainings for all leadership within the new conference as well as within the new districts, building on the previous monitoring work to create a culture that cares for, respects, and encourages minority voices.

Abigail Parker Herrera, Chair

GENERAL COMMISSION ON RACE AND RELIGION

**Chairperson's Report
For Information Only**

The Committee on Religion and Race has been organizing for when the Uniting Table begins.

Plans are in progress for a grant application from the General Commission on Race and Religion to further the work for cultural competency training.

Time has been spent researching the work of Committee on Religion and Race (CORR) in both conferences.

Lois Shaw, Chair

DISABILITY CONCERNS

Report I

**Chairperson's Report
For Information Only**

Physical, developmental emotional, and mental are different disabilities. Physical disabilities can be indicated by someone who may have mobility impairment, deafness, or a form of decapitation. Developmental emotional disabilities at times can be found within a child throwing tantrums or other behavioral issues. Mental disabilities can be indicated by someone who has signs of impaired development of the brain, such as autism, anxiety, bipolar, depression, eating disorders, and schizophrenia.

It is easy to see the physical disabilities. However, in order to see emotional and mental disabilities, we must have an understanding towards them. The very people who may have these disabilities can be found in our congregations, communities, and all around us, regardless of their age.

A collaboration of different conferences around the country in The United Methodist Church of New York through the United Nations General Assembly have named March 21, World Down Syndrome Day. This date was chosen because Down syndrome occurs when there are three copies of the 21st chromosome. In a newsletter from the UM Committee on Disability Ministries, Carol Stevens has led six mission teams to Kenya since 1997 to educate deaf children, improving their performance at school. [Fall 2013 Vol. 3 No. 5]

Our goal is to learn and try to understand persons with disabilities, to better serve them as brothers and sisters in Christ, so they may also experience the love of Christ among us. Many efforts have been made in the past, still continuing today, to express the importance of others with disabilities. In our congregations we have witnessed discrimination toward this issue, by not having enough room in pathways for someone with special accommodations,

or by facial expressions that have been given to children or adults for disrupting the service, without considering the disability the individual may have. It is important to remember that The United Methodist Church serves with open hearts, open hands, open minds, and open doors, so it is essential to work in making certain accommodations for our sisters and brothers with disabilities. It has been a blessing to participate in the Transitional Uniting Table for such an important issue.

Maricruz Perez, Chair

DISABILITY CONCERNS
Report II
Kingdom Kamp
For Information Only

With the theme "Make A Joyful Noise," Kingdom Kamp was held for the 30th year in 2013 on Labor Day Weekend at the Mount Wesley Conference and Retreat Center. Sponsored by the Southwest Texas Conference and what is known currently as the Transitional Uniting Table, the camp has been organized for mentally challenged adults age 18 and older, and who are physically mobile. It was a wonderful and victorious event and a blessing for everyone who volunteered and participated. We thank outgoing Dean Rev. Patti Herndon and outgoing Camp Director Wendy Inman for their many contributions of leadership. The volunteers who helped at camp are most appreciated for their gifts of time in ministry to these brothers and sisters.

The mission of Kingdom Kamp is to provide a success-oriented environment that will give each camper an opportunity to build faith and inner strength and to also have fun. We share the belief that we are all children of God and we belong to God's kingdom. We strive to live in the kingdom in the acceptance of each person, regardless of limitations, as a member of the family of God.

On Labor Day Weekend 2014, Kingdom Kamp will be held at Cathedral Oaks Conference Center near Weimar and limited to 50 persons. The facility has more even ground and activities in close proximity. We thank in advance the Rev. Nancy Day, incoming Dean from Buda UMC, and Mr. Don Dodge, incoming Camp Director from Bracken UMC. Persons interested in serving on the volunteer team should contact Nancy or Don as soon as possible. Congregations are urged to contact potential campers in your midst and invite them to attend Kingdom Kamp.

The Kingdom Kamp Oversight Team would like to visit different districts to inform them about Kingdom Kamp. We hold hope for the future of offering two retreats instead of one so more people can participate. The Oversight Team continually monitors number of campers, ways to enhance medication processes for the two camp nurses, accountability, background checks, safety policy, improvements in the registration process to include requesting camper's photo, and clarifications around the requirement for each camper to be physically mobile, able to negotiate campgrounds.

We gratefully acknowledge all gifts in any amount to Kingdom Kamp Scholarships through the Conference Advance Special #2005. It is with deep appreciation we thank each donor whose heart touches many lives for the sake of Christ.

Next meeting of the Kingdom Kamp Oversight Team will be Tuesday November 18, 2014, at 10:00 A.M.

Maricruz Perez

DEVELOPING LEADERS VISION TEAM

HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAMPUS MINISTRY
Report I
Chairperson's Report
For Information Only

The work of the former Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry (BHECM) of the Southwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church continues during this period of transition to the Rio Texas Annual Conference. Members of the former BHECM and new members from the Rio Grande Annual Conference have come together to make this continued work a reality. This work includes:

Campus Ministry

As a result of our new team based approach to ministry in the Transitional Uniting Table (TUT) a first ever meeting between the chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry and campus ministers occurred in January. This meeting will strengthen relationships between the Board and our campus ministers who, in many cases, are the first contact with young people who feel called to full time Christian ministry.

Members of the former BHECM continue to relate to our campus ministers through scheduled visits to experience each ministry first hand. These visits foster a closer connection between the campus minister and the annual conference. Regular visits also promote the continued partnership between the annual conference and the important work of relating to college age young adults. These visits to selected campus ministry sites will continue through the rest of this transitional year and are tentatively set through 2016. A more comprehensive report on this work follows by team leader George Bradley.

Scholarships

Scholarship aid for our college students is an area of challenge. To meet this challenge we need to promote the United Methodist Student Day Offering. This year the amount given to this offering did not meet the minimum \$5,000 as a conference in order to receive a rebate from the General Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry. We continue to solicit support from congregations and individuals for our scholarship programs.

The TUT and members of the Higher Education and Campus Ministry team respectfully ask for your prayers and support of our campus ministers, each local board, student leaders and students.

Ricky Sanderford, BHECM Representative
 Transitional Uniting Table

HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAMPUS MINISTRY

Report II

Campus Ministries Report

For Information Only

COOPERATIVE MINISTRY IN HIGHER EDUCATION AT ST. PHILIP’S COLLEGE

The Cooperative Ministries in Higher Education – Campus Ministry at St. Philip’s College -- is nestled on the only community college in the United States with the dual designation of Historically Black and Hispanic Serving. Founded in 1898, this ecumenical ministry is sponsored by Christian organizations including SWTX Conference. Spiritual development programs are offered throughout the week and partnerships with the San Antonio Food Bank and Methodist Healthcare System address wellness needs of college and neighborhood communities. Personal and group devotional opportunities are ongoing. Olga Samples Davis, Executive Director, invites contact and visitation. For more information, contact Cooperative Ministry in Higher Education, Campus Ministry at St. Philip’s College, 1801 Martin Luther King Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78203; 210.533.9819 and/or cmhe@att.net.

HUSTON-TILLOTSON UNIVERSITY CAMPUS MINISTRY

Huston-Tillotson University is the oldest institution of higher education in Austin, having been founded in 1875. It is the only United Methodist-related university within the bounds of the Southwest Texas Conference. The Huston-Tillotson University Office of Religious Life and Campus Ministry seeks to develop students from a holistic perspective. Students engage in retreats, the Alternative Spring Break Mission Trip, and on-campus Bible studies. Leadership development opportunities through the United Methodist Student Forum, and internships in the Office of Religious Life or the Black College Fund of The United Methodist Church are designed to cultivate students. Chaplain Donald E. Brewington may be contacted at 512.344.9380, 900 Chicon Street, Austin, Texas 78702; debrewington@htu.edu.

SAN ANGELO WESLEY CAMPUS MINISTRY

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Wesley Campus Ministries, located in San Angelo, Texas, serves the students of both Angelo State University and Howard College. Located just across from one of ASU's newest dorms, Centennial Village, Wesley serves local students through Monday and Thursday night Bible studies which include a free meal, as well as a variety of events throughout the semester. Students participate in service projects, mission opportunities, retreats, and outdoor activities. Wesley Campus Ministries is located at 1806 Jade, San Angelo, Texas 76904. For more information, contact Wesley Campus Ministries Director, Lori Jones, at 325.450.7166 or lori.jones811@yahoo.com.

SAN ANTONIO UNITED METHODIST CAMPUS MINISTRIES

SAUMCM is an outreach to students and faculty of colleges and universities in the area of San Antonio, Texas. With on-campus registered student organizations at San Antonio College, UTSA, and Trinity University, we seek to 1) create an intentional and authentic Christian community in and around the campuses, 2) live out faith on campus and through local and foreign mission efforts and worship, 3) create a culture of change through empowering and equipping student leaders, and 4) engage students in theological reflection and real-life application on matters of faith, culture, and life. Weekly activities include student-led fellowship and worship gatherings, Bible/book studies, *Hot Potato Forum*, *Girl Talk*, *Chick Flicks*, and weekend service and outreach projects in the area. For more information, please contact SAUMCM Director, Rev. Johnny Silva 210.733.1441, 102 Belknap Place, San Antonio, TX 78212; www.saumcm.org, umcm.director@gmail.com.

TEXAS LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY WESLEY FOUNDATION

Texas Lutheran University Wesley Foundation began in 2007. It serves a private university campus population of about 1,400 students. Meeting on campus, this ministry provides spiritual development through weekly worship services and meal programs. Additionally it participates in prayer meetings, Habitat for Humanity, CROP WALK, college mid-winter retreats, UMARMY, Bible studies, and Texas Lutheran University's campus ministry programs. Dr. Sally Cook, Wesley Foundation sponsor, invites everyone to tour the campus and visit this ministry. For more information contact Texas Lutheran University Wesley Foundation at 205 Tschoepe Hall, 1000 W. Court St., Seguin, Texas 78155; scook@tlu.edu.

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY WESLEY

The United Campus Ministry-Wesley is an ecumenical campus ministry of the United Methodist, Presbyterian, Disciples of Christ, and United Church of Christ churches serving the Texas State University campus in San Marcos. On Wednesday evenings we gather for our weekly worship service, Bobcat Supper. And our time outside of worship continues to develop strong Christian leaders through Bible study, mission projects, and service and outreach to the campus and local community. The UCM-Wesley is a place where students can find to plug in and connect with their peers while they're in school, but also where lifetime friendships are formed. Contact Campus Minister Rev. Ryan Jenson, 510 N. Guadalupe, San Marcos, TX, 78666; 512.396.4222; ryan@ucmwesley.org.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES OF CORPUS CHRISTI

United Campus Ministries Corpus Christi (UCM CC) serves students at Texas A&M Corpus Christi and Del Mar College with a combined enrollment of 33,000. UCM CC provides an ecumenical witness of its denominational partners to students, faculty and staff and serves as a liaison between local churches in the Coastal Bend area and these two institutions. Partnering with local churches UCM CC has served underprivileged children and engaged in children and youth ministries. Spiritual development of those who are called to ministry takes place through teaching, leading, and enabling leadership opportunities. Contact Rev. Matt Pennington 3510 Gollihar Dr., Corpus Christi, Texas 78415; 361.852.8268; mattpennington@gmail.com.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY OF VICTORIA

United Campus Ministry of Victoria is an interdenominational ministry supported by the United Methodist, ELCA Lutheran Victoria Conference, individual Lutheran churches, PCUSA Presbyterian churches, and First Christian Church of Victoria. United Campus Ministry of Victoria has a mission to a community college (The Victoria College)

and the University of Houston–Victoria, a four year and graduate institution serving over 9,000 students. Spiritual development includes three weekly lunches, a weekly Bible study, participation in various campus programs. Its interdenominational ministry includes student leadership development and development of new student activities. For more information please contact Rev. Wanda Ritchea 361.649.2904, 1707 E. Virginia, Victoria, TX 77901; ucmvictx@yahoo.com or on Facebook at United Campus Ministry of Victoria.

UNITED METHODIST CAMPUS MINISTRY OF THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY

United Methodist Campus Ministry of the Rio Grande Valley serves two institutions; the University of Texas-Pan American and South Texas College with a combined student population of about 35,000. This historically Hispanic campus ministry is a joint ministry of the Rio Grande and Southwest Texas Conferences. Spiritual development includes weekly lunches, Bible studies, internet theology discussions, a prayer labyrinth, weekly prayer services, young adult retreats, and monthly communion services. The campus ministry participates in outreach ministry by working at the Rio Grande Valley Children’s Home, Beach Clean Up, and Food Bank. Rev. David J. Moreno, campus ministry Director, invites everyone to visit the campus ministry. For more information contact United Methodist Campus Ministry of the Rio Grande Valley, 123 N. Sugar Rd., Edinburg, TX, 78541; 210.381.4463; djmoreno.umcm@gmail.com

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AUSTIN WESLEY FOUNDATION

The Vision of the Wesley Foundation is to be a community that engages in vital Christian ministry to students, faculty and staff at the University of Texas at Austin, building up generations of Christians who lead and serve. We provide opportunities for worship, spiritual growth, leadership and ministry development and service for students in the Austin area. Our Thursday Night Overflow student-led worship service is our primary gathering point that involves heartfelt worship, small groups, student testimony, and age-relevant messages. The heartbeat of this ministry is the 10 to 12 student-led small groups that provide community and growth for students. Our 35 student strong leadership team gives student an opportunity to experience first-hand ministry to students and in mission to places like South Padre, El Salvador, India, Palestine, South Texas, and more. We have seen many students go on to seminary and engage in pastoral, missional, and counseling ministries. Contact Rev. Rusty Teeter, 2202 Nueces Austin, Texas 78705; 512.474.1151; www.texaswesley.com, rusty@texaswesley.com.

Respectfully,
George A. Bradley, BHECM Campus Ministries Team Leader

**HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAMPUS MINISTRY
Report III
Texas Wesleyan University
Report to UM Annual Conferences**

Texas Wesleyan University has seen rapid, positive transformation in the last year. From campus improvements, to a multimillion-dollar renovation project, to the University’s smartest incoming class – Texas Wesleyan is moving forward as a leader in critical thinking and education.

Major Highlights:

For the fourth consecutive year, Texas Wesleyan University ranks in the No. 1 tier of regional universities in the west by [*U.S. News & World Report*](#).

In November, Texas Wesleyan broke ground on the Rosedale Renaissance. The Renaissance is a \$6.5 million project designed to leverage more than \$32 million in private and public funding for the benefit of the Polytechnic neighborhood and Texas Wesleyan. There are four key components to the revitalization, including streetscape improvements, a new campus entryway, business accelerator center and The United Methodist Church Central Texas Conference Service Center, which will also be home to the bishop’s offices.

Texas Wesleyan is undergoing a campus update. More than 30 projects are underway that include new sidewalks, landscaping and parking. These projects complement the Rosedale Renaissance project.

For the second consecutive year, the University's marketing and communications team garnered national recognition for integrated marketing projects that build on the University's "[Smaller. Smarter.](#)" message. Texas Wesleyan won four Collegiate Advertising Award medals, including two golds.

The Welch Foundation approved a grant to Texas Wesleyan University's chemistry faculty in the amount of \$30,000 from June 1, 2014 to May 31, 2015 for chemistry research. The grant gives students an opportunity to study chemistry outside of the structured way.

In November, [The Ben Hogan Foundation](#) and Texas Wesleyan University partnered to form the Ben Hogan Foundation Mentor Scholarship, which will be awarded annually to a candidate from [The First Tee of Fort Worth](#) to cover the full cost of tuition, fees and books.

To learn more about Texas Wesleyan, visit txwes.edu or follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/TexasWesleyan.

HISPANIC LATINO MINISTRIES

Chairpersons Report

For Information Only

No report.

VITALIZING CONGREGATIONS VISION TEAM

BOARD OF DISCIPLESHIP

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Chairperson's Report

For Information Only

At Annual Conference of 2013, both conferences voted for moving into Unification. Changes were made in how the conferences would work toward unification program-wise. The Transitional Uniting Table (TUT) was created with members from both conferences. This group would handle programming previously cared for through SWTX Annual Conference's Council on Ministries and Rio Grande Conference's Common Table. The TUT met in August 2013 to get to know one another and to learn of different responsibilities that each person would be responsible through 2014. We met in September 2013 and February 2014 to continue this work.

Those groups that fell under the umbrella of the former Board of Discipleship were many. Most have stayed busy during this time of transition. Plans for future events are still being worked on.

Many thanks go to Mrs. Linda Keen, Leadership Development Director, and Mrs. Nan Pyle, Administrative Assistant, for their continued support.

Terry Schoenert
TUT, Discipleship Ministries

BOARD OF DISCIPLESHIP

Report II

Evangelism Team

For Information Only

No report.

BOARD OF DISCIPLESHIP

Report III

Worship & Music Team

For Information Only

Called Session of Annual Conference – Rev. Paul Escamilla and Rev. Robert Lopez, along with others, planned a celebratory time of worship for our February 8 Called Session of Annual Conference this year. As the Southwest Texas and the Rio Grande conferences voted to approve the new name, RIO TEXAS, and that new conference's

structure, you could feel the excitement in the room. The music and worship lifted the spirits of everyone in attendance.

2014 Adult Choral Workshop – This annual event was held January 31–February 1 at First UMC, Corpus Christi. Clinician was Mark Miller of Drew and Yale Universities. The participants numbered 186, including many first timers. Thanks go to Rev. David Miron, Design Team Chair, and Brad Kisner, Site Coordinator, Rev. Russell Miller and Rev. Don McAvoy for all their work on this workshop where many were blessed by their clinician and the fellowship of other choirs and musicians. Another Workshop is being planned for 2015.

Praise Music Workshop – On the horizon is the possibility of a workshop focused on praise music and geared for praise bands and worship leaders of praise worship. This workshop has not yet “gelled” and needs a committed leader and team who are willing to “make it happen.” Interested persons should contact Rev. Russell Miller, Linda Keen staff, or Terry Schoenert, TUT Rep.

BOARD OF DISCIPLESHIP
Report IV
Spiritual Formation Team
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As the TUT has worked through this year, so were many other groups working on projects and programs that encourage and support the process of transformation for those in our conferences.

Prayer Shawl Ministries – Shawls that are made by members of Southwest Texas Conference churches are brought to annual conference, prayed over and then given to families at the Memorial Service.

A Labyrinth has been available at Annual Conference for people to walk through and pray for their own needs and for the annual conference. The labyrinth, housed at Alamo Heights UMC, is taken care of by Rev. Donna Strieb. If your church or organization would like to use the labyrinth for an event, please contact Rev. Strieb at Alamo Heights UMC, San Antonio.

Academy for Spiritual Formation remains a very viable source of spiritual growth for the lay and clergy of our conferences. Rev. Sue Huntsman leads the oversight team for Five Day Academies in collaboration with the Upper Room Ministries Academy Program.

2014 Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation, held this year in January, was led by Rev. Taylor Boone at the Oblate Renewal Center in San Antonio. The theme was “Overcoming Fear Through Love” featuring Faculty Sister Kathleen Flood and Dr. Luther Smith. The event in 2015 is being planned by Rev. Nancy McDougal and will take place January 18-23 at the Oblate Renewal Center.

Two Year Academy for Spiritual Formation – Upper Room Ministries chose San Antonio as one of five host locations for the Two Year model of the Academy for Spiritual Formation. Academy #36 will be held in July this year. Applications can be downloaded from www.upperroom.org/academy. Nearly 50 Southwest Texas Conference laity and clergy have attended a Two Year Academy. Scholarships for lay and clergy persons are available through the Leadership Development Office.

BOARD OF DISCIPLESHIP
Report V
Christian Education and Formation Team
For Information Only

New Confirmation Resource – Under the leadership of Kercida McClain and Mrs. Barbara Dorff, the confirmation resource was completed and presented through a live webcast workshop on September 7. This event was held at Laurel Heights UMC in San Antonio. Both lay and clergy participated in the event, either at the church or through the webcast.

Parish Christian Educator School – PCE continues to be an outstanding educational opportunity for paid and volunteer staff at churches in need of training. Smaller church volunteer educators should visit with their pastor about ways that would make it easier for their participation as there are limited scholarships available.

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BOARD OF DISCIPLESHIP
Report VI
Kingdom Kamp Oversight Team
For Information Only

The report for Kingdom Kamp may be found in the Report on Disabilities Concerns provided by Maricruz Perez.

PARISH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Report I
Chairpersons Report
For Information Only

A joyous celebration for the District was the joining of West Texas Counseling and Guidance with several locations in our churches. Offering the outreach programs in our communities provides much needed services to individuals as well as families. The services are available at two San Angelo churches as well as our churches in Brady, Menard, Sonora, Ozona and Mertzon. We also have new and or expanded Food Banks in our area churches.

The "Adopt a School" program continues to reach out to our youth with nurturing and spiritual hope for a brighter tomorrow. We believe the continued effort of "reaching beyond our church doors" has served our congregations and communities well in seeking those in need.

We look forward with excitement to continue and create new ministries in the Rio Texas Conference.

Respectfully,
 Gini Christian, Transitional Uniting Table
 District Ministries Coordinator, San Angelo District UMC

COMMISSION ON THE SMALL MEMBERSHIP CHURCH
Chairperson's Report
For Information Only

No Report

COMMITTEE ON ETHNIC LOCAL CHURCH CONCERNS
Chairperson's Report
For Information Only

The Ethnic Local Church Committee of the Southwest Texas Conference has the responsibility to provide guidance and resources to assist churches of ethnic background with limited direct financial assistance in order to stimulate interest in projects that have a high potential for enhancing the impact of ethnic ministries for kingdom building by entering the mission fields and focusing on ethnic groups in all their diversity, children, youth, young families, multilingual, multi-cultural persons, college students and older adults by developing practical ways of living out the faith in the church and around the world. Five projects totaling \$30,320.71 have been granted in the past year.

Reverend Robert E. Glenn, Chair

BOARD OF LAITY
Chairperson's Report
For Information Only

Please see the reports from Ralph Thompson and Sandra Nieto, Chairs

JOINT COUNCIL ON CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES
Chairperson's Report
For Information Only

Goals

- Opportunities for children to develop their discipleship.

- Resources for adults who work with children to enhance leadership skills
- Resources to help local churches be aware of the needs of all children

In 2014, the Joint Council on Children’s Ministries has focused on three major initiatives: a United Families Fiesta, Children’s Summer Camps and the Preschool Ministries Conferences.

Uniendo Familias / United Families Fiesta will offer a joyful day of coming together by one faith and one God of us all at the El Divino Redentor UMC, McAllen, April 5, 2014. Free food, games, and special appearance by UM Rev. Mark Winters as “The Almost Amazing Marko.”

In 2014, **three camping opportunities** will be offered to develop discipleship in children as we develop leadership among adults who serve the camps:

- a three-day camp for children entering 3rd and 4th grade
- a four-day camp for children entering 5th and 6th grade
- a three-day M.A.D. (Music, Art. and Drama) camp for children entering 4th -6th grade.

The camps will be held at Mount Wesley with the theme, “Be a Hero: Living like Jesus.” For the first time, the M.A.D. camp will work to prepare a worship service rather than a musical. We look forward to the spiritual enrichment and creative worship training that will in turn bless our churches as a result of these camps.

The Joint Council works to make camp available to all children, especially those whose families are financially challenged, by encouraging contributions to **Advance Special #2021** and by assisting churches with fundraising ideas. We are grateful to receive funding from the **Nancy Miller Children’s Endowment** to defray costs as well.

To equip and support our churches on a day-to-day basis, the Joint Council offers **Preschool Ministries Conferences** to provide training for state-required continuing education for staff of preschools, nurseries, day care, and Mother’s Day Out programs. Noted counselor and educator Dr. Gail K. Roaten will be keynote speaker this year.

In addition to our plans for the summer and beyond, we are looking ahead to new possibilities for children’s ministries in the Rio Texas Conference. We are collecting stories of best practices and finding out where the Spirit is at work in our churches through the reports of our mascot, **Paloma the white-winged dove**, who has been travelling around to the churches and publishing her reports at www.umcswtx.org/childrens-ministries.

Special thanks to Joint Council members Revs. Bill Duke and Esperanza Baltazar-Ramirez, Dr. Elsa Leggett, Mrs. Kerena Gonzalez, and Mrs. Kelly Duke.

Respectfully,
Rev. Stella Zuniga Burkhalter, Chair

JOINT COUNCIL ON OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES
Chairperson’s Report
For Information Only

“The glory of youth is their strength, but the beauty of the aged is their gray hair.” Proverbs 20:29

“Mythconception”

Growing old is no longer a synonymous with death. For many older adults, old age is not a time of disability or disease; instead is a time of generally good health. As people live longer and retire earlier, the post-retirement period can last 25-35 years or more. Unfortunately some churches express a “myth-conception” that if they engage in focused ministry by, with, and for older adults, they will soon have no congregation left. They do not realize that a church filled with older adult does not necessarily mean that it is dead or dying. Rather, churches may need to rethink and refocus their priority for ministry. Older adults want to continue contributing to future generations and to feel valued. Congregations with a strong focus on older adult ministries realize that the wealth of experience, wisdom, and faith that often abound in older persons should not be lost or underutilized. [Adapted from *S.E.N.I.O.R.S. Ministry*, GBOD]

As a new generation of children emerges and the older adult population is in growth, it is time to turn our attention to how churches can effectively be in ministry across the generations. Multi-generational congregations are

best equipped to connect with a diversity of people as they share faith in Jesus Christ. [*Gen2Gen: Sharing Jesus Across the Generations*, Miller, et.al.]

Older adult membership in the United Methodist Church is growing rapidly. In the past, the role of older people in congregations was limited, either by choice or circumstances. Congregations often viewed older adults as a liability rather than emphasizing the potential for a renewed or visionary ministry. Many of the myths and stereotypes of aging and older persons are changing.

As a result of better health care, nutrition, and job safety, many more Americans are living into older adulthood. Each local church is called to become aware of the needs and interests of older people in the congregation and in the community, and to express Christian love through person to person understanding and caring; intentionally sponsor ministries in institutions designed to meet the needs of older adults. [Excerpt from *A Statement on Aging* brochure from GBOD]

On November 4, 2013 the Joint Council on Older Adult Ministries convened to consider and create new strategies for all older adult ministries that will reach the mission field. To fulfill the work, the council has created a self-survey for congregations to identify the needs, concerns, potential contributions of older adults, and plan their ministries accordingly. Churches are asked to take the time and answer the survey posted on the Southwest Texas Conference and the Rio Grande Conference web pages. This will give insights to your planning for intentional ministry.

The council also plans to have three strategically-located training events in the year 2015. The purpose of the events is to equip and train older adults for new roles in the ministry and mission of the Church, provide information on resources, materials, ideas and websites available to plan for intentional older adult ministry. Please watch for more information to come.

Martha Valle, Chair

TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES VISION TEAM

BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Chairperson's Report *For Information Only*

The Rio Grande / SWTX Conference Board of Global Ministries relates to the General Board of Global Ministries of the UMC, the "missional instrument of the United Methodist Church." This includes promoting mission work, education, evaluating, communicating and cultivating the programs of the General Board of Global Ministries.

Our conference board of ministries spent much of the year celebrating the work of the Unification Implementation Team and the Transitional Uniting Table and their emphases on our churches' involvement with our mission fields. The board has worked closely with the UIT and the TUT to help them plan a future structure that will help our local churches meet, serve, and be in community with their mission fields.

The team also spent a significant portion of the year planning the March 2014 Mission Matters Conference. The conference was the first major undertaking for the new Rio Texas conference. The workshop featured well-respected keynote speakers who discussed what it means to be a missional church. The workshop also had breakout sessions from several successful ministries throughout the new conference so those ministries could share their experiences with attendees.

The team also worked to integrate the Conference mission Advance program and the 5 Star Church program into the new conference.

The board is also in awe of the amount of work being done on the local church level. We are aware of the work locally, and we have generally been aware that our churches work outside the borders of the United States. However, at the request of the larger church, the team worked to compile a list of international missions being supported in our districts and at the local church level. The response was overwhelming. Our churches support ministries all over the world. These programs address anti-poverty measures, education, health care, drinking water, food and more.

But the board is not satisfied with the status quo. The board is looking forward to what the board and our local churches can accomplish in our mission fields, both here and beyond.

Brooks Schuelke, Co Chair

BOARD OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY

Chairperson's Report

For Information Only

The work of the CBCS has continued by reaching out to those known to have worked in the area from both Conferences.

A grant was supported and awarded for "Valley Interfaith", and work with the MFSA in the Austin area has continued and supported a presentation at the Annual Conference for a luncheon and speaker on the death penalty.

We are seeking out other agencies to partner with and will count on District support for reaching out to the specific needs and agencies in the respective communities.

Please communicate any known contacts for the CBCS from your district to the Chair (to be elected at Conference) in order to compile a list of resources and provide support.

Edward Garcia, Chair

COMMITTEE ON THE ADVANCE

Chairperson's Report

For Information Only

In 2013, churches in the Southwest Texas Conference sent Advance gifts for 216 separate mission projects to the General Board of Global Ministries, totaling \$808,023.69. In 2013, churches in the Río Grande Conference sent Advance gifts for 12 separate mission projects to Global Ministries, totaling \$6,088.85. Together, United Methodists in the San Antonio area contributed more than three quarters of a million dollars for disaster relief, community development, missionary support, community centers, clean water, mosquito nets, children's ministries, and dozens of other needs in the United States and around the world. Praise God for this generosity of mission giving!

Every mission project approved as an Advance in the San Antonio Area, whether at the district or conference level, is listed in an online project catalog. The catalog and general information about the Five Star program are found at <http://www.umcswtx.org/page514633.html>. Churches are encouraged to continue growing in mission giving and mission outreach through participation in the Five Star program.

Churches are also encouraged to continue and to strengthen their vital efforts to serve the mission field right outside their doors.

There are over 300 Global Ministries missionaries serving in over 60 countries who are supported through Covenant Relationships. Thirteen of them are assigned to the Southwest Texas Conference and receive full or partial support from SWTX churches:

- Marsha Alexander, serving in Baguio City, Philippines, as a professor at Asbury College
- Willie Berman, serving in Reynosa, Mexico, as director of the Mexican Methodist Border

Mission

- Clara Biswas, serving in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, as a community worker with street children
- Beatrice Gbanga, serving in Sierra Leone, in health ministry
- Becky Harrell, serving as Mission Interpreter in Residence in the South Central Jurisdiction
- Bill Lovelace, serving in Lithuania, as a pastor and district superintendent
- Helen Lovelace, serving in Lithuania, as director of diaconal ministry
- Tendai Manyeza, serving in Mutare, Zimbabwe, as administrator of Old Mutare Mission Hospital
- Stephen Newnum, serving in Maringa, Parana, Brazil, as a professor at Methodist Center for Education and Training
- Gaston Ntambo, serving in the Democratic Republic of Congo, as a pilot with Wings of the Morning aviation ministry

- Jeanne Ntambo, serving in the Democratic Republic of Congo, as a radio operator with Wings of the Morning aviation ministry
- David Pascua, serving in Cavite, Philippines, as dean and professor at Union Theological Seminary
- Meridith Whitaker, serving in Cookson Hills, Oklahoma, as director of Cookson Hills Center

During 2013, missionaries Marsha Alexander and Tendai Manyeza itinerated throughout the conference, bringing mission to life through their stories and witness. In 2014, we will welcome Dakin Cook and Sara Flores, David Pascua, Juan Guerrero and Alejandra Castro, Dora Canales, Helen and Bill Lovelace, and Fresie and Rukang Chikomb to our churches in the San Antonio area.

Interested in becoming a missionary yourself? There are various categories of short-term and long-term adult and young adult mission service opportunities for people who feel called by God. They are described on the General Board of Global Ministries web site (<http://new.gbgm-umc.org/connections/missionaries/>).

Sandy Wilder

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COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND MERCY MINISTRIES

Chairperson's Report

For Information Only

No Report

COMMITTEE ON NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES

Chairperson's Report

For Information Only

No Report

COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN UNITY AND INTERRELIGIOUS RELATIONSHIPS

Chairperson's Report

For Information Only

No Report

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Reporte 2014 a la Conferencia del Río Grande

¡Saludos en el nombre de nuestro Señor! Ha sido una bendición y un gran honor servir como la última de los Líderes Laicos de la CRG. Al servir en el EIU sabía que este día estaría a la vuelta de la esquina y sin embargo todavía me veo sorprendida por lo rápido que ha corrido este año.

Cuando nos reunimos en el mes de febrero , me sentía anonadada por lo que Dios nos ha permitido hacer los unos por los otros y solo me imagino lo que esta nueva conferencial podrá hacer por otros. Proverbios 16:9 nos dice que “La mente del hombre planea su camino, pero el Señor dirige sus pasos .” Creo que nuestros pasos se están tomando y esto se ha demostrado por medio del trabajo que todas las organizaciones ha desarrollado en conjunto.

En lo que sigue, celebremos nuestro pasado y continuemos orando por nuestro futuro. Todavía queda mucho por hacer en el campo misionero al ir poniendo en función esta fuerte nueva conferencia. Al unir esfuerzos en estos días, oro por las decisiones a tomar, las personas a elegir, y las acciones a futuro de la nueva Conferencia de Río Texas.

Me anima seguir adelante en el trabajo continuo en favor del Reino de Dios.

Sandra Y. Nieto,
 Líder Laica de la CRG

Report 2014 to the Rio Grande Conference

Greetings in the name of the Lord! It has been a blessing and an honor to serve as the last RGC Lay Leader. While having served on the UIT and knew that this day was right around the corner, however, I still am surprised how quickly this year has passed.

As we met together in February, I was overwhelmed by what God has allowed us to do for one another and can only imagine what this new conference will do for others. Proverbs 16:9 tells us that “The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.”. I believe that our steps are being established and have been demonstrated through the work of all organizations working together.

Moving forward, let us celebrate our past and continue to pray for our future. There is still much to do in regards to the mission field along with the implementation of this bold new conference. As we join together these next few days, I pray for the decisions made, persons elected, and future actions of the new Rio Texas Conference.

I look forward to the continued work for our Lord’s Kingdom.

Sandra Y. Nieto,
 RGC Lay Leader

DELEGATES FOR THE 2016 DELEGATION TO GENERAL AND JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCES

Anyone desiring consideration as a delegate to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences will send to the Rio Grande Conference Secretary a **one page statement no later than May 31** explaining why he/she would be an effective delegate to the conferences. This statement should contain a photo, some personal and professional history as well as attention to issues facing The UMC and the annual conference that are significant to the candidate. This statement will be distributed by email unedited the day after it is received and in a printed form at annual conference or before.

As you may know, **all elders and deacons in full connection are eligible to be elected as clergy delegates and all the lay members of The UMC who have been members for at least two years and active participants for at least four years are eligible to be elected as well.**

The Book of Discipline, 2012:

¶35, Article IV: *“The **clergy delegates** to the General Conference and to the jurisdictional or central conference shall be elected from the clergy members in full connection and shall be elected by the clergy members of the annual conference or provisional conference who are deacons and elders in full connection, associate members, and those provisional members who have completed all of their educational requirements and local pastors who have completed course of study or an M. Div. degree and have served a minimum of two consecutive years under appointment immediately preceding the election.”*

¶36, Article V: *“**Lay delegates** to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences shall have been members of The United Methodist Church for at least two years and shall have been active participants in The United Methodist Church for at least four years.”*

Let us be in prayer and in a spirit of discernment to elect a strong delegation to represent our Annual Conference at this upcoming 2016 General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

Gracia, misericordia y paz,

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GC2016: ‘Therefore, Go’



Procedures For Electing General And Jurisdictional Conference Delegates

Method of Voting

Voting will be by entering into a wireless voting device a 3 digit number corresponding to person's name. The vote will be rejected if it does not correspond to a person who has previously been elected and one whose name is on the list provided.

Clergy List

A list of clergy eligible for election will be prepared by each conference secretary.

Lay Ballot

The Laity list will include the names of persons self-identified as candidates, all lay and alternate members of the annual conference, and any person identified as a candidate on the form distributed in the laity session. Any eligible lay persons may be added to the laity list if a lay member of the conference fills out a form with their information and supplies the form to a teller during the time announced by the Bishop before the vote.

Number of Votes Needed for Election

In order to elect, an eligible person must receive $\frac{1}{2}$ plus 1 votes than the number of persons who vote in that ballot.

Number of Persons to be Elected

The General Conference Secretary as announced that Southwest Texas Conference can elect 4 lay and 4 clergy to be General Conference delegates and the Rio Grande Conference can elect 1 lay and 1 clergy to be General Conference delegates. The Jurisdictional Conference delegations will include an additional 4 lay and 4 clergy elected by the Southwest Texas Conference and 1 lay and 1 clergy elected by the Rio Grande Conference. There will be 3 lay and 3 clergy alternates elected by the Southwest Texas Conference and 2 lay and 2 clergy alternates elected by the Rio Grande Conference.

[Nota del Secretario: Las hojas de candidatura se han listado conforme fueron recibidas aunque una sección para las laicas y los laicos y otra para los clérigos y las clérigas.]

2016 Lay Delegate General/Jurisdictional Conferences

Cindy Andrade Johnson



Sisters and Brothers in Christ. I wish to serve as a delegate to the UMC General Conference (May 10-20, 2016 in Portland, Oregon) and UMC Jurisdictional Conference (July 13-16, 2016 in Wichita, Kansas) I have experience from being your delegate at the last UMC General Conference. I feel I did a fantastic job. (smiling) I enjoyed all the studying and preparing for General Conference. This time around I have more time to study and prepare with a lot more wisdom about the process.

With Gods help, I have done a lot of work locally, around the conference and nationally having to do with social issues, to in power those in the margins. I served at the last General Conference advocating for groups with little or no voice. I worked well with people from around the country and world, on issues we had in common. We worked side by side with each other to make a better world for our next door neighbors and neighbors around the world.

I feel prepare to serve as a General Conference delegate. I still will need to do a lot of studying and learning. I am willing to put the time and effort now that I have retired from 30 years of service as a teacher.

God Bless You, Love Cindy

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2016 Lay Delegate General/Jurisdictional Conferences
Minerva Briones

My name is Minerva Briones, after thinking and talked to friends that encouraged me to take this very important step, and of course prayed, I decided to nominate myself for Lay Delegate to General /Jurisdictional Conferences.

I have been with Rio Grande Conference for over 30 years, as Pastor’s wife supporting his Ministry at different Churches and Districts, that’s why I ask for your support to all of you that know me and those who don’t here’s a little bit of who I am.

I have been married with my husband Rev. Francisco Javier Briones for almost 33 years, we have 2 beautiful daughters Abby Gutierrez and Esther Briones, a wonderful Son in law Brian and 2 adorable granddaughters Hannah and Sarah.

I belong to the United Methodist Women since 1987 and I am proud to say that I belong to a group of Pastor’s wives that support this organization, I have been active with the UMW since then, acting in the different levels starting with Local, District, and Conference, as of now I am the Central District President. In the Church I have worked with the Trustees at District level. Right now I am the Secretary of the General Board of Pension of RGC.

I am aware of the needs of our Hispanic people, I consider myself a conservative Hispanic woman, I believe in our Christian roots and our Wesleyan Heritage and I seek to do The Lord’s will. If you elect me, I will be a great representative of your voice at General/Jurisdictional Conferences where the delegates wrestle with today’s issues and where Church’s official standards and Church Policies are made, that’s why our vote is very important.



2016 Lay Delegate General/Jurisdictional Conferences
Abel Vega, Jr.



Lay Delegate Candidate – 2016 General / Jurisdictional Conferences

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I offer myself as a Lay Delegate Candidate to the 2016 General / Jurisdictional Conferences. I have been afforded the opportunity to experience various levels and expressions of the United Methodist Church, primarily through my role as Director of Connectional Ministries for the Rio Grande Conference. For these opportunities, I am extremely grateful and have been enriched greatly in my faith journey.

The United Methodist Church is at a tremendous point of discernment and reset with the challenges of recapturing our Wesleyan heritage as we engage deeper and wider in the complexities and richness of 21st century mission field. Through my professional work in the field of architecture and ministry / community development and service in and through the church, the Lord has helped me to understand my gifts of process and systems thinking, cross cultural relationships, and servant leadership that I desire to offer in service as delegate to the 2016 General Conference. I offer my all in preparation for this task.

Since July 2004, I have been serving as the Director of Connectional Ministries for the Rio Grande Conference. Aside from general program administration duties, many of my responsibilities have revolved around resourcing the conference through systemic change. During the past three years, I have had the opportunity to resource the unification process that now brings the Rio Grande and Southwest Texas conferences to a place of together becoming a “bold new ” conference – Rio Texas.

Other learning experiences have been through participatory leadership in San Antonio Campus Ministry, the National Association of Coordinators for Hispanic / Latino Ministries, MARCHA, the Texas Methodist Foundation, the South Central Jurisdiction Episcopacy Committee, and the Call To Action Steering Team which developed and brought forth recommendations for the restructuring and retooling of the United Methodist Church. I have also served as lay delegate to the 2004 General Conference and as a member of the conference’s delegation observer team for the 2000, 2008, and 2012 General Conferences.

I am an active member of Principe de Paz UMC – San Antonio, having served in various roles over the years. It is here that I am presently focused on leading Bible Study and faith development conversations. A great contributor to my personal faith journey development has been and continues to be through my local church involvement, experiences though outreach ministry development, and former service as a U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer in the Philippines. I am blessed to be in ministry service with my spouse of 29 years, Ann and our two daughters, Elizabeth – 24 years old and Annabella - 18 years old.

Your consideration, prayers, and discernment of election, blessing, and confidence in this candidacy are greatly appreciated. In any and all cases, my desire is that my offering of service is encouraging and edifying to the Body of Christ and pleasing and glorifying to God.

2016 Clergy Delegate General/Jurisdictional Conferences

Robert Lopez

Friends,

May 6, 2014

After much prayer and thought, I am submitting my name for consideration as a clergy delegate to General and/or Jurisdictional conference. I appreciate this great responsibility and understand that I am not worthy of such a privilege but by God’s grace I offer myself to serve. I am familiar with the legislative process as I attended the 2012 General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference as the alternate delegate to the Jurisdiction. I sat in on the superintendency committee at General Conference and actively participated in the interviewing process for Episcopal candidates and voted for said candidates at Jurisdiction.

En la iglesia local, ha sido mi privilegio servir a la congregación “El Mesías” en Mission estos últimos cuatro años. He participado en la comunidad sirviendo en un comité del alcalde en la ciudad de Mission donde organizamos un evento anual de oración. También he apoyado a la alianza de pastores del Valle sirviendo como tesorero y participando en los cultos unidos con música, predicación, y presencia. Sobre todo amo al Señor y si El me concede esta oportunidad de servir como delegado lo haré con todo el corazón y temor de Dios.

I have been in ministry for over 15 years and recently finished my doctor of ministry in the area of special needs ministry and children: (<http://place.asburyseminary.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1370&context=ecommonsatsdissertations>). During my doctoral studies, I was blessed to have travelled to Eastern Europe, South Korea, and throughout the US visiting country churches, house churches, small churches, large cutting edge churches, and learned from their leadership.

More recently, I co-chaired a team of leaders from the Southwest Texas and Rio Grande annual conferences in developing the Unification Plan of Action. This plan is among many things helping the two conferences become one and encouraging districts to strategically engage its mission field.

Thank you for considering this!
Robert Lopez



2016 Clergy Delegate General/Jurisdictional Conferences
Ella Leal Luna

May 18, 2014

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Rio Grande Conference,

I feel extremely blessed to have been a part of the Rio Grande and now emerging Rio Texas Conferences for over 40 years. Since my first Conference involvement as Page to Annual conferences at the age of 12, I have served and/or attended almost every annual conference since. I am aware work, urgency; responsibility and passion are needed to continue moving our church into the future. And, although I have neither served in Jurisdictional nor in General Conference, I am willing to prepare, work and study to effectively represent Rio Grande as an informed and conscientious delegate. With enthusiasm, passion, and a love for our church and Our Savior, Jesus Christ, I submit my name as candidate for clergy delegate to either or both, Jurisdictional and General Conference.



Me siento muy afortunada de haber sido parte de la Conferencia Río Grande y ahora emergentes Conferencias de Río Texas por más de 40 años. Desde mi primera participación Conferencia como page de las conferencias anuales a la edad de 12 años, he servido y / o asistido a casi todas las conferencias anuales desde entonces. Estoy consciente que el trabajo, la urgencia, la responsabilidad y la pasión son necesarios para seguir avanzando nuestra iglesia hacia el futuro. Y aunque ninguno de los puestos en que he servido ha sido al nivel Jurisdiccional ni en la Conferencia General, estoy dispuesta a prepararme, trabajar y estudiar para representar eficazmente a Río

Grande como delegada informada y consciente de los asuntos de importancia. Con entusiasmo, pasión y amor por nuestra iglesia y nuestro Salvador Jesucristo, someto mi nombre como candidato a delegado del clero en la una o ambas Conferencias, Jurisdiccional o General.

Over the past seven years, I have pastored churches in Sherman and Dallas, Texas. Prior to pastoring the churches, I worked in the ministries of Interfaith Housing Coalition, as Resident Pastor and Program Director for Homelessness Prevention and Transitional Housing; from the streets to private housing, serving over 200 families yearly. As Director for Dallas County Youth Advocate Programs, ministry included working with over 400 youth and their families, helping to create, develop and engage holistic support systems for each youth to redirect their paths to positive and life affirming action. For almost 10 Years, I was Assistant to the Director of the Mexican American Program at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, working with and on behalf of church leadership across all spectrums of The United Methodist Church and its credentialing processes. I have experience in working with the poor, developing leadership, and now, growing vital churches.

I currently serve on the Unification Implementation Team for Rio Grande and Southwest Texas Conferences, The Conference Board of Pensions, the Conference Board of Trustees and Conference Congregational Development.

I can only imagine how my gifts may be helpful in the works of The United Methodist Church especially as the denomination deals with resolutions affecting: guaranteed appointments, credentialing, immigration, global and specific relevance, restructuring, social justice issues, inclusivity and sexuality, finances of The Church, concentration on the growing Hispanic/Latino Mission field, and a myriad of other proposed resolutions to come before the Conferences.

In this dynamic and special time as The Church, there are shifts in creating a new conference, shifts in the denomination, and shifts in the universal church. I am aware decisions made on behalf of the church are complex and multifaceted with broad reaching implications. I pray for wisdom, guidance, divine inspiration and strength for the tasks for which God calls us.

If elected, I will whole heartedly and with great respect serve our conference as needed for the responsible, effective and God-loving, God-honoring tasks as delegate to either or both, Jurisdictional or General Conference.

In the Service of God and Neighbor, Ella Leal Luna

2016 Clergy Delegate General/Jurisdictional Conferences

Ruben Saenz, Jr.



CURRENT POSITION - I currently serve as Executive Director for New Church Development and Transformation for the San Antonio Episcopal Area (2011-2014).

My missional task is to extend and expand the gospel witness and make disciples of Jesus Christ in the United Methodist tradition throughout the boundaries of our Annual Conference and beyond by helping to revitalize existing churches and starting new faith communities to reach more people, younger people, and more diverse people for the transformation of the world.

Dear Friends,

After much prayer, discernment, and heart to heart conversations with my family, friends, and colleagues, I humbly submit my name as a clergy candidate for the 2016 Portland, Oregon General Conference Assembly and the 2016 Jurisdictional Conference Assembly in Wichita, Kansas.

I was raised in the Christian faith since childhood within a United Methodist Church belonging to the Rio Grande Conference.

Upon graduation from college, I returned to my hometown and actively served for 12 years as a layperson at First UMC in Rio Grande City in various administrative and programmatic capacities.

I have served effectively and fruitfully as a pastor at every charge I have been appointed to. I have shepherded many persons to enter into a saving relationship with Christ. I have been intentional to foster spiritual environments conducive to making numerous new disciples and spiritual leaders. And, I grown churches everywhere I have served: Oak Cliff UMC in Dallas, Texas (1995-1997); La Trinidad / El Divino Redentor in El Paso, TX (1997-2001); and, at El Buen Pastor UMC in Edinburg, TX (2001-2011), respectively.

During my 19 years in pastoral ministry, I have served as Chair of Conference Finance and Administration, the Conference Common Table, and as Co-Chair of the Bishop’s Commission on Area Cooperative Ministry. I have also served as a Texas Methodist Foundation and General Conference on Finance and Administration Board member.

The most gratifying and fulfilling aspect of my pastoral work is related to encouraging, training, and teaching laity, clergy, churches, and judicatory leaders about the work of new church development, congregational vitality, Hispanic/Latino issues and culture, and relevant leadership development. I’ve been invited numerous times by denominational, jurisdictional, and conference leaders to preach, speak at plenaries, conduct seminars, and facilitate workshops about ministry and missional issues and subjects that I am experienced in and deeply passionate about.

The United Methodist Church faces several complex challenges and issues that matter profoundly to both church and unchurched people. Some of the most critical issues are: creating an ethos and casting a vision that reverses our decline and helps us regain our missional footing in the fastest growing mission field in the world; discerning God’s will on the full inclusion of the GLBT community and the concern of division full inclusion may cause; and, how to become a church that is younger, more flexible, more diverse, and creatively engaged in communities as a visible expression of God’s love and care in Christ.

I believe God has gifted me with rich personal and pastoral experiences, spiritual maturity, theological depth, relational graces, and a just social consciousness to be a useful voice and resource that will help the church move powerfully in the Spirit into a fruitful and missionally vital future.

Rev. Dr. Ruben Saenz, Jr.

2016 Clergy Delegate General/Jurisdictional Conferences**Edgar Avitia**

I humbly submit my name for consideration to be elected as a member of the delegation of the Rio Grande Annual Conference (RGC) to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences of our beloved The United Methodist Church (UMC).

I am married with Giuseppina Lauretano and have two children, both married (Bruno and Nydia), and three grandchildren (Kaylee, Marcus and Nathaniel). Born in Mexico (Chihuahua) I emigrated to the US through marriage in 1983 and have worked very hard to get established in the US with the support and generosity of family, friends and our Church brethren. I have been particularly blessed with being mentored and supported by faithful leaders of the RGC and many others both Clergy and Lay.

Professionally, I have a B.A. in Spanish from UT El Paso, an M.Div. with a Hispanic-American Ministries Certificate from Perkins, and currently I am finishing a DMin. on Practical Theology at the Oblate School of Theology. I am also a Pastoral Care

Specialist. I have served in several capacities within the connectional church since I was licensed for a pastorate in 1988: Local Church (New Mexico and Texas), Chaplaincy (Lydia Patterson Institute), District Superintendency (Southern District RGC) and General Agency (General Board of Global Ministries, in the Offices for Hispanic/Latino Ministries and most recently for Latin America and the Caribbean). I have served in numerous levels both representing our Church and resourcing several general church agencies on behalf of Global Ministries.

The experience that I have to offer is an ample exposure to The UMC both nationally and internationally. I am quite versed in our Book of Discipline as well, a key needed skill at General Conference. I have been involved in numerous structures and processes including general and jurisdictional conferences and boards and committees and commissions on the ordained ministry and equitable compensation (including in Latin America and the Caribbean) to which I can offer expertise. I can be vocal as needed and am strategic. I have been in the middle of high level denominational controversies; without trying to be prideful, I consider myself to be bold, resourceful, critical, and detailed and offer myself to the election process. One added value is that I am most grateful to our heritage and jealous of our history and contribution of the RGC, a key component as we face the Jurisdictional Conference.

The eyes of some might mostly be in sensitive issues such as homosexuality, Jurisdictional and Central Conference based Books of Discipline, the power of Bishops or the Judicial Council, to name a few. However, in my opinion, (not that the aforementioned are not important), one of the most critical issues is the ordering of the Church for mission and ministry; how can annual conferences, as the basic ecclesiastical body of our denomination, respond to the mission contexts where they are located by honoring and living out our Wesleyan/Methodist traditions? Which are the best practices in leadership and church development and growth? And how can we respond to the Racial/Ethnic communities not just in the US but, for example, the Latinos in Europe? And to move forward in making changes happen at General and Jurisdictional Conferences, it would be critical for the RGC delegation to have experienced delegates that may be able to network with other delegations and groups of interest such as the Latin America and the Caribbean delegates, MARCHA and the Interethnic, and the Central Conferences and the South Central Jurisdiction delegates. All of this I can also offer to our delegation as part of my current appointment consists of developing networks and partnerships in ministry.

Gracia, misericordia y paz,



2016 Clergy Delegate General/Jurisdictional Conferences

Raquel Cajiri Feagins



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I write today to express my willingness to serve as a delegate for the Rio Grande Conference.

I am a native of Bolivia, South America and have lived in the United States since 1985.

God blessed me with parents who exemplify the values of Christian faith, holiness, discipline, simplicity, social justice, education, and missionary outreach.

These values have guided me throughout my life, ministry, and professional development. I was blessed to graduate first in my class from Edinburg High School and to earn a B.A. in English from Harvard College and the M.Div. from Perkins School of Theology (SMU), graduating with awards for biblical studies and excellence in internship. I am currently enrolled as a Ph.D. student in Christian Spirituality at Oblate School of Theology. After serving two local church appointments, I entered extension ministry and am appointed as a chaplain at Methodist Healthcare System, serving Christ in the areas of pediatrics, oncology, crisis and sexual assault response. I also currently serve on the Joint Episcopacy Committee and the Joint Board of Pensions and Health Benefits.

The values that shaped my life are also the values of the Rio Grande Conference, and they cannot be taken for granted. Fulfilling its prophetic role within the UMC, the RGC delegation will provide informed and courageous advocacy for Hispanic communities, pastors, and churches. I have the time, competence, and stamina to provide that advocacy.

As many of you know, the 2012 General Conference passed legislation abolishing fair process and the security of appointment for elders in full connection. I helped prepare and was present for oral arguments made against that legislation at Judicial Council in October of 2012. Subsequently, the Judicial Council ruled that legislation to be “repugnant to the Constitution” in decision 1226.

In 2008, the General Conference adopted a constitutional amendment deleting specific language protecting women and ethnic minorities from arbitrary exclusion and discrimination. During the ratification debate in the Southwest Texas Conference, I argued successfully from the floor of the Southwest Texas Conference against removing this language, and the protections were retained.

In 2016, the South Central Jurisdiction will determine who will serve as the next bishop of the Río Texas Conference. In addition to the qualities expected from all bishops, our next bishop should possess significant cross---cultural competence and extraordinary empathy, integrity, and impartiality while demonstrating a commitment to family life and the principles of open itinerancy, fair process, equitable compensation, racial and gender inclusiveness, and accountability. I would ask any potential bishop if he or she has supported these principles at General Conference in the past and ask for evidence of commitment to these values in the practice of ministry.

If chosen from among our many honorable and qualified pastors, I would consider it a great privilege to serve our Lord, our ministry, and our people as a delegate or alternate delegate to General or Jurisdictional Conference. I welcome your questions, concerns, and cares, and can be reached at (210) 445-6706 or at raquel_feagins@yahoo.com. Thank you for your consideration and prayers.

Your Sister in Christ,

Raquel Cajiri Feagins

REPORTE LA JUNTA DE SÍNDICOS CONFERENCIALES / REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. Maximino V. Pérez Jr., Presidente

La Junta de Síndicos tuvo otro buen año al continuar buscando ser buenos mayordomos de los recursos de la Conferencia. Este año pasado hemos atendido asuntos relativos a la propiedad bajo nuestro cuidado y provisto subsidios para ayudar a algunas de nuestras congregaciones a responder a asuntos de seguros y preparar instalaciones para dar acceso a personas con capacidades diferentes (discapacitadas). Hemos también trabajado con la compañía aseguradora de la conferencia para asegurarnos que adquirimos el mejor de los seguros para la propiedad, riesgos, y de compensación para el trabajo con el propósito de proteger a todos nuestros pastores y pastoras, personal, y voluntarios de todas nuestras iglesias que viven involucrados en ministerios.

En la reunión de nuestra junta del 10 de agosto del 2013 en el Southwest Texas Conference Center, elegimos a los siguientes oficiales: Rev. Maximino Perez, Presidente; German Gallardo Jr., Vice-Presidente; Elizabeth Jimenez, Secretaria. Margie Trafton continuará siendo la Tesorera de los Síndicos.

Otros miembros para el ciclo 2013-2014 son: Rev. Francisco Campos, Representante del Gabinete, María Vela, Gloria Rivera, Rev. Santiago Heredia, Héctor Martínez, Rev. Liliana Padilla, Rev. Abraham Ramírez, Elva Garza, David Ancira, y Martin Piña.

Los Síndicos se reunieron en persona el 30 de octubre del 2013, el 18 de noviembre del 2013, el 15 de enero del 2014, y el 29 de marzo del 2014. También conducimos varias conferencias telefónicas para votar sobre asuntos puntuales relativos a la venta de propiedades, aprobación de las cuotas, y otros asuntos. El uso de los recursos electrónicos y las telecomunicaciones nos han permitido presentar la información necesaria para la toma de decisiones sin tener que incurrir en los gastos que reuniones en persona pueden arrojar.

Los Síndicos de las Conferencias del Río Grande y Southwest Texas se reunieron conjuntamente el 28 de agosto del 2013 y el 13 de marzo del 2014.

Metas 2014:

1. Continuar trabajando en la implementación y la coordinación del trabajo y las metas establecidas según lo ha aprobado nuestra conferencia en el Plan de Unificación de las Conferencias del Río Grande y Southwest Texas.
2. Continuar trabajando y manteniendo nuestro programa de seguros, negociando y afanándonos por para alcanzar primas de seguro de bajo costo, promover esfuerzos de prevención de accidentes para bajar el riesgo contra nuestra Conferencia y otros asuntos que pudiesen provocar que nuestras primas de seguro aumentasen.
3. Continuar administrando propiedades bajo nuestro cuidado poniendo especial atención a las propiedades que los Síndicos han administrado ya por largo tiempo.

Transferencias

Por acción de la Conferencia del Río Grande se aprobaría la transferencia a la Conferencia que recibe las siguientes iglesias locales:

Distrito	Nombre de la Iglesia	Por Acción de la Conferencia del Río Grande se Aprobará la Transferencia a la Conferencia que Recibe
Central	Bryan: Templo Espiritu Santo	Texas
Central	Dallas: Agape	North Texas
Central	Dallas: Casa Emmanuel	North Texas
Noroeste	Lubbock: Templo Nazareth	Northwest Texas
Noroeste	Mesquite: NM Del Valle	New Mexico
Noroeste	Las Cruces: El Calvario	New Mexico
Noroeste	Carlsbad: Monte Sinai	New Mexico
Noroeste	El Paso: El Divino Redentor	New Mexico
Noroeste	El Paso: Emmanuel	New Mexico
Noroeste	El Paso: Wesley	New Mexico
Noroeste	El Paso: El Alfarero	New Mexico

Noroeste	Odessa: El Divino Salvador	New Mexico
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Seguro Grupal a Nivel Conferencial

Este año pasado, trabajamos con Church Mutual Insurance para proveer un seguro grupal a nivel conferencial. Esto para satisfacer el trabajo de los síndicos estipulado en el Libro de la Disciplina 2512.8, “los síndicos de la conferencia cargan la autoridad para buscar cobertura grupal de seguro para la conferencia”. También, el Libro de la Disciplina Par. 2533.2 estipula que la iglesia local debe de tener una cobertura de seguro adecuada. Continuaremos trabajando con Church Mutual el próximo año para mantener su servicio al cliente y mejorar en algunas áreas que se precisa mejorar. Trabajaremos con Church Mutual para ayudar a las iglesias locales a identificar áreas dónde se pueda reducir el riesgo para que la conferencia pueda reducir así los reclamos y mejorar además la seguridad de nuestros empleados, feligreses y voluntarios.

La información de contacto para la administradora del plan es:

Tina Whitaker

Southwest Texas Conference: Property and Liability Manager

Email: TWhitaker@umcswtx.org

210-408-4529 Oficina

888-349-4195 Sin Costo

210-408-4553 Fax

Además, para mejor asegurar a nuestra conferencia los síndicos han agregado y sustentado seguro de Riego para los Directores y Oficiales y seguro par Prácticas de Empleo.

Postulado en Relación a Santuario Seguro

Santuarios Seguros continúan siendo parte vital del ministerio de la CRG. Los síndicos celebran que casi todas nuestras iglesias en la conferencia tienen una política de Santuarios Seguros. Animamos a que todos nos aseguremos de que se tengan capacitaciones anuales sobre este asunto para asegurarnos así de que estamos protegiendo a nuestros voluntarios, empleados y a los niños y las niñas y los y las jóvenes de nuestra iglesia.

Logros de los Síndicos de la Conferencia del Río Grande

El 19 de noviembre del 2013 el Equipo de Subvenciones de los Síndicos se reunión para aprobar algunos apoyos a otorgarse en el 2013 en un monto total de \$150,000. Después de procesar las correspondientes solicitudes bajo los criterios aprobados, bajo un espíritu de oración y deliberación se evaluaron las solicitudes y se listaron en orden de prioridad bajo los siguientes principios (a) los más cercanos a cumplir con los requisitos (b) los que buscasen cumplir con el propósito de la subvención. Se presentaron un total de 18 propuestas, y las siguientes fueron las iglesias seleccionadas para recibir los montos listados (en un máximo de \$15,000):

La Trinidad Laredo	\$15,000.00
Westlawn San Antonio	\$15,000.00
La Trinidad San Antonio	\$15,000.00
Príncipe de Paz Del Rio	\$15,000.00
La Trinidad Seguin	\$15,000.00
Agape Memorial Dallas	\$15,000.00
El Divino Redentor El Paso	\$15,000.00
Emanuel San Antonio	\$13,400.00
Kelsey Memorial Corpus Christi	\$5,900.00
El Mesías Mission	\$15,000.00
Wesley El Paso	\$15,000.00
TOTAL	\$154,300.00

En una contribución adicional, los síndicos de la Conferencia del Río Grande tuvieron la oportunidad de participar en la Campaña de Recaudación de Fondos de Capital del Instituto Lydia Patterson. La relación entre Lydia Patterson y la Conferencia del Río Grande es histórica. Clérigos y líderes laicos nos han bendecido por años. LPI ha

contribuido al legado de la Conferencia del Río Grande educando líderes en nuestra conferencia, los síndicos de la Conferencia del Río Grande votaron unánimemente el contribuir \$75,000 en favor de la Campaña de Recaudación de Fondos de Capital del Instituto Lydia Patterson.

Información Actualizada de la Propiedad bajo el Cuidado de la Junta de los Síndicos

2013

Distrito Noroeste Casa Pastoral - Vendida
Roswell, El Divino Pastor - Transferida

2014

Alpine Casa Pastoral - Vendida
Artesia, Getsemani – De Venta
Pharr, El Capote – En Proceso de Transferencia
Hebronville Propiedad - Vendida
Midland, El Calvario – De Venta
Pecos, San Pedro – En Proceso de Transferencia
Polly's Chapel - En Proceso de Transferencia
San Antonio, Palo Alto – De Venta
Sanderson, El Buen Pastor - De Venta
Socorro, Harwood - Vendida

Ha sido un año interesante para nosotros los y las que servimos como síndicos conferenciales; nuestra oración es que podamos ofrecer nuestra mejor mayordomía para cuidar las propiedades y otras áreas por las cuales somos responsables. Quisiéramos darle gracias a Margie Trafton como nuestra Tesorera y a Tina Whitaker como nuestra Administradora de Seguros. Damos asimismo gracias a cada una de las iglesias, clérigos y clérigas, personas laicas por el ministerio que compartimos como Conferencia Anual del Río Grande.

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. Maximino V. Perez Jr., Chair

The Board of Trustees have had another good year as we have continued to strive to be good stewards to the resources of the conference. Over this past year, we have dealt with property in our care and provided a grant to help our churches to make improvements needed for insurance and handicap accessibility. We have also worked with the conference insurer to make ensure we have the best conference wide property, liability and workman's compensation insurance to protect all our pastors, staff and volunteers of all our churches to engage in ministry.

At our annual meeting on August 10, 2013 at the Southwest Texas Conference center, we elected the following officers, Rev. Maximino Perez, chair; German Gallardo Jr., Vice-chair; Elizabeth Jimenez, secretary. Margie Trafton will continue to be the Trustees treasurer.

Other members of the 2013-2014 Trustees: Rev. Francisco Campos, Cabinet Representative, María Vela, Gloria Rivera, Rev. Santiago Heredia, Héctor Martínez, , Rev. Liliana Padilla, and Rev. Abraham Ramírez. Elva Garza and David Ancira, and Martin Piña.

Trustees have met in person on October 30, 2013, November 18, 2013, January 25, 2014, and March 29, 2014. We also conducted several phone conference meetings to vote on specific items dealing with the sale of property, approval of quotes, and for other issues. Utilizing electronic and telecommunication has allowed us to present the information needed to make decision, without incurring the expense and time required for in person meetings.

Rio Grande and Southwest Texas trustees met in joint meetings August 28, 2013 and March 13, 2014.

2014 Goals:

1. To continue working to implement and align the work and goals agreed upon by the conference as directed by the Unification Plan uniting Rio Grande and Southwest Texas Conference.
2. To continue working and maintaining the insurance program, negotiating and working to get us lower premiums, working on prevention to help the conference avoid injuries or other issues that cause premiums to go up.
3. Continue to deal with property in our care, with special focus on the properties that the Trustees have managed for a long period of time.

Transfers

Upon conference action, these are the local churches transferring to other conferences:

District	Church Name	Upon Conference action Transferring to ___ Receiving Conference
Central	Bryan, Templo Espiritu Santo	Texas
Central	Dallas, Agape	North Texas
Central	Dallas, Casa Emmanuel	North Texas
Northwest	Lubbock, Templo Nazareth	Northwest Texas
Northwest	Mesquite, NM Del Valle	New Mexico
Northwest	Las Cruces, El Calvario	New Mexico
Northwest	Carlsbad, Monte Sinai	New Mexico
Northwest	El Paso, El Divino Redentor	New Mexico
Northwest	El Paso, Emmanuel	New Mexico
Northwest	El Paso, Wesley	New Mexico
Northwest	El Paso, El Alfarero	New Mexico
Northwest	Odessa, El Divino Salvador	New Mexico

Conference Wide Group Insurance

This past year, we worked with Church Mutual Insurance to provide conference wide group insurance. This satisfies the work of the trustees by fulfilling the requirement by the book of Discipline, 2512.8, “the Conference Trustees have the ability to seek proper group coverage for the conference”. Also, the Book of Discipline Par. 2533.2 states that the local church should have proper insurance coverage. We will continue to work with Church Mutual in the next year to maintain customer service and improve areas that are needed. And to work with Church Mutual on helping local churches identify areas where they might reduce risk so that as a conference we can reduce our claims and improve our safety for our employees, worshipers and volunteers.

The contact information for our plan administrator is:
 Tina Whitaker
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 210-408-4529 Office
 888-349-4195 Toll Free
 210-408-4553 Fax

In addition, to further insure our conference, trustees have added and funded Directors and Officers Liability and Employment Practices insurances.

Statement Regarding Safe Sanctuaries

Safe Sanctuaries continue to be a vital part of ministry in the RGC. The trustees celebrate that nearly all the churches in the conference have a Safe Sanctuary policy. We encourage you to make sure you are conducting Safe Sanctuaries training annually to make sure you are protecting your volunteers, employees as well as the children and youth of your church.

Accomplishments of the Rio Grande Conference Trustees

On November 19, 2013 the Trustees grant team met and set the amount for grants awarded for 2013 at \$150,000. After processing the grants for the criteria required, and through prayer and deliberation assessed the grants by ranking them in order of (a) closest to meeting requirements and (b) striving to meet the purpose of the grant. There were a total of 18 grants submitted, and these were the churches selected to receive the amount of grant money the church requested (up to the grant maximum of \$15,000):

La Trinidad Laredo	\$15,000.00
Westlawn San Antonio	\$15,000.00
La Trinidad San Antonio	\$15,000.00
Principe De Paz Del Rio	\$15,000.00
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TOTAL	\$154,300.00

In additional contribution, the Rio Grande Conference trustees had the opportunity to be part of the Lydia Patterson Institute's Capital Fund Campaign. The relationship between Lydia Patterson and the Rio Grande Conference is historic. Clergy and lay leaders have blessed us for many years. As LPI has contributed to the legacy of Rio Grande Conference in educating leaders of our conference, the Rio Grande Conference Trustees unanimously voted to contribute to LPI's Capital Funds Campaign in the form of \$75,000.

Updates on Property Entrusted to the Care of the Board of Trustees

2013

Northwest District Parsonage - Sold
Roswell, El Divino Pastor - Transferred

2014

Alpine Parsonage - Sold
Artesia, Getsemani – For Sale
Pharr, El Capote – In Transfer
Hebronville, Property - Sold
Midland, El Calvario - For Sale
Pecos, San Pedro – In Transfer
Polly's Chapel - In Transfer
San Antonio, Palo Alto – For Sale
Sanderson, El Buen Pastor- For Sale
Socorro, Harwood - Sold

It has been quite a year to serve on the Conference Trustees; we pray that we are offering our best stewardship in the care of the property and the other areas we are responsible for. We would like to give special thanks to Margie Trafton as treasurer and Tina Whitaker as insurance administrator. We give thanks for each church, clergyperson, and layperson and for the ministry that we share in the Rio Grande Annual Conference.

Election of Officers of the Rio Grande Conference Corporation Board of Directors

The Bishop, in consultation with the Rio Grande Conference Nominations Committee, hereby nominates the following persons to begin their service immediately for the terms set beside their name as board members of the Rio Grande Conference of the United Methodist Church and in accordance with the Rio Grande Conference Corporation by-laws:

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>Year – Term Ending</u>
1	Max Perez	2015
2	Ella Luna	2015
3	Abraham Ramirez	2015
4	Liliana Padilla	2015
5	Gloria Rivera	2016
6	Elva Garza	2016
7	Elizabeth Jimenez	2016
8	Maria Vela	2016
9	German Gallardo, Jr.	2017
10	Martin Piña	2017
11	David Ancira	2017
12	Hector Martinez	2017

Resolution Regarding Completion of Legal Work of the Unification Process

During the 2012 annual conference session, approval was granted to enter into the unification process of the Rio Grande Conference and the Southwest Texas Conference to form the Rio Texas Conference. Tremendous work has been done to realize God’s Plan and much is left to be done. We now need to give our newly-elected board the authority to work on your behalf to complete the details to finally realize God’s plan. Accordingly, the following resolution of the members of the Rio Grande Conference is presented to you:

We resolve as members of the Rio Grande Conference, in continuance of our commitment to the unification process and the Rio Texas Unification Plan uniting the Rio Grande Annual Conference and the Southwest Texas Annual Conference as adopted by both annual conferences during the February 8, 2014 Special Called Session:

1. To approve the unification and combination by the merger, transfer of assets and operations, and/or dissolution of the Rio Grande Conference into one or more corporate entities that will also hold the assets and operations of the Southwest Texas Conference.
2. To authorize the board, on behalf of the Rio Grande Conference and its members, to transfer assets (including real property and funds), execute documents, make filings with governmental entities, merge the Rio Grande Conference, and/or dissolve the Rio Grande Conference, and take any other actions that the board deems necessary or prudent to accomplish the combination and unification of the Rio Grande Conference and the Southwest Texas Conference.

SECCIÓN F. INFORMES REQUERIDOS POR LA CONFERENCIA ANUAL (§1606.3f), PARTE QUINTA, INFORMES SEPARADOS PARA INFORMACIÓN
[en orden de presentación]

REPORTE ANUAL HOMBRES METODISTAS UNIDOS / UNITED METHODIST MEN'S REPORT

Conferencia "Rio Grande"



Para que el hombre de Dios sea perfecto, enteramente instruido para toda buena obra 2da de Timoteo 3:17

Con tristeza por terminar un ciclo, pero con expectación, por comenzar una nueva jornada, rindo a ustedes el reporte anual de los Hombres Metodistas Unidos, de esta querida Conferencia Rio Grande.

En el mes de julio los días 12 al 14, asistimos a la reunión nacional de HMU en Nashville TN 12 hombres de la Conferencia Río Grande, donde participamos en diferentes talleres, y compartimos con hombres de todo el país. Los oradores rindieron excelentes presentaciones, como siempre. El encargado de la música fue el Hno. Richard Alegría y su hijo del mismo nombre, que como siempre realizaron un excelente trabajo. El viaje aunque un poco tedioso por lo retirado, fue animado por los Pastores Juan Osorio y Rodolfo Barrera, pues tienen muchas anécdotas y chascarillos que contar, gracias hermanos. Nuestro agradecimiento también a German Gallardo Jr. por manejar casi todo el tiempo, gracias a todos los hermanos que nos acompañaron, que Dios los colme de bendiciones.

La reunión anual se tuvo lugar en el Campamento Zephyr en Sandia TX a orillas del lago Corpus Christi, los días 23 al 25 de agosto 2013, asistieron a esta reunión 46 hombres de diferentes áreas de nuestro querido y amplio estado de Texas, nos gozamos de gran manera con la música de acordeón y bajo sexto, que con gran alegría y entusiasmo nos brindaron los Hnos. de Weslaco TX invitados especiales del Hno. Juan García.

El Rev. Rodolfo Barrera dirigió el Servicio Memorial y de Comunión el viernes por la tarde, como siempre de una forma emotiva formal y educativa, para después deleitarnos con los músicos y cantores presentes, también se reunieron el Comité de Nominaciones y el Ejecutivo, para tratar algunos asuntos pendientes.

El tema de este retiro fue "Hombres de Propósito" (Hacer Discípulos de Cristo) y fue el Rev Isidro Piña el orador principal, que de una forma muy acertada nos fue llevando por medio de sus dos platicas a entender lo que esto significa para cada uno de nosotros. En la multiforme gracia de Dios, acto seguido nos dividimos en cuatro grupos, dirigidos por los reverendos David Sánchez, Juan Osorio, Javier Leyva, y el Rev. Rodolfo Barrera, para guiar estos hermanos en una reflexión sobre el tema expuesto.

En los devocionales contamos con la colaboración del Rev. Javier Leyva, y los hermanos Ronal Ayala, y Ramiro Herrera, que Dios los premie por su disposición y entusiasmo.

Fue un honor contar con la presencia del Presidente Conferencial de HMU de la Conferencia Southwest el Hno. Clarence L. Littlefield, lo mismo que el Vicepresidente Jim Callaway, y el Hno Robert Tipson miembro del Comité de Unificación por el Southwest. Todos participaron muy activamente en todas las actividades, y nos dieron sus expectativas para el futuro de la nueva conferencia, mucha gracias por su presencia y sus comentarios.

Se reafirmó lo acordado en la reunión pasada de tener un último retiro anual de HMU los días 15 al 17 de agosto en el Campamento Mt. Wesley en Kerrville TX. Para esta ocasión el Obispo Joel Martínez estará dirigiendo el Servicio Memorial y de Comunión el viernes 15 de agosto, por lo que desde ya le expresamos nuestro más cordial agradecimiento. También el Obispo Martínez escribirá el prólogo y dedicatoria del libro de los presidentes de la Conferencia Río Grande.

A todos los hombres los invitamos muy cordialmente a este histórico nuestro último retiro anual, desde ya empiecen a hacer planes para asistir e inviten a sus amigos y parientes para hacer de este evento algo inolvidable, que la Gracia y Paz de Dios siempre nos acompañe.

Attn: Presidente Conferencial Hombres Metodistas Unidos,

Aristides Laguna

MUJERES METODISTAS UNIDAS / UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Conferencia Río Grande

A junio 12, 2014

Reporte de la Presidenta: Raquel G. Mariscal

“Porque no nos ha dado Dios el espíritu de temor, sino de fortaleza y de amor y de templanza “ (II de Timoteo 1:7, Versión Reina de Valera)

Gracias a Dios por el espíritu de fortaleza que me ha dado para servirle por medio del ministerio de las Mujeres Metodistas Unidas (MMU) de la Conferencia Río Grande. Este ministerio marcha adelante por las hermanas de las unidades de las iglesias locales.

En octubre 4-6, 2013, celebramos 80 Años de Servicio Cristiano. Esta celebración fue en Corpus Christi, Texas. Gracias a las hermanas del Distrito Sur por recibirnos con mucho cariño. Celebramos a las expresidentas. Estuvieron presentes Alicia Sánchez, Mary Silva, Alma Navarro y Elisa Gaytán. Gracias a Dios por el legado que nos dejaron. Otras expresidentas no estuvieron presentes por razón de salud. El tema para esta celebración fue “Avivando el Fuego del Don de Dios.” (II Timoteo 1:6). Tuvimos varias personas trayendo mensajes de inspiración: Rev. Eradio Valverde, Ilda Vásquez, e Inelda González. Tuvimos momentos de alabanzas muy preciosos. La noche del banquete estuvo muy festiva. Nos gozamos en tener de invitados a Bishop Dorff y su esposa Barbara.

Hubo celebraciones de Reunión Anual en cada uno de los Distritos. Se celebraron retiros espirituales, entrenamientos de oficiales y las unidades locales hicieron obras comunitarias.

Gracias a las presidentas distritales por su liderazgo: Sur Gloria Ortiz, Central Minerva Briones, y Martha Valle del Noroeste. Muchas gracias a cada miembro del equipo misional de las MMU de la conferencia. Pudimos trabajar en equipo siendo Cristo nuestro capitán.

Mi deseo es que Dios bendiga a todas mis hermanas y hermanos en Cristo de nuestra conferencia.

Su servidora,

Raquel González Mariscal, Presidenta de las MMU de la Conferencia

JÓVENES ADULTOS / YOUNG ADULTS' REPORT

Conferencia del Río Grande

Dear Bishop and delegates,

I would like to thank you for your support of the Young Adult Ministry. We have been working all year in order to improve our ministry and have been having meetings with a consultant as well as having many meetings, both in person as well as online, with members of the young adult group interested in helping out the ministry.

We started when we received a grant from the General Board of Global Ministries at the end of 2012. We met early in the year with a few young adults and a consultant of the board, Nickie Moreno, as well as our adviser, David Moreno, to see what would be the best way to use the grant. We had decided that we would use the grant for the purpose of revitalizing the young adult ministry by having two different types of retreats, one would be a leadership seeking retreat and the other would be a mission retreat. During this meeting we chose a few young adults to be part of the transition team that would be in charge of planning the first retreat. The team included Ismael Nava, Ruben Gonzales, Ana Gaytan, Felipe Alambar. We had another meeting during the spring with the young adult transition team and our consultant in order to figure out what we wanted from our first retreat as well as training for the young adults that were present. We decided that during this retreat we would chose more young adults to be a part of the transition team. During the summer we had some meetings via telephone in order to keep planning the first retreat, we decided that this retreat would be free of charge for the young adults and we would pay for the expenses with the grant. In august we had our last meeting before the retreat so that we could finalize our plans. We talked about what the duties of each individual transition team member would be during the retreat. On the weekend of 20th through the 22nd of September we had our retreat where we got to experience many things. We had an emergent worship service which many of our young adults had never experienced before, we also had small group studies about leadership and fellowship. During the retreat we asked if any of the young adults that were present would like to join the transition team, a total of 4 new members were added to the transition team which includes Austin Mertz, Alainah Herrera, Annabella Vega, and Abigail Parker. We had a meeting with the new members of the team to welcome them, talk to them about what was expected of them, and plan the next meeting for our team. On December 6th through the 8th we had a meeting during a youth retreat at camp zephyr to discuss the plans for our mission retreat, we voted to make me the temporary leader for the mission retreat. The transition team members decided that we would have the mission retreat in San Antonio during the month of august and we would search up a variety of options for missions that we could do as a group. On March 28th and 29th a few team leaders went to the Mission Matters Conference to look at ideas for missions that we could do and to find out what missions are about. In the conference we decided that we would meet in May to discuss the mission retreat and plan what we would do and how we will advertise the retreat.

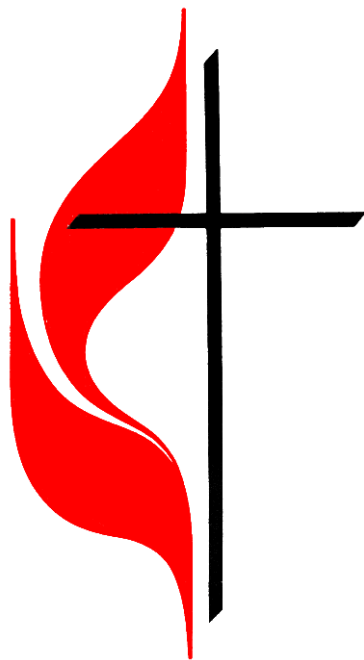
As we continue to work on improving the Young Adult Ministry we would like to thank you for your continued support and would like to thank you for your prayers. We will work to be committed to this ministry and to the work that lies ahead.

Blessings,

Felipe Alambar, Acting President of the RGC Young Adults

COMITÉ CONFERENCIAL DE MINISTERIOS JUVENILES / CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH MINISTRIES

Rio Grande Conference



I am David Brewster-Acosta and I am serving as CCYM President 2013-2014. I have been fortunate and blessed to have had the gracious opportunity to serve my Lord and Savior. The CCYM has met and made various decisions for the youth of the Rio Grande Conference. We elected to keep our summer camp venue at Camp Sacramento in New Mexico. We pray that all our youth be focused and be ready to be spiritually engaged when we go to camp. Accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and as well as to experience God's glory with others is our ultimate goal. We have also placed emphasis on our clergy to be more supportive and active in their respective DCYM councils. We thank God for our Rio Grande Conference pastors and for their continued support for the Youth Ministries of the Rio Grande Conference. We also have discussed, planned and accepted the idea that both conferences will unify and we anticipate that everything will go smoothly for that transition. This year the DCYM/CCYM was able to work with the servant team of the Southwest Texas Conference, we participated in meetings and retreats. I also was blessed to attend the jurisdictional meeting where I was able to hear the opinions of many other youth from our Jurisdiction. We are looking forward to this years' assembly where we will have SWTX servant team members and clergy working with us. I just thank God for the opportunity to be in this position and I ask that he continue to do his will in my life.

David Brewster-Acosta, CCYM PRESIDENT

INFORME DE LA ASOCIACIÓN DE PASTORES JUBILADOS / RETIRED PASTORS
ASSOCIATION'S REPORT

Conferencia Río Grande
2014

En nuestra reunión anual del 2013, decidimos continuar reuniéndonos no tanto como Asociación, pero sí como grupo fraternal de pastores - jubilados de la que fue Conferencia Río Grande.

Siempre tendremos entre nosotros un grupo de pastores jubilados -- dispuestos a suplir púlpitos dentro de la Conferencia, cuando el Obispo, Superintendentes y Pastores lo crean necesario.

La Convocación 2014 durante el mes de octubre, días 10 y 11 en la Ciudad de San Antonio, TX nos dará la oportunidad de tener un buen tiempo de compañerismo y así mismo tomar algunas decisiones que son importantes para el futuro de esta Asociación.

Este año no tendremos nuestro banquete anual durante las sesiones de la Conferencia, pero si los animamos para que se registren, que según Oscar O. Garza -Presidente de la Mesa de Recursos Financieros- no tendrá costo alguno.

“En los Ancianos está la sabiduría, Y en la larga edad la inteligencia.” (Job 12:12)

Atentamente,

Rev. Pedro Hinojosa Willis, Presidente
Asociación de Pastores Jubilados

REPORTE DE LA TESORERA / TREASURER'S REPORT



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

In 2013 The United Methodists of The Rio Grande Conference, gave a total of **\$553,071**, in benevolent causes through the Conference Treasurer’s Office. The percentage of apportionments received was at, an all-time low of **73.5%** compared to last year’s **85.5%** a decrease of **-11%**.

Out of the 70 Local Churches in the Conference only **50** paid 100%.
37 from inside the boundaries and 13 from outside the boundaries!

All the districts have declined in percentage in the past 5 years.

The special offerings and conference offerings all had a decrease compared to 2012.

- In the Central District 7 churches did not submit any offerings
- In the Southern District 19 churches did not submit any offerings
- In the Northwest District 11 churches did not submit any offerings

The Chart below summarizes the giving by categories.

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	Difference
Apportioned Budget	729,039	675,122	+ 53,917
Apportioned Paid	535,761	570,555	- 34,794
Apportioned Balance	193,278	104,567	- 88,711
% Apportioned Pd.	73.5%	84.5%	- 11%
Conf. Sp. Offerings	4,361	8,609	- 4,248
Gen. Ch. Sp. Off.	8,618	11,438	- 2,820
Gen. Adv. Specials	4,331	5,599	- 1,268

THE RIO GRANDE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2013

ASSETS

<u>CASH & INVESTMENTS</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
GENERAL	1,999,711.39	2,333,112.02
PENSIONS	6,751,034.88	7,245,235.78
ASSETS HELD FOR SALE	1,242,900.00	136,300.00
CBOP PROPERTY	47,032.00	<u>47,032.00</u>
TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS	10,040,678.27	9,761,679.80

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>	1,289,932.00	183,332.00
FUND BALANCES		
<u>APPORTIONED</u>		
W/S & GEN. CH. FUNDS	-	-
CONF. BENEVOLENCE & EXP.	-	-
MINISTERIAL SUPPORT FUND	-	-
PENSION & BENEFIT FUND	-	-
TOTAL APPORTIONED	-	-
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>		
SPECIAL OFFERINGS		-
DESIGNATED FUNDS	1,783,869.86	2,083,573.92
FOUR MINISTRTY FOCUS	215,639.80	249,374.91
COMSN. EQ. COMPENSATION		
RGC ENDOWMENT	201.73	163.19
BOARD OF PENSIONS	2,392,255.89	3,522,162.80
PENSION CRUSADE	4,358,778.99	3,723,072.98
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	10,040,678.27	9,761,679.80
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	10,040,678.27	9,761,679.80

THE RIO GRANDE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 31, 2013

<u>CASH & INVESTMENTS</u>	<u>2013 BALANCE</u>	<u>2012 BALANCE</u>
CASH SPECIAL FUNDS	155,503.30	4,177.51
CASH RIO GRANDE SPECIAL	201.73	163.19
CASH FOUR FOCUS MINISTRY	215,639.80	249,374.91
T.M.F. SCH #1713 EQ/COMP.	649,196.05	638,898.38
T.M.F. #1451 RGC-ENDWMNT	68,982.00	67,516.03
T.M.F. SCH #1714 SP/FND	557,656.01	951,443.24
T.M.F. #7304 RGC PARSONAGE	20,707.83	94,587.78
T.M.F. #1438 R.KERR ESTATE	113,512.30	112,589.63
T.M.F. #1651 BOP MAINTANCE	52,463.30	52,036.85
EQ. COMP ENDOWMNT #7722	165,849.07	162,324.50
Sub-Total	<u>1,999,711.39</u>	<u>2,333,112.02</u>
PROPERTY ASSETS	1,242,900.00	136,300.00
COP RETIREES HOUSE	47,032.00	47,032.00
GEN. BD. PEN. ENDOWMNT	163,702.74	139,826.91
GEN. BD. PEN. DEPOSIT	2,228,553.15	3,382,335.89
GBOP - PEN/CRUSADE DEP.	4,358,778.99	3,723,072.98
Sub-Total	<u>6,751,034.88</u>	<u>7,245,235.78</u>
TOTAL	\$ 10,040,678.27	\$ 9,761,679.80

FUND BALANCE ON RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS											
DECEMBER 31, 2013											
APPORTIONED FUNDS	BALANCE		R E C E I P T S		INTEREST	TOTAL	T R A N S F E R S		DISBURSED	BALANCE	
	1/1/2013	LOCAL	CH	OTHER			IN	OUT			12/31/2013
01	-	124,248.05	-	-	-	124,248.05	-	3,279.24	120,968.81	-	
02	-	120,596.75	-	-	-	120,596.75	134,714.08	-	255,310.83	-	
03	-	115,060.52	-	-	-	115,060.52	71,000.00	5,460.57	180,599.95	-	
04	-	173,929.93	-	107,740.66	-	281,670.59	72,025.61	20,000.00	333,696.20	-	
TOTAL	-	533,835.25	107,740.66	-	-	641,575.91	277,739.69	28,739.81	890,575.79	-	
OTHER FUNDS											
50	-	19,569.24	-	-	-	19,569.24	-	3,101.99	16,467.25	-	
60	136,300.00	-	1,106,600.00	-	-	1,242,900.00	-	-	-	1,242,900.00	
65	47,032.00	-	-	-	-	47,032.00	-	-	-	47,032.00	
70	2,083,573.92	-	309,331.63	-	24,304.44	2,417,209.99	154,539.02	218,158.37	569,720.78	1,783,869.86	
75	249,374.91	-	54,000.00	-	-	303,374.91	-	28,000.00	59,735.11	215,639.80	
80	-	-	189,491.08	-	-	189,491.08	73,899.56	234,578.74	28,811.90	-	
85	163.19	-	38.54	-	-	201.73	-	-	-	201.73	
90	3,522,162.80	-	-	-	442,194.40	3,964,357.20	20,000.00	13,599.36	1,578,501.95	2,392,255.89	
95	3,723,072.98	-	-	-	635,706.01	4,358,778.99	-	-	-	4,358,778.99	
TOTAL	9,761,679.80	19,607.78	1,659,422.71	-	1,102,204.85	12,542,915.14	248,438.58	497,438.46	2,253,236.99	10,040,678.27	
GRAND TOTAL	9,761,679.80	553,443.03	1,767,163.37	-	1,102,204.85	13,184,491.05	526,178.27	526,178.27	3,143,812.78	10,040,678.27	

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND TRANSFER BALANCES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

	BALANCE 1/1/2013	RECEIPTS	DISBURSED	TRANSFERS FROM (TO)	BALANCE 12/31/2013
Human Relations Day	-	1,665.68	1,665.68		-
One Great Hr. of Sharing	-	1,815.11	1,815.11		-
World Comm. Offering	-	1,176.32	1,176.32		-
U.Methodist Student Day	-	2,436.62	2,436.62		-
Peace With Justice	-	1,332.86	666.43	(666.43)	-
N/Am Awareness Sunday	-	1,498.81	1,498.81		-
Sub-Total Gen. Ch Off	-	9,925.40	9,258.97	(666.43)	-
Laity Sunday	-	483.52		(483.52)	-
Methodist Mission Home	-	778.84	778.84		-
Methodist Home-Waco	-	1,069.46	1,069.46		-
Retired Ministers Day	-	1,194.52		(1,194.52)	-
R.G.C. Youth Sunday/YA	-	757.52		(757.52)	-
Lydia Patterson Institute		576.90	576.90	-	
Encounter W/Christ		48.53	48.53	-	
Sub-Total Conf. Sp. Off.	-	4,909.29	2,473.73	(2,435.56)	-
Gen. Adv. Sp.	-	3,705.42	3,705.42	-	-
Conf. Adv. Sp.	-	1,029.13	1,029.13	-	-
SUB-TOTAL	-	4,734.55	4,734.55	-	-
GRAND TOTAL	-	19,569.24	16,467.25	(3,101.99)	-

(1,194.52) Transferred to Retired Ministers Fund 379470

(666.43) Transferred to Ch. Soc-Social Witness 372370

(483.52) Transferred to Scholarship-RGC Fund 377070

(568.14) Transferred to RGC Youth Fund 373670

(189.38) Transferred to CYA Fund 374170

Conferencia Anual del Río Grande, Actas Oficiales 2014

DESIGNATED FUNDS STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

DESIGNATED FUNDS	ACCT. #	BALANCE 1/1/2013	RECEIPTS	DISBURSED	TRANSFER IN	TRANSFER OUT	BALANCE 12/31/2013
1 AGENDA COMMITTEE	370170	18,503.10	15,720.83	23,552.35	3,500.00	-	14,171.58
2 DISTRICT FUNDS	370270	86,921.57	-	21,698.14	-	11,000.00	54,223.43
3 BOD-ADULT ED.	370370	1,846.37	-	-	-	-	1,846.37
4 BOD-CONSULTANTS	370470	7,884.12	-	-	-	-	7,884.12
5 RUSSELL KERR ESTATE FUND	370570	112,589.63	922.67	-	-	-	113,512.30
6 BISHOPS BORDER SUMMITS	370770	2,291.00	-	-	3,848.22	-	6,139.22
7 BOD-LAY ADM. PRGM.II	370870	1,116.27	-	-	-	-	1,116.27
8 BOD-STWEARDSHIP DEV.	370970	3,239.23	-	1,468.14	-	-	1,771.09
9 BOD-HNGR/STWRSHP.	371070	4,910.42	-	-	-	-	4,910.42
10 BOD-EVAN & LAY SPKNG	371270	1,927.18	-	-	-	-	1,927.18
11 BOD-EVNGLSM & OUTRCH	371370	117.84	-	117.84	-	-	-
12 EMMAUS WALK FUND	371670	10,769.95	-	-	-	-	10,769.95
13 EMMAUS SCHOLARSHIP	371770	971.10	-	220.00	-	-	751.10
14 BOP RET. MAINTANCE FUND	371970	43,974.69	426.45	-	-	-	44,401.14
15 BOGM-FLOOD DISASTER	372070	67,949.55	10,000.00	77,949.55	-	-	-
16 CH.SOC.-G/CROSS.H/WLFR	372270	1,397.32	-	-	-	-	1,397.32
17 CH.SOC-SOCIAL WITNESS	372370	3,490.19	-	-	666.43	-	4,156.62
18 CH.SOC-WOMAN LDRSH TR.	372470	603.74	-	72.66	-	-	531.08
19 GBOGM-SCJ/STRATEGY L-TEAM	372570	-	20,000.00	19,043.93	-	-	956.07
20 BOGM-C/DV. CONST.FND	372670	12,316.49	8.34	-	-	-	12,324.83
21 BOGM-LEADERS TRAINING	372770	669.72	100.00	533.76	-	-	235.96
22 BOGM-C/DV/CH.EXT.PRJCTS	372870	2,035.05	-	-	-	-	2,035.05
23 BOGM-S.A. OUTREACH-MINISTRIES	372970	5,254.84	300.00	5,554.84	-	-	-
24 BMAC FOUR SEASONS	373170	1,599.01	-	-	-	1,599.01	-
25 RGC PARSONAGE	373270	94,587.78	1,120.05	75,000.00	-	-	20,707.83
26 S-DIST. CCYM FUND	373470	919.26	8,642.27	9,362.64	-	-	198.89
27 RGC YOUTH FUND	373670	2,306.28	-	175.84	604.70	-	2,735.14
28 YOUTH SERVICE FUND	373770	3,521.24	796.88	239.06	-	-	4,079.06
29 CCYM -ENCAMPMENT FND	373970	5,481.37	76,281.70	75,993.83	-	-	5,769.24
30 C.Y.A.- YOUNG ADULT	374170	646.36	190.00	375.00	189.38	-	650.74
31 RGC-YOUTH MIN/LEADERSHIP	374370	1,238.97	-	1,202.41	-	36.56	(0.00)
32 B.O.P. FUND BAL.	374770	30,590.00	-	7,180.62	1,599.36	-	25,008.74
33 BHEDM-DIAC. MIN.	374970	524.40	-	-	-	-	524.40
34 BHEDM-LAY ADMNTRS	375170	2,727.35	-	400.00	-	2,327.35	-
35 CONF. MOBILIZATION FUND	375370	99,142.75	-	566.81	-	-	98,575.94
36 BHEDM-VCTNL. INTERN	375470	3,149.22	-	-	-	3,149.22	-
37 BHEDM-PRE-SEM ADV.	375570	2,440.27	-	-	-	2,440.27	-
38 EL PASO NEW CHURCH START	375670	5,096.11	-	28,268.33	33,000.00	-	9,827.78
39 U.M. HISPANIC CLERGY WOMEN	375770	5,034.89	3,500.00	6,323.36	2,724.11	-	4,935.64
40 SOUTHERN DIST. U.M.M.	375870	623.25	-	-	-	623.25	-

DESIGNATED FUNDS STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

DESIGNATED FUNDS	ACCT. #	BALANCE 1/1/2013	RECEIPTS	DISBURSED	TRANSFER IN	TRANSFER OUT	BALANCE 12/31/2013
41 BOM-RETIRO PASTORAL	375970	-	3,000.00	2,900.00	-	-	100.00
42 ALIANZA DE PASTR D. GOLFO	376170	462.12	209.60	490.11	-	-	181.61
43 BACKGROUND CHECKS FUND	376370	162.00	232.00	230.00	-	-	164.00
44 DISTRICT PROPERTIES (RENT)	376470	16,612.83	600.00	-	-	17,212.83	-
45 HEALTH PROMOTIONS MINISTRY	376570	3,500.00	-	3,500.00	-	-	-
46 ENDOWMNT-J. GONZALEZ	376770	22,786.35	-	-	-	-	22,786.35
47 SCHOLARSHIP-J. GONZALEZ	376870	5,453.78	-	-	-	-	5,453.78
48 SCHOLARSHIP-R.G.C.	377070	8,389.00	-	14,086.00	6,183.28	0	486.28
49 GARZA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	377170	13,680.01	100.00	-	-	-	13,780.01
50 SCHOLARSHIP-MEMORIAL	377270	5,699.76	-	-	-	5,699.76	-
51 GBOD-L.M.P. NETWORK	377370	8,990.36	-	-	-	-	8,990.36
52 BOM-CLERGY WOMEN	377470	996.76	-	600.00	-	396.76	-
53 MINISTERIAL SUPPORT FUND	377670	18,650.10	-	-	3,860.57	13,086.77	9,423.90
54 CBOP RET. HM RENT	377770	2,281.06	2,400.00	2,648.22	-	-	2,032.84
55 GBHEM-CULTURE CALL	377870	10,000.00	-	1,500.00	-	-	8,500.00
56 RGC-EQUIT COMPEN.ENDOW INT.	378270	162,324.50	3,524.57	-	-	0	165,849.07
57 RGC IMMIGRATION FUND	378370	1,700.00	-	-	-	-	1,700.00
58 OTHER-IN/OUT	378470	-	31,077.06	25,327.85	-	5,749.21	-
59 INTEREST	378670	31,073.41	6,547.06	691.48	623.25	34,688.25	2,863.99
60 BD. TRUSTEES P.M. FUND	379170	291,913.92	133,077.95	132,229.88	17,212.83	33,000.00	276,974.82
61 UMR SUBSCRIPTION FUND	379270	369.82	20.00	-	-	-	389.82
62 RETIRED MINISTERS FUND	379470	4,300.53	75.00	2,276.06	1,194.52	-	3,293.99
63 CONF. BENV. & EXP. FUND	379570	10,046.57	-	-	-	10,046.57	-
64 EQ. COMP.-FUND BALANCE	379670	723,136.88	10,297.67	11,748.61	76,053.13	73,899.56	723,839.51
65 RGC ENDOWMENT FUND	379770	70,345.03	1,465.97	-	-	-	71,811.00
66 BOD-CHRISTIAN ED. FUND	379870	10,014.47	-	7,767.13	-	-	2,247.34
67 BOM-MINISTRIES ED. FUND	379970	10,276.78	3,000.00	8,426.33	3,279.24	3,203.00	4,926.69
TOTAL		2,083,573.92	333,636.07	569,720.78	154,539.02	218,158.37	1,783,869.86

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	2013	2013	2013		2013	2013	2013
NORTHWEST DISTRICT	APPORT.	PAID	% PAID	SOUTHERN DISTRICT	APPORT.	PAID	% PAID
1 ABILENE/BETHEL	3,880	1,950	50.0	1 ALAMO/SAN PABLO	9,185	6,000	65.3
2 AMARILLO/SAN MATEO	11,449	-	0.0	2 ALICE/EL MESIAS	5,582	5,582	100.0
3 ALBQ/EL B. SAMARITANO	18,230	1,500	8.2	3 BRO/EL BUEN PASTOR	13,980	13,980	100.0
4 CARLSBAD/MT/ SINAI	1,801	1,801	100.0	4 CC/EL BUEN PASTOR	14,403	14,403	100.0
5 ELP/EL DIV. REDENTOR	10,754	2,074	19.3	5 CC/KELSEY MEMORIAL	27,677	27,677	100.0
6 ELP/EMMANUEL	10,266	1,735.00	16.9	6 CRYSTAL CITY/SWINDALL	2,928	2,928	100.0
7 ELP/WESLEY	10,486	2,798	26.7	7 DILLEY/BETHANIA	4,454	1,000.00	22.5
8 ELP/EL ALFARERO	1,285	1,285	100.0	8 DONNA/PRINC. DE PAZ	5,679	5,679	100.0
9 LAS CRUCES/EL CALVARIO	10,695	8,677	81.1	9 EDINBURG/E.B.PASTOR	47,232	47,232	100.0
10 LUB/LA TRINIDAD	3,641	1,700	46.7	10 ELSA/FIRST	7,095	1,000	14.1
11 LUB/T.NAZARET	2,424	2,424	100.0	11 HARLINGEN/E.B.SAMAR	11,234	11,234	100.0
12 MESQUITE/DEL VALLE	5,863	5,863	100.0	12 KINGSVILLE/E.B.PASTOR	2,121	2,121	100.0
13 MULESHOE/E.DIV. SALV	1,719	858	49.9	13 LAREDO/LA TRINIDAD	12,124	12,124	100.0
14 ODESSA/E. DIV. SALVAD	2,077	2,077	100.0	14 MCALLEN/EL RED.	18,468	18,468	100.0
15 SAN ANGELO/BETHEL	4,869	4,869	100.0	15 MERCEDES/E.B.P.	5,268	5,318	100.1
16 TULIA/E.B.PASTOR	2,525	914	36.2	16 MISSION/EL MESIAS	25,828	25,828	100.0
				17 PEARSALL/SAN PABLO	9,674	1,500	15.5
	2013	2013	2013	18 PHARR/LA TRINIDAD	20,736	7,460	36.0
CENTRAL DISTRICT	APPORT.	PAID	% PAID	19 RAYMONDVILLE/BETHEL	9,986	9,986	100.0
1 AUS/EMMANUEL	28,754	28,754	100.0	20 RIO G. CITY/ FIRST	17,124	3,500	20.4
2 AUS/GOVALLE	4,233	4,233	100.0	21 ROBSTOWN/E. RED.	2,950	2,950	100.0
3 BAY CITY/ NAZARETH	110	110	100.0	22 SAN DIEGO/ FIRST	525	525	100.0
4 BRYAN/OAK GROVE	4,048	4,048	100.0	23 S.JUAN/LOS WESLEY	11,626	11,626	100.0
5 ELGIN/BETHEL	268	300	111.9	24 S.JUAN/SAN LUCAS	3,513	300	8.5
6 FLORESVILLE	9,991	9,991	100.0	25 WESLACO/LA TRINID.	12,897	12,897	100.0
7 HOU/E.B.PASTOR	13,398	13,398	100.0	26 EAGLE PASS	4,684	2,000	42.7
8 HOU/EL MESIAS	14,364	2,710	18.9	27 PHARR/NUEVA VIDA	2,144	-	0.0
9 KENEDY/EL B. SAMAR	1,744	1,744	100.0	28 BISHOP/EL RED.	2,283	2,283	100.0
10 PORT ARTHUR/GETHSM	6,112	6,112	100.0	29 BRO/EMMANUEL	1,412	1,412	100.0
11 SAT/EMANUEL	13,096	13,096	100.0	30 LA FERIA/D. E. AMOR	2,233	2,233	100.0
12 SAT/E.B.SAMARITANO	4,847	350	7.2	31 DEL RIO/PRIN. DE PAZ	9,379	9,379	100.0
13 SAT/EL DIV. SALVADOR	27,605	1,000	3.6	32 UVALDE/LA DIV. TRINID	443	443	100.0
14 SAT/EL MESIAS	5,511	5,511	100.0				
15 SAT/LA TRINIDAD	28,539	28,539	100.0				
16 SAT/POLLARD MEM	16,979	16,979	100.0				
17 SAT/PRIN. DE PAZ	11,098	11,098	100.0				
18 SAT/WESTLWAN	10,992	10,992	100.0				
19 SAN MARCOS/E.B. PSTR	9,896	9,896	100.0				
20 SEGUIN/LA TRINIDAD	12,582	12,583	100.0				
21 BRYAN/T.ESP. SANTO	3,597	3,597	100.0				
22 DAL/AGAPE MEMORIAL	18,609	18,609	100.0				
23 DAL/CASA EMMANU-EL	22,094	7,365	33.3				
24 FTW/LA TRINIDAD	14,849	2,475	16.7				
25 FTW/NUEVA VIDA	3,284	1,450	44.2				
26 MOODY/E.B.PASTOR	595	-	0.0				
27 SHERMAN/E.D.SALV.	2,614	2,614	100.0				
28 TEMPLE/E.DIV. SALV.	3,432	3,432	100.0				
29 WACO/LATIN AMERICAN	4,661	4,661	100.0				

REPORTE DE ESTADÍSTICA / STATISTICAL REPORT
RIO GRANDE CONFERENCE

		PERCENT			
I.	CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP (2013)				
	This year.....	11904			<i>Churches</i>
	Last Year	13087		<u>8</u>	<u>71</u>
	Decrease.....	-1183	-9.04%	790	393
II	RECEIVED BY PROFESSION OF FAITH				
	This Year	129			
	Last Year	186			
	Decrease	-57	-30.65%		
III	RESTORED BY AFFIRMATION				
	This Year.....	10			
	Last Year	5			
	Increase	5	100.00%		
IV	RESTORED BY ERROR				
	This Year.....	22			
	Last Year.....	3			
	Increase	17	340.00%		
V	RECEIVED FROM OTHER U.M.C.				
	This Year.....	40			
	Last Year	33			
	Increase	7	21.21%		
VI	RECEIVED FROM ANOTHER DENOMINATION				
	This Year.....	14			
	Last Year.....	23			
	Decrease.....	-9	-39.13%		
VII	REMOVED BY CHARGE CONFERENCE ACTION				
	This Year	982			
	Last Year	209			
	Increase.....	773	369.86%		
VIII	REMOVED BY PERSONAL WISH				
	This Year	1			
	Last Year	51			
	Decrease	-50	-98.04%		
IX	CORRECT BY ERROR				
	This year.....	211			
	Last Year.....	95			
	Increase	116	122.11%		
X	REMOVED BY TRANSFER TO ANOTHER U.M.C.				
	This Year.....	67			
	Last Year.....	260			
	Decrease	-193	-74.23%		
XI	REMOVED BY TRANSFER TO ANOTHER DENOMINATION				
	This Year	28			
	Last Year	42			
	Decrease.....	-14	-33.33%		
XII	REMOVED BY DEATH				

	This Year	109	
	Last Year	79	
	Increase	30	37.97%
XIII	AVERAGE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE PRINCIPAL SERVICE		
	This Year.....	3746	
	Last Year	4191	
	Decrease.....	-445	-10.62%
XIV	CHURCH SCHOOL		
	This Year	1523	
	Last Year	1840	
	Decrease.....	-317	-17.23%
XV	CHRISTIAN FORMATION GROUPS		
	This Year.....	2890	
	Last Year.....	3105	
	Decrease.....	-215	-6.92%
XVI	UNITED METHODIST WOMEN		
	This Year	742	
	Last Year	910	
	Decrease.....	-168	-18.46%
XVII	UNITED METHODIST MEN		
	This Year	345	
	Last Year.....	124	
	Increase.....	221	178.23%
XVIII	PROPERTIES		
	A. Value of Church Building, Parsonage & Equipment		
	This Year	\$42,843,873	
	Last Year.....	\$48,255,773	
	Decrease	\$5,411,900	-11.22%

Oscar O. Garza, IV
Statistician

JUNTA DEL MINISTERIO ORDENADO / BOARD ON THE ORDAINED MINISTRY

Reporte a la Conferencia Anual del Río Grande, Corpus Christi, TX, 12-15 de junio del 2014

Obispo Jim Dorff, Superintendentes, y Delegados:

Alabo y doy gracias a Dios por la oportunidad y bendición de presentar este reporte por parte de la Junta de Ministerio Ordenado (JMO). Por gracia de Dios, hemos podido seguir adelante con la tarea encomendada.

Durante el curso de este año conferencial, la JMO se reunió dos veces. La primera reunión se llevó a cabo el 7 de febrero del presente año en San Antonio, TX. Entre otros reportes, en esta reunión también se presentaron y recibieron los reportes de los tres Comités Distritales del Ministerio Ordenado. En medio de todas las áreas que comúnmente se reportan, quisiera hacer hincapié en dos áreas que consideramos fueron sobresalientes. Una de ellas fue el área de darle seguimiento a los jóvenes que suelen mostrar un interés en explorar el ministerio ordenado. Por muchos años y por no muy buena razón, la JMO no lograba ser muy efectiva en darle algún tipo de seguimiento intencional e impactante a estos jóvenes que mostraban este interés. El noviembre pasado en la ciudad de Corpus Christi, TX se llevó a cabo un evento llamado "Discovery Zone", con el único énfasis de darle seguimiento a estos jóvenes que habían mostrado interés en explorar el ministerio ordenado. Este evento se celebró juntamente con la conferencia de Southwest Texas, y de la Conferencia del Río Grande, asistieron más de 20 jóvenes y 5 adultos. Fue de mucho éxito este evento pero sobre todo, fue un importante paso hacia adelante en ser más efectivos e intencionales en darle un seguimiento impactante a nuestros jóvenes que sienten un llamado de Dios sobre sus vidas.

La segunda área está algo relacionada con la primera ya que tiene que ver con apoyo y seguimiento. La JMO nunca ha tenido (en los últimos veinte años, por lo menos) un proceso de apoyo y seguimiento a los candidatos que están a "prueba" (miembros provisionales). Este año pasado, cinco de nuestros candidatos certificados participaron plenamente en el proceso "RIM" (Residency in Ministry) de la Conferencia de Southwest Texas. Participaron mensualmente en retiros con otros miembros provisionales de la conferencia Southwest Texas así como con mentores y pastores que los apoyaron. Áreas de concentración fueron la reflexión teológica, formación espiritual, relaciones de pacto, y liderazgo. Aunque reconocemos que ninguna herramienta es totalmente perfecta, también reconocemos que el participar en RIM fue una experiencia que Dios usó para darle apoyo y seguimiento a los miembros provisionales. Los miembros provisionales de nuestra conferencia que participaron fueron: Alicia Campos, Bill Davis, Ella Luna, y David Sánchez.

La JMO se volvió a reunir el 28-29 de abril del presente año en Corpus Christi, TX, en donde fueron entrevistados los miembros provisionales ya mencionados en su proceso hacia la ordenación. Asimismo, fueron entrevistados tres candidatos certificados para ser comisionados como miembros provisionales; estos son Juan Cantú, Ricardo Rubio, y Maribel Vásquez. Oramos y seguimos apoyando a nuestra seminarista, Rebekah H. Flores, que está estudiando en el seminario de Asbury en Wilmore, KY.

Durante este año conferencial, el Señor llamó a su presencia a los siguientes siervos de Dios: Miguel Ramírez, Raúl Salazar, José Vásquez, y Brígido Vera. Celebramos sus vidas y ministerios y nos gozamos que han recibido el premio supremo de la vida eterna con nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo. Alabamos a Dios también por las vidas de las siguientes esposas de pastor que también fueron llamadas a la presencia de Dios: Rosemarie Cabrales, Sara Lucano, y Estella Velásquez.

Hermanos y hermanas, rogamos a Dios que él nos siga iluminando para hacer su voluntad, no solo en el área de la JMO, pero en todas las áreas de trabajo de la conferencia. Agradezco a cada miembro de la JMO ya que sin ellos, el trabajo realizado sería imposible. Agradezco también al Obispo Dorff por su valioso liderazgo y apoyo.

Siendo que este será el último reporte conferencial de la JMO de la Conferencia del Río Grande, me resta darle honra y gloria a Dios por la bendición y oportunidad de haber presidido esta Junta durante este tiempo. Mi fe es que el Dios que ha estado con nosotros, continuará con nosotros y veremos la gloria de Dios porque Jesús mismo nos prometió que "El que en mí cree, las obras que yo hago, él también las hará; y aún mayores hará..."

¡Que la unción de Dios sea sobre la Conferencia Río Texas al continuar edificando el Reino de Dios!

Rev. David Blanco, Presidente, Junta de Ministerio Ordenado, Conferencia Río Grande

REPORTE 2014 CMUA / UMCOR 2014 REPORT

Coordinador del Comité de Respuesta en Tiempos de Desastres Naturales

Gracias a Dios por permitirme el privilegio de servir como el Coordinador Conferencial del Comité de Respuestas en Tiempos de Desastres Naturales. Durante este año, al igual que otros años, los desastres naturales han afectado a nuestra Conferencia por medio de incendios y crecientes. Seguimos trabajando juntos con Southwest Texas Conference en la recuperación a largo plazo. En el sur de Texas todavía hay más de 400 casas afectadas por crecientes, aparte de las casas afectadas por incendios. Hay mucho trabajo por delante y necesitamos su apoyo a través de la ofrenda "One Great Hour of Sharing / Una Gran Hora para Compartir" que permite que todo el dinero que se recoge para los desastres naturales, el 100% se mande al lugar afectado. Gracias a las Iglesias que recabaron esta ofrenda. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) está por todo el mundo donde hay un desastre, gracias a esta ofrenda. Mi hermano-a) ¿quien es UMCOR? UMCOR es usted por medio de esta ofrenda. Mil Gracias.

Gracias a Dios que pudimos asistir al entrenamiento de Jurisdicción Surcentral en Mt. Sequoyah en Fayetteville, AK en octubre del 2013 su servidor Javier Leyva y Gilbert Escamilla. Fue de gran bendición. En abril 2013 asistí a una reunión Southwest Texas Conference en San Antonio. El Hno. Dr. Eugene Hileman y su servidor hemos estado en contacto y trabajando juntos para dar entrenamientos a ambas conferencias sobre planificación de la iglesia local de tener un plan en caso de un desastre y también sobre entrenamiento de personas en cómo responder a un desastre. Esto se llevó a cabo en abril del 2013.

Hemos trasferido un dinero (\$10,000) de UMCOR a la Conferencia de Central Texas para la ayuda de largo plazo en West, TX (explosión de la una planta).

Esperamos que los tiempos que vienen no tengamos desastres pero si llegan estamos listos para ayudar y servir al necesitado. Nuevamente doy gracias a Dios por sus bendiciones en medio de los desastres.

Su servidor,

Javier Leyva, Coordinador Conferencial

COMISIÓN DE COMPENSACION EQUITATIVA / EQUITABLE COMPENSATION COMMISSION
MESA DE RECURSOS FINANCIEROS

Conferencia Anual 2014 de La Conferencia Río Grande

Reconocimientos:

Reconocemos el Sr. Obispo Jim Dorff y los Superintendentes en la implementación de la compensación equitativa. Damos gracias a Dios por el trabajo de nuestra tesorera, Margie Trafton, al presentar propuestas y velar por la interpretación del ministerio de nuestra Conferencia a diferentes niveles de la Iglesia. De igual manera doy gracias a Dios por las personas miembros de la Comisión de Salarios Equitativos y la Mesa de Recursos Financieros por su apoyo.

Recomendaciones:

1. Que para este año **2014**, la compensación mínima para Pastor Local (no incluyendo gastos profesionales no específicamente presupuestados en iglesias de sostén propio) sea **\$31,290**, retroactivo al principio del año. Esto es necesario para poder asegurar que estos pastores de tiempo completo califiquen para el Plan de Protección Completo (CPP) de la Junta de Pensiones.
2. Que para el año **2015**, la compensación mínima de los clérigos/as en activo y que sea entendida de la siguiente forma:
 - a. Plena Conexión, Diácono o Presbítero: **\$38,000** (Para iglesias de sostenimiento propio no incluyendo gastos profesionales tales como Seguro Social, seguro médico, gastos de auto, etc. Los salarios pastorales en iglesias con sostén misionero incluyen gastos profesionales presupuestados tales como Seguro Social y gastos de auto.)
 - b. Pastor/a Asociado o Presbítero Provisional: **\$35,200** (no incluyendo gastos profesionales no específicamente presupuestados en iglesias de sostenimiento propio.)
 - c. Pastor/a Local: **\$32,100** (NO incluyendo gastos profesionales no específicamente presupuestados en iglesias de sostén propio.)
3. De acuerdo con el (¶358.6) de la *Disciplina* (2008) un ministro ordenado será elegible a recibir un nombramiento todo y cuando sea ofrecido por el Sr. Obispo y el Gabinete. Un ministro jubilado con nombramiento a un cargo pastoral, no tendrá un reclamo la compensación mínima, ni a crédito sobre años de servicio.
4. Que se añada a los requisitos para iglesias locales y cargos pastorales (ya aprobados en febrero 2014) el siguiente requisito: "Para ser elegible para participar cada cargo pastoral describirá su campo misionero al que la iglesia o cargo ha sido llamado a relacionarse y que metas misionales, estrategias, y planes específicos tiene la iglesia o cargo pastoral para alcanzar su campo misionero."

COMISIÓN DE ARCHIVO E HISTORIA - COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

Report to the Rio Grande Annual Conference, April 18, 2014

The history of the Rio Grande Annual Conference includes churches in northern Mexico, because for the first few decades, the predecessor conference of the Rio Grande Conference had districts in both Texas and northern Mexico. In order to have a more accurate and comprehensive history of our conference, we need to take account of the history of Methodism in northern Mexico. During the year, with the help of Rev. Edgar Avitia, we sent a request to pastors in the Methodist Church in Mexico to send us biographies of important historical figures from their churches, and also to send us church histories of their local churches. I would like to extend that request to the members of our Rio Grande Conference annual conference. If you have documents that tell the history of your local church, or the history of a member of your church, please send them to the members of this commission.

I would like to remind you of the instructions for disposing of the records and documents of local churches. ¶12549.4 of the 2012 United Methodist Discipline, which states: *“All the deeds, records, and other official and legal papers, including the contents of the cornerstone, of a church that is so declared to be abandoned or otherwise discontinued shall be collected by the district superintendent in whose district said church was located and shall be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the commission on archives and history of the annual conference.”*

To implement this disciplinary requirement, I have asked the bishop and superintendents to inform the Commission on Archives and History of the closure of recent and future churches so that we can make sure the records and documents of those churches can be relocated to the conference archives at Bridwell Library in Perkins School of Theology.

In April, the chair of the Commission received the records and documents from the former Western District and Northwestern District of the conference and deposited those records in the conference archives, located at Bridwell Library, at Perkins School of Theology.

The chair of the Conference Commission on Archives and History and the conference archivist, Rev. Dr. Daniel Flores, the conference archivist, continue to serve on a denomination-wide commission of scholars and clergy who have been working on preserving the history of Hispanic United Methodists. By action of the General Commission on Archives & History, this work group is now officially designated The Advisory Committee on Hispanic/Latino Church History. The commission is chaired by the Rev. Dr. David Maldonado. This commission has supported the work of the chair of the commission, Paul Barton, in his work to write a history of the Rio Grande Conference. We hope to distribute a copy of the history of the conference to delegates of the new Rio Texas annual conference in 2015.

This past year Dr. Flores published *“Inside Hispanic Evangelicals: Cultural Roots of Hispanic Evangelical Religion”* and *“Altar Call: Six Steps to Deeper Life in the Spirit”*. Both books reflect on our history and distinctive elements of ministry in our conference. He serves as a Commissioner of General Commission on Archives and History, Vice-President of the Texas United Methodist Historical Society, and Chair of the Diversity Committee for the American Theological Librarian Association.

As the conference archivist, Rev. Flores wants to help preserve the history of the conference by inviting persons to send him photographs of both historical persons, contemporary persons, and church buildings. He will scan photographs sent to him and enter into them into the conference archives. He is also available to train persons to preserve the history of local churches.

The Rio Grande Conference Archives will continue to be processed and housed at the SMU-Perkins Bridwell Library after the creation of Rio Texas Conference. However, it is more urgent than ever that we receive your church photographs, histories of your local churches and individuals, and closed church records for posterity.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Paul Barton, Ph.D., Chair

Members of the Commission: Rev. Dr. Paul Barton (Conference Historian and Chair), Rev. Dr. Daniel Flores (Conference Archivist), Rev. Anna Soltero, Romeo Escobar, Lisa Oliver and Isabel Robbins

ASOCIACION DE ESPOSAS-OS DE PASTORES-AS / CLERGY SPOUSES ASSOCIATION

Junio 2014

Sr. Obispo James E. Dorff y miembros de esta Conferencia,

Estoy aquí para compartir con ustedes una historia que pasó hace muchos años en nuestra querida Conferencia Río Grande. Este año esta asociación celebra 63 años de existir activa. Hoy comparto con ustedes lo que he oído, he visto, experimentado.

Cuando la conferencia tenía una Escuela de Pastores cada verano en Kerrville a la cual asistían los ministros y sus familias, esta era una buena oportunidad para conocernos y gozar del compañerismo. Los pastores y sus esposas participaban de entrenamientos y estudios. Una tarde platicando en el famoso Kiosco principia la conversación ¿por qué nosotras no organizamos una Asociación, y tenemos estudios que nos ayuden como esposas de ministros?

“Manos a la Obra” ese mismo día sin que los pastores se dieran cuenta se nombraron los oficiales. Primera presidenta, Clotilde Falcón Nájuez. En el 1951 se organizó oficialmente la Asociación de Esposas de Ministros.

Reportaron a la Escuela de Pastores y pidieron que los oficiales de la Asociación participaran cuando se planeaba el programa de la Escuela de Pastores. Fue aprobado.

El primer banquete de 1952 durante la conferencia anual en Edinburg, Texas . El Obispo Frank Smith dejó este pensamiento: “El éxito o fracaso de un ministro depende de su esposa”.

En las conferencias anuales las esposas presentaron flores, y cantos en el piso de la conferencia. Eran días de mucho gozo para todos.

La Asociación siguió con la conversación: ¿Se necesita hacer más? El sueño se hizo una realidad en la Conferencia Anual. Se votó a favor que nuestra Asociación fuese oficialmente reconocida como una organización, y con privilegio para votar, y presentar anualmente informes. Y fue aprobado.

En el 1991, la Asociación de Esposas de Pastoras/es, solicita al Gabinete de la Conferencia que exija una mejor calidad en las casas pastorales. Hubo respuestas a esta petición y se envió a las iglesias el documento “Requisitos Para Una Casa Pastoral.”

En el 1995 se delineó el propósito de la Asociación, presupuesto y metas. Se estableció el fondo de becas escolares, para ayudar a esposas/os. En la jubilación de los ministros, se le presenta el certificado de agradecimiento a la esposa por su dedicación y ministerio.

En cada conferencia se celebraba con una comida y programas.

El propósito de la Asociación fue de ayudar a fortalecer a la Familia Pastoral. Siempre estar al tanto de lo que pasaba en nuestras familias. Orar y mandado tarjetas . Hemos sido una Asociación que nos preocupamos por cada familia.

“Hoy celebramos años de servicio ser mujeres, esposas de pastor. Siempre apoyando con lealtad y amor. Siempre una líder lista a trabajar.”

El pastorado no ha sido fácil, hay que acoplarse a tanta situación, pero también hay muchas recompensas.

Hemos terminado una jornada, pero vamos a comenzar un nueva jornada con nuestras amigas nuevas de Southwest Conference. Vamos a tener la oportunidad para conocernos, y gozar del compañerismo en estos días. Personalmente, yo les animo que compartamos, y trabajemos juntas con ellas.

Expreso mi gratitud, a Dios, y mis amigas en Cristo, por darme esta oportunidad de servir en esta Asociación, y ser presidenta por segunda vez. Pero nunca pensaba que yo iba ser esta despedida.

Presidenta: Jesusita Ponce

SECCIÓN G. INFORMES DE LOS SUPERINTENDENTES (¶1606.3G)

Informe a la Conferencia del Río Grande, Junio 12-14, 2014, Corpus Christi, Texas

Estimado Obispo Jim Dorff, respetables miembros de nuestra Conferencia Anual Río Grande: Una vez más es un honor dirigirnos a ustedes con este informe y mencionar que como superintendentes hemos procurado trabajar en una forma honesta, comprometida y fiel al llamado que recibimos de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Sinceramente queremos decir que ha sido un reto para nosotros trabajar tres distritos con solamente un superintendente de tiempo completo y uno de tiempo parcial; sin embargo, hemos hecho lo mejor posible para realizar nuestro cometido.

En el Distrito Noroeste se realizaron las conferencias de cargo en cada una de las iglesias y la mayoría de las congregaciones decidieron que es mejor para ellos y el campos misionero que tienen por delante, el ser transferidas a las conferencias en la cual se encuentran geográficamente ubicadas. Respecto a este asunto la Junta de Síndicos hará la presentación respectiva de la petición de transferencia de dichas congregaciones para la aprobación de ésta conferencia.

En la Iglesia Emmanuel de El Paso se realizó por primera vez un servicio memorial para los deambulantes y disidentes del área. El evento llamado "Light Up the Night" fue organizado junto al Centro Familiar de Salud - San Vicente. Este evento fue apoyado por tres organizaciones: The National Coalition for the Homeless, the Nacional Consumer Advisory Board and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council. La asistencia fue de aproximadamente 125 de los cuales el 75% eran deambulantes. También se distribuyeron chamarras, ropa y zapatos, se pusieron vacunas y tuvieron una cena. En este mismo lugar de tuvo un evento de distribución de "frazadas" y "medical health kits".

En el área de El Paso se realizó un evento en el cual participaron todas las congregaciones. El evento se llamó *EDE Equipando Discípulos para la Excelencia*, a este evento asistieron más de 50 personas, a la vez que participaron pastores de la Conferencia Río Grande como de la Conferencia de Nuevo México. Aunado a esto, se tuvo *EYE Equipando Jóvenes para la Excelencia* y *EKE Equipando Niños para la Excelencia*. Este grupo esta con mucho entusiasmo preparándose para el evento que se tendrá el año próximo.

La Iglesia el Calvario de Las Cruces, en cooperación con la organización "Maná del Cielo," realizaron un evento en la colonia San Antonio de Ciudad Juárez. A éste evento evangelístico asistieron cerca de 60 niños a los cuales se les dieron juguetes, ropa y comida, desde luego sin faltar la enseñanza de la palabra de Dios. Nuestra eterna gratitud al Rev. Conrado Soltero y a su Esposa Anna por la ayuda tan desinteresada, efectiva y de excelencia que han prestado ayudando a supervisar el área de El Paso. Ellos incansablemente asistieron en las conferencias de cargo a la vez que en la intervención primaria de los asuntos relacionados con el Distrito. Dios Bendiga grandemente a estos siervos del Señor.

En el Distrito Central algunos CMTs aún continúan activos y uno de ellos tuvo un evento evangelístico y de discipulado con resultados realmente sorprendentes, mientras que el CMT de San Antonio ha continuado sirviendo a la comunidad con clases de Inglés como segundo idioma en la Iglesia Emmanuel y en El Divino Salvador. Iglesias como Westlawn y Emmanuel han implementado, en cooperación con las Enfermeras Wesley, programas de ejercicios, clases para los padres y el programa llamado Rethink Mercy, a través de los cuales el testimonio de la salvación es presentado y gracias a Dios personas nuevas se están añadiendo a las comunidades de fe.

Los culto unidos en el área de San Antonio han tenido un giro de 180 grados en cuanto a su estilo y asistencia. La Alianza de Pastores del Área de San Antonio decidió que es importante tener algo para los jóvenes por lo menos cada tres meses y como resultado de esto, la asistencia a los servicio unidos ha aumentado considerablemente. A esto hay que agregarle que se ha invitado a iglesia y pastores de la conferencia hermana y esto ha fortalecido la asistencia así como la amistad y compañerismo de éstas congregaciones.

Muy efectivamente se continúa con los retiros espirituales de nuestros Jóvenes gracias a la dirección de nuestro hermano Cisco Leyva. En el último retiros de otoño y de primavera, un vasto número de jóvenes han sido bendecidos en estas reuniones. Una de las actividades que hemos procurado tener es la participación conjunta de las iglesia del área en eventos con SWTX tales como Professional Meeting, pues creemos que esto nos acerca más hacia lo que será en el futuro la nueva Conferencia Río Texas.

A pesar de sus escasos recursos iglesias como Oak Grove ha logrado implementar un programa de Inglés como Segundo Idioma y no sólo eso, en el mes de marzo lograron graduar a 10 personas del programa de GED. De esas personas algunos ya se han hecho miembros de la iglesia y participan activamente cada domingo.

El Distrito Sur ha continuado con su ministerio, desarrollo y crecimiento. Gracias al Señor se realizaron las Conferencias de Cargo, las reuniones de Alianza de Pastores, los Cultos Unidos donde se invita y participar a pastores y miembros del Distrito Sur y de McAllen. Se tuvo un dialogo sobre la Unificación con ambos Distritos en la Iglesia El Buen Pastor de Edinburg. De igual manera hubo participación conjunta en adiestramientos de finanzas, Síndicos y SPPRC. Cabe también señalar que iglesias como

El Divino Redentor de McAllen, El Mesías de Mission y la Santísima Trinidad de Weslaco, junto con sus jóvenes sirvieron incansablemente en las escuelas de la comunidad del Distrito de McAllen en S.O.S.

Las misiones Los Naranjos en El Valle cumplió en Abril cuatro años y Los Ébanos tres años de servicio y crecimiento ministerial. Agradecemos el apoyo del obispo James Dorff y la Obispo Huie, quienes apoyaron y participaron en trabajos comunitarios, en construcción y reparación en hogares y en servicios de agradecimiento y celebración. La Misión La Mesa continúa con proyectos nuevos, donde han hecho mejoras de construcción en varias casas para tener hogares dignos que mejoran la autoestima de nuestros miembros. Mediante estas construcciones se está alcanzando una nueva Colonia «Los Comanches», y «Los Vecinos»- en el alcance comunitario con los niños. Se han realizado mejoras en los edificios de La Mesa y se ha provisto para un ministerio nuevo de apoyo y refugio a mujeres víctimas de violencia doméstica además de entrega de alimentos a familias en pobreza. En este ministerio de santidad social, varias iglesias del distrito mantienen «food pantry» ellas son: El Mesías - Mission; Kelsey Memorial - Corpus Christi, El Divino Redentor - McAllen, y comida en la colonia el Paraíso.

Otra maravillosa celebración han sido el centenario de: «La Trinidad» - Pharr, la cual se mantuvo durante todo el 2013, culminando con banquete y culto de agradecimiento, contando con la presencia del Obispo Jim Dorff, fue en este servicio de celebración donde 13 jóvenes fueron confirmados y seis de ellos bautizados por el obispo Dorff, Rev. Laura Merrill y la pastora Rev. Nydia Jara. La otras iglesias de la conferencia que celebraron su centenario fueron El Buen Pastor de Edinburg con banquete y culto de celebración y El Mesías de Floresville con una regia celebración en el Convention Center de la ciudad en la cual predicó el Obispo Jim Dorff.

Debemos añadir que durante este año se restauraron las facilidades de La Capilla el Capote y por su contenido histórico en relación a la Conferencia de Rio Grande, nuevamente el Obispo J. Dorff, Rev. Dr. Roberto Gómez y la superintendente fueron parte de éstas celebraciones. En este reporte es necesario reconocer los 90 años de ministerio y servicio de «La Santísima Trinidad» de Weslaco. Allí tuvieron un glorioso servicio, reconocimientos y banquete. Líderes de ambos distritos estuvieron presentes sin faltar la predicación de la palabra por las Superintendente Rev. Nydia Jara.

En este mismo distrito se ha continuado con E.T.E.L. y CMT's con resultados muy positivos en el Retiro de Niños de noviembre con una asistencia de 90 participantes y staff. Agradecemos la colaboración y coordinación del Rev. Carlos Zamora. Nuestros niños quedaron muy motivados y bendecidos con ésta actividad. La Academia de Predicadores fue una estupenda y sorprendente experiencia gracias a la participación del laicado y pastores del distrito en la presentación de temas. Un logro prácticamente inesperado al entregar certificados de Oratoria Laica a setenta y seis laicos que estuvieron presentes por espacio de seis sábados durante febrero y marzo, 2014. Siendo éste nuestro nuevo semillero de líderes y laicos llamados a la misión hacia la nueva conferencia. Agradecemos públicamente a pastores participantes en ser expositores y a pastores/as presentes en apoyo a los laicos y al Distrito. Continuando en seguimiento a la Academia, la Rev. Lupina Villalpando- Stuart, presentó un Taller Misional, enfocado en como plantar nuevas Comunidades de Fe.

La tarea misional es nuestra meta y en ello celebramos el «Concierto de Bandas Distrital» en el parque Sheridan, alcanzando vidas para Cristo. En el liderato de pastores y laicos logramos presentar el evangelio mediante música, alabanzas, y testimonio público de nuestra fe. El Distrito Sur, posee entre sus congregaciones líderes pastorales y laicos que han permitido éste logro durante nuestro último año conferencial.

Como Superintendentes agradecemos a nuestro Supremo Dios, a nuestro Obispo y a todos los colegas y laicos por esta experiencia tan enriquecedora en lo personal y ministerial. Creemos que la tarea no ha terminado, al contrario ahora es cuando realmente comienza. El futuro se ve brillante porque sabemos que juntos en una nueva conferencia alcanzaremos el campo misionero que el Señor ha puesto a nuestro alcance.

Por Cristo y su Misión: Respetuosamente presentado,

Superintendentes de Distrito,
Rev. Nydia Irizarry – Jara

Rev. Francisco Campos

SECCIÓN H. SECCIÓN MEMORIAL (¶606.3H)**IN MEMORIAM****Raúl Salazar**

30 de octubre de 1915 – 23 de julio del 2013

Raul Salazar was born October 30, 1915 in Laredo, Texas; he passed away Tuesday, July 23, 2013; he was 97 years old. One of 12 siblings, his ministry and faithfulness to God inspired countless people; for more than 70 years, he served his churches and his conference with pride and commitment. Rev. Salazar served the Rio Grande Conference in ministry appointments in the Central, Northwest and Southern Districts including El Divino Salvador/El Mesias; Edinburg/Elsa; El Mesias, El Paso; Socorro; Roswell; Artesia; Carlsbad; El Mesias, Houston; Emmanuel, Austin; El Buen Samaritano, Dallas; Kelsey Memorial, Corpus Christi; and El Buen Pastor, Brownsville. Rev. Salazar also served as Conference Executive Secretary of Christian Education and Central District Superintendent. He retired on June 9th, 1985.

Rev. Salazar is preceded in death by his parents Francisco and Francisca H. Salazar; brothers Fernando, Edmundo H., Andres, Aurelio and Gilberto; sisters Justa Salazar, Leonor Esquivel, Angelica S. Reyes, Elena Gonzales; uncle Aurelio Herrera; aunt Chavelita Herrera; and his first wife Maria de la Luz Salazar.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years the Rev. Gloria Salazar; his sister Lilia S. Rogers; sons Eliud Rios, David Salazar, Rodolfo Rosales (and spouse Sarah); Walter Rosales (and spouse Christa); and daughter Gloria Fletcher (and spouse John); grandchildren Brittani, Ashlei and Nathan Fletcher; Judah Rosales and Baby Rosales; nephews Fernando J. Salazar (and spouse Allison); Rev. Mario Parga (and spouse Carol); Andres Salazar (and spouse Kathy); Santos Reyes (and spouse Marie); nieces Martha Salazar, Cynthia Winters (and spouse Steve); Sonia Torres, Irma Callejas, Ruth Edgell (and spouse Dale); Lilia Lozano (and spouse Porfirio); Sylvia Parga; Cindy Salazar; Yvonne Salazar; Elida A. Latigo (and spouse Rogelio); Ida Esquivel; Gloria Sasse; and Dora Feyrer (and spouse John); and numerous beloved great nephews and nieces.

Memorial service was held on July 27th, 2013 at Emanuel UMC, San Antonio, TX; internment service followed immediately after, at San Fernando Cemetery, #3.

Memorial gifts in Rev. Salazar's memory may be sent to Lydia Patterson Institute, 517 S. Florence, El Paso TX 79940, or to Emanuel UMC, 3225 W. Poplar, San Antonio, TX 78210.

Jose J. Vásquez

9 de mayo de 1923 – 14 de enero del 2014

Jose J. Vasquez. Rev. Jose J. Vasquez, 90, of San Angelo, Texas passed away Monday, January 13, 2014. He was born May 9, 1923, in San Antonio, Texas.

Brother Vasquez, as he was dearly known, served his ministry with both the Rio Grande and Southwest Texas Conferences of the United Methodist Church. He served in World War II with the Army as well where he received the Purple Heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents Florencio and Ysidra Vasquez; brothers Samuel Vasquez, Luis Vasquez and Juan Vasquez, and sisters, Elena Sanchez, and Lola Vasquez.

Survivors include his daughters, Noemi Vasquez, and Raquel Vasquez-Rosas and husband Marco A Rosas Sr.; grandchildren Rachel E. Vasquez, M.J. Rosas Sr., Valerie A. Hernandez, D. Renae Hernandez, Gabriella Rosas; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A visitation was held Friday, January 17, 2014 at Johnson's Funeral Home with funeral service Saturday, January 18, 2014, 2:00p.m at the Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel in San Angelo, Texas Descansa en Paz el Rev. José Vásquez

Miguel Ramírez

15 de agosto de 1917 – 4 de febrero del 2014

Miguel Ramírez Rev. Miguel C. Ramirez, 96, died February 24, 2014. He had been a resident of Wesley Health Care Center in Saratoga Springs, NY. He was a resident of Greenwich, NY since December 2010. He was originally from Pearsall, TX.

He was born in Brownsville, Texas on August 15, 1917. He was the son of Apolonia Cruz and Cristobal Ramirez. He was predeceased by his wife, Raquel Ramirez. Rev. Ramirez was a retired minister from the Rio Grande Conference of Texas and New Mexico. Prior to his becoming a minister, he was known as a master chef for major hotels in San Antonio, once being celebrated as one of the top ten chefs in the nation. As a minister he was written about in the book Spanish Doorways and there is a video of his beginning ministry in the film "A Measure of Success". In the Rio Grande Conference he was well known for his accomplishments. While in New York after his retirement, he was guest preacher at Easton United Methodist Church, North Cambridge (The Stump) United Methodist and Centenary United Methodist Church in Greenwich, NY. He was also guest preacher in Manchester, VT. He spent his life after retirement ministering to those in nursing homes. He had a zest for life. At the age of 94 he was out riding four wheelers and tractors.

He is survived by his children, Maxine, Dolores, Michael, Linda, Samuel, George, Leo Alan, and Rev. Abraham Ramirez. He has 22 grandchildren and 42 great grandchildren; 2 sisters, Evangelina Quiroz from Florida, Reyes Guzman from Garland, and a brother Faustino Ramirez who resides in Brownsville, TX. He was predeceased by 2 brothers and one sister.

He was a WWII Veteran, belonged to the VFW Post #8936 in San Antonio, and the American Legion Post #2 in San Antonio, he transferred to Greenwich, NY VFW Post #7291, as a life member and the American Legion Post #515 of Greenwich, NY of which he was made a life member. He received the Good Conduct Medal, the EAME Campaign Medals with 2 Bronze Stars and the American Defense Service Medal. He was in the Battle of the Bulge and also at Remegen Bridge.

His service will be at La Trinidad United Methodist Church in San Antonio, Texas on March 9, 2014 and burial will be in the Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, TX.

Brígido Vera

18 de diciembre de 1926 – 14 de abril del 2014

Rev. Brigido Vera, was born on December 18, 1926 in Encrucijada, Las Villas, Cuba, the son of Canary Islanders Dionisio Vera and Virgilia Perez. He married Amada Norma Triana-Marrero in Holguin, Oriente, Cuba. Through that union, they had three children, Joel David Vera, Ruth Nanna Vera, and Daniel Vera.

As a young man he was very involved in social welfare and agrarian reform causes. Always working to better the lives of people around the farming community in which he lived.

He was called to the ministry at age 22 and left politics to attend the "Los Pinos Nuevos" Seminary in Las Villas, Cuba. Upon graduation, he served as a missionary in the highlands of Cuba – the same part of the island where Fidel Castro was fomenting revolution. In 1960, after the birth of his first son, he and Norma decided to leave and on February 6, 1962, they left the island seeking political asylum upon arriving in the United States.

Miami was a short waypoint and three months later, the three found themselves in Chicago with Brigido and Norma working in a plastics factory and learning to adjust to a new life in a country with a completely different language, customs and traditions.

Although he was paid very well as a factory worker, his calling was first and foremost the Church. Eventually, he was called to serve in the Rio Grande Annual Conference, ministering to Spanish-speaking congregations in the United Methodist Church. Brigido served as minister to El Buen Samaritano Methodist Church in Kenedy, Texas, El Buen Pastor Methodist Church in Kingsville, Texas, Bethel United Methodist Church in Raymondville, Texas.

He was ordained an Elder in the United Methodist Church in 1972 and served 12 years as pastor of El Buen Pastor United Methodist Church in Corpus Christi. In 1981 he was transferred to serve El Buen Samaritano United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas and first retired after serving El Buen Pastor United Methodist Church in Seguin,

Texas. After retirement, he continued pastoral work with the Spanish-speaking congregations of First United Methodist church in Irving, Texas, St. Paul United Methodist Church in Fort Worth, Texas and came out of retirement to serve two final years at El Buen Samaritano United Methodist Church in Dallas.

Throughout his life he selflessly attended to the religious and pastoral needs of his parishioners. He was there for them during the high and low points in life, those times of celebration and of deep sadness. At all hours of the day or night his parishioners knew he could be relied upon to serve not only his congregations, but all those in need.

In addition to caring for the religious needs of his community, he was an indefatigable advocate for educational opportunities for minority children believing that the church had an obligation to educate children for professional occupations and looked ahead to the expanded role of minorities in government.

In 1965 he successfully began one of the first Head Start programs in South Texas serving the Spanish speaking migrant farmworker communities. With the exception of the Dallas Church, he made it a goal to establish a kindergarten program and scholarship funds.

He is preceded in death by his father Dionicio Vera Perez, mother Virgilia Perez Barroso, and by his brothers Arturo Vera, Luis Vera, Ramon Vera, and sister, Fe Vera de Gomez. He is survived by his wife, Norma Vera. His son, Dr. Joel David Vera and spouse Anabel Echazarreta; daughter Ruth Norma Vera; and son Daniel Vera and spouse Peter Montgomery. His surviving siblings include, Gilberta Vera, Dr. Librado Vera, Eumelia Vera de Gomez, Roberto Vera and Ignacio Vera.

A service recognizing his forty-plus years of work for the Church will be held at First United Methodist Church, Duncanville, Texas on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 2 10:00 a.m. viewing at 9:00.

Joel David Vera

Rosemarie Cabrales

9 de abril de 1939 – 14 de febrero del 2014

Rosemarie Cabrales. Beloved wife and faithful friend of Rev. Abraham Cabrales. Hna. Cabrales was born on April 11, 1939 and passed away on February 14, 2014 in Port Arthur, TX at the age of 73 after extended health problems.

Rosemarie met Abraham Cabrales when he was holding services at La Capilla del Señor in Pharr and they married July 2, 1956. After that, they served in Gomez Palacios Durango, Mexico and Palo Blanco, Tamaulipas. In 1959 they came to serve in the Rio Grande Conference in Hargill/Faysville, Eagle Pass, Robstown, El Paso, Van Horn, Roswell, Sión in Galveston, Príncipe de Paz, Del Rio, Getsemaní Port Arthur, Bryan, El Buen Samaritano San Antonio, and Port Arthur from where they retired after 40 years of service.

She is survived by her husband, Rev. Abraham Cabrales and six daughters - Rosemarie Chavira (and spouse Frank); Eunice Contreras (and spouse Tony); Smirna Avendaño (and spouse Carlos); Miriam Cardona (and spouse Antonio); Amada Reyes (and spouse Benny); and Cristina Marquez (and spouse Everardo).

Surviving grandchildren include - Maria, Ana, Franky and Paul Chavira; Janice and Aaron Contreras; Tiffany and Victoria Avendaño, Sebastian and Issa Cardona; Jasmin Reyes; Everardo, Lizette and Isaac Marquez.

Surviving great grandchildren include Gabby and Franky Chavira; Dylan and Sofia Hernandez; Nevaeh and Ayden Marshall; Christopher Cardona, and Liam Marquez.

A memorial service lead by Rev. Jose Mora was held at Getsemani UMC in Port Arthur on Saturday, February 23, 2014 at 4:00pm (after the cremation).

Rest in Peace sister Rosemarie Cabrales.

Sara Lucano

9 de diciembre de 1928 – 9 de agosto 2013

Sara Vásquez nació en la ciudad de San Antonio, Texas al Sr Eleuterio Vázquez e Ignacia Ruiz el 9 de diciembre de 1928. Después de sus estudios primarios, Sara graduó del Fox Tech High School e inmediatamente se registró en el

Instituto Bíblico Nazareno para ser misionera. Fue allí donde conoció y se enamoró de Alfredo Lucano el cual era uno de los estudiantes al ministerio. Después de un corto noviazgo contrajeron matrimonio el 6 de junio de 1953.

Sara fielmente acompañó a su esposo Alfredo durante todo su ministerio el cual comenzó en la Iglesia del Nazareno en Guadalajara Jalisco y después continuó en la Conferencia Río Grande. Esto los llevó a lugares tales como Tucumcari en el norte de Nuevo México, así como Pharr en el sur de la Conferencia.

Al matrimonio Lucano Dios les concedió 5 hijos y como resultado de esto, Sara vio la necesidad de ser una educadora; razón por la cual se registró en Texas A & M de Kinsgville donde completó sus estudios universitarios. Una vez graduada, Sara dedicó su vida a la enseñanza en lo que trabajó por trece años hasta su retiro en el año 2005 mientras servían como pastores en El Divino Salvador en Odessa, Texas.

Sara no permaneció inactiva después de su retiro sino que sirvió como líder en la Primera Iglesia del Nazareno en Andrew, Texas. Allí fue pianista a la vez que responsable del ministerio de niños y con la ayuda de varias personas de la congregación formó la biblioteca de niños en esa comunidad de fe. Ella era también miembro del Club de Música de Odessa.

Sara amó la música, tocar el piano, enseñar a los jóvenes, dedicar tiempo a su familia y la compañía de sus amigos.

Falleció a la edad de 85 años en la ciudad de Odessa, Texas el día 9 de agosto del año 2013 y sus restos mortales fueron cremados. Dios bendiga la memoria de la Hermana Sara Lucano.

Estella Velázquez

2 de febrero de 1923 – 6 de febrero 2014

La Hermana Estella Velásquez nació el 2 de Febrero de 1923 y partió a la presencia del Señor el día 6 de Febrero de año 2014 días después de haber celebrado su cumpleaños número 91.

Estella y su esposo José fueron llamados al ministerio cuando eran miembros del El Buen Pastor, hoy Emmanuel de San Antonio y juntos llevaron el evangelio en el Circuito de Dilley/Cotulla, El Buen Pastor, San Marcos, El Buen Samaritano en Kenedy, El Buen Samaritano en San Antonio y se jubilaron mientras servían en la Iglesia Palo Alto de San Antonio.

La Hermana Estela fue precedida en su muerte por su esposo el Rev. José Velásquez y le sobreviven su hija Sylvia Praga, sus hijos Daniel y Fernando y sus nietos Celinda y Jose Praga, Shenoa y Coco Velásquez e Isabela Velásquez.

El servicio memorial fue oficiado por el Rev. Arturo Mariscal en la Iglesia Metodista Unida El Buen Samaritano de San Antonio.

Los restos mortales de le Hermana Estella Velásquez fueron cremados a petición de la familia. Descansa en paz nuestra Hermana Estella.

Arsenia Martínez Paredes

14 de diciembre de 1940 - 28 de abril del 2014

Arsenia Paredes nació el 14 de diciembre de 1940 en Asunción, Paraguay, siendo su madre Ángela Godoy y su padre Pedro Martínez. Arsenia fue criada por su madre, siendo Arsenia la tercera de cuatro hermanos y hermanas: Fortunata y Marcial, quienes eran mayores y Rafael, quien era menor.

Arsenia creció involucrada en la Misión de la Amistad, proyecto relacionado a la Iglesia de los Discípulos de Cristo. Después de estudios de secundaria, estudió contabilidad por dos años y después se inscribió en la Escuela Normal de Asunción de donde se recibió como maestra y comenzó a enseñar en el programa pre-escolar de la Misión de la Amistad. En 1960, Arsenia fue a Buenos Aires a estudiar en la Facultad Evangélica de Teología (ahora ISEDET, Instituto Superior de Estudios Teológicos) donde obtuvo un grado en educación cristiana. Fue allí donde conoció a Pedro Luciano Paredes, estudiante de la Iglesia Metodista de Chile. En 1962, cada uno regreso a su respectivo país para ejercer un año de práctica, Arsenia enseñando Biblia a estudiantes de primaria en el Colegio Internacional.

En 1963, Arsenia y Pedro reanudaron sus estudios y su relación. Contrajeron matrimonio el 14 de diciembre de 1963 en la Iglesia de los Discípulos de Cristo de la Misión de Amistad en el día del cumpleaños de Arsenia. Después se fueron a Chile donde trabajaron como pareja pastoral por diez años en la Iglesia Metodista de Chile. De 1970 a

1973, Pedro fue nombrado comunicador cristiano a nivel nacional por la Junta General de Ministerios Globales y Arsenia trabajó como educadora en el Colegio Santiago donde organizó un programa diario para niños de la facultad y el personal del colegio. El proyecto tuvo éxito y las metas sobrepasaron el mero cuidado de los niños.

En 1978, el Rdo. Paredes se unió a la Conferencia del Río Grande, trasladándose de la Iglesia Metodista de Argentina, habiéndose trasladado allí de Chile en 1973. Juntos Pedro y Arsenia sirvieron iglesias en Mesquite, El Paso, Georgetown, Austin, Temple, Tulia y Port Arthur. También sirvieron seis años como misioneros en Uruguay, Arsenia como educadora bíblica a mujeres de alto riesgo y Pedro como pastor. El Rdo. Paredes se jubiló en el 2005 y fueron a vivir en Horizon City, Texas

Arsenia murió después de una larga y ardua lucha contra el cáncer el 28 de abril del 2014 a las 7:00 AM, en su casa. Sus restos fueron sepultados en Chaparral, Nuevo México.

Arsenia y Pedro criaron a dos hijas, Katia Ester Paredes y Xóchitl Ángela Paredes, ambas que la sobreviven. También la sobrevive su esposo, dos nietas quienes eran su orgullo y amor, Xoey y Lila, su yerno Joey Colarusso, su hermano Rafael Fleitas y muchas sobrinas y sobrinos quienes viven en Paraguay, su país natal, todos quienes la quieren mucho.

Ella permanecerá en nuestras mentes y corazones por siempre. Te queremos, Mami.

Katia Ester Paredes

LISTA MEMORIAL

Dentro de las filas del ministerio representativo de los cuerpos eclesiásticos a través de los cuales ha llevado a cabo su misión *La Conferencia Anual del Río Grande*, han realmente militado un sinnúmero de fieles siervos y siervas del Señor. Todas ellas y todos ellos son de grata memoria y han sido de crucial importancia para la vida de nuestra Conferencia. El presente registro memorial, empero, no pretende listar a todos los susodichos ministros y ministras, por verse sujeto a varios parámetros. Por un lado, la siguiente lista sólo hace mención de aquellas personas **que fallecieron siendo miembros** de las diversas Conferencias y Misiones que nos anteceden y la presente Conferencia. La segunda razón es que fue solo a partir de 1953 que se formalizó una pregunta disciplinaria específicamente en cuanto al fallecimiento de miembros **no** ordenados, así, se estableció el registro disciplinario mencionado sólo desde 1953 y hasta 1968 para las Diaconisas y a partir de 1959 para las pastoras y los pastores locales o suplentes y nunca se estableció dicho registro, a nivel Conferencial, para los predicadores y las predicadoras locales. Aún sin embargo, en contadas ocasiones, antes de 1959 se registraron algunos nombres de algunos hermanos y hermanas del laicado comisionados para servir como pastores y Diaconisas, en tales casos, estos han sido incluidos. Finalmente, en aquellos momentos de nuestra historia cuando el cuerpo eclesiástico al que pertenecían la mayoría de nuestros ministros y ministras era por principio tanto hispano/latino como no-hispano/latino (como el ministerio de Nuevo México), o cuando éramos Misión y la mayoría de nuestros miembros pertenecían a alguna Conferencia Anual por principio no-hispana/latina, hemos optado por incluir también a todos los compañeros y compañeras en ministerio no-hispano/latino. No obstante, hemos notado con un asterisco que, a saber, no sirvieron, por principio, en el ministerio hispano/latino por nombramiento episcopal.

MIEMBROS EN PLENA CONEXION, ASOCIADOS Y A PRUEBA

Iglesia Metodista Episcopal

Conferencia de Colorado

<i>Ministro</i>	<i>Fecha de Fallecimiento</i>	<i>Lugar de Fallecimiento</i>
Henry C. Waltz*	11 de mayo de 1877	Quincy, Illinois
Robert W. Manly*	15 de Julio de 1883	Wenona, Illinois
Ambrosio Gonzales	7 de octubre de 1884	Peralta, N.M.
John Wilson*	1884-1885	Denver, Colorado ?
John Stocks*	19 de septiembre de 1886	Black Hawk, Colorado
F.C. Millington*	27 de diciembre de 1887	Denver, Colorado
C. C. Zebold*	9 de mayo de 1888	Monte Vista, Calif.
Benito García	junio de 1888	

Cristóbal Salazar	1890	Hillsboro, New Mexico
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Misión de Nuevo México

Ministro	Fecha de Fallecimiento	Lugar de Fallecimiento
Ambrosio Gonzales	7 de octubre de 1884	Peralta, New Mexico

Misión Española de Nuevo México

Ministro	Fecha de Fallecimiento	Lugar de Fallecimiento
Benito García	junio de 1888	
Cristóbal Salazar	1890	Hillsboro, New México

Conferencia Española de Nuevo México

Ministro	Fecha de Fallecimiento	Lugar de Fallecimiento
Juan García	12 de junio de 1898	Peralta, New México
Sylvestre García	16 de abril de 1900	Albuquerque, N. M. ?
Federico B. García	18 de abril de 1900	Albuquerque, N. M. ?
Lachoneous Frampton	19 de febrero de 1901	Ocate, New México
Juan Benito Sánchez	24 de septiembre de 1903	Costilla, New México
Blas Gutiérrez	6 de febrero de 1905	Valverde, New México
Bartolomé Gonzales	Septiembre de 1908	Pensaco, New México
Andrés A. Maes	1908	
Esilso Celso Salazar	7 de septiembre de 1911	Columbus, New México
Leandro Romero	14 de febrero de 1913	Clayton, New México
Eral Albert Roberts	4 de junio de 1914	Ratón, New México

Conferencia de Nuevo México

Ministro	Fecha de Fallecimiento	Lugar de Fallecimiento
Agapito Mares	1º de abril de 1915	Clayton, New Mexico
William W. Havens*	1915	Santa Monica, California
Thomas H. Harwood	31 de diciembre de 1916	Albuquerque, New México ?
Juan Sandoval	19 de julio de 1917	Trinidad, New México
Cruz J. Martínez	1917-1918	
Jesse Lowell Meredith*	18 de octubre de 1918	Smith Center, Kansas
Camilo Varos	1919	
W. A. Parkinson	1922	Hot Springs, N. M.
Frank E. McGuire*	28 de febrero de 1925	San Juan, Puerto Rico
T. E. Thuresson*	8 de febrero de 1926	Albuquerque, N. M.
G. Albert Crowder*	15 de abril de 1926	
Samuel Padilla	11 de julio de 1926	

Conferencia Misionera de Nuevo México

Ministro	Fecha de Fallecimiento	Lugar de Fallecimiento
Rómulo Suazo	6 de marzo de 1928	

Misión Española del Suroeste

Ministro	Fecha de Fallecimiento	Lugar de Fallecimiento
J. Eulogio Montoya	diciembre de 1928	
Torivio Zacarías Salazar	diciembre de 1930	

Iglesia Metodista Episcopal del Sur

Conferencia Occidental de Texas

Ministro	Fecha de Fallecimiento	Lugar de Fallecimiento
Alejo Hernández	27 de septiembre de 1875	Corpus Christi, Texas
A. B. Duval*	22 de julio de 1877	Seguín, Texas
James Selby Woolls*	22 de julio de 1878	San Antonio, Texas
José María Casanova	4 de octubre de 1879	San Diego, Texas
Roswell Gillett*		
Thomas S. Garrett*	9 de septiembre de 1884	Lockhart, Texas

Conferencia Fronteriza Misionera Mexicana

Ministro	Fecha de Fallecimiento	Lugar de Fallecimiento
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Román Villegas Palomares	14 de abril de 1887	Del Río, Texas
Robert Walker MacDonell	21 de diciembre de 1888	Nombre de Dios, Durango
Elías Robertson	17 de junio de 1891	San Antonio, Texas
Encarnación Rodríguez	26 de octubre de 1896	San Diego, Texas
José María Chávez	28 de febrero de 1897	C. Porfirio Díaz, Coahuila
Alejandro de León	16 de mayo de 1899	San Felipe del Río, Texas
Luis Gómez	1905	Terán, Nuevo León
Santiago Tafolla	29 de octubre, 1911	Seguín, Texas

Conferencia Noroeste Misionera Mexicana

Ministro	Fecha de Fallecimiento	Lugar de Fallecimiento
J. C. Tinajero	1896	

Conferencia Fronteriza Mexicana

Ministro	Fecha de Fallecimiento	Lugar de Fallecimiento
José Policarpo Rodríguez	22 de marzo de 1914	Poteet, Texas
Melchor Chaparro	1916	
Matilde Treviño	4 de marzo de 1917	Río Grande City, Texas
Alejandro H. Sutherland	19 de abril de 1917	El Paso, Texas
Ignacio Escalante	9 de febrero de 1918	Saltillo, Coahuila

Conferencia Mexicana

Ministro	Fecha de Fallecimiento	Lugar de Fallecimiento
Sóstenes Reyes	19 de octubre de 1918	
R. C. Elliott	1920	
Rosalío G. Farías	1º de febrero de 1920	Mission, Texas
Máximo Villarreal	23 de febrero de 1920	Alamogordo, New México
Agapito Portugal	1921	
Tarso Reyes	1921	
Julán Castro	1923	
Manuel Gómez Banda	1º de julio de 1924	Durango, Durango
Samuel G. Kilgore	3 de septiembre de 1924	Puente, California
Cipriano A. Frausto	1926	

Conferencia Mexicana del Occidente

Ministro	Fecha de Fallecimiento	Lugar de Fallecimiento
Joseph C. Thaker	10 de febrero de 1933	Orange County, Calif.
Cosme C. Cota	5 de noviembre de 1933	Nogales, Arizona
W. D. King	1933	
Hermenegildo H. Hernández	18 de agosto de 1936	San Francisco, Calif.
Harvard E. Clements	16 de febrero de 1937	Tucson, Arizona

Misión Mexicana de Texas

Ministro	Fecha de Fallecimiento	Lugar de Fallecimiento
José Policarpo Rodríguez	22 de marzo de 1914	Poteet, Texas
Antorio R. Soto	1º de agosto de 1917	Austin, Texas
Rosalío G. Farías	1º de febrero de 1920	Mission, Texas

Misión Mexicana del Occidente

Ministro	Fecha de Fallecimiento	Lugar de Fallecimiento
Máximo Villarreal	23 de febrero de 1920	Alamogordo, N. M.
Basilio Soto, Sr.	5 de diciembre de 1923	Austin, Texas
Robert Emory Stevenson	20 de mayo de 1924	El Paso, Texas
John F. Corbin	20 de junio de 1927	Los Angeles, Calif.

Conferencia Mexicana de Texas

Ministro	Fecha de Fallecimiento	Lugar de Fallecimiento
Santos Romo	24 de abril de 1930	Starling City, Texas
Adolfo Cárdenas	30 de marzo de 1931	Eagle Pass, Texas
Leopoldo Fidencio Castro	23 de septiembre, 1933	
Frank S. Onderdonk	7 de junio de 1936	San Antonio, Texas
Pedro G. Verduzco	3 de enero de 1937	Port Arthur, Texas
Jackson B. Cox	4 de noviembre de 1939	Dallas, Texas

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Conferencia Mexicana del Suroeste

Ministro	Fecha de Fallecimiento	Lugar de Fallecimiento
Juan N. De los Santos	1º de noviembre, 1944	Pearsall, Texas
Sabas Guevara, Jr.	1945	
Antonio Olivas	31 de mayo de 1946	Phoenix, Arizona
Manuel C. Galindo	25 de marzo de 1947	El Paso, Texas
Ricardo m. Díaz	37 de abril de 1947	Eagle Pass, Texas
Laurence Reynolds	25 de octubre de 1947	Covington, Louisiana

Conferencia Río Grande

Ministro	Fecha de Fallecimiento	Lugar de Fallecimiento
Baltasar García Vera	17 de febrero de 1948	Brownsville, Texas
Lemuel H. Robinson	7 de julio de 1949	Eagle Pass, Texas
Arthur Marston	25 de noviembre, 1949	Takoma Park, Maryland
Belton Y. Dickinson	22 de octubre de 1951	Corpus Christi, Texas
John W. Daniel	21 de noviembre, 1955	Cotulla, Texas
Ezequiel Álvarez	18 de mayo de 1957	Brownsville, Texas
Sabás Guevara, Sr.	Junio de 1957	Cristal City, Texas
Segundo García	1º de febrero de 1961	Dallas, Texas
José María Vásquez	5 de diciembre de 1961	Piedras Negras, Coahuila
Basilio Soto, Jr.	29 de diciembre, 1961	Houston, Texas
Benito Hernández	19 de marzo de 1962	Carville, Louisiana
Pedro Sánchez	4 de julio de 1962	San Antonio, Texas
Dionisio Salazar	27 de diciembre, 1963	Dilley, Texas
Eugenio Vidaurri	7 de septiembre de 1964	San Antonio, Texas
Nolley B. Stump	24 de enero de 1966	Frederick, Oklahoma
Felipe Llera	9 de julio de 1966	Miami, Florida
Zenón Moraida	14 de noviembre, 1966	Harlingen, Texas

La Iglesia Metodista Unida

Conferencia Río Grande

Ministro	Fecha de Fallecimiento	Lugar de Fallecimiento
Evaristo Picazo	13 de octubre de 1968	El Paso, Texas
Higinio O. Costales	17 de febrero de 1969	Albuquerque, New México
Ben O. Hill	19 de marzo de 1969	Georgetown, Texas
José Y. Soltero	16 de marzo de 1970	Artesia, New México
Eulalio M. Yrene	27 de marzo de 1970	Albuquerque, N. M.
Pedro G. Herrera	5 de septiembre de 1971	San Antonio, Texas
Francisco Ramos	8 de septiembre de 1971	San Antonio, Texas
Enrique C. Pequeño	19 de diciembre de 1973	Brady, Texas
Raúl. M. Elizondo	17 de abril de 1974	Alice, Texas
Gumaro A. Verver	16 de noviembre de 1974	Dallas, Texas
Vicente Moreno	24 de diciembre de 1974	Snyder, Texas
Gilberto Díaz	26 de enero de 1975	El Paso, Texas
Paul A. Grout	9 de noviembre de 1976	Brownsville, Texas
José Espino	22 de junio de 1978	San Antonio, Texas
Apolonio Vega	13 de julio de 1979	Houston, Texas
Anthony J. Montes	17 de febrero de 1980	Odessa, Texas
William Bernardo O'Neill	26 de octubre de 1980	Laverne, California
José F. Salas, Sr.	9 de mayo de 1981	El Paso, Texas
Juan F. Velasco	28 de julio de 1981	Bryan, Texas
José Eduardo Luján	9 de marzo de 1982	Las Cruces, New Mexico
Librado Castillo	4 de abril de 1982	San Antonio, Texas
Abel M. Gómez	26 de mayo de 1982	San Antonio, Texas
Henoch D. Velásquez	28 de agosto de 1982	Houston, Texas
Amado Rodríguez	11 de febrero de 1983	San Antonio, Texas
Daniel G. de la Garza	13 de abril de 1983	Monterrey, Nuevo León
Pedro F. Valdez	6 de julio de 1983	El Paso, Texas
Juventino Calderón	7 de noviembre de 1983	Yakima, Washington
Frank Salas	17 de marzo de 1986	Carlsbad, New México
Amado Elías	17 de marzo de 1986	Denver, Colorado

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Carlos Pérez	2 de abril de 1986	Miami, Florida
Alfredo Náñez	18 de marzo de 1986	Edinburg, Texas
Jorge E. Leyva	19 de septiembre, 1986	Bradenton, Florida
José Alberto Cifuentes	21 de octubre de 1987	Guatemala, Guatemala
Carlos L. García	12 de mayo de 1988	San Angelo, Texas
Josué González	11 de junio de 1988	Georgetown, Texas
Felix E. Soto	28 de diciembre, 1988	Austin, Texas
Martha S. Rye	4 de noviembre de 1989	Austin, Texas
Antonio Sandoval	21 de noviembre, 1989	Houston, Texas
José R. González	29 de junio de 1991	McAllen, Texas
Ermilo Montemayor	16 de agosto de 1991	Fort Worth, Texas
Pedro C. Gutierrez	17 de febrero de 1992	Lubbock, Texas
Alfred T. Grout	17 de octubre de 1992	El Paso, Texas
Ramón Ramírez, Sr.	11 de enero de 1993	Edinburg, Texas
Juan R. Sandoval	25 de mayo de 1993	San Antonio, Texas
Juan S. Soto	25 de enero de 1994	San Antonio, Texas
Leonardo Salazar	31 de enero de 1994	Austin, Texas
Fernando N. García	8 de marzo de 1994	El Paso, Texas
Rosalío Chávez	6 de junio de 1994	Abilene, Texas
Joél Galván	14 de octubre de 1994	
Fortunato Ramírez	4 de noviembre de 1994	San Antonio, Texas
Luis C. Gómez	2 de febrero de 1995	San Antonio, Texas
José A. Náñez	28 de mayo de 1995	San Antonio, Texas
Andrew Paquet	2 de septiembre de 1995	El Paso, Texas
Juan Canales	25 de septiembre de 1995	Corpus Christi, Texas
Jacobo Farías	21 de junio de 1995	San Antonio, Texas
José G. Mendiola	22 de agosto de 1996	Humble, Texas
Ramón Navarro	23 de febrero de 1997	El Paso, Texas
David Orozco Montoya	27 de junio de 1997	Houston, Texas
Daniel M. Arguijo	6 de enero de 1998	Austin, Texas
Pablo Olguín Calderón	18 de abril de 1998	El Paso, Texas
Benjamín C. Picazo	28 de julio de 1998	Bryan, Texas
Simón S. Nieto	18 de octubre de 1998	Albuquerque, N.M.
Santiago Ibarra	15 de mayo de 2000	San Antonio, Texas
Pablo Gámez Pruneda	11 de noviembre de 2000	Piedras Negras, Coahuila
Narciso Sáenz	10 de abril de 2001	Dallas, Texas
Arturo Bolaños	1 ^a de agosto de 2003	San Antonio, Texas
Baltasar Sáenz	25 de febrero de 2004	San Marcos, Texas
Ricardo Hernández	2 de marzo de 2004	San Antonio, Texas
Carlos Avendaño	9 de abril de 2004	Port Arthur, Texas
Maria Luisa Santillán de Baert	1ro de junio de 2004	Dallas, Texas
José Isabel Murillo	11 de diciembre de 2005	El Paso, Texas
Antonio Roberto Triana	15 de diciembre de 2005	Corpus Christi, Texas
Alfredo Lucano	16 de febrero de 2006	Odessa, Texas
Daniel Cortez	14 de julio de 2006	San Antonio, Texas
Desiderio Del Pozo	30 de Septiembre de 2007	San Antonio, Texas
Samuel Blanco	Junio de 2008	
Roberto M. Pedraza	2008	San Antonio, Texas
Esteban Lara	24 de Enero de 2009	Austin, Texas
Manuel Grajales	18 de Enero de 2009	Bryan, Texas
José Galindo	17 de octubre del 2009	McAllen, Texas
Noé G. Móntez	14 de febrero del 2010	San Antonio, Texas
Vicente Franco	24 de marzo del 2010	San Antonio, Texas
Antonio G. Silva	17 de mayo del 2010	San Antonio, Texas
John W. Shanks	30 de agosto del 2010	Edinburg, Texas
Oscar Francisco Garza	17 de mayo del 2011	San Antonio, Texas
Roy David Barton	21 de octubre del 2011	Dallas, Texas
Gregorio Valenzuela	29 de noviembre del 2011	San Antonio, Texas
Raúl Salazar	23 de julio del 2013	Dallas, Texas
Jose J. Vasquez	14 de enero del 2014	Abilene, Texas
Miguel Ramírez	4 de febrero del 2014	Siracuse, New York
Brígido Vera	14 de abril del 2014	Dallas, Texas

PASTORES LOCALES Y SUPLENTE

Iglesia Metodista Episcopal del Sur

Conferencia Fronteriza Misionera Mexicana

Ministro	Fecha de Fallecimiento	Lugar de Fallecimiento
Ernesto Tafolla	15 de octubre de 1911	San Antonio, Texas

Conferencia Mexicana del Occidente

Ministro	Fecha de Fallecimiento	Lugar de Fallecimiento
Ramón L. García	31 de agosto de 1937	Deming, New México
Felix D. Hernández		Hayden, Arizona

La Iglesia Metodista

Conferencia Mexicana del Suroeste

Ministro	Fecha de Fallecimiento	Lugar de Fallecimiento
J. de la Paz García	10 de enero de 1941	Raymondville, Texas

Conferencia Río Grande

Ministro	Fecha de Fallecimiento	Lugar de Fallecimiento
Margarito Rocha	4 de febrero de 1951	McAllen, Texas
Joe Cortez	2 de abril de 1956	Painview, Texas
J. N. Vega	23 de febrero de 1958	El Paso, Texas
Martín T. Murillo	Julio de 1959	Truth or Consequences, N. M.
Jerónimo Guerrero	14 de junio de 1963	Muleshoe, Texas
Finees Flores	20 de agosto de 1963	Tucson, Arizona
Manuel González	13 de marzo de 1964	Río Grande City, Texas
Melquiades M. Viera	Noviembre de 1966	San Antonio, Texas

La Iglesia Metodista Unida

Conferencia Río Grande

Ministro	Fecha de Fallecimiento	Lugar de Fallecimiento
Abel Sandoval	17 de enero de 1969	Albuquerque, N. M.
Antonio Guillén	28 de marzo de 1969	Robstown, Texas
Julán Rueda		
Gregorio F. Peña	13 de noviembre de 1971	Fort Bayard, New México
Cresencio Segura	11 de febrero de 1980	Houston, Texas
Dolores Arévalo López	8 de julio de 1980	San Antonio, Texas
Raymundo G. Santillán	17 de marzo de 1984	Dallas, Texas
Tomás Márquez	8 de enero de 1985	Big Spring, Texas
Rodolfo Rosales	31 de julio de 1987	Dallas, Texas
Margarita Verver	6 de marzo de 1991	Irving, Texas
Francisco Gámez	17 de marzo de 1992	Weslaco, Texas
Jocabeth de la Fuente	22 de diciembre de 1992	Grants, New Mexico
Antonio Riojas	18 de septiembre, 1994	Pharr, Texas
Francisco Arboleda	9 de enero de 1995	Austin, Texas
Lucía Escobar	24 de diciembre, 1998	Pharr, Texas
Ross Ancira	13 de mayo de 1999	Austin, Texas
Miguel P. Baldearena	9 de marzo de 2003	Port Arthur, Texas
Esther García Conner	27 de octubre del 2004	Midland, Texas
José Velásquez	14 de octubre de 2005	San Antonio, Texas
Pablo Arredondo	5 de febrero de 2006	Laredo, Texas
Antonio De La Fuente	23 de Septiembre de 2007	Sierra Vista, Arizona
Juan R. Espinoza	18 de Diciembre de 2008	
María Magdalena Pino	24 de julio del 2010	San Antonio, Texas

DIACONISAS

Iglesia Metodista Episcopal del Sur

Conferencia Fronteriza Mexicana

Diaconisa	Fecha de Fallecimiento	Lugar de Fallecimiento
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Lizzie Wilson	1917	
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Conferencia Río Grande

<i>Diaconisa</i>	<i>Fecha de Fallecimiento</i>	<i>Lugar de Fallecimiento</i>
Catherine Arnold*	1963	
Ura Leverdige*	1967	
Emma Brandebury	1967	
Ollie Willings*	1967	
Jennie Congleton*	1967	

SECCIÓN I. REGISTRO HISTÓRICO (¶606.31)

El ministerio de **La Iglesia Metodista Unida** a través de la **Conferencia Río Grande**, tuvo sus precursores ya desde 1815, tanto en ministros de las fronteras como en los *Colportores de las Sociedades Bíblicas* y en algunas de las comunidades de fe de los *Colonos de Texas*. Los esfuerzos ya más instituidos, empero, trazan su historial a dos de los ramos del metodismo: **La Iglesia Metodista Episcopal** y **La Iglesia Metodista Episcopal del Sur**.

La Iglesia Metodista Episcopal principia en 1850 con nombramientos a Nuevo México, a través de la *Conferencia de Oregón y California* y de la *Sociedad Misionera*, y posteriormente, a través de varias otras Conferencias. Estos primeros esfuerzos, si bien terminan en 1856, darán como fruto una Misión en Peralta. Dicha Misión continuaría por sí misma, bajo liderazgo fiel de algunos laicos, hasta 1871 que es cuando se prosigue ya en forma de un Distrito parte de la *Conferencia de Colorado*. En 1876 este Distrito, bilingüe por cierto, se constituye en la *Misión de Nuevo México* la cual continúa siendo parte, hasta 1884, de la *Conferencia de Colorado*. La obra toma nuevo curso, manteniendo aún su relación con la *Conferencia de Colorado* hasta 1891, pero reorganizándose en 1885 para dar lugar a la *Misión Española de Nuevo México* la cual posteriormente, al verse fortalecida se convierte, en 1892, en *Conferencia Misionera Española de Nuevo México*. En 1915 y hasta 1924, las obras de habla española y habla inglesa se vuelven a unir, formándose la bilingüe *Conferencia de Nuevo México*. En 1924 otra reorganización se hace necesaria y de ella nos viene la *Misión Española del Suroeste* la cual, en 1932, se hace *Misión Latino Americana*, continuando así hasta 1936. Finalmente, de 1937 a 1939, la obra se organiza como *Misión de Nuevo México*. Durante este periodo la mayoría de los obreros mantienen su membresía clerical en la *Conferencia de Nuevo México* de 1924 a 1927, en la *Conferencia Misionera de Nuevo México* en 1928 y en varias otras Conferencias, hasta la unificación de los metodismos de 1939.

La Iglesia Metodista Episcopal del Sur, por su parte, principia en 1859 con nombramientos a El Paso y a San Antonio, a través de la *Conferencia Misionera del Río Grande*, los que durarían uno y dos años respectivamente. En 1871 se reanudan los esfuerzos con un nombramiento a Corpus Christi, a través de la *Conferencia del Oeste de Texas*, que da como fruto un Distrito. La obra crece y en 1885 se establece como *Conferencia Fronteriza Misionera Mexicana*. En 1890 dicha Conferencia se divide en dos, naciendo la *Conferencia Noroeste Misionera Mexicana*. En los años 1914-1915 se da la primera reorganización en base a obra en Estados Unidos y obra en México, por lo que se forma la *Misión Mexicana de Texas* en 1914 y al *Conferencia Fronteriza Mexicana* en 1915. La *Misión Mexicana de Texas*, sin embargo, mantiene la mayoría de su membresía clerical en México en la *Conferencia Fronteriza Misionera Mexicana* en 1914 y en la *Conferencia Fronteriza Mexicana* hasta 1918. Por otro lado, en 1918 se da la reorganización de la obra occidental y se forma, con ello, la *Conferencia Mexicana* y la *Misión Mexicana del Occidente*. Es así que a partir de 1918 y hasta 1930 la *Misión Mexicana de Texas* y la *Misión Mexicana del Occidente* mantiene la mayoría de su membresía clerical en la *Conferencia Mexicana*. En 1930 se da la separación definitiva de la obra mexicana y estadounidense y ambas Misiones pasan a ser *Conferencia Mexicana de Texas* y *Conferencia Mexicana del Occidente*, respectivamente, continuando así hasta la mencionada unificación del 1939.

En 1939, con la formación de **La Iglesia Metodista**, se dio también la unificación de la *Misión de Nuevo México*, la *Conferencia Mexicana de Texas* y la *Conferencia Mexicana del Occidente*, formándose la *Conferencia Mexicana del Suroeste*, la cual cambia de nombre en 1947 a **Conferencia del Río Grande**.

Iglesia Metodista Episcopal
1844-1939

	COCa/VC → 1850-1856	MNM (CC) → 1876-1884	CC → 1872-1891	MENM (CC) → 1885-1891	CMENM → 1892-1914	CNM → 1915-1927
→	MES (CNM) → 1924 – 1927	MES (CMNM) → 1928	CMNM →	MES (VC) → 1928	MLA (VC) → 1929-1931	MNM (VC) → 1932-1936 1937-1939

Iglesia Metodista Episcopal del Sur

1844-1939

CMRG → COT → 1859-1869	CFMM → 1871-1884	CMNM → 1885-1914	MMT(CFMM) → 1890-1914 1914	MMT (CFM) → 1915-1918
→ MMT (CM) → 1918-1930	CM → 1918-1930	MMO (CM) → 1918-1930	CMT → 1930-1939	CMO → 1930-1939

La Iglesia Metodista

1939-1968

Conferencia Mexicana del Suroeste →
1939-1947Conferencia del Río Grande →
1948-1968**La Iglesia Metodista Unida**

1968-Presente

CONFERENCIA DEL RIO GRANDE → → → → → →

1968-Presente

IGLESIA METODISTA EPISCOPAL

COCa	= Conferencia de Oregón y California
CC	= Conferencia de Colorado
MNM	= Misión de Nuevo México
MENM	= Misión Española de Nuevo México
MMT	= Misión Mexicana de Texas
CMENM	= Conferencia Misionera Española de México
CNM	= Conferencia de Nuevo México
MES	= Misión Española del Suroeste
CMNM	= Conferencia Misionera de Nuevo México
MLA	= Misión Latino Americana
VC	= <u>Varias Conferencias</u>

IGLESIA METODISTA EPISCOPAL DEL SUR

CMRG	= Conferencia Misionera de Rio Grande
COT	= Conferencia del Oeste de Texas
CFMN	= Conferencia Fronteriza Misionera México
CFM	= Conferencia Fronteriza Mexicana
CM	= Conferencia Mexicana
MMO	= Misión Mexicana del Occidente
CMT	= Conferencia Mexicana de Texas
CMO	= Conferencia Mexicana de Occidente

() = Indica Conferencia en la cual se mantuvo la mayoría de la membresía clerical.

IGLESIA METODISTA EPISCOPAL			
Conferencia de Oregon y California			
<i>Fecha</i>	<i>Lugar</i>	<i>Obispo</i>	<i>Secretario</i>
1850	Salem Oregon	(William Roberts)	
Septiembre 3, 1851	Salem, Oregon	(William Roberts)	
1852			
Conferencia de Colorado			
<i>Fecha</i>	<i>Lugar</i>	<i>Obisp9</i>	<i>Secretario</i>
Julio 25, 1872	Georgetown	Randolph S. Foster	G. H. Adams
Julio 24, 1873	Greely	Edward G. Andrews	J. H. Merritt
Julio 30, 1874	Colorado Springs	Thomas Bowman	J. H. Merritt
Julio 12, 1875	Boulder	William Harris	J. H. Merritt
Julio 12, 1876	Boulder	William Harris	J. H. Merritt
Agosto 1º, 1877	Denver	Isaac W. Wiley	F. C. Millington
Agosto 7, 1878	Golden	Matthew Simpson	F. C. Millington

Agosto 7, 1879	Pueblo	Stephen M. Merrill	F. C. Millington
Agosto 12, 1880	Georgetown	Henry W. Warren	F. C. Millington
Agosto 3, 1881	Leadville	Isaac W. Wiley	F. C. Millington
Agosto 3, 1882	Colorado Springs	Randolph S. Foster	W. L. Slutz
Julio 25, 1883	Denver	Isaac W. Wiley	J. H. Merritt
Agosto 7, 1884	Longmont	Cyrus D. Foss	J. H. Merritt
Julio 16, 1885	Pueblo	Edward G. Andrews	H. L. Beardsley
Julio 15, 1886	Greely	Thomas Bowman	H. L. Beardsley
Julio 13, 1887	Denver	John M. Walden	H. L. Beardsley
Julio 19, 1888	Cheyenne, Wyoming	Isaac W. Joyce	H. L. Beardsley
Agosto 1 ^o , 1889	Colorado Springs	Daniel A. Goodsell	H. L. Beardsley
Julio 23, 1890	Canyon	William X. Ninde	H. L. Beardsley
Junio 10, 1891	Denver	Edward G. Andrews	H. L. Beardsley
Misión de Nuevo México			
<i>Fecha</i>	<i>Lugar</i>	<i>Obispo</i>	<i>Secretario</i>
Noviembre 20, 1876	Peralta	(Thomas Harwood)	George Murray
Junio 7, 1877	Peralta	Thomas Bowman	James H Roberts
Octubre 5, 1878	Santa Fe	Matthew Simpson	
Agosto 14, 1879	Tiptonville	Stepehn M. Merrill	D. W. Calfee
Marzo 12, 1880	Peralta	Erastus O. Haven	D. W. Calfee & M. Matthieson
Junio 30, 1881	Socorro	Thomas Bowman	N. H. Gale
Octubre 5, 1882	Albuquerque	Thomas Bowman	E. L. Allen
Diciembre 27, 1883	Las Vegas	Edward G. Andrews	W. R. Kistler
Octubre 15, 1884	Socorro	David D. Foss	W. R. Kistler
Misión Española de Nuevo México			
<i>Fecha</i>	<i>Lugar</i>	<i>Obispo</i>	<i>Secretario</i>
Septiembre 24, 1885	Peralta	Charles H. Fowler	F. Córdova
Octubre 7, 1886	Albuquerque	Henry W. Warren	Thomas M. Harwood
Octubre 6, 1887	Wagon Mound	John M. Walden	Thomas M. Harwood
Octubre 5, 1888	Albuquerque	Thomas Bowman	Thomas M. Harwood
Octubre 18, 1889	Albuquerque	Randolph S. Foster	Thomas M. Harwood
Misión Española de Nuevo México (continúa)			
<i>Fecha</i>	<i>Lugar</i>	<i>Obispo</i>	<i>Secretario</i>
Octubre 15, 1890	Santa Fe	Daniel A. Goodsell	Sylvester García
Octubre 17, 1891	Peralta	Willard F. Mallalieu	Thomas Harwood
Conferencia Misionera Española de Nuevo México			
<i>Fecha</i>	<i>Lugar</i>	<i>Obispo</i>	<i>Secretario</i>
Octubre 13, 1892	Taos	John M. Walden	Thomas M. Harwood
Octubre 5, 1893	Las Cruces	Edward G. Andrews	Thomas M. Harwood
Octubre 4, 1894	Val Verde	Henry W. Warren	Thomas M. Harwood
Septiembre 5, 1895	Albuquerque	William X. Ninde	Thomas M. Harwood
Septiembre 24, 1896	Socorro	John H. Vincent	J. B. Sánchez
Octubre 7, 1897	Raton	Charles C. McCabe	J. B. Sánchez
Octubre 13, 1898	El Paso	John F. Hurst	J. B. Sánchez
Octubre 5, 1899	Albuquerque	William X. Ninde	Thomas M. Harwood
Octubre 11, 1900	San Marcial	John W. Hamilton	Thomas M. Harwood

Octubre 10, 1901	Santa Fe	James N. FitzGerald	Thomas M. Harwood
Octubre 9, 1902	Las Vegas	Isaac W. Joyce	Thomas M. Harwood
Octubre 8, 1903	Albuquerque	John M. Walden	W. A. Cooper
Octubre 6, 1904	Albuquerque	Luther B. Wilson	Thomas M. Harwood
Octubre 10, 1905	Deming	Joseph F. Berry	Thomas M. Harwood
1906			
Octubre 23, 1907	Albuquerque	Earl Cranston	Thomas M. Harwood
Octubre 22, 1908	Santa Fe	Charles W. Smith	Thomas M. Harwood
Septiembre 30, 1909	El Paso	William A. Quayle	Higinio O. Costales
Septiembre 7, 1910	Raton	William A. Quayle	Higinio O. Costales
Septiembre 28, 1911	Albuquerque	William A. Quayle	Higinio O. Costales
Octubre 2, 1912	Raton	Francis J. McConnell	Higinio O. Costales
Septiembre 11, 1913	Albuquerque	Francis J. McConnell	Higinio O. Costales
Septiembre 17, 1914	Albuquerque	Edwin Hughes	Juan C. Chávez
Conferencia de Nuevo México			
Fecha	Lugar	Obispo	Secretario
Septiembre 30, 1915	Albuquerque	Francis J. McConnell	E. C. Anderson
Septiembre 28, 1916	El Paso	William O Shepard	H. A. Bassett
Septiembre 27 1917	Las Vegas	Francis J. McConnell	Ray S. Dum
Septiembre 18, 1918	Santa Fe	Thomas Nicholson	Ray S. Dum
Septiembre 17, 1919	Albuquerque	Francis J. McConnell	Ray S. Dum
Septiembre 8, 1920	Roswell	Charles L. Mead	Ray S. Dum
Septiembre 21, 1921	Clayton	Charles L. Mead	J. C. Keegan
Septiembre 21, 1922	Raton	Charles L. Mead	J. C. Keegan
Septiembre 12, 1923	Albuquerque	Charles L. Mead	S. W. Marble
Septiembre 3, 1924	El Paso	Ernest G. Richardson	Leon Sweetland
Septiembre 16, 1925	Las Vegas	Harry L. Smith	Leon Sweetland
Septiembre 16, 1926	Silver City	William F. Anderson	F. C. Harding
Septiembre 28, 1927	Santa Fe	Charles L. Mead	F. C. Harding
Conferencia Misionera de Nuevo México			
Fecha	Lugar	Obispo	Secretario
Septiembre 20, 1928	Albuquerque	Charles L. Mead	John R. Edwards
Misión Española del Suroeste			
Fecha	Lugar	Obispo	Secretario
Septiembre 17, 1924	Las Cruces	George A. Miller	Higinio O. Costales
Agosto 27, 1925	Albuquerque	Charles L. Mead	Cosme C. Cota
Septiembre 30, 1926	Albuquerque	Frederick T. Keeney	
Septiembre 22, 1927	Albuquerque	Charles L. Mead	T. Z. Salazar
Septiembre 13, 1928	Albuquerque	Charles L. Mead	Higinio O. Costales
Septiembre 26, 1929	Albuquerque	Adna W. Leonard	Higinio O. Costales
Septiembre 26, 1930	Albuquerque	Charles L. Mead	Higinio O. Costales
1931	No se sesionó		
Misión Latino Americana			
Fecha	Lugar	Obispo	Secretario
Junio 24, 1932	Long Beach	James C. Baker	Benito E. García
Junio 23, 1933	Gardena	James C. Baker	E. M. Sein
Junio 22, 1934	Gardena	James C. Baker	Benito E. García
Junio 18, 1935	Gardena	Ralph J. Magee	Benito E. García

Junio 19, 1936	Gardena	James C. Baker	Benito E. García
Misión de Nuevo México			
<i>Fecha</i>	<i>Lugar</i>	<i>Obispo</i>	<i>Secretario</i>
Junio 3, 1937	El Paso	Ralph S. Cushman	A. P. Gaines
Junio 2, 1938	Las Vegas	Ralph S. Cushman	A. P. Gaines
Junio 2, 1939	Albuquerque	Wilbur E. Hammaker	H. M. Hilliard

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Conferencia Misionera Río Grande			
<i>Fecha</i>	<i>Lugar</i>	<i>Obispo</i>	<i>Secretario</i>
Noviembre 9, 1859	Goliad	George F. Pierce	John W. De Vilbiss
Noviembre 29 1860	San Antonio	James O. Andrew	John W. De Vilbiss
Conferencia Occidental de Texas			
<i>Fecha</i>	<i>Lugar</i>	<i>Obispo</i>	<i>Secretario</i>
Diciembre 20, 1871	Leesburg	Enoch M. Marvin	William J. Joyce
Diciembre 18, 1872	Victoria	John C. Keener	William J. Joyce
Diciembre 18, 1873	Lockhart	Hubbard H. Kavanaugh	William J. Joyce
Diciembre 2, 1874	Gonzales	John C. Keener	O. A. Fisher
Octubre 20, 1875	San Antonio	George F. Pierce	O. A. Fisher
Octubre 25 1876	Seguin	David S. Doggett	O. A. Fisher
Noviembre 21, 1877	Corpus Christi	William M. Wightman	Temple G. Woolls
Octubre 16, 1878	San Marcos	John C. Keener	Temple G. Woolls
Octubre 15, 1879	Gonzales	Holland N. McTyeire	Temple G. Woolls
Octubre 13, 1880	Luling	George F. Pierce	Temple G. Woolls
Noviembre 16, 1881	Goliad	John C. Keener	Temple G. Woolls
Octubre 18, 1882	Seguin	Linus Parker	Homer S. Thrall
Octubre 17, 1883	San Marcos	Linus Parker	Homer S. Thrall
Octubre 29, 1884	San Antonio	Holland N. McTyeire	Homer S. Thrall
Conferencia Fronteriza Misonera Mexicana			
<i>Fecha</i>	<i>Lugar</i>	<i>Obispo</i>	<i>Secretario</i>
Octubre 28 1885	San Antonio	Holland N. McTyeire	Robert W. MacDonell
Noviembre 3, 1886	Monterrey	Joseph S. Key	Robert W. MacDonell
Noviembre 10, 1887	Monclova	William W. Duncan	Robert W. MacDonell
Octubre 31, 1888	Del Río	William W. Duncan	Robert W. MacDonell
Octubre 16, 1889	San Antonio	Charles B. Galloway	Samuel G. Kilgore
Octubre 15, 1890	Chihuahua	Atticus G. Haygood	Samuel G. Kilgore & Robert C. Elliott
Noviembre 5, 1891	Laredo	Atticus G. Haygood	Tranquilino del Valle
Octubre 19, 1892	San Marcos	Atticus G. Haygood	Tranquilino del Valle
Noviembre 23, 1893	Monterrey	Eugene R. Hendrix	Tranquilino del Valle
Noviembre 8, 1894	Floresville	Joseph S. Key	Tranquilino del Valle
Noviembre 14, 1895	Laredo	Joseph S. Key	Tranquilino del Valle
Octubre 29, 1896	Monterrey	Joseph S. Key	Tranquilino del Valle
Octubre 28, 1897	Saltillo	William W. Duncan	Tranquilino del Valle
Octubre 27, 1898	San Antonio	William W. Duncan	Juan J. Mercado
Noviembre 2, 1899	Laredo	Henry C. Morrison	Juan J. Mercado
1900	No se sesionó		

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Febrero 21, 1901	Monterrey	Joseph S. Key	Juan J. Mercado
Febrero 13, 1902	Saltillo	John C. Granbery	Andrés San Miguel
Febrero 5, 1903	San Antonio	Warren A. Candler	Santiago G. Paz
Febrero 27, 1904	Monterrey	Warren A. Candler	Pedro Grado
Febrero 2, 1905	Laredo	Warren A. Candler	Juan J. Mercado
Febrero 1º, 1906	San Antonio	Warren A. Candler	G. A. Velásquez
Febrero 7, 1907	Monterrey	Seth Ward	Julián Castro
Febrero 6, 1908	Saltillo	Seth Ward	Julián Castro
Febrero 4, 1909	Laredo	Warren A. Candler	Julián Castro
Febrero 3, 1910	San Antonio	Warren A. Candler	Julián Castro
Febrero 2, 1911	Monterrey	Edwin D. Mouzon	Rubén G. Farías
Febrero 1º, 1912	Saltillo	Eugene R. Hendrix	Rubén G. Farías
Febrero 6, 1913	Monterrey	Eugene R. Hendrix	Leopoldo F. Castro
Febrero 12, 1914	Laredo	Henry C. Morrison	Leopoldo F. Castro
Conferencia Noroeste Misionera Mexicana			
<i>Fecha</i>	<i>Lugar</i>	<i>Obispo</i>	<i>Secretario</i>
Octubre 19, 1890	Chihuahua	Atticus G. Haygood	Samuel G. Kilgore & Robert C. Elliot
Noviembre 12, 1891	El Paso	Atticus G. Haygood	John F. Corbin
Octubre 12, 1892	Nogales, Arizona	Robert K. Hardgrove	John F. Corbin
Octubre 26, 1893	El Paso	Eugene R. Hendrix	Emeterio Quiñones & Robert C. Elliot
Octubre 11, 1894	Durango	Joseph S. Key	Emeterio Quiñones
Octubre 3, 1895	Chihuahua	Joseph S. Key	Emeterio Quiñones
Octubre 8, 1896	Guaymas	Joseph S. Key	Emeterio Quiñones
Octubre 7, 1897	El Paso	William S. Duncan	Emeterio Quiñones
Octubre 5, 1898	Chihuahua	William S. Duncan	Emeterio Quiñones
Octubre 11, 1899	Durango	William S. Duncan	Emeterio Quiñones
1900	No se sesionó		
Conferencia Noroeste Misionera Mexicana (continúa)			
<i>Fecha</i>	<i>Lugar</i>	<i>Obispo</i>	<i>Secretario</i>
Enero 24, 1901	El Paso	Joseph S. Key	Emeterio Quiñones
Enero 23, 1902	Guaymas	John C. Granbery	John F. Corbin
Enero 14, 1903	Chihuahua	Warren A. Candler	Marcos de la Garza
Enero 13, 1904	Durango	Warren A. Candler	Emeterio Quiñones
Febrero 22, 1905	Nogales, Arizona	Warren A. Candler	Julián Castro
Febrero 22, 1906	El Paso	Warren A. Candler	Francisco Montelongo
Febrero 28, 1907	Chihuahua	Seth Ward	Francisco Montelongo
Febrero 27, 1908	Durango	Seth Ward	Francisco Montelongo
Febrero 25, 1909	El Paso	Warren A. Candler	Francisco Montelongo
Febrero 24, 1910	Nogales, Arizona	Warren A. Candler	Francisco Montelongo
Febrero 17, 1911	El Paso	Edwin D. Mouzon	Francisco Montelongo
Febrero 23, 1912	El Paso	Eugene R. Hendrix	Rubén C. Ortega
Febrero 17, 1913	El Paso	Eugene R. Hendrix	José P. Flores
1914	No se sesionó		
Conferencia Fronteriza Mexicana			
<i>Fecha</i>	<i>Lugar</i>	<i>Obispo</i>	<i>Secretario</i>
Febrero 11, 1915	El Paso	Walter R. Lambuth	Francisco Montelongo

Febrero 2, 1916	El Paso	Warren A. Candler	Francisco Montelongo
Marzo 13, 1917	El Paso	Collins Denny	Julián Castro
Febrero 27, 1918	Marfa	Collins Denny	Julián Castro
Conferencia Mexicana			
<i>Fecha</i>	<i>Lugar</i>	<i>Obispo</i>	<i>Secretario</i>
Octubre 8, 1918	El Paso	James Cannon, Jr.	Julián Castro
Octubre 17, 1919	Monterrey	James Cannon, Jr.	Francisco Montelongo
Octubre 13, 1920	Durango	James Cannon, Jr.	Francisco Montelongo
Octubre 14, 1921	Allende	James Cannon, Jr.	Francisco Montelongo
Noviembre 2, 1922	Torreón	James Cannon, Jr.	Francisco Montelongo
Noviembre 2, 1923	Saltillo	James Cannon, Jr.	Francisco Montelongo
Octubre 29, 1924	Chihuahua	James Cannon, Jr.	Francisco Montelongo
Octubre 22, 1925	San Antonio	James Cannon, Jr.	Francisco Montelongo
1926			
Septiembre 28, 1927	Laredo	William B. Beauchamp	Francisco Montelongo
Octubre 11, 1928	Saltillo	(Juan N. Pascoe)	Edelmiro J. Espinoza
Octubre 11, 1929	Saltillo	(Juan N. Pascoe)	Edelmiro J. Espinoza
Octubre 17, 1930	Nuevo Laredo	(Juan N. Pascoe)	Edelmiro J. Espinoza
Conferencia Mexicana del Occidente			
<i>Fecha</i>	<i>Lugar</i>	<i>Obispo</i>	<i>Secretario</i>
Octubre 31, 1930	El Paso	Arthur J. Moore	Abel M. Gómez
Noviembre 5, 1931	Nogales, Sonora	Arthur J. Moore	Abel M. Gómez
Noviembre 17, 1932	El Paso	James Cannon, Jr.	Evaristo Picazo
Octubre 21, 1933	El Paso	Arthur J. Moore	Evaristo Picazo
Noviembre 6, 1934	Nogales, Arizona	James Cannon, Jr.	Evaristo Picazo
Noviembre 7, 1935	El Paso	James Cannon, Jr.	Evaristo Picazo
Octubre 29, 1936	Phoenix	James Cannon, Jr.	Ricardo M. Diaz
Noviembre 18, 1937	El Paso	James Cannon, Jr.	S. D. Athans
Conferencia Mexicana del Occidente (continúa)			
<i>Fecha</i>	<i>Lugar</i>	<i>Obispo</i>	<i>Secretario</i>
Noviembre 3, 1938	El Paso	William C Martin	Evaristo Picazo
Noviembre 2, 1939	Dallas	(Richard J. Parker)	Evaristo Picazo
Misión Mexicana de Texas			
<i>Fecha</i>	<i>Lugar</i>	<i>Obispo</i>	<i>Secretario</i>
Noviembre 18, 1914	Austin	W. R. Lambuth	Leopoldo F. Castro
Octubre 22, 1915	Corpus Christi	Warren A. Candler	Leopoldo F. Castro
Octubre 12, 1916	San Antonio	H. C. Morrison	Leopoldo F. Castro
Octubre 11, 1917	San Antonio	H. C. Morrison	Juan N. de los Santos
Octubre 15, 1918	San Antonio	James Cannon, Jr.	Juan N. de los Santos
Octubre 24, 1919	San Antonio	James Cannon, Jr.	Juan N. de los Santos
Octubre 21, 1920	San Antonio	James Cannon, Jr.	Juan N. de los Santos
Octubre 20, 1921	San Antonio	James Cannon, Jr.	Juan N. de los Santos
Octubre 24, 1922	San Antonio	James Cannon, Jr.	Cipriano A. Frausto
Octubre 23, 1923	San Antonio	James Cannon, Jr.	Juan N. de los Santos
Octubre 21, 1924	San Antonio	James Cannon, Jr.	Juan N. de los Santos
Octubre 22, 1925	San Antonio	James Cannon, Jr.	Juan N. de los Santos
Octubre 14, 1926	San Antonio	W. E. Beauchamp	Juan N. de los Santos

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Septiembre 22, 1927	San Antonio	W. E. Beauchamp	Juan N. de los Santos
Octubre 14, 1928	Edinburg	W. E. Beauchamp	Juan N. de los Santos
Octubre 3, 1929	San Antonio	W. E. Beauchamp	Juan N. de los Santos
Misión Mexicana del Occidente			
<i>Fecha</i>	<i>Lugar</i>	<i>Obispo</i>	<i>Secretario</i>
Octubre 11, 1918	El Paso	James Cannon, Jr.	José P. Flores
Septiembre 26, 1919	Nogales, Arizona	James Cannon, Jr.	Julián Castro
Octubre 8, 1920	El Paso	James Cannon, Jr.	Julián Castro
Octubre 10, 1921	El Paso	James Cannon, Jr.	Cosme C. Cota
Octubre 28, 1922	Phoenix	James Cannon, Jr.	Evaristo Picazo
Octubre 16, 1923	Nogales, Arizona	James Cannon, Jr.	Evaristo Picazo
Noviembre 3, 1924	El Paso	James Cannon, Jr.	Evaristo Picazo
Octubre 16, 1925	El Paso	James Cannon, Jr.	Milton C. Davis
Octubre 19, 1926	El Paso	W. E. Beauchamp	Evaristo Picazo
Septiembre 15, 1927	El Paso	W. E. Beauchamp	José Espino
Septiembre 27, 1928	Nogales, Arizona	W. E. Beauchamp	Cosme C. cota
Octubre 10, 1929	Los Ángeles	W. E. Beauchamp	José Espino
Octubre 30, 1930	El Paso	Arthur J. Moore	Abel M. Gómez
Conferencia Mexicana de Texas			
<i>Fecha</i>	<i>Lugar</i>	<i>Obispo</i>	<i>Secretario</i>
Octubre 16, 1930	Brownsville	Sam R. Hay	Juan N. de los Santos
Octubre 8, 1931	San Antonio	Sam R. Hay	Ezequiel Alvérez
Noviembre 10, 1932	Laredo	James Cannon, Jr.	Ezequiel Alvérez
Noviembre 2, 1933	San Antonio	Sam R. Hay	Ezequiel Alvérez
Octubre 18, 1934	Laredo	Hiram A. Boaz	Ezequiel Alvérez
Octubre 17, 1935	Misión	Hiram A. Boaz	Ezequiel Alvérez
Octubre 15, 1936	San Antonio	Hiram A. Boaz	Ezequiel Alvérez
Octubre 14, 1937	San Antonio	Hiram A. Boaz	Ezequiel Alvérez
Octubre 13, 1938	Edinburg	A. Frank Smith	Ezequiel Alvérez
Conferencia Mexicana de Texas (continúa)			
<i>Fecha</i>	<i>Lugar</i>	<i>Obispo</i>	<i>Secretario</i>
Noviembre 2, 1939	Dallas	A. Frank Smith	Ezequiel Alvérez

La Iglesia Metodista			
Conferencia Mexicana del Suroeste			
<i>Fecha</i>	<i>Lugar</i>	<i>Obispo</i>	<i>Secretario</i>
Noviembre 2, 1939	Dallas	A. Frank Smith	Ezequiel Alvérez
Octubre 10, 1940	Laredo	A. Frank Smith	Ezequiel Alvérez
Octubre 9, 1941	Del Río	A. Frank Smith	Evaristo Picazo
Octubre 8, 1942	Fort Worth	A. Frank Smith	Evaristo Picazo
Junio 9, 1943	Kerrville	A. Frank Smith	Evaristo Picazo
Junio 21, 1944	Kerrville	A. Frank Smith	Abel M. Gómez
Junio 3, 1945	El Paso	A. Frank Smith	Abel M. Gómez
Junio 6, 1946	Austin	A. Frank Smith	Abel M. Gómez
Junio 3, 1947	Albuquerque	A. Frank Smith	Raúl Salazar
Conferencia Río Grande			
<i>Fecha</i>	<i>Lugar</i>	<i>Obispo</i>	<i>Secretario</i>

Junio 1º, 1948	Corpus Christi	A. Frank Smith	Raúl Salazar
Junio 2, 1949	Dallas	A. Frank Smith	Raúl Salazar
Junio 8, 1950	El Paso	A. Frank Smith	Raúl Salazar
Mayo 17, 1951	San Antonio	A. Frank Smith	Raúl Salazar
Junio 5, 1952	Edinburg	A. Frank Smith	Raúl Salazar
Junio 11, 1953	Corpus Christi	A. Frank Smith	Raúl Salazar
Junio 8, 1954	Fort Worth	A. Frank Smith	Raúl Salazar
Junio 8, 1955	Austin	A. Frank Smith	Raúl Salazar
Junio 5, 1956	San Antonio	A. Frank Smith	Sabás D. Casas
Mayo 22, 1957	Kerrville	A. Frank Smith	Sabás D. Casas
Junio 11, 1958	San Antonio	A. Frank Smith	Sabás D. Casas
Junio 9, 1959	Albuquerque	A. Frank Smith	Sabás D. Casas
Mayo 18, 1960	San Antonio	A. Frank Smith	Fernando H. Salazar
Mayo 23, 1961	Brownsville	Paul E. Martin	Fernando H. Salazar
Mayo 22, 1962	Dallas	Paul E. Martin	Roberto Escamilla
Mayo 21, 1963	Kerrville	Paul E. Martin	Roberto Escamilla
Mayo 19, 1964	Kerrville	Paul E. Martin	Noé E. Gonzales
Mayo 18, 1965	Albuquerque	Paul E. Martin	Noé E. Gonzales
Junio 6, 1966	Dallas	Paul E. Martin	Noé E. Gonzales
Mayo 22, 1967	Kerrville	Paul E. Martin	Noé E. Gonzales

La Iglesia Metodista Unida			
Conferencia Río Grande			
<i>Fecha</i>	<i>Lugar</i>	<i>Obispo</i>	<i>Secretario-a</i>
Mayo 20, 1968	Kerrville, Texas	Paul E. Martin	Noé E. Gonzales
Junio 7, 1969	El Paso, Texas	O. Eugene Slater	Daniel Z. Rodríguez
Junio 5, 1970	Kerrville, Texas	O. Eugene Slater	Daniel Z. Rodríguez
Junio 5, 1971	Corpus Christi, Texas	O. Eugene Slater	David O. Montoya
Junio 3, 1972	San Antonio, Texas	O. Eugene Slater	Rubén Salcido
Junio 8, 1973	Georgetown, Texas	O. Eugene Slater	Rubén Salcido
Conferencia Río Grande (continúa)			
<i>Fecha</i>	<i>Lugar</i>	<i>Obispo</i>	<i>Secretario-a</i>
Junio 4, 1974	Georgetown, Texas	O. Eugene Slater	Rubén Salcido
Junio 13, 1975	Georgetown, Texas	O. Eugene Slater	Rubén Salcido
Junio 11, 1976	Georgetown, Texas	O. Eugene Slater	Rodolfo Barrera
Junio 10, 1977	Georgetown, Texas	J. Chess Lovern	Rodolfo Barrera
Junio 9, 1978	El Paso, Texas	J. Chess Lovern	Conrado Soltero
Junio 7, 1979	Dallas, Texas	J. Chess Lovern	Conrado Soltero
Junio 5, 1980	Albuquerque, N. M.	J. Chess Lovern	Alfredo T. Grout Q.
Junio 4, 1981	Georgetown, Texas	Ernest T. Dixon	Alfredo T. Grout Q.
Junio 3, 1982	Georgetown, Texas	Ernest T. Dixon	Alfredo T. Grout Q.
Junio 4, 1983	Georgetown, Texas	Ernest T. Dixon	Dalila Cruz
Junio 7, 1984	Georgetown, Texas	F. Herbert Skeete & J. Chess Lovern	Daniel García
Junio 6, 1985	San Antonio, Texas	Ernest T. Dixon	Daniel García
Junio 5, 1986	Georgetown, Texas	Ernest T. Dixon	Daniel García

Junio 11, 1987	San Antonio, Texas	Ernest T. Dixon	Daniel García
Junio 8, 1988	Georgetown, Texas	Ernest T. Dixon	Daniel García
Junio 8, 1989	Georgetown, Texas,	Ernest T. Dixon	Daniel García
Junio 14, 1990	Georgetown, Texas	Ernest T. Dixon	Daniel García
Junio 6, 1991	Georgetown, Texas	Ernest T. Dixon	Daniel García
Junio 11, 1992	Georgetown, Texas	Ernest T. Dixon	Daniel García
Junio 11, 1993	Georgetown, Texas	Raymond H. Owen	Daniel Z. Rodríguez
Junio 9, 1994	Georgetown, Texas	Raymond H. Owen	Daniel Z. Rodríguez
Junio 8, 1995	Corpus Christi, Texas	Raymond H. Owen	Daniel Z. Rodríguez
Junio 12, 1996	Georgetown, Texas	Raymond H. Owen	Daniel Z. Rodríguez
Junio 11, 1997	Abilene, Texas.	Raymond H. Owen	Dalila Cruz
Junio 4, 1998	Abilene, Texas	Raymond H. Owen	Dalila Cruz
Junio 10, 1999	Georgetown, Texas	Raymond H. Owen	Dalila Cruz
Junio 8, 2000	Georgetown, Texas	Raymond H. Owen	Dalila Cruz
Junio 13, 2001	Georgetown, Texas	Joel N. Martínez	Francisco J. Briones
Junio 6, 2002	Abilene, Texas	Joel N. Martínez	Francisco J. Briones
Junio 12, 2003	Albuquerque, N. M.	Joel N. Martínez	Francisco J. Briones
Junio 10, 2004	Corpus Christi, Texas	Joel N. Martínez	Amelia Flores
Junio 3, 2005	Corpus Christi, Texas	Joel N. Martínez	Amelia Flores
Junio 1º, 2006	Abilene, Texas	Joel N. Martínez	Amelia Flores
Mayo 31, 2007	Abilene, Texas	Joel N. Martínez	Daniel Z. Rodríguez
Junio 12, 2008	Corpus Christi, Texas	Joel N. Martínez	Juan Osorio
Junio 11, 2009	San Antonio, Texas	James E. Dorff	Juan Osorio
Junio 10, 2010	San Antonio, Texas	James E. Dorff	Juan Osorio
Junio 16, 2011	San Antonio, Texas	James E. Dorff	Daniel García
Junio 14, 2012	San Antonio, Texas	James E. Dorff	Edgar Avitia
Junio 15, 2013	San Antonio, Texas	James E. Dorff	Edgar Avitia
Febrero 17, 2014	San Antonio, Texas	James E. Dorff	Edgar Avitia
Junio 12, 2014	Corpus Christi, Texas	James E. Dorff	Edgar Avitia

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MOUNT SEQUOYAH CENTER

150 N Skyline Drive, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701



The Mountain ministry is alive and growing! The renewal of our beloved Mountain is well underway and the results are amazing! In 2013 we welcomed almost 20,000 guests from every walk of life to our United Methodist Mountain and provided the radical Christian Hospitality we are known for. We ministered to young and old, believers and non-believers alike, in an environment where the presence of the Holy Spirit is so real it is almost tangible.

Our outreach ministry grew in the summer of 2013 when we launched the only “Christian” swim team in Northwest Arkansas. We are the Mount Sequoyah Marlins and our T-shirts (donated by Rev. Pearce of Wichita Falls, TX) declare our mantra, “be strong and courageous” Joshua 1:9. Last year our Marlins learned about being good stewards of the resources God provides us as they swam their way to the regional championship under the coaching of Anita Parisi (former All-American swimmer for Rice University). As their season ended they planted a tree on the Mountain as a reminder that we steward all that God gives us with love and adoration for Him.

In addition to our swim team, Mount Sequoyah Center partnered with Central United Methodist Church to host the Mountain’s first ever Kanakuk Day Kamp. Over 100 children attended the week-long Christian day camp and we were able to provide more than 25 scholarships for under-represented children to attend the camp as well. The camp was an amazing success and we are scheduled to host two weeks of day camp this year.

The Mountain has always ministered to United Methodists across the jurisdiction and in 2013 we launched our “At The Cross” program series with a Senior Adult Fall Retreat in October. Participants from seven different conferences came together for fun and fellowship with daily devotionals, music and entertainment, and a couple of excursions featuring a train ride through the beautiful Boston mountain range and a trip to the premier American Art Museum, Crystal Bridges.

As the occupancy on the Mountain grows, so grows our ability to support United Methodist Missions and events with discounted lodging and meeting facilities. In 2013, Mount Sequoyah Center extended \$30,000 in discounts to United Methodist groups who came to the Mountain for educational events, group retreats, and personal retreats. As we grow we will continue to support our missions with our goal being to one day operate in a way that allows us to provide grants to United Methodist Missions across the jurisdiction.

We want to thank all the United Methodists, Jurisdictional Conferences, and Foundations who are so generously supporting our efforts to remodel the Center. Your contributions have allowed us to remodel the New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Oaks cottages, as well as the Sunset house and the Bailey Center. In 2014 we will remodel the Louisiana, Fayetteville, and Missouri cottages and we hope to also prepare Galloway House to provide a contemplative setting for pastors who need to rest and relax. Thank you again for your prayers and support and we look forward to seeing you on the Mountain soon.

Kindest Regards,
Abby G. Foster, CEO

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY
PRESIDENT'S REPORT
TO THE RIO GRANDE ANNUAL CONFERENCE
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2014

SMU is commemorating a major milestone as the University celebrates the centennial of its founding in 1911 by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and its opening in 1915.

- SMU's total fall 2013 enrollment was 10,929, including 6,357 undergraduates and 4,572 graduate students. Enrollment continues to increase in ethnic, socio-economic and geographic diversity. Ethnic minority students made up 25 percent of total enrollment in fall 2013. A record international enrollment of 1,445 students represented 97 foreign countries, with the largest numbers coming from China, India and Saudi Arabia.
- SMU consistently ranks in the top one-fourth of "best national universities" in U.S. News & World Report. In 2014, SMU ranks 60th among 281 national universities.
- The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching classifies SMU as a "high research activity" university. During 2012-13, SMU received \$19.9 million in external funding for research and sponsored projects worldwide. Current research subjects include natural hazards, water quality, cyber security and treatments for cancer and diabetes.
- Because of the early success of SMU Unbridled: The Second Century Campaign, the campaign goal was raised from \$750 million to \$1 billion. To date, SMU has received more than \$844 million in gifts and pledges for scholarships, academic programs, endowed faculty positions and campus improvements and facilities.
- Campaign gifts are helping to fund renovations of existing facilities and new construction. Moody Coliseum reopened in December 2013 after extensive renovation and expansion.
- SMU's new Residential Commons complex, to open in fall 2014, consists of five new residence halls and a dining facility. The complex will enable SMU to implement a residency requirement for sophomores along with first-year students. The new halls will include classrooms and accommodations for live-in faculty. Six other SMU residence halls are being modified as Residential Commons.
- The year 2013 was designated the Year of the Library, marking the 100th anniversary of the beginning of SMU's library collections, which recently passed the four-million-volume mark. Major renovations are planned for Fondren Library Center and Bridwell Library of Perkins School of Theology.
- The George W. Bush Presidential Center, consisting of Library, Museum and independent Institute, was dedicated at SMU in April 2013, with all five living U.S. presidents participating. Under sponsorship of the Bush Institute, symposia have been conducted on subjects that promote economic growth, education reform, global health and human freedom. Dr. Eric Bing, a renowned expert on global health issues, is the first to hold concurrent appointments as a new SMU faculty member and senior fellow of the Bush Institute.

SMU treasures its Methodist heritage, and we ask for your continued prayers and support.

R. Gerald Turner, President
 Southern Methodist University

PERKINS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY
 DEAN'S REPORT TO THE RIO GRANDE ANNUAL CONFERENCE
 THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 2014

Perkins celebrates our vital connections with the Rio Grande Annual Conference in several significant ways.

- Fifteen Rio Grande Conference students participated in the United Methodist Regional Course of Study School at Perkins in 2013. One additional student currently is enrolled in the M.Div. degree program.
- Perkins celebrates the distinguished accomplishments and service of many alumni/ae in the Rio Grande Conference, including Bishop James Dorff (M.Th.'72).

Perkins celebrated a record spring 2014 enrollment of 24 new students, in addition to 81 new students who enrolled in fall 2013. Among all Perkins students, approximately two-thirds are United Methodist and more than one-third are ethnic minority students. Our gender balance between male and female students in Master's degree programs remains almost exactly 50%. The Doctor of Ministry program continues to grow with students from southern Asia taking classes in Singapore and Dallas. Our Ph.D. program includes two Latino Ph.D. students supported through a grant from the Luce Foundation to Perkins' Center for the Study of Latino-a Christianity and Religions.

Rev. Jeannie Treviño-Teddle was honored for faithful service as director of the Mexican American Program and UM Regional Course of Study School from 2002 until her retirement in 2013. Dr. Philip Wingeier-Rayo, currently professor of Religion at Pfeiffer University in North Carolina, has been named new director of the Mexican American and Hispanic-Latino-a Church Ministries Program, effective June 1, 2014. Dr. Wingeier-Rayo also will be nominated to serve as director of the regional Course of Study School, and will hold the title "Professor of Christian Mission and Intercultural Studies."

Perkins was excited to welcome two new faculty members in fall 2013: Tamara Lewis (Ph.D., Vanderbilt, 2014), instructor, History of Christianity; and Natalia Marandiu (Ph.D., Yale, 2013), assistant professor of Christian Theology.

Perkins recently received two significant grants from the Lilly Endowment. A \$500,000 grant will support our newly established Center for Preaching Excellence, with Alyce McKenzie, Le Van Professor of Preaching and Worship, serving as director. A second grant of \$249,981 will support research to study the indebtedness of theological students and help improve the economic well-being of future ministers.

Perkins is blessed with gifted faculty and staff members, inspiring students, beautiful facilities, and vibrant ministries. We thank our many colleagues, friends, and alumni/ae across the connection for continuing generous support, including referrals of prospective students.

Perkins appreciates our relationship with the Rio Grande Conference. We ask for your continued prayers and support as we continue our vital mission of preparing women and men for faithful leadership in Christian ministry.

Grace and Peace,

William B. Lawrence, Dean and Professor of American Church History



SMU

PERKINS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

June 13, 2014

Bishop James E. Dorff
 Resident Bishop, the San Antonio Area
 Rio Grande Conference
 Southwest Texas Conference
 16400 Huebner Road
 San Antonio, Texas 78248-1693

Dear Bishop Dorff and members of the Rio Grande Conference:

On the occasion of this historic Service of Celebration and Closure, Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University joins with you in marking decades of faithful Christian service in our ministry partnership together.

The roots of Perkins' focus on Hispanic/Latino ministries in this region of the United States can be traced back to the pioneering work of Dr. Alfredo Náñez, who earned a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1935. Ten years later, in 1945, the same year in which the School of Theology at Southern Methodist University acquired the name Perkins School of Theology, Dr. Náñez met with University President Umphrey Lee, Perkins Dean Eugene Hawk, Methodist Bishops A. Frank Smith and Charles Selecman, Bishop Eleazar Guerra from Mexico, and others to plant the seeds for what would become the Mexican American Program nearly three decades later.

In 1974, Dr. Roy D. Barton became the first director of the Mexican American Program. From that early date, this program at Perkins School of Theology became the focus of our vision for training ministerial students for work in Spanish speaking contexts and cultures. On the occasion of the retirement of Rev. Jeannie Treviño-Teddlie as director of the Mexican American Program at the end of 2013, Perkins reflected on the shifting demographics in the region in light of its mission to prepare women and men for faithful leadership in Christian ministry. As a result Perkins has expanded the Mexican American focus to also include the diverse Hispanic-Latino/a constituencies as part of our outreach in Church ministries.

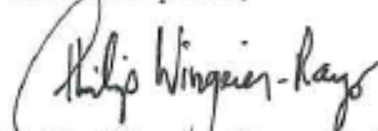
Through all this history, the Rio Grande Conference has been in partnership with Perkins School of Theology in several programs such as the following: Spanish Language Licensing School, the Spanish and English language tracks in the Course of Study for local pastors, and the Lay Missioner and Pastor-Mentor Training Program

for developing new leadership. Many members of the Rio Grande Conference have been essential in contributing to the success of these programs producing countless pastors and lay leaders.

On June 1, 2014 I began serving as director of the Mexican American and Hispanic Latino/a Church Ministries Program as well as director of the Regional Course of Study School. It is an honor to stand on the shoulders of the pioneers who blazed the trails before me. As I learn about this rich history, my door is open to new connections for supporting and encouraging you in any way I can. As history continues to unfold, Perkins reaffirms its commitment to Hispanic/Latino ministries and to its geographical location at the boundary of the Americas in the South Central United States.

On this historic occasion we can say that we are fellow "*caminantes*" on the journey with you.

Grace and peace,



Philip Wingeler-Rayo, Ph.D.

Director, Mexican American and Hispanic-Latino/a Church Ministries Program

Director, Regional Course of Study

Professor of Christian Mission and Intercultural Studies

TEXAS METHODIST FOUNDATION

2013 Report to the Southwest Texas and Rio Grande Conferences

Tom Locke, President

Once again, the Texas Methodist Foundation ended 2013, our 75th year of existence, as a stronger organization than we began the year. This trajectory has repeated itself annually for many years and is a pattern we intend to continue. The gains of 2013 are based, in part, on the following highlights:

Financial:

- Our undesignated endowment grew during the year by approximately \$3 million, ending the year with an endowment of \$27.5 million. The relationship between our loan portfolio and our endowment has never been healthier and, in fact, exceeds guidelines established by our board. Additionally, this endowment growth diversifies and enhances our operating income stream by generating additional revenue for operations.
- Not included in the amount above, endowment dedicated to our Leadership Ministry now totals an additional \$4.5 million.
- Our loan quality remains very high and liquidity is considered adequate.

Staffing:

- Both our depth and breadth of leadership and staff effectiveness expanded greatly during the year. Throughout 2013, Curtis Vick was deeply involved in leading the implementation of our strategic direction, with Candy Gross now supervising the operations area. Additionally, the 2013 hiring of Bob Dupuy as General Counsel and head of our Charitable Services ministry, and the hiring of Justin Gould to lead our fundraising efforts for the Leadership Ministry were major steps for us.
- During 2013, the position of Area Representative continued to be developed as a major component of our strategic direction. This staff includes Don Psencik in the Texas Conference, John Thornburg in North Texas, Dick Young in Northwest Texas, Eric McKinney in Central Texas, and Melvin Amerson with statewide responsibilities. A search for new Southwest Texas representation is currently being conducted. These area representatives have three primary responsibilities: 1) to serve as a primary relationship for TMF with congregations in the assigned area; 2) to determine how TMF can help develop cultures of purpose and generosity within those congregations; and 3) to connect congregations with needed resources offered either by TMF or others.
- A significant 2013 development is our receipt of a \$1 million grant from the Lilly Endowment to assist us in this work.

Grants ministry: During 2013, our staff and board grants committee underwent an intentional process of reviewing and revising our grants program to reflect a new direction for that ministry consistent with our strategic direction.

Envisioning our future: In addition to continuing to refine and implement our strategic direction, we have begun analyzing our brand in the marketplace, developed a new tagline, and formalized an initiative for envisioning and accomplishing our goals for the next five years.

The significance of these highlights and our growth, both in financial gains and in growth in human and intellectual capital, however, lies, ultimately, in the lives changed in local congregations across the state where our services helped enable ministry. The measure of success for our services – investments, loans, stewardship ministry, leadership ministry, and charitable services, including gift planning, church endowments, and grants – is in how effective they are at helping individuals and congregations fulfill God’s purposes, as together we work to make Christ’s love visible in the world.

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Rio Grande Annual Conference Report 2014, Tim Brown, President/CEO

Greetings from Methodist Children's Home (MCH) and the children, youth and families we serve from the Rio Grande Annual Conference. The historic partnership between MCH and United Methodist churches in Texas and New Mexico has offered hope to thousands of children, youth and families from the hard places in life.

I am honored to report to you that MCH continues to be in compliance with and, in many cases, to be exceeding the best practice standards established by two national accrediting organizations. MCH works hard to accomplish goals produced by our strategic plan. I invite each member of the annual conference to visit our website at www.methodistchildrenshome.org to view our strategic plan or call MCH at (800) 853-1272 to have a copy mailed for your review. The priorities and goals of our strategic plan enable our ministry to explore ways to increase our impact on children and families across Texas and New Mexico.

Guided by our core values of Christian Principles, Relationships, Responsibility, Growth, Service and Hope, MCH is committed to providing the services, programs and talented individuals needed to positively impact the lives of children and youth in our care. This is happening every day through residential programs on our historic Waco campus and Boys Ranch, as well as through 12 MCH Family Outreach offices throughout Texas and New Mexico.

The reasons children and youth arrive in our care are unique to each individual. They range from extreme trauma or a sudden change in the family structure to school issues or poor choices in a difficult and ever-changing world. Our collaboration with Texas Christian University's Institute of Child Development to incorporate Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) in our work places MCH on the cutting edge of child care as we learn new ways to serve children who have experienced trauma. These proven and tested techniques and methods of interacting with children are impacting families in positive ways. Our vision is to take what we learn with TBRI and begin making it available to pastors, youth ministers and concerned family members in the local church. The lessons we are learning, coupled with spiritual development opportunities for all children in our care, makes MCH a unique ministry of the United Methodist Church.

In addition to the accomplishments listed above, your support also empowered MCH to:

- Graduate 25 high school seniors in 2013. Thanks to our many friends, we were able to allocate more than \$500,000 for MCH alumni to pursue a college or advanced degree, certificate at a trade school or job-related training that will help them improve their families and communities. This year we had more than 40 seniors on track for graduation at the time this report was submitted to the Conference.
- Increase the impact of MCH through the work of our Family Outreach program. Staff in our outreach locations provide MCH foster care, in-home services – such as Partnership in Parenting – Grandparents as Parents Program, and a new program called Family Solutions. Our website has a full listing of our 12 outreach offices and how to contact them for assistance or answers to community and church needs.
- Receive a national award for innovative education through our on-campus University of Texas charter school and state recognition for the quality of activities offered to youth through our recreation program.
- Recognize the great work of 70 staff members with employee service awards. All honorees had at least three years of service, and 12 employees celebrated 15 or more years with our ministry, including two 30-year honorees.
- Participate in several mission trips and community service projects. These projects provided opportunities for MCH youth to show Christ's love by sharing their time and talents to help meet needs across Texas.

Our achievements in the past, and those yet to come, are directly related to the men and women who give their time, talents and resources to bless our children. We are grateful to the following individuals from the Rio Grande Annual Conference who currently serve on the MCH Board of Directors: Rev. Rodolfo Barrera, San Antonio; Dr. Elsa Soto-Leggett, Houston; Mr. Mario Olivarez, Corpus Christi

These individuals, along with our other Board members, MCH Commissioners and benefactors, enable our ministry to achieve its mission. On behalf of Methodist Children's Home, thank you for sharing our story in your churches and communities. If you would like to schedule a speaker, arrange a tour or request resources to help promote an offering, contact our development office by e-mail at development@mchforhope.org, by phone at (254) 750-1213 or (800) 853-1272, or by mail at 1111 Herring Avenue, Waco, Texas 76708. I also encourage you to visit our website at www.methodistchildrenshome.org to download stories; identify resources to help educate your congregation on our ministry; view a transparent listing of our financial resources and services delivered; find out how you can refer a child for placement; or learn more about a call to serve our ministry as a home parent or foster parent.

As we enter our 124th year of ministry, MCH knows our service to children and families is possible because of God's amazing grace and our generous benefactors. Thank you for your trust and support of our ministry. May God continue to bless you and Methodist Children's Home.

AFRICA UNIVERSITY REPORT

Thank you, Rio Grande Conference, for your generous support for teaching, learning and the nurture of global leaders at Africa University. Your generosity and prayers are vital to our shared, transformative ministry in, and beyond, Africa.

In 2013, local church giving to the Africa University Fund (AUF) apportionment in the Rio Grande Conference decreased by more than 33% over the previous year. The conference invested 43.5% of its asking in 2013, compared to 77% in 2012. The resulting shortfall in giving to the AUF for 2013 was \$1,524.

As a community—students, faculty, staff and trustees—we thank you for your ongoing support. Thank you also for striving to invest 100% of your asking to all of the connectional funds of the church, including Africa University. Increasing your investment in the AUF to 100% or higher will allow the university to meet its operational expenses without uncertainty and channel more support to orphans, refugees and other students with limited financial means.

2013 Highlights:

- Enrollment: Africa University's enrollment grew to 1480 full-time students from 25 African countries in 2013. Female students now account for 53% of that total enrollment.
- Scholarships: Second mile giving by individuals and churches enabled Africa University to distribute more than \$1.8 million in scholarships and financial aid to its students. Africa University also launched the Girl Child Scholarship Fund in order to provide more African women with access to higher education.
- Through new initiatives that include a "\$50 million Campaign for Endowment" and outreach to increase financial contributions from its alumni and others in Africa, the institution is working towards greater sustainability.
- Graduates: 450 students were awarded degree certificates in June 2013, growing the number of Africa University graduates currently at work in communities to around 5,000. Every day, these graduates manifest the promise and power of the Gospel to bring light and hope to a troubled world.
- Discipleship: In August, three 2013 graduates were commissioned as young adult missionaries by the General Board of Global Ministries, pushing the total number of Africa University alumni serving internationally as mission interns to seven in just two years.

Africa University is grateful to the local congregations of the Rio Grande Conference for their contributions to a wonderful investment in the Africa University Fund (AUF) apportionment in 2013! Overall giving to the AUF reached 91.7% last year, the highest level of any of the general church funds; and a total of 25 annual conferences invested in the AUF at 100% or higher.

Your gifts are an investment in changing lives for the better. Thank you for helping to shape Africa University as a place where young people are equipped for impactful witness and service!

Your support matters greatly, so please:

- Encourage your church to invest at 100% or higher in the Africa University Fund in 2014.
- Talk to your congregation about making a second-mile gift of a direct scholarship for at least one student each year.
- Consider leading an effort to have your district invest in an endowed scholarship which can support one student a year in perpetuity.
- Take advantage of our new Dream Insurance program and donate all or a portion of the proceeds of an affordable Term Life Insurance plan to Africa University.
- Include Africa University in your will when you make your estate plans.
- Pray for the ongoing success of this important effort to equip disciples who will shape the future of their nations and of our global church.

Thank you and God bless you.

Mr. James H. Salley, Associate Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement, Africa University Development Office

CANDLER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

2014 UMC Annual Conference Report

Candler School of Theology prepares real people to make a real difference in the real world. Our commitment to authentic discipleship and relevant ministry enables us to develop uniquely well-rounded leaders who are challenged academically, encouraged spiritually, and immersed in Christian service from the first day they arrive on campus.

As one of the 13 official seminaries of The United Methodist Church, Candler is grounded in the Christian faith and shaped by the Wesleyan tradition. As one of seven graduate professional schools of Emory University, Candler provides a rich context for learning and formation supported by the extensive resources of a top-tier research university. As a school located in the metropolitan area of Atlanta, Candler offers a learning environment that reflects the highly diverse communities of our 21st century world. There is no better place for ministry preparation that addresses our major denominational priorities: developing leaders, starting and growing churches, ministry with the poor, and improving global health.

Candler celebrates its Centennial in 2014, marking our 100th anniversary with commemorative events that reflect on our past and a conference on theology and the church that envisions the future. The yearlong celebration begins in August with the opening of the second phase of Candler's new 128,600-square-foot, LEED-certified building, seven years in the making.

Not only is Candler expanding its physical space this year—it is expanding degree offerings as well. In response to the changing needs of the church, Candler is introducing five new degrees to equip Christian leaders: the Doctor of Ministry, the Master of Religious Leadership, the Master of Religion and Public Life, and two dual degrees pairing divinity and social work and divinity and development practice. With these newest additions to our degree programs, Candler graduates truly will be ready to lead wherever God calls.

Candler's student body reflects the diversity and breadth of the Christian faithful. Our enrollment stands at 441, with 340 seeking the Master of Divinity, 47 the Master of Theological Studies, 21 the Master of Theology, 15 the Doctor of Theology, and 18 enrolled as Non-Degree students. The student population is 32 percent U.S. ethnic minority, 49 percent women, and the median age of the entering class is 27. Students represent 39 denominations, with half identifying as United Methodist.

We continue to emphasize preparing our students for leadership in an increasingly global context, and now offer 14 academic exchanges with theology schools in 12 countries across five continents. In addition, Candler has an ongoing summer internship program with the Methodist Church in the Bahamas, and participates each year in travel seminars to the Middle East and in World Methodist Evangelism Institute evangelism seminars, traveling in 2014 to Nigeria, Costa Rica, and Brazil.

Candler draws considerable strength and inspiration from its relationship with The United Methodist Church. Our ability to fulfill our mission of educating faithful and creative leaders for the church's ministries in the world depends upon your support, gifts, and prayers. Thank you for the countless ways you advance this vital ministry in the life of our denomination. Visit us in person in Atlanta or online at candler.emory.edu to see firsthand how Candler prepares real people to make a real difference in the real world.

Jan Love, Dean and Professor of Christianity and World Politics,
Candler School of Theology

LYDIA PATTERSON INSTITUTE

Pre-Conference Report 2014

Lydia Patterson Institute opened its doors for the first time to the school year 1913-14, making 2013-14, the 100th session. We celebrate the time passed, and with it we celebrate the thousands of young men and women that have walked our halls. We celebrate the hundreds of young men who began their journey in ministry here and have dedicated their lives to the church. We celebrate the teachers, nurses, engineers, doctors and lawyers and many other professionals whose seeds were planted here. Most importantly, we celebrate Mrs. Lydia Patterson. Unfortunately, Mrs. Patterson lived a rather short life. In that life, she accepted her calling to ministry with the children of South El Paso, and her legacy lives on. Her love and inspiration for the welfare of those in need has lived for 100 years. This is made evident today in the number of teachers, staff members, and administrators who have dedicated their lives to changing those of the students. The incredible dedication of the staff is manifested in their years of service; 12 over 10 years; 5 over 20 years; 6 over 30 years; and Miss Cristina Woo who has served for 42 years. Mrs. Patterson did not know at the time, but her calling made for the calling of thousands of others who followed. She placed the first stone and, in the last one hundred years, a temple was built. In this temple, thousands have worshiped, thousands have been educated, and thousands have made a better life.

Today, the Student Lay Ministry Program is placing interns throughout the country. Some are in seminary and others are already leading churches. Ninety-seven percent of graduates are going to college. The 2013 graduating class received \$1.6 million in scholarships from United Methodist colleges and universities alone. Every student, past and present, begins to change his or her life the moment they step inside the walls of this temple. The spiritual temple at Lydia Patterson remains intact, but the physical buildings have worn and tired. In preparation for the next 100 years, a capital campaign for renovation and a strategic plan for the latest state of the art technology in the classroom, labs, media and research and spiritual development centers is in place. The new chapel will provide the place where all the students, faculty and staff can worship together, and as a multi-purpose facility, will be shared with our community.

The cities of El Paso and Juarez have joined us in this venture, and have committed to a large portion of this capital campaign. The board of trustees, faculty, and staff has pledged 100%, and the students and alumni are equally dedicated to the success of this campaign.

Lastly, we celebrate those who have made and continue to make this ministry, our friends and supporters. They are the foundation of our work. They are our leaders, mentors and inspiration. We have seen their commitment once more as we prepare for the next 100 years. We wish to thank those who have already stepped up and joined us by giving or pledging to the capital campaign. With the love of God, the love and prayers of those in ministry with us, and in memory of Mrs. Lydia Patterson, we will reach our goal and be prepared to carry her legacy for another 100 years.

Socorro Brito de Anda, President

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

When I accepted the offer to become president of Southwestern University in February 2013, I knew it was a special place. But what I have found since I began work here last July has far exceeded my expectations.

In our faculty, I have found a creative, forward-thinking group of individuals who have enormous dedication to our students and who are very open to new ideas for teaching and learning.

In our staff, I have found a very talented group of individuals who play a valuable role in providing exceptional student support service and life-changing experiences for our students.

In our students, I have found a diverse group of young people who are engaged in the classroom, on the playing field, in the arts and in the community.

And in our alumni, I have found individuals of all ages who continue to value the education they received at Southwestern as well as the relationships they formed when they were here.

I also have been overwhelmed by the support the Georgetown community has shown for Southwestern, and I am delighted to be working with a Board of Trustees that is committed to making Southwestern one of the country's premier liberal arts colleges.

The presidential transition was only one of many important events for Southwestern University in 2013. A long-planned trip to Italy over Spring Break 2013 turned into a once-in-a-lifetime experience for members of the SU Chorale as the group arrived in Rome right after the selection of a new pope. The Chorale was the first choir to sing mass in St. Peter's Basilica after the election of Pope Francis I.

Thanks in large part to the work of my predecessor, Jake B. Schrum (who is now president of Emory and Henry College in Virginia), the University concluded its \$150 million Thinking Ahead campaign two years ahead of schedule. Funds raised through the campaign have dramatically changed Southwestern – both academically and physically. In June, Southwestern learned that the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) had reaffirmed its accreditation for another ten years, culminating a reaccreditation process that took several years and literally hundreds of pages of documentation.

In August, Southwestern welcomed a record number of students, with overall enrollment hitting 1,536. Much of this was due in part to the addition of football, which attracted nearly 100 new students.

Faculty Appointments

We also welcomed four new tenure-track faculty members for the 2013-14 academic year: Katherine Grooms, assistant professor of economics; Patrick Van Horn, assistant professor of economics; Michael Gesinski; assistant professor of chemistry; and Jessica Hower, assistant professor of history.

Two faculty members were named to endowed chairs in 2013: Dirk Early, professor of economics and associate dean of the Brown College of Arts and Sciences, was named to the Hugh Roy and Lillie Cullen Chair in Economics; and Emily Niemeyer, professor of chemistry, was named to the Herbert and Kate Dishman Chair in Science.

My longtime friend and fellow math professor Suzanne Buchele left Southwestern at the end of 2013 to return to Ghana as a missionary after having previously been there on a Fulbright Award in 2006-2008. Her missionary work will involve teaching one course a semester at Ashesi University and serving as the university's associate provost. Her husband will return to his work with a Methodist church in Ghana and serve the spiritual needs of the Ashesi community.

Academics

2013 brought the roll out of two exciting new academic programs at Southwestern. In January 2013, we formally launched our HHMI-Southwestern Inquiry Initiative, which is being funded with a four-year, \$1.3 million grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. The purpose of this initiative is to make the University's science and math classes more engaging and enriching for students through a technique known as inquiry-based learning, or student-centered learning. We were honored that one of our faculty members who has been leading this initiative was featured in the Chronicle of Higher Education in September 2013.

HHMI funding also allowed us to expand our summer science research program for students. In the summer of 2013, 31 students or recent graduates conducted research on campus through a new student-faculty collaborative research program called SCOPE.

In August 2013, we began offering classes in our first three "Paideia clusters." Paideia clusters are groups of classes in various disciplines that are connected with a common theme. Beginning in the fall of 2014, all new students at Southwestern will be required to take three courses from a Paideia cluster of their choice to meet some of their general education requirements. The first three Paideia clusters focus on gender, global public health, and the Mediterranean region. Six additional Paideia clusters are being developed for fall 2014.

In February 2014 we announced that Sherry Adrian, associate professor of education and holder of Dishman Endowed Professorship for Special Education, will serve as director of our Paideia program for the next three years. Professor Adrian has been involved with this program since the beginning.

In 2013, Southwestern announced a new minor in race and ethnicity studies, which incorporates classes from 14 disciplines.

In 2013, Southwestern received a \$700,000 grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation that will be used to help its students and faculty members exploit digital technologies and explore new approaches to learning and teaching. In response to student requests, our library is now available to students 24-hours-a-day when classes are in session.

Accolades

Southwestern received numerous accolades in 2013. Most noteworthy of these was the fact that we were ranked #1 in Texas and #7 in the country for Best Career/Job Placement Services in the 2014 edition of *The Best 378 Colleges*, which is published by The Princeton Review. Southwestern also was included in Kiplinger's 2014 list of the 100 top values in liberal arts colleges and was included in the 2014 Guide to Military Friendly

Schools

Southwestern was one of only 113 schools in the country that were named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction for 2013. And *Washington Monthly*, which rates schools based on their contribution to the public good, ranked Southwestern 43rd among liberal arts colleges in 2013.

We were also proud that The United Way of Williamson County selected Southwestern as its Volunteer Partner of the Year for 2013.

Faculty Achievements

Southwestern University faculty members also earned a variety of honors in 2013. For example:

- Seven Southwestern faculty members published books in 2013: Michael Cooper, 1 professor of music, published the *Historical Dictionary of Romantic Music*; Alison Kafer, associate professor of feminist studies, published a book titled *Feminist, Queer, Crip*; Ed Kain, professor of sociology, co-authored a book titled *Applying for a Faculty Position in a Teaching-Oriented Institution*; Thom McClendon, professor of history, co-authored a book titled *The South Africa Reader: History, Culture, Politics*; Sandi Nenga, associate professor of sociology, co-authored *Sociological Studies of Children and Youth: Youth Engagement: The Civic-Political Lives of Children and Youth*, Vol. 16; Michael Saenger, associate professor of English, published a book titled *Shakespeare and the French Borders of English*; and Eric Selbin, professor of political science and University Scholar, had his book titled *Revolution, Rebellion, Resistance –The Power of Story* published in Arabic.
- Emily Niemeyer, professor of chemistry, was one of six women who were named Outstanding Texas Women in STEM by Girlstart, an organization that offers after-school programming to encourage girls in grades 4-8 to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).
- Former President Jake B. Schrum received the 2013 Frank L. Ashmore Award for Service to CASE and the Advancement Profession given by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).
- Retired chemistry professor Robert Soulen was named a Fellow of the American Chemical Society.
- Kiyoshi Tamagawa, professor of music, received the 2013 Award for Outstanding Collegiate Teaching Achievement from the Texas Music Teachers Association.
- In November 2013, eight Southwestern faculty members received awards from the Sam Taylor Fellowship Fund, which provides monetary awards for the continuing education and development of full-time faculty members of United Methodist colleges and universities in Texas.
- Ben Pierce, a professor of biology and holder of the Lillian Nelson Pratt Chair in Biology, was selected to receive the 2013-2014 Exemplary Teaching Award from the Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church.
- Five faculty members were selected to be Southwestern's first Community-Engaged Learning Fellows.
- The Community Engaged Learning Fellows Program is designed to help faculty members learn how to incorporate community-engaged learning into their classrooms and provides a \$1,400 faculty development award that faculty members can use for professional development, course development, and research. Faculty members who were selected as 2013-2014 Fellows were: Sherry Adrian, associate professor of education; Barbara Anthony, assistant professor of mathematics; Kathleen Juhl, professor of theatre; Joshua Long, assistant professor of environmental studies; and Maria Todd, associate professor of biology. In fall 2013, 12 courses at Southwestern had a component that involved community-engaged learning.

Student Achievements

Southwestern students also earned a variety of honors and awards in 2013. For example:

- 2013 graduates Colin Berr and Priscilla Hernandez received \$8,000 scholarships through the Sumners Scholarship Program to participate in programs in Washington, D.C., in summer 2013. Berr attended an Institute on Economics and International Affairs, and Hernandez participated in an Institute on philanthropy and Voluntary Service. Southwestern students Ann Bransford, Lauren Gieseke, Lucero Pina, and Jay Scheinman were selected to receive HattonW. Sumners Scholarships beginning in the fall of 2013. The scholarships are for \$5,000 per semester and are awarded to students based on their academic history, extracurricular activities, and leadership experience.
- Susana Contreras and Nathan Tuttle were chosen to participate in the American Sociological Association's 2013 Honors Program. The program selects "exceptional sociology students from throughout the country and the world" to participate in the American Sociological Association's annual meeting. A third Southwestern student, Megan Robinson, was also selected to participate in the program after winning second place in the 2013 competition for best undergraduate paper sponsored by Alpha Kappa Delta, the international honorary association in sociology.
- Sarah Dorer and Samantha Sada received a Student Research Award from Psi Chi, the national psychology honor society, for a paper they presented at the Southwestern Psychological Association conference held in April 2013.
- Three Southwestern students - Antonio Lopez, Jessica Parada, and Alan Ramos - received the highly competitive Benjamin Gilman International Scholarships from the U.S. Department of State to study abroad in the summer of 2013.
- 2013 graduate Alejandra Benitez received a fellowship to spend the 2013-2014 academic year teaching in France.
- Sophomore Adrienne Dodd was awarded a Critical Language Scholarship from the U.S. Department of State to spend the summer of 2013 studying at Xiamen University in Xiamen, China.
- Senior Paige Duggins was selected to receive the 2014 Academic Internship Student Achievement Award from the Cooperative Education and Internship Association (CEIA). Duggins is the fourth Southwestern student to receive this national award in the past eight years. No other school has had more than two students receive this award.
- Senior education major Katie Elder was one of three students selected statewide to receive a scholarship from the Texas Association of School Personnel Administrators (TASPA) for the 2013-2014 school year. The scholarship honors the best teacher candidates in the state. Southwestern teacher education students have been awarded TASPA scholarships for the past 14 years, consistently besting students from other programs in the state.
- Senior physics major Vicente Estrada-Carpenter won the award for best undergraduate poster at the 2013 Fall Meeting of the Texas Section of the American Physical Society. 2013 graduate Kira McEntire tied for first place in the undergraduate competition for best oral presentation At the 116th Annual Meeting of the Texas Academy of Science.
- Jessica Olson, a senior with a double major in environmental studies and feminist studies, was selected to be a youth delegate to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change for the second year in a row. Olson also received a national award from the Sierra Club in September 2013.
- First-year student Sabrina Rangel was selected to participate in the prestigious Kemper Scholars Program, which prepares students at liberal arts colleges for leadership positions, especially in the fields of administration and business.
- 2013 graduate Katherine Tanner received a Rotary Global Grant to begin her graduate studies at Royal Holloway, which is part of the University of London.

Athletics

2013 was a historic year at Southwestern in terms of athletics. The Pirates fielded a football team for the first time in 63 years. Although the team ended the season without a win, several players earned individual accolades. Other accolades earned by Southwestern athletes and coaches in 2013 included the following:

- Kinesiology major Katelyn Bartell was recognized by the Texas Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine as its 2013 Undergraduate Scholar, the highest honor for undergraduates in the chapter.
- Chelsea Leeder was the only player in the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) to earn a spot on the D3hoops.com All-Region First Team for the South Region.
- 2013 graduate Rachel Thibodeau was selected to receive a prestigious NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship. Thibodeau was the only student-athlete in the SCAC to receive the scholarship in 2013.
- Senior psychology major Lindsay Jakszta was named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Women's All-Scholar Region Team.
- The men's golf team was selected to participate in the NCAA Division III championship for the first time in its history. The women's golf team also played in the NCAA tournament, and golf coach Dan Ruyle was named the SCAC women's Coach of the Year for the fourth time since 2007.

- The men's swimming coaching staff, led by head coach Jon Duncan, was named the 2013 SCAC Men's Staff of the Year during the SCAC Championships. The softball team won the SCAC championship and coach Angela Froboese was named SCAC Coach of the Year for fourth time in five years. Softball players Christina Crandall, Abigail O'Connor, Karen Ramirez and Caroline Young were named All-America Scholar Athletes by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association.
- Daniel Tuttle earned the most individual points at the SCAC Track and Field Championship and was named the SCAC Men's Track and Field Athlete of the Year.
- Seniors Matthew Nickell, Daniel Poole, and Steven Resnik and were named to the NCAA Division III Men's All-West Region Soccer Team.
- Sixty-nine students from Southwestern made the SCAC's Student-Athlete Academic Honor Roll for the fall 2013 semester, placing Southwestern second behind only Trinity University.

Campus Construction Projects

In 2013, Southwestern completed construction of a new field house, practice fields, and track for our athletics teams. We also completed a new baseball locker room. This spring, we plan to begin construction on Phase I of our new science center, which will be available for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Speakers and Symposia

Southwestern brought a wide range of speakers to campus in 2013. World-renown primatologist Jane Goodall delivered our 2013 Shilling Lecture, and novelist T. C. Boyle delivered our 2013 Writer's Voice lecture. In February 2014, Southwestern is hosting some of the country's leading experts on health care for its 36th annual Brown Symposium. NPR host Scott Simon will be delivering our 2014 Shilling Lecture in conjunction with our presidential inauguration March 25.

In Conclusion

I would like to take this opportunity to personally invite you to attend my inauguration and the Shilling Lecture on March 25. Details of the inauguration's activities for the week can be found at www.southwestern.edu/inauguration.

Respectfully yours,

Dr. Edward Burger, President and Professor

MARCHA



Metodistas Asociados Representando la Causa de los Hispano-Americanos

241 Circle View Drive
Franklin, TN 37067

June 1, 2014

Bishop James E. Dorff
The Rio Grande Annual Conference
16400 Huebner Road
San Antonio, TX 78248

Dear Bishop Dorff and members of the Rio Grande Conference:

Peace and Grace to you from God our Creator and Jesus Christ our Savior.

I write to express the best wishes of the MARCHA Consejo Directivo and all the members and friends of MARCHA as you gather for this Worship Service of Celebration of the life and ministry of the Rio Grande Annual Conference. We join you in praising God for the effective and faithful ministry of this beloved Annual Conference. Your long history serving the Latino communities of the southwest have been an inspiration to Hispanic United Methodists across our nation and in several Methodist Churches in Latin America. Your contributions to Hispanic Methodism and to the entire denomination are too many to list, but it is important to note that your early success in reaching the Latino community encouraged several Annual Conferences in other areas of our nation to reach out to the Hispanics, and the sharing of your resources and personnel with them made possible their ministry con El Pueblo.

MARCHA has a special debt of gratitude to the Rio Grande Conference. You hosted the very first meeting in February 1970 in the city of San Antonio where the decision was reached to organize a national caucus. And, a year later you hosted the first national gathering of Hispanics in the facilities of the Lydia Patterson Institute in El Paso TX. It is also important to acknowledge that many of the persons who served as staff to MARCHA and presidents providing strong leadership in the crucial years of its development were members of the Rio Grande Conference. Even today you have an official representative in the Consejo Directivo.

Today as we look back to the key role the Rio Grande Conference played in our church in the development of Hispanic Ministries and the important contributions you have made to the life of our denomination, we praise God with deep gratitude and appreciation for your life and ministry.

It is our prayer as the Rio Grande Conference and Southwest Texas Conference are unified to become the Rio Texas Annual Conference and enter into this new phase of your life, that your witness be strengthened and your voice and actions on behalf of the Hispanics would not be muted but become even stronger and more effective in urging and leading our church in its responsibility to make disciples of Jesus Christ among the rapidly growing Latino population in our nation.

En Cristo Si Se Puede,

Raúl B. Alegria, President
MARCHA

A Resolution Honoring the Ministry and Service of Dr. William James Abraham, D. Phil.

WHEREAS:

William James “Billy” Abraham, born in Enniskillen, Ireland, witnessed and overcame the culture of violence and terrorism in his homeland;

Studied at The Queen’s University of Belfast (B.A., 1970), Asbury Theological Seminary, (M. Div. 1973), and Regent’s Park College, Oxford University (D. Phil., 1977);

Served as Assistant Professor at Seattle Pacific University, and as distinguished visiting professor at Harvard Divinity School;

Currently serves as the Albert Cook Outler Professor of Wesley Studies and Altshuler Distinguished Teaching Professor at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University;

Became a member in Full Connection of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church in 1990, and has served as a delegate to both General and Jurisdictional Conferences representing the Southwest Texas Annual Conference;

Is recognized as one of the top twenty most important theologians in Methodism;

And WHEREAS:

Dr. Abraham has contributed to United Methodism through multiple works including: *An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion* (Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 1985); *The Rationality of Religious Belief*, edited with Steven W. Holtzer (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1987); *The Logic of Evangelism* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1989); *Walking from Doctrinal Amnesia: The Healing of Doctrine in the United Methodist Church* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1995); *Canon and Criterion in Christian Theology* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1998); *Divine Revelation and the limits of Historical Criticism* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000); *The Logic of Renewal* (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing, 2003); *Crossing the Threshold of Divine Revelation* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2007); *Canonical Theism: A Proposal for Theology and the Church*, edited with Jason E. Vickers and Natalie B. Van Kirk (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2008); *The Oxford Handbook of Methodist Studies*, edited with James E. Kirby (Oxford: Oxford University, 2009); *Aldersgate and Athens: John Wesley and the foundations of Christian Belief* (Waco: Baylor University, 2010); *Celtic Fire: Evangelism in the Wisdom and Power of the Spirit* (Dallas: Highland Lochs Press, 2012); *The Bible: Beyond the Impasse* (Dallas: Highland Lochs Press, 2012); *Shaking Hands with the Devil* (Dallas: Highland Lochs Press, 2013); and many more articles and publications;

And WHEREAS:

Dr. Abraham’s contributions to evangelism have stretched beyond the boundaries of the United States and have reached into Central and Southern Asia, Eastern Europe, and Central America;

Is the founder of the Oasis International Missions, Inc., which is a non-profit 501(c)3 Foundation dedicated to supporting and encouraging the mission of making disciples in all nations;

And WHEREAS:

Dr. Abraham as served as a voice of keen intellect and reason in discerning historical Christianity;

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Southwest Texas Annual Conference recognizes and celebrates Dr. William James Abraham for his faithfulness, dedication, service, and wisdom in helping to further the mission of United Methodism in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Signed

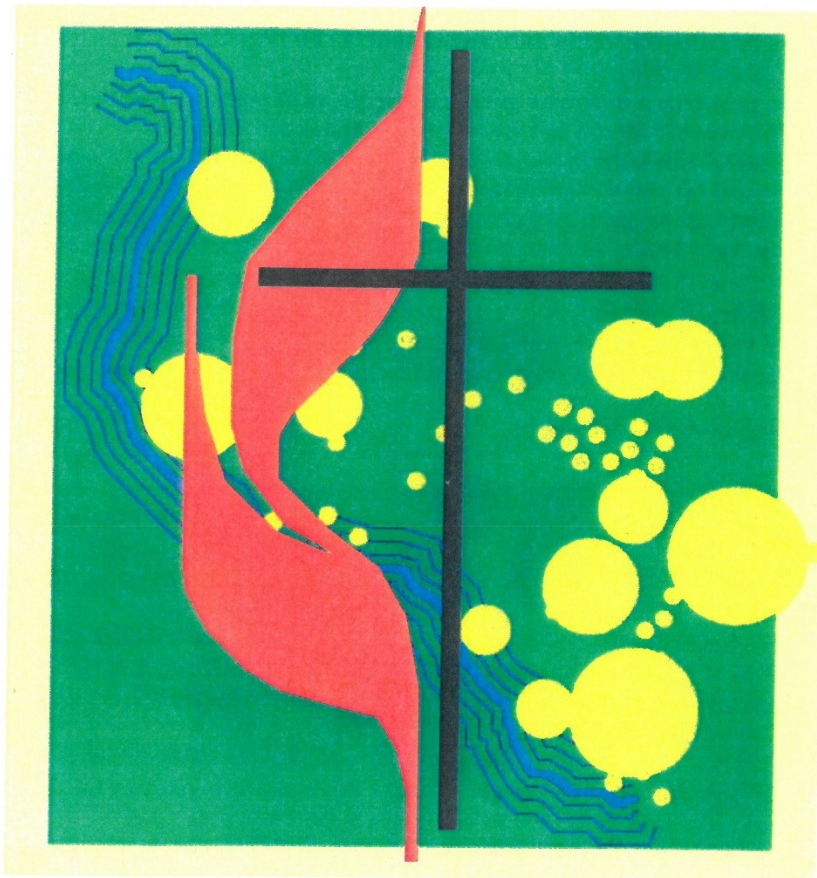
Rev. John Feagins
Senior Pastor
La Trinidad UMC
San Antonio, Texas

Rev. Dr. Bradley L. DeHaven
Executive Director
Oasis International Missions, Inc.
Dallas, Texas

Servicio de Cierre y Gracitud

"One pilgrimage, many tents / Un peregrinaje, muchas tiendas"

*A closing worship service of thanksgiving and celebration
Servicio de adoración de clausura de celebración y gratitud*



The Rio Grande Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church
Kelsey Memorial United Methodist Church
Corpus Christi, Texas
7:30 P.M., Friday, June 13th, 2014

The Rev. Dr. James E. Dorff, Presiding Bishop and Celebrant
The Rev. Dr. Joel Martinez, Retired, Preacher

(la congregación comparte nombres de los fieles / the congregation lifts up the names of the faithful)

Ahora, oh Dios, renueva en nosotros el llamado que hiciste a las generaciones de ayer, continúa con nosotros sobre los caminos del mañana, haciéndote presente en el pan y la copa del nuevo pacto en tu sangre.

Mientras tanto, levantando nuestros ojos hacia el horizonte de tu reino, danos tu Espíritu Santo para servirte con gozo hasta que “toda lengua confiese que Jesucristo es el Señor, para gloria de Dios Padre” (Phil. 2:10.) Escrito por Obispo Joel N. Martínez, 2014

Oración Pastoral	Rev. Dr. Roberto L. Gómez, Presbítero Jubilado
Colecta	Rev. Nydia I. Jara, Superintendente de Distrito
Dios Todopoderoso, tú has entrelazado a tus elegidos en una sola comunión y hermandad en el cuerpo místico de tu Hijo Cristo nuestro Señor: Danos gracia para que de tal modo sigamos a tus benditos santos en toda virtuosa y santa vida que alcancemos los gozos inefables que tú has preparado para los que te aman sinceramente; por Jesucristo nuestro Señor, que contigo y el Espíritu Santo vive y reina, un sólo Dios, en gloria sempiterna. Amén.	
	<i>(del Libro de Oración Común)</i>
Himno	54, «Jesús es mi Rey Soberano» MVPC
Historical Declaration	Rev. Dr. Paul Barton, Conference Historian
*Oración de Iluminación	Rev. Francisco Campos, Superintendente de Distrito
Lectura de Deuteronomio 24:13-16	Sr. Aristides Laguna Presidente Conferencial, Hombres Metodistas Unidos
A reading from the Epistle of Hebrews 11:1-3; 8-13; 32-39; 12:1-2	Rev. Anna Nández Soltero, Deacon
Anthem	“I Will Keep My Eyes On You” Kelsey Memorial UMC Choir
*Lectura el Evangelio según San Juan 14:1-6	Sra. Raquel G. Mariscal Presidente Conferencial, Mujeres Metodistas Unidas
Sermón "One Pilgrimage, Many Tents"/"Un Peregrinaje, Muchas Tiendas"	Bishop Joel Martínez, Retired
Prayer of Confession and Pardon	Rev. Maximino Pérez, President, Order of Elders
The Peace	Mr. Felipe Alambar, Young Adult President
Ofrenda Pro Lydia Patterson Institute	
*Canto	381, «Todo es de Ti» HM
Himno	322, «Te ofrecemos, Padre nuestro» (Let Us Offer to the Father) MVPC
*Prayer of the Great Thanksgiving	Bishop James E. Dorff, Presiding Bishop

*Oración	130, «El Padre Nuestro» MVPC (cantado)
Giving of the Bread and Cup	
*Himno	273, «Somos uno en Cristo» MVPC
*Bendición	Bishop James E. Dorff
*Recessional	

Participants in the Closing Worship of the Rio Grande Annual Conference

Kelsey Memorial United Methodist Church

Corpus Christi, Texas

Friday, June 13th, 7:30 P. M., 2014

Participating in the Procession

Our beloved Children

Deaconess: Mrs. Cindy Johnson

Representing Associate Members: Rev. Javier Leyva

Representing Local Pastors: Rev. Bernardo Garzón

Song and Choir Director: Ms. Minerva Canales, Kelsey Memorial UMC

Pianist: Dr. Raquel M. Martínez

Organist: Mr. Richard Alegría

Liturgist: Rev. Isidro Piña, Pastor of Kelsey Memorial UMC

Opening Prayer: Megan Harrison, Conference Council of Youth Ministries

Greetings and Recognition of Visitors: Rev. Edgar Avitia-Legarte, Conference Secretary

Litany of Remembrance: Dr. Sandra Nieto, Conference Lay Leader

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Dr. Roberto L. Gómez, Elder, Retired

Collect: Rev. Nydia I. Jara, District Superintendent

Historical Declaration: Rev. Dr. Paul Barton, Conference Historian

Prayer for Illumination: Rev. Francisco Campos, District Superintendent

Old Testament Reader: Mr. Aristides Laguna, President, Conference United Methodist Men

Epistle Reader: Rev. Anna Nández Soltero, Deacon, Retired

Anthem: Kelsey Memorial United Methodist Church Choir

Gospel Reader: Mrs. Raquel G. Mariscal, President, Conference United Methodist Women

Preacher: Bishop Joel N. Martínez, Retired

Prayer of Confession and Pardon: Rev. Máximino Pérez, President, Order of Elders

Exchange of Peace: Mr. Felipe Alambar, President of Young Adults

Communion Steward: Rev. Juanita Garcia

Communion Steward: Rev. Steve Salinas

Celebrant of the Sacrament of Holy Communion: Bishop James E. Dorff, Presiding Bishop

Visiting Bishop: Bishop Elías Galvan, Retired

UN PEREGRINAJE, MUCHAS TIENDAS

Hebreos 11-12:1-2

INTRODUCCIÓN

Dios siempre nos bendice para que seamos bendición a los demás. Esto siempre requiere una jornada espiritual, un peregrinaje de fe, y a veces una jornada que nos lleva lejos del hogar, de la familia, de lugares y caminos desconocidos. Fue así con Abram y Sara y continuará siendo así con nosotros. En su peregrinaje, y el nuestro, por muchos peligros, afanes y aflicción, la única certidumbre es la Promesa y la Presencia de Aquel que nos llama.

El llamado de Dios se encuentra en toda las Sagrada Escrituras. Nosotros creemos en la unidad de la Escritura; leemos de toda la Biblia, aprendemos de toda la historia bíblica, recibimos sabiduría y dirección de todo el testimonio bíblico desde Génesis hasta Apocalipsis. En Hebreos, especialmente los primeros versículos del primer capítulo, del capítulo once, y los primeros versículos de capítulo doce, proveen un vistazo panorámico del Dios que hace promesas a quienes llamó y de las generaciones que respondieron con fe al Hacedor de la Promesa. El capítulo once concluye con la declaración que la plenitud de la Promesa, el cumplimiento de la historia todavía está por cumplirse. El peregrinaje no ha terminado, Dios sigue llamando; Dios desea que nosotros también “corramos la carrera”.

Ahora la Iglesia es la mayordoma del llamado especial al que respondió Abram y Sara, y todos los patriarcas y matriarcas, y todos los profetas. Y para nosotros el llamado vino más definitivamente en Jesús el Hijo que vive y reina en nosotros mediante el Espíritu Santo. Después de todo, ¿qué había de especial en Abram y Sara? ¿Qué hay de especial en nosotros? Somos criaturas de Dios, pero así son todos los que llevan la imagen y semejanza del Creador. No, no estamos en una categoría superior a los demás.

Lo que distinguió a los Hebreos, y más tarde a Israel, y después a la Iglesia es esto: **¡Que llevamos el mensaje, que proclamamos las Buenas Nuevas que todos los pueblos son especiales para Dios!**

MUCHAS TIENDAS, MUCHAS EXPERIENCIAS

Hoy nos reunimos bajo la *tienda* de la Conferencia Río Grande. Algunos de ustedes fueron bautizados, quizá confirmados, antes del 3 de noviembre de 1939 cuando las Iglesias hispano-parlantes de Nuevo México y Texas se reunieron en Trinity Methodist Church en Dallas para formar la Conferencia Mexicana del Suroeste que más tarde era llamada Conferencia Río Grande (1948). Si fue así, aquellos pocos de ustedes vinieron de una de tres *tiendas*: La Conferencia Mexicana de Texas, La Conferencia Mexicana del Occidente, y la Misión de Nuevo México. Algunos seguramente caminaron en su peregrinaje en otras *tiendas* - en México, en Cuba, en Puerto Rico y otras regiones de Latinoamérica.

Antes de 1939, el peregrinaje de nuestras madres y nuestros padres en la fe de Jesucristo se vivió en muchas *tiendas* del metodismo. En distritos, misiones, conferencias misioneras, conferencias provisionales, y conferencias anuales en el Suroeste de Estados Unidos, y en el norte de México. Yo he contado 19 unidades organizadas que abarcaron nuestro ministerio, extendiendo desde el norte y oeste de México hasta Texas y Nuevo México e incluyendo, en ocasión, los estados de Arizona, Colorado, California, Nevada y Oregón.

Todas estas *tiendas*, si ustedes quieren, como las de Abram y Sara y sus descendientes fueron provisionales, temporales, y fueron todas en el servicio de la jornada, del peregrinaje hacia la tierra de promesa.

En el relato de Hebreos se habla de la experiencia del pueblo de Dios como: extranjeros e inmigrantes. La implicación es que cruzaron a otras tierras y culturas, con diversas tradiciones y costumbres, viviendo como extraños, como comunidades marginadas, y sufriendo persecución y la muerte que les rodeaba por todos lados.

Fue en esa jornada, sobre el camino, que aprendieron a ser una familia nueva, una comunidad nueva. Comenzaron a levantar altares al Dios Viviente, el Creador. No el pequeño dios de esta montaña, o de aquel valle, o de aquel río. No el pequeño dios de una luna, de un sol, o del fuego, la lluvia, o la nieve.

¡No! Levantaron altares al Dios de toda la creación: de todas las montañas, todos los valles, todos los ríos, todas las lunas, todas las estrellas, todas las lluvias, y todos los mares. Y las bendiciones de Dios serían derramadas sobre todos los pueblos, sobre toda la Tierra. “...En ti todas las familias de la Tierra recibirán bendición” (Génesis 12:3).

TODOS PEREGRINOS, TODOS TESTIGOS

Todos quienes nos encontramos aquí, como peregrinos. Todos somos pecadores redimidos por gracia. Todos somos testigos de la Resurrección. Nadie de nosotros ha llegado a la perfección, todavía vamos sobre el camino.

Como el pueblo de la Conferencia Río Grande, muchos se moverán, juntamente con hermanas y hermanos de la Conferencia Southwest Texas, a otra *tienda*. Pero todos seguirán en el mismo peregrinaje hacia la plenitud de todas las promesas de Dios en Cristo Jesús. Esta nueva *tienda*, la Conferencia Río Texas, también será provisional, temporal, y en el servicio de la jornada. Es ahora bueno y propio dar gracias y alabar a Dios por los peregrinos y testigos que nos ayudaron a llegar hasta aquí por fe.

Algunos nombres de personas vendrán fácilmente a la memoria, pero muchos grandes siervos y siervas permanecerán como santos anónimos entre nosotros, conocidos de Dios y la generación que caminó con ellos. COME DICE HEBREOS 11:32 "ME FALTARÍA TIEMPO PARA HABLAR DE"

- Ambrosio Gonzales, el primer convertido entre los metodistas y el primer predicador laico en Nuevo México;
- Benigno Cárdenas, el primer predicador hispano en Nuevo México que predicó el primer sermón en Español por un metodista en este país en la Plaza de Santa Fe, Nuevo México el 20 de noviembre de 1853;
- Alejo Hernández, el primer mexicano ordenado por los metodistas en Leesville, Texas el 24 de diciembre de 1871;
- Emily Harwood, fundadora de escuelas en la Misión de Nuevo México después de 1869 y que sirvieron como el fundamento del sistema de escuelas públicas en ese estado;
- Luz Corona Costales, esposa de pastor y líder entre la organización de Mujeres Metodistas en la Misión de Nuevo México;
- Carolina Austin Farías, la primera mujer nombrada por un obispo para administrar un cargo pastoral en la Conferencia Río Grande en Mission, Texas en 1920;
- Santiago Tafolla, el primer Presbítero Presidente hispano en la Iglesia Metodista, 1881;
- Elodia Guerra, la primera Evangelista Conferencial de la Conferencia Río Grande, en 1928-33;
- Josué González, el primer presidente conferencial de la juventud metodista de la Conferencia Río Grande, 1933, y que más tarde fuera pastor;
- Carmen Luján, la primera Presidenta Conferencial de la Sociedad Femenil de Servicio Cristiano, 1933;
- Jovita Idar, Co-Editora del Heraldo Cristiano en la Conferencia y que organizó la Liga Femenil Mexicanista, la primera organización femenista en los Estados Unidos, en 1911;
- Alfredo Nájuez, el primer graduado de la Escuela de Teología en SMU que sirviera en la Conferencia de Río Grande.

Y muchos y muchas más que nos bendijeron con su testimonio.

¡SI! POR CENTENARES Y POR MILES, BENDIJERON A LOS MILES Y A LOS CENTENARES DE MILES POR MÁS DE DOCE GENERACIONES!

- Bendiciendo a los niños descalzos que viven en jacales en los ranchos y fincas al final de polvorientos caminos donde las historias bíblicas y cantos del Jesús que ama y recibe a todos los pequeños y pequeñas, aumentaba la esperanza y levantaba el espíritu;
- Abriendo la Biblia, leyendo y enseñando; orando en los hogares humildes con suelos de tierra donde el abuelo y abuela, padre y madre y los niños se reunían bajo la dirección del predicador de circuito o líder de clase, o maestra de escuela dominical;
- Predicando, orando, animando a los mineros en las minas de cobre y plata en lugares como Batopilas en Chihuahua, Hurley y Silver City en Nuevo México, y en las minas de carbón en Rosita, Coahuila; con los ferrocarrileros mexicanos que tendían rieles por ásperos desiertos del norte de México y los estados del suroeste; con las familias campesinas que cosechaban melón y sandía en el Valle de Texas y con los piscadores y piscadoras de algodón en los sembrados del sur y oeste de Texas;
- Enseñando, retando, apoyando la educación de nuevas generaciones acerca de los credos cívicos que se encuentran en declaraciones y constituciones de México y los Estados Unidos, pero arraigados en la fe bíblica. Esos documentos declaran que toda persona es creada igual, y con derechos que provienen del Creador que ninguna institución o autoridad humana puede negar. Y que los hemos visto en las vidas y trabajo de Juárez y Lincoln, Dolores Huerta y Rosa Parks, en la vida de Hector P. García, César Chávez, y

Martin Luther King, Jr.

-Y siempre edificando altares donde el pan y la copa serían ofrecidos para nutrir la fe, donde el bautisterio siempre estaría lleno para el Sacramento del Bautismo, donde el púlpito y los cuartos de escuela dominical con la Biblia e himnario siempre seguirían evangelizando, enseñando, organizando y movilizandoo nuevas congregaciones y ministerios.

Y A LO LARGO DE LA FRONTERA EN AMBOS LADOS, EN LUGARES COMO: Ciudad Camargo y Río Grande City, Ciudad Mier y Laredo, Ciudad Juárez y El Paso; Monclova, Monterrey y Chihuahua; y Brownsville, Mission, y Corpus Christi.

EN EL NORTE DE NUEVO MEXICO, en lugares como Peralta, Socorro, Valverde, Escondida, y Veguita. Y más tarde en Tukumcari, Wagon Mound, Las Cruces y Mesquite.

MÁS TARDE en las ciudades como San Antonio, Albuquerque, Dallas, Houston, Ft. Worth y Lubbock.

PERO TAMBIÉN en las colonias con nombres como Primera, Las Milpas, El Paraiso, y Los Naranjos.

Y EN LUGARES QUE YA NO APARECEN EN NUESTROS ARCHIVOS O EN NUESTRAS MEMORIAS, como Ocate, Nuevo México y Lodi, Saspamco, Bridgeport, Waelder y Smelertown en Texas.

FIJANDO LOS OJOS EN JESÚS, ACEPTANDO EL LLAMADO, ABRAZANDO LA MISIÓN

¿QUÉ DE NUESTRA MISIÓN AHORA Y MAÑANA Y EL TERCER DIA? Escuchemos lo que dice el profeta Isaías: “Ensancha el espacio de tu carpa, y despliega las cortinas de tu morada. ¡No te limites! Alarga tus cuerdas y refuerza tus estacas. Porque a derecha y a izquierda te extenderás; tu descendencia heredará naciones y poblará ciudades desoladas” (Isaías 54:2-3).

¡ENSANCHA, NO TE LIMITES! ¿No trae esto a la memoria el momento cuando Jesús envía sus discípulos a la misión? “Pero cuando venga el Espíritu Santo sobre ustedes, recibirán poder y serán mis testigos tanto en Jerusalén como en toda Judea y Samaria y hasta lo último de la tierra” (Hechos 6:8).

El Libro a los Hebreos define el camino a seguir hacia el futuro de Dios como discípulos de la siguiente manera: “Despojémonos del pecado, corramos la carrera con perseverancia, fijando nuestros ojos en Jesús el pionero y perfeccionador de nuestra fe, quien por el gozo que le esperaba, soportó la cruz, menospreciando la vergüenza que eso significaba, y ahora está sentado a la derecha del trono de Dios (12:2).

Abram y Sara en Génesis, el pueblo exiliado de Dios en Isaías, los discípulos reunidos en Jerusalén, y la primera comunidad cristiana de Hebreos: ¡TODOS FUERON LLAMADOS, TODOS RESPONDIERON, TODOS EMPRENDIERON EN EL MISMO PEREGRINAJE. ELLOS SON PARTE DE NOSOTROS Y NOSOTROS SOMOS PARTE DE ELLOS. NO LOS DEBEMOS OLVIDAR, DEBEMOS APRENDER DE ELLOS Y HONRARLOS, SIENDO FIELES EN EL MISMO PEREGRINAJE E INVITANDO A TODOS LAS HIJITOS E HIJITAS DE DIOS A QUE NOS ACOMPAÑEN!

IMAGÍNENSE

- Si Abram y Sara hubieran permanecido en su casa;
- Si Moisés hubiera permanecido como pastor de ovejas en Madián;
- Si Ester hubiese escondido su herencia de fe por temor;
- Si Elías hubiera permanecido en la cueva;
- Si Pedro hubiera vuelta a la pesca;
- Si Lydia hubiera estado tan involucrada en sus negocios que no hubiera ofrecido la sala de su hogar para que Pablo iniciara la misión en Filipos;
- Si Francisco de Asís hubiera permanecido como un joven rico y apapachado;
- Si Juan y Carlos Wesley se hubieran acomodado en un ministerio confortable entre los importantes y los ricos;
- Si David Ayers, Willam Headen, Emily y Thomas Harwood, y Alexander Sutherland no hubieran respondido al llamado misionero;
- Si Benigno Cárdenas no hubiera ido a las oficinas de la Obra Misionera Metodista en Nueva York en 1853 a ofrecer sus servicios a los metodistas;
- Si Alejo Hernández hubiese dejado de buscar una Biblia y no hubiese cruzado la frontera a Brownsville;
- Si Carolina Farías hubiese rogado que no se le asignara a servir la Iglesia en Mission cuando su esposo murió;

-Si Lucía Escobar no hubiera aceptado el primer nombramiento en el Distrito del Sur cuando la Iglesia Metodista en 1956 aprobó la ordenación para mujeres;

-Y, ¿qué si tu doblas la carpa, te regresas, y reúsas el llamado hoy?

EL DR. JUAN LUIS SEGUNDO, TEÓLOGO LATINO AMERICANO DICE: "LA IGLESIA ES LA ÚNICA INSTITUCIÓN PARA LOS QUE NOS ESTÁN ALLI"

Los encadenados en pobreza, envenenados por drogas, perdidos en avaricia por cosas materiales, aplastados por depresión y desesperación, abandonados por familia, amistades y comunidad;

Los oprimidos por sistemas injustos, gobiernos corruptos, y las grandes desigualdades entre los ricos y los pobres;

Los olvidados en las prisiones, cárceles, y hospitales para los alienados mentales, aquellos que han oído en algún lugar, de alguna persona, en una ocasión que Jesús puede sanar, salvar, y restaurar; y

Aquellos que han de nacer ahora, mañana, y la semana entrante: CUYO HAMBRE POR DIOS, CUYO HAMBRE PARA PERTENECER Y SER ACEPTADO, NO SERÁ SATISFECHO SÓLO CON PAN.

PUEBLO DEL PEREGRINAJE, PUEBLO DEL CAMINO DE LA CRUZ, FIJEN SUS OJOS EN JESÚS, PERSEVEREN EN LA JORNADA MISIONERA.

¡ENSANCHEN SUS CARPAS! ¡NO SE LIMITEN!

¡MIENTRAS TANTO, PARTICIPEMOS DEL PAN Y DE LA COPA HASTA QUE EL SEÑOR VENGA!

Obispo Joel N. Martínez, 13 de junio del 2014

ONE PILGRIMAGE, MANY TENTS

HEBREWS 11-12:1-2.

INTRODUCTION

GOD'S CALL ALWAYS BLESSES US THAT WE MIGHT BECOME A BLESSING TO OTHERS. It always involves an, inner spiritual journey—a pilgrimage of faith, and often a journey that takes us from home, family, familiar ways, and familiar places. It was so with Abraham and Sarah, it will continue to be so with us. On their pilgrimage, and ours, "through many dangers, toils, and snares" the only certainty is the Promise and the Presence of the One who calls. God's call is everywhere in Scripture.

We believe in the unity of Holy Scripture. We read from the whole Bible, we learn from the whole Biblical Story, we receive wisdom and guidance from all the testimony from Genesis to Revelation. Hebrews, especially the opening verses of chapter one, chapter 11 and the opening verses of chapter 12, serves as a sweeping overview of the Promise making God who called and of the generations who responded by faith to the Promise Maker. Chapter 11 dramatically end with the word that the fullness of the Promise, the completion of the story, is yet to come. The pilgrimage is not over, God is continuing to call, God is wanting us to join in, to "run the race". The Church is now the steward of the special call that Abraham answered to, and the patriarchs and matriarchs, and all the Prophets. And for us most definitively in Jesus the Son who lives and reigns in us through the Holy Spirit.

What was special about Abraham and Sarah? What is special about us? We are God's children, but so is everyone who bears "the image and likeness" of the creator. No, we are not in a special category above others. What set the Hebrews apart, and later Israel, and later the Church is this: THAT WE HAVE THE MESSAGE, WE BEAR THE GOOD NEWS, THAT ALL THE NATIONS ARE SPECIAL TO GOD!

MANY TENTS, MANY EXPERIENCES

Today we gather under the "tent" of the Rio Grande Annual Conference. A few of you were baptized, perhaps confirmed, prior to November 3, 1939, when the Spanish-Speaking churches of New Mexico and Texas gathered at Trinity Methodist Church in Dallas, to form the Southwest Mexican Conference which later became the Rio Grande Conference. If so, those few of you came from either one of three other "tents": La Conferencia Mexicana de Texas,

La Conferencia Mexicana del Occidente, y la Misión de Nuevo México. Some, surely journeyed in Christian pilgrimage in other “tents”: in Mexico, Cuba, Puerto Rico, and other regions of America Latina.

Prior to 1939, the one pilgrimage of our fore mothers and fore fathers in the faith of Jesus Christ, was lived out in many tents of Methodism. Districts, Missions, Missionary Conferences, Provisional Conferences, Annual Conferences in the Southwest and Northern Mexico. By my count 19 organized “missional units” preceded 1939 spread out from Northern and Western Mexico to Texas and New Mexico and, at times, including the states of Arizona, Colorado, California, Nevada, and Oregon.

THESE “TENTS”, IF YOU WILL, LIKE ABRAHAM'S AND SARAH'S AND THEIR DESCENDANTS: were provisional, temporary, adaptable.

THEY WERE USED IN THE SERVICE OF THE JOURNEY, THE PILGRIMAGE TOWARD THE LAND OF PROMISE.

Hebrews speaks of the experience of God's people as: strangers, foreigners, immigrants. The implication is of crossing into other lands and cultures, diverse traditions and practices, of living as outsiders, as marginal communities, of persecution and suffering and death lurking all around.

It was on that journey, “on the way”, that they learned to become a new family, a new community. They began to raise altars to the Living God, the Creator. Not the little god of this mountain, or that valley, or that river. Not the little god of a moon, or a sun, or of the fire, the rain, or the snow.

NO! THEY RAISED ALTARS TO THE GOD OF ALL CREATION; OF ALL THE MOUNTAINS, ALL THE VALLEYS, ALL THE RIVERS, ALL THE MOONS, ALL THE STARS, ALL THE RAINS, AND ALL THE SEAS, WHOSE BLESSINGS WOULD BE SHOWERED ON ALL THE PEOPLES, ON THE WHOLE EARTH! “...In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” (Gen. 12:3). “I WILL BLESS YOU...SO THAT YOU WILL BE A BLESSING” (Gen. 12:2)

PILGRIMS ALL, WITNESSES ALL

WE ARE ALL PILGRIMS HERE. WE ARE ALL SINNERS HERE. WE ARE ALL WITNESSES TO THE RESURRECTION. NONE OF US HAS ARRIVED, WE ARE STILL “on the way”.

As the People of Rio Grande, many will be moving together with sisters and brothers of the Southwest Texas Conference, into another “tent”. But all will stay on the one pilgrimage toward the fullness of all God's promises in Jesus Christ. This “tent”, Rio Texas, will also be provisional, temporary, and in the service of the journey. --It is good to give thanks and praise to God for the pilgrims and witnesses that helped us come this far by faith. Some names will come easily to us, many great servants remain anonymous saints among us, known only to God and their generation.

AS HEBREWS 11:32 STATES IT: “TIME WOULD FAIL ME...” TO RECITE A LIST OF SOME OF THE FAITHFUL ONES:

- Ambrosio Gonzales, the first convert and first lay preacher in New Mexico
- Benigno Cardenas, the first Hispanic preacher in New Mexico who preached the first sermon in Spanish by a Methodist in this country -11/20/1853
- Alejo Hernandez, first Hispanic ordained by the Methodists-12/24/1871
- Emily Harwood-founder of schools in the New Mexico Mission after 1869 that served as the foundation of the public school system in that state
- Luz Corona Costales, clergy spouse and leader among the Hispanic Methodist Women in the New Mexico Mission
- Carolina Farias, first woman authorized by the Bishop to administer a charge in the RGC, in Mission, Texas in 1920
- Santiago Tafolla, the first Hispanic Presiding Elder in the Methodist Church, 1881
- Elodia Guerra, the first Conference Evangelist of the RGC (in the 1920-30's)
- Josue Gonzalez, the first Conference President of the Methodist Youth Organization, 1933, who later entered Ordained Ministry
- Carmen Lujan, the first Conference President of the Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service
- Jovita Idar, who was Co-editor of El Heraldito Cristiano and earlier organized the *Liga Femenil Mexicanista*, the first Hispanic feminist organization in the U. S in 1911
- Alfredo Nañez, the first Hispanic graduate of School of Theology at SMU to serve in the Rio Grande Conference

-And many, many more servants who blessed us with their witness.

YES, BY THE HUNDREDS AND THE THOUSANDS, THEY BLESSED THE SCORES OF THOUSANDS AND THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS FOR MORE THAN TWELVE GENERATIONS:

-Blessing the little barefooted children living in shacks on farms and ranches at the end of dusty roads where Bible Stories and songs about the Jesus who loves and welcomes all the little ones, raised hope and lifted spirits;

-Opening the Bible and reading and teaching and praying in the tiny homes with dirt floors where mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, and children gathered around the circuit rider or class leader or Sunday School teacher;

-Preaching, praying, encouraging, the miners by the copper and silver mines in places like Batopilas in Chihuahua, Hurley and Silver City in New Mexico, and Rosita in Coahuila, Mexico; the railroad workers laying tracks across the harsh deserts of Northern Mexico and the Southwestern U. S.; with campesino families working the melon and watermelon harvests in the lower valley and picking the cotton in the cotton fields of south and west Texas.

-Teaching, challenging, supporting the education of new generations about the civic creeds enshrined in the founding documents, declarations, and constitutions of Mexico and the U S, but rooted in the Biblical faith.

They declare that all persons are created equal, and have rights that no human institution or authority may deny and that are modeled for us by leaders like Juarez and Lincoln, by Dolores Huerta and Rosa Parks, by Hector P. Garcia, Cesar Chavez, and Martin Luther King, Jr.

--AND ALWAYS building altars where the bread and the cup would be offered to nourish the faith, where the font would always be full for the sacrament of baptism, where the pulpit and the Sunday School rooms, with Bible and Hymnal, would evangelize, teach, organize, and mobilize new congregations and ministries;

ALONG THE BORDER, ON BOTH SIDES, in places like: Cd. Camargo and Rio Grande City, Cd. Mier and Laredo, Cd. Juarez and El Paso; Monclova, Monterrey, and Chihuahua; and Brownsville, Mission, and Corpus Christi.

IN NORTHERN NEW MEXICO, in places like Peralta, Socorro, Valverde, Escondida, and Veguita. And later, Tucumcari, and Wagon Mound, Las Cruces, and Mesquite

LATER in the cities, like San Antonio, Albuquerque, Dallas, Houston, and Ft. Worth and Lubbock.

BUT also in the Colonias with names like: Primera, Las Milpas, El Paraiso, y Los Naranjos.

IN PLACES NO LONGER IN OUR RECORDS OR OUR MEMORIES, like Ocate in New Mexico, and Lodi, Saspampco, Bridgeport, Waelder, and Smelertown in Texas.

LOOKING TO JESUS, ACCEPTING THE CALL, EMBRACING THE MISSION

WHAT ABOUT OUR MISSION TODAY AND TOMORROW AND THE THIRD DAY? LISTEN TO ISAIAH: "ENLARGE THE SITE OF YOUR TENT, AND LET THE CURTAINS OF YOUR HABITATIONS BE STRETCHED OUT; DO NOT HOLD BACK; LENGTHEN YOUR CORDS AND STRENGTHEN YOUR STAKES. FOR YOU WILL SPREAD OUT TO THE RIGHT AND TO THE LEFT, AND YOUR DESCENDANTS WILL POSSESS THE NATIONS AND WILL SETTLE THE DESOLATE TOWNS" (54:2-3)

"ENSANCHA EL ESPACIO DE TU CARPA, Y DESPLIEGA LAS CORTINAS DE TU MORADA. NO TE LIMITES! ALARGA TU CUERDAS Y RESFERZA TUS ESTACAS. PORQUE A DERECHA Y A IZQUIERDA TE EXTENDERAS; TU DESCENDENCIA HEREDARA NACIONES Y POBLARA CIUDADES DESOLADAS." (Isaias 54:2-3)

ENLARGE, DO NOT HOLD BACK! ENSANCHA., NO TE LIMITES! Does this remind you about Jesus sending of the disciples into mission? "...You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8)

Hebrews defines the way we are to go into God's future as disciples: "Let us lay aside sin. Let us run with perseverance. Looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Who endured the Cross, Who is seated in glory with God"

Abraham and Sarah in Genesis, the exiled people of God in Isaiah, the disciples gathered in Jerusalem, the early church community of Hebrews: THEY WERE ALL CALLED, THEY ALL RESPONDED, THEY ALL SET OUT ON THE ONE PILGRIMAGE. THEY ARE PART OF US, WE ARE PART OF THEM. WE MUST NOT FORGET THEM, LEARN FROM THEM, AND HONOR THEM BY FAITHFULNESS ON THE PILGRIMAGE AND INVITING ALL GOD'S CHILDREN TO JOIN WITH US!

IMAGINE

- If Abraham and Sarah had stayed home;
- If Moses had remained a shepherd in Midian;
- If Esther had hidden her faith heritage in fear;
- If Elijah had remained in the cave;
- If Peter had gone back to fishing;
- If Lydia had been too busy with her business to offer her living room for Paul to begin the mission in Phillipi;
- If Francis of Assisi had remained a spoiled, rich kid;
- If John and Charles Wesley had settled into the comfortable ministry among the important and well-connected;
- If David Ayers, William Headen, Emily and Thomas Harwood, and Alexander Sutherland had not answered the mission call;
- If Cardenas had not gone to the Mission offices in NYC in 1853 to offer his services to the Methodists;
- If Alejo Hernandez had given up looking for the Bible and not crossed the border at Brownsville;
- If Carolina Farias had begged off from serving the church in Mission when her husband died;
- If Lucia Escobar had not taken the first appointment in 1956 in the Southern District when the Methodist church began ordaining women that year;
- AND, what if you fold the tent, turn back, and refuse the Call today?

JUAN LUIS SEGUNDO, TEOLOGO LATINO AMERICANO SAID: "THE CHURCH IS THE ONLY INSTITUTION THAT EXISTS FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT THERE."

Those chained in poverty, poisoned by drugs, lost in greed for material things, crushed by depression and despair, abandoned by family, friends, and community.

Those oppressed by unjust systems, corrupt governments, and the great disparities in wealth in our world. The forgotten ones in the prisons, the jails, and the mental hospitals.

Those who have heard somewhere, from someone, someplace that Jesus can heal, and save, and restore.

Those yet to be born, today, tomorrow, and next week: WHOSE HUNGER FOR GOD, THEIR HUNGER FOR BELONGING, WILL NOT BE SATISFIED BY BREAD ALONE.

PEOPLE OF THE PILGIMAGE, PEOPLE OF THE WAY OF THE CROSS, FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS, PERSEVERE IN THE MISSION JOURNEY.

ENLARGE YOUR TENTS! DO NOT HOLD BACK!! ENSANCHEN EL ESPACIO DE SU CARPA! NO SE LIMITEN!! ¡MIENTRAS TANTO, PARTICIPEMOS DEL PAN Y DE LA COPA, HASTA QUE EL SENOR VENGA!

Obispo Joel N. Martinez, June 13th, 2014

**BYLAWS OF THE RIO GRANDE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

These Bylaws (referred to as "Bylaws") govern the affairs of the Río Grande Conference of The United Methodist Church, a nonprofit corporation (referred to as "Corporation") organized under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act (referred to as "Act").

Article I - Offices

Principal Office

The principal office of the Corporation in the State of Texas shall be located at 16400 Huebner Road, P. O. Box 781974, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas 78278. The Corporation may have such other offices, either in Texas or elsewhere, as the Board of Directors may determine.

Registered Office and Registered Agent

The corporation shall comply with the requirements of the Act and maintain a registered office and registered agent in Texas. The registered office shall be located at 16400 Huebner Road, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas 78248. The registered agent shall be Bishop James Dorff. The Board of Directors may change the registered agent as provided in the Act.

Article II - Members

The Corporation shall have members as provided by the Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church. The Corporation is a church and the management of its affairs is vested in its members pursuant to Article 1396-2.14 Section C of the Revised Civil Statutes.

Article III - Meeting of Members

Annual Meeting

The Corporation shall hold an Annual Meeting of the members each year at a time and place determined at the previous year's Annual Meeting. At the Annual Meeting, the members shall elect directors and transact any other business that may come before the meeting. If in any year, the election of directors is not held on the days designated for the Annual Meeting, or at any adjournment of the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors shall call a special meeting of the members as soon as possible to conduct the election of directors.

Special Meetings

Special meetings of the members may be called by the President, the Board of Directors, or not less than one sixth of the voting members at the Annual Meeting.

Article IV - Board of Directors

Management of the Corporation

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall act as fiduciaries with respect to the interests of its members and in accordance with The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church.

Number, Qualifications, and Tenure of Directors

The initial Board of Directors shall serve for a term of one (1) year. Beginning with the Annual Meeting of the Río Grande Conference of The United Methodist Church in the year 1993, the number of Board of Directors shall be thirteen (13). The Bishop of the Río Grande Conference of The United Methodist Church shall be a Director on the Board of Directors. The other twelve Directors shall be elected by vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting. Each Director must be a member in good standing at his/her local church and in the Río Grande Conference of The United Methodist Church. The twelve directors shall be divided into three (3) classes of four Directors in each class to

be elected by vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting. Each Director shall serve for a term of three (3) years. The terms of the Directors shall be staggered. No Director shall serve for more than two terms.

Nomination and Election of Directors

At the Annual Meeting of the members a person who meets the qualifications shall be nominated for membership on the Board of Directors. Of the twelve (12) Directors that are divided into three (3) classes four (4) Directors, one (1) clergy member and one (1) lay member must be elected by vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting from each district.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors may be held with notice as required by these Bylaws. The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at the same time and place as the Annual Meeting of members.

Regular Meetings

The Board of Directors may provide for regular meetings by resolution stating the time and place of such meetings. The meetings may be held either within or without the State of Texas and shall be held at the Corporation's registered office in Texas if the resolution does not specify the location of the meetings. Notice of regular meetings of the Board is required as provided by these Bylaws.

Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the President or any two (2) Directors. A person or persons authorized to call a special meeting of the Board of Directors may fix any place within or without Texas as the place for holding a special meeting. The person or persons calling a special meeting shall notify the Secretary of the information required to be included in the notice of the meeting. The Secretary shall give notice to the Directors as required by these Bylaws.

Quorum

A majority of the number of Directors then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors. The Directors present at a duly called or held meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to transact business even if enough Directors leave the meeting so that less than a quorum remain. However, no action may be approved without the vote of at least a majority of the number of Directors required to constitute a quorum. If a quorum is present at no time during a meeting, a majority of the Directors present may adjourn and reconvene the meeting one time without further notice.

Duties of Directors

Directors shall exercise ordinary business judgment in managing the affairs of the Corporation. Directors shall act as fiduciaries with respect to the interests of the members. In acting in their official capacity as Directors of this Corporation, Directors shall act in good faith and take actions they reasonably believe to be in the best interests of the Corporation and that are not unlawful. In all instances the Board of Directors shall not take any action that they should reasonably believe would be opposed to the Corporation's best interests or would be unlawful. A Director shall not be liable if, in the exercise of ordinary care, the Director acts in good faith relying on written financial and legal statements provided by an accountant or attorney retained by the Corporation.

Compensation

Directors may not receive any compensation for their services. However, the Board of Directors may adopt a resolution providing for payment to Directors of actual expenses incurred in attendance at a meeting in connection with their service as Director. A Director may serve the Corporation in any other capacity and receive compensation for those services.

Vacancies

Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors, and any Director position to be filled due to an increase in the number of Directors, shall be filled by the Board of Directors. A vacancy is filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining Directors, even if it is less than a quorum of the Board of Directors, or if it is the sole remaining Director. A Director elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of the predecessor in office.

Removal of Directors

Section 1. Any Director of the Corporation who is negligent in the duties and responsibilities of such office, or for any other good and just cause, may be removed from office by the following procedures in its entirety and sequence:

- 1) A submission of a formal written petition with no less than five (5) Directors of the Board submitting the petition to the Corporation stating the full particulars to the Board of Directors.
- 2) Upon application, the Director in question may have a hearing before the Board of Directors.
- 3) A two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote, written or oral, of the Board of Directors shall be final upon the matter of removal.

Section 2. If a Director is twice absent from a duly called meeting during the fiscal year without being excused by action of the Board, the Director shall be disqualified from serving as a Director. An absence is excused only if (a) the absent Director informed the President of his/her absence and the reason for his/her absence in advance, and (b) the Board of Directors votes to excuse the absence.

Article V - Officers

Officer Positions

The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. All officers shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at the regular annual meeting. A vacancy in any office may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

President

The President shall be the principal corporate officer and shall preside at all meetings of the Board. The President shall be an ex officio member with voice and vote of all committees. The President shall perform all the duties of the office of the President and other duties as may be prescribed by the Board from time to time.

Vice President

The Vice President shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the Board or by the President. In the absence of the President or in the event of disability, inability or refusal to serve of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties of President with full powers of, and subject to the restrictions on the office of President.

Secretary

The Secretary shall provide for the keeping of the minutes of all meetings of the Board and Board Committees and shall assure that such minutes are filed with the records of the Corporation. The Secretary shall give or cause to be given appropriate notices in accordance with these Bylaws and as required by law, and shall act as custodian of all corporate records and of the seal of the Corporation. The Secretary shall, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall keep or cause to be kept correct and accurate accounts of the properties and financial transactions of the Corporation and, in general, perform all duties incident to the office and such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the President or by the Board of Directors.

Article VI - Committees

Establishment of Committees

The Board of Directors, by resolution adopted by a majority of Directors, may designate and appoint one or more committees, each of which will consist of two or more Directors. Such committees, to the extent provided in said resolution, shall have and exercise the authority of the Board of Directors and the management of the Corporation. However, no committee shall have the authority of the Board of Directors in reference to amending, altering, repealing or adopting Bylaws; electing, appointing or removing any member of such committee or any Director or Officer of the Corporation; amending the Articles of Incorporation; authorizing the sale, lease, exchange or mortgage of all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Corporation; authorizing the voluntary dissolution of the Corporation; or amending, altering or repealing any resolution of the Board of Directors which, by its terms, provides that it shall not be amended, altered or repealed by such committee; or take any such action contrary to the laws of the state or The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church.

Term of Office

Each member of a committee shall continue as such until the next Annual Meeting of the members or until such member's successor is appointed, unless the committee shall be sooner terminated, or unless such member or such Director shall cease to qualify as a member thereof. Vacancies in the membership of any committee may be filled by appointments made in the same manner as provided in the case of the original appointments. Unless otherwise provided in the resolution of the Board of Directors designating a committee, a majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

Article VII - Books and Records

Required Books and Records

The Corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Directors, committees and the Annual Meeting of the members as required by the laws and statutes of the State and The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church. Any member, Director, or any committee member of the Corporation may inspect and receive copies of all books and records of the Corporation required to be kept by the Bylaws.

Audits

Any member shall have the right to have an audit conducted of the Corporation's books. The member requesting the audit shall bear the expense of the audit unless the members vote to authorize payment of audit expenses. The member requesting the audit may select the

accounting firm to conduct the audit. A member may not exercise these rights to compel audits so as to subject the Corporation to an audit more than once in a fiscal year.

Article VIII - Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day in December of each year.

Article IX - Indemnification

The Corporation shall indemnify any individual who is or was a Director, officer or employee of the Corporation, provided such indemnification is accomplished under the terms and conditions of Art. 1396 - 2.22A, Vernon's Annotated Texas Statutes, to which express reference is here made. Further, the Board of Directors is authorized to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any individual against any liability asserted against such individual arising out of his or her relationship to the Corporation under such terms and provisions of Section R of said Art. 1396 - 2.22A.

Article X - Notices

Notices by Mail or in Person

Any notice required or permitted by the Bylaws to be given to Director, Officer, member of any committee or any member may be given by mail or delivered in person not less than 10 or more than 50 days before the date of such meeting, stating the place, day and hour, and by or at the direction of the President or the Secretary, or the Officer or persons calling the meeting. (sic) In the case of a special meeting or when required by the Act or these Bylaws, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called shall be stated in the notice. If mailed, a notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited with postage prepaid in the United States mail addressed to the person at his or her address as it appears on the records of the Corporation. A person may change his or her address by giving written notice to the Secretary of the Corporation.

Signed Waiver of Notice

Whenever any notice is required to be given under the provisions of Act or under these Bylaws, a waiver in writing signed by a person entitled to receive a notice shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of the notice. A waiver of notice shall be effective whether signed before or after the time stated in the notice being waived.

Waiver of Notice by Attendance

The attendance of a person at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of the meeting unless the person attends for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

Article XI - Special Procedures Concerning Meetings

Meeting by Telephone

The Board of Directors and any committee of the Corporation may hold a meeting by telephone conference-call procedures in which all persons participating in the meetings can hear each other. The notice of a meeting by telephone as well as all other matter required to be included in the notice. Participation of a person in a conference-call meeting constitutes presence of that person at the meeting.

Decision Without Meeting

Any decision required or permitted to be made a meeting of the Board of Directors or any committee of the Corporation may be made without a meeting. A decision without a meeting may be made if a written consent to the decision is signed by all of the persons entitled to vote on the matter. The original signed consents shall be placed in the Corporation minute book and be kept with the Corporation's records.

Article XII - Amendments to Bylaws

The Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted either by the membership or by the Board of Directors. The notice of any meeting at which the Bylaws are altered, amended or repealed, or at which new Bylaws are adopted shall include the text of the proposed Bylaw provisions as well as the text of any existing provisions proposed to be altered, amended or repealed, and shall be delivered to each member or Director at 10 days prior to said meeting. A two-thirds (P) vote of the members or Directors present is required for altering, amending or repealing and adopting Bylaws. No amendment shall be adopted which shall, in any way, contravene or conflict with The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church.

Article XIII - Miscellaneous Provisions

Legal Authorities Governing Construction of Bylaws

The Bylaws shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. All references in the Bylaws to statutes, regulations, or other sources of legal authority shall refer to the authorities cited, or their successors, as they may be amended from time to time.

Legal Construction

If any Bylaw provision is held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect the invalidity illegality or unenforceability, shall not affect any other provision and the Bylaws shall be construed as if the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had not been included in the Bylaws. No Bylaw shall in any way contravene or conflict with The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church.

Headings

The headings used in the Bylaws are used for convenience and shall not be considered in construing the terms of the Bylaws.

Parties Bound

The Bylaws shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the members, Directors, Officers, committee members, employees, and agents of the Corporation and their respective successors and assigns, except as otherwise provided in the Bylaws.

Certificate of Secretary

I certify that I am duly elected and acting secretary of the Rio Grande Conference of The United Methodist Church and that the foregoing Bylaws constitute the Bylaws of the Corporation. These Bylaws were duly adopted at the annual meeting of the Rio Grande Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Georgetown, Texas on June 13, 1992.

Edgar Avitia, Secretary,
Rio Grande Conference of The United Methodist Church

La Junta Directiva de la Corporación de la Conferencia Río Grande de la Iglesia Metodista Unida

Abraham Ramírez (CI/C – 2015), Ella Luna (CI/ME – 2015), Liliana Padilla (CI/ME – 2015), Max Pérez (CI/EM - 2015);
María Vela (CI/C - 2016), Elizabeth Jiménez (L/S - 2016), Elva Garza (L/C - 2016), Gloria Rivera (L/ - 2016); David
Ancira (L/ - 2017), Germán Gallardo, Jr. (L/C - 2017), Martín Piña (L/C - 2017), Héctor Martínez (L/ - 2017).

REGLAS CONFERENCIALES

100. ORGANIZACIÓN
101. Los procedimientos parlamentarios irán de acuerdo con el Libro de Reglas “Robert’s Rules of Order”.
102. Únicamente las copias de los informes de agencias conferenciales, Mesa Común y Mesa de Recursos Financieros serán puestas en las mesas de los miembros de la Conferencia para evitar la aglomeración de papeles.
103. Cualquier cambio o sugerencia referida al Comité de Reglas para su estudio será enviada al Comité de Reglas para el 20 de abril. El Comité estudiará y recomendará su acción a la Conferencia. Un voto de dos terceras partes de la conferencia será requerido para que la regla tome efecto inmediato.
104. Cada iglesia formalmente organizada elegirá un miembro laico de la Conferencia Anual de acuerdo con el párrafo 249.5 de *El Libro de la Disciplina*. Las iglesias con más de 300 miembros tendrán un miembro conferencial adicional.
105. Los miembros laicos de la Conferencia Anual se elegirán por un cuadrenio, o sea cada cuatro años, en las Conferencias de Cargo (de 2011, 2013). Las vacantes deben ser suplidas, cuando ocurran, por la Conferencia de Cargo.
106. Para tratar de igualar el número de laicos y clérigos de la Conferencia Anual:
- a. Las organizaciones conferenciales de Hombres Metodistas Unidos, Mujeres Metodistas Unidas, Jóvenes Metodistas Unidos, Adultos Jóvenes, Asociación de Esposas y Esposos de Pastores enviarán un representante del Comité Ejecutivo, además del presidente, como miembro de la Conferencia Anual con derecho a voz y voto. Las organizaciones serán responsables por los gastos de estos representantes en asistir a las sesiones de la Conferencia Anual.
 - b. Las organizaciones distritales de Hombres Metodistas Unidos, Mujeres Metodistas Unidas, Jóvenes Metodistas Unidos y Adultos Jóvenes enviarán dos representantes del Comité Ejecutivo (de los cuales uno será el presidente de la organización) como miembros de la Conferencia Anual con derecho a voz y voto. Las organizaciones serán responsables por los gastos de estos representantes en asistir a las sesiones de la Conferencia Anual.
 - c. El personal ejecutivo electo de la Conferencia Anual será miembro de la Conferencia Anual con voz y voto al ser miembro de La Iglesia Metodista Unida.
 - d. Los miembros laicos y laicas de la Mesa Común y de la Mesa de Recursos Financieros serán miembros de la Conferencia Anual.
 - e. El canciller de la Conferencia será miembro de la Conferencia Anual con voz y voto y sus gastos de asistencia a las sesiones serán sufragados con fondos del Comité de Agenda.
107. Habrá un Comité de Postulaciones formado por el Obispo, los dos superintendentes de distrito, el Director de Ministerios Conexionales, un clérigo, el director laico conferencial, los presidentes/as de las siguientes organizaciones conferenciales: Hombres Metodistas Unidos, Mujeres Metodistas Unidas, Adultos Jóvenes y Jóvenes. Se nombrarán laicos adicionales para balancear el número de varones y mujeres laicistas.
108. Cada persona elegida por la Conferencia pertenecerá a solo una agencia conferencial y mesa (mesa común y mesa de recursos financieros) excepto donde *El Libro de la Disciplina* diga lo contrario, con excepción de los superintendentes y las mujeres clérigas.
109. El término de membresía en alguna agencia conferencial, mesa común y mesa de recursos financieros es cuadrienal, o sean cuatro años, excepto donde *El Libro de la Disciplina* indique lo contrario. El tiempo máximo que una persona puede servir en una agencia son dos periodos, excepto cuando llenen alguna vacante durante el cuadrenio. De ser así, una persona puede ser electa a dos periodos completos, sin sobrepasar diez años consecutivos excepto donde *El Libro de la Disciplina* indique lo contrario.
110. Cuando una persona esté ausente de dos reuniones consecutivas de la agencia conferencial o mesa de la cual es miembro sin previo aviso, será removida y se notificará al presidente del Comité de Postulaciones para que se postule a otra persona por el periodo que resta.

111. Las postulaciones serán por cuatro años excepto donde lo estipule diferente el *Libro de la Disciplina*. Según el párrafo 705.5.e de *El Libro de la Disciplina*, la membresía de toda agencia conferencial, hasta donde sea posible, será una tercera parte personas clericales, una tercera parte mujeres laicas y una tercera parte varones laicos.
112. Las personas que son elegidas como oficiales de una agencia conferencial, la mesa común o la mesa de recursos financieros continuarán con sus responsabilidades como oficiales hasta el fin del cuatrienio, aun cuando cesen de representar puestos distritales o conferenciales.
113. Cada persona elegida presidente/a de una agencia conferencial, mesa común, o mesa de recursos financieros servirá en el puesto una sola vez.
114. Si es necesario, las agendas conferenciales, la mesa común, o la mesa de recursos financieros se reunirán para sus trabajos antes de la apertura de las sesiones de la Conferencia.
115. Todo miembro de cualquier agencia conferencial y mesa (mesa común y mesa de recursos financieros) deberá asistir por lo menos 75% del tiempo de cualquier reunión para que se le paguen sus gastos.
116. Habrá un Comité de Memoriales compuesto por los superintendentes.
117. El plan de estructura continuará siendo publicado en las Actas como vía de información.
118. El líder laico conferencial será postulado por la Junta del Laicado para elección por la Conferencia Anual. La elección del líder laico conferencial y líderes laicos asociados será por un término de dos años; podrán ser reelectos por un máximo de ocho años consecutivos.
119. El Concilio Conferencial de Ministerios Juveniles (CCYM) recomendará una persona para ser Director Juvenil Conferencial al Concilio de Ministerios y postulará a tal persona a la Conferencia Anual para su elección.
120. Habrá una Conferencia de Distrito en cada distrito y su estructura será determinada por la misma Conferencia Distrital siempre y cuando no haya conflicto con *El Libro de la Disciplina*. El/la secretario-a de la Conferencia de Distrito enviará una copia de las actas al Comité de Actas de la Conferencia.
121. En la Conferencia del Río Grande, las Juntas Distritales de Ubicación y Edificación de Iglesias (párrafo 2518, *El Libro de la Disciplina*) serán y funcionarán también como los Comités Distritales de Desarrollo de Congregaciones.
122. Las reuniones de programa, planificación, y administración a nivel conferencial y distrital incluyan un sábado para que los miembros laicos puedan asistir sin perder un día de trabajo.

200. MINISTERIAL
201. La Junta del Ministerio Ordenado tendrá dentro de su membresía cuando menos dos personas de cada Distrito al tiempo de su elección.
202.
 - A. Cualquier recomendación respecto a candidatura, pastores locales, candidatos a miembros provisionales y candidatos a miembros asociados de los Comités Distritales del Ministerio Ordenado deberán ser enviados al registrador de la Junta del Ministerio Ordenado para el 31 de diciembre previo a la sesión de la Conferencia Anual cuando se debe tomar acción sobre dichas recomendaciones.
 - B. Miembros provisionales que desean ser recibidos en plena conexión deberán hacer su petición al registrador de la Junta del Ministerio Ordenado para el 31 de diciembre antes de la sesión cuando sean considerados.
203. Las compensaciones de los pastores de cargo se pagarán comenzando el 10 de julio hasta el 30 de junio. La compensación de junio le pertenece al pastor saliente. Para pastores que vienen de fuera de la Conferencia a tomar una iglesia, su compensación principiará el 1ro de julio si reciben nombramiento en la Conferencia Anual o cuando corresponda.
204. Todo pastor que reciba nuevo nombramiento saldrá de la casa pastoral para el último miércoles del mes.
205. Todo pastor de cargo recibirá para el 20 de diciembre, por conducto del Secretario de Estadísticas, los blancos para informar sobre estadísticas y finanzas. Estos blancos se regresarán a sus respectivos superintendentes para el 1ro de febrero.

206. Tan pronto como un miembro clerical sea nombrado superintendente de distrito cesará su función como miembro de cualquier agencia conferencial y mesa con excepción de donde la estructura conferencial o *El Libro de la Disciplina* lo prescriba.
207. Los pagos de los seguros de hospitalización y medico se harán mensualmente. Cuando un/a participante deba la cantidad que iguale a un mes de primas, se le avisará de su deuda por escrito con copia a su superintendente de distrito. Al deber lo que equivale a dos meses de primas, con aviso se cancelará su seguro.
208. Toda persona clériga jubilada que sea mayor de 65 años y elegible a Medicare, contribuirá con el 10% de la prima en efecto. Toda persona clériga menor de 65 años que pase a relación de jubilación jubilada contribuirá el 25% de la prima del seguro médico. Esta regla tomará efecto el primero de enero del año 2004.
209. Que esta Conferencia reconozca los años de servicio de personas que sirvieron bajo nombramiento antes de 1982. Que este reconocimiento sea a través de un donativo especial de acuerdo a las tasas existentes al tiempo de su separación.
210. El término del Director de Ministerios Conexionales será seis años. Una persona no podrá ser nombrada a este puesto por más de seis años en nueve años consecutivos.
300. INFORMES
301. Las Actas serán publicadas y enviadas a más tardar noventa días después de la clausura de las sesiones de la Conferencia Anual y se enviarán ejemplares para pastores y miembros laicos a la dirección de la Iglesia y a todo ministro jubilado o con nombramientos fuera de la iglesia local a su domicilio.
302. El programa de la Mesa Común, el informe de la Mesa de Recursos Financieros, el informe del tesorero conferencial y el presupuesto de la Conferencia Anual serán enviados al domicilio de cada miembro (active y jubilado) de la Conferencia por lo menos dos semanas antes de la apertura de las sesiones anuales.
303. El informe de los superintendentes a la Conferencia Anual será un informe unido que no pase de veinte minutos de lectura.
304. Toda resolución que requiera acción de la Conferencia deberá estar en manos de los miembros por lo menos doce horas antes de su presentación.
305. Todo informe y reporte presentado ante la Conferencia y todo negocio podrán ser en Español o Inglés. Hasta donde sea posible se recomienda que los reportes se presenten con una traducción.
306. Las Tablas de Estadísticas y Finanzas, el resumen de las preguntas disciplinarias, y el record ministerial serán publicados en Inglés en las Actas de la Conferencia.
307. A los visitantes que dan un informe oral se les concederá un tiempo de no más de cinco minutos.
400. FINANZAS
401. El tesorero-a local remitirá los dineros de asignaciones conferenciales a la tesorería conferencial en doce pagos mensuales iguales principiando en enero y el último pago deberá recibirse en la oficina de la tesorería con matasellos de la oficina de correos a más tardar el 31 de diciembre. Si el 31 de diciembre es domingo, será el viernes anterior al último día del periodo fiscal. La asignación para el Fondo de Pensiones será pagada primero.
402. Las asignaciones conferenciales, con excepción del Fondo de Pensiones, serán calculadas por la Mesa de Recursos Financieros a base del promedio de los últimos tres años de las finanzas dc cada iglesia local (cantidad reportada gastada en las líneas 39-51 y 64 a 72, así como las cantidades asignadas en las líneas 35 a 55 y 59 a 62 del Informe de la Iglesia Local a la Conferencia Anual, versión de 1992-96).
403. A nuevas congregaciones organizadas en el primer año completo de su organización, la Conferencia les asignará \$50.00, el segundo año \$100.00 y \$200.00 el tercero como su participación simbólica inicial en Servicio Mundial y Benevolencias Conferenciales. Después del tercer año, se asignarán las cantidades proporcionales correspondientes de acuerdo con la formula conferencial. La nueva congregación pagará la partida de Pensiones total correspondiente desde el primer año de organización, según el salario pastoral que la iglesia pague.

404. Cada iglesia con pastor nombrado a la misma recibirá una asignación para el Fondo de Pensiones proporcional al sostén pastoral de dicha iglesia, siguiendo las directivas del párrafo 638.4 de El Libro de la Disciplina del 2004.
405. Si una iglesia local no rinde su informe a la Conferencia Anual al tiempo requerido (el 1ro de febrero), se le aplicará un aumento de 10% sobre las estadísticas del año anterior para calcular las asignaciones.
406. Las asignaciones serán enviadas a cada Iglesia local a más tardar sesenta (60) días después de la Conferencia Anual por la Mesa de Recursos Financieros.
407. La Conferencia Anual ayudará con los gastos de mudanza de pastores de iglesias locales al nivel de la cantidad determinada anualmente por la conferencia basada en una recomendación hecha por la Mesa de Recursos Financieros. También se ayudará a pastores que se estén jubilando, a personas en relación de Permiso de Discapacidad al mudarse a su residencia permanente, como también a quienes son localizados/as. No se pagarán gastos de mudanza a ministros que tomen permiso de ausencia.
408. Toda agencia, oficial conferencial y Equipo de Ministerio Cooperativo que reciba una apropiación de la Mesa de Recursos Financieros rendirá informe anual de sus finanzas a dicha Mesa para el 1 de marzo. Al no rendirse dicho informe, no se le considerará para el presupuesto del siguiente año. Todo dinero que no sea usado para el programa o propósito del presupuesto se regresará al fondo general de la Conferencia Anual.
409. Los vouchers que lleguen al tesorero-a con sello de correo después del 31 de diciembre no serán cobrados al presupuesto corriente.
410. Habrá un fondo permanente del Comité de Agenda para las entradas (registro) y salidas (gastos) de las sesiones de la Conferencia Anual y será de sostén propio.
411. Que las partidas del presupuesto conferencial con doble asterisco tengan prioridad en su pago, hasta de un 100% de lo que el Concilio proyecta recibir.
412. Todo dinero que no sea usado para el programa o propósito del presupuesto se regresará al fondo general de la Conferencia Anual.
413. El siguiente fondo es autorizado para el trabajo de los distritos: Fondo de Casa Pastoral Distrital. Este será manejado por la Mesa de Recursos Financieros.
414. Los intereses de los fondos especiales continuarán a la disposición de la Mesa de Recursos Financieros para su propio presupuesto administrativo y como un capital inicial para el principio del año financiero en cualquier partida que a juicio de dicha Mesa lo requiera.
415. Personas clérigas jubiladas o discapacitadas de nuestra Conferencia, cuando asistan a la Conferencia Anual serán responsables de sus gastos de transportación y gastos personales. La Conferencia por conducto de la Mesa de Recursos Financieros proveerá la cantidad de 200.00 para ayudar con sus gastos de registro y hospedaje al asistir a la Conferencia Anual. Esta cantidad se aumentará \$75.00 al acompañarle su cónyuge. Nada de lo anterior mencionado es aplicable a personas clérigas jubiladas nombradas a cargo pastoral el año conferencial inmediatamente anterior a la Conferencia Anual.
500. ADMINISTRACIÓN
501. El año conferencial será del 1 de julio al 30 de junio y el año de programa y presupuesto conferencial será del 1ro de enero al 31 de diciembre.
502. Será responsabilidad del superintendente del distrito enviar al secretario-a de la Conferencia Anual la lista de los delegados (propietarios y suplentes) de cada iglesia así como de ministros jubilados y ministros con nombramiento fuera de la iglesia local que estén relacionados a sus respectivos distritos con sus direcciones.
503. La Junta de Síndicos Conferencial administrará todas las propiedades de la Conferencia Anual de acuerdo con El Libro De La Disciplina y al hacer cualquier inversión de recursos recaudados, se hará de acuerdo con la Conferencia Distrital dentro del mismo distrito y en cooperación con el superintendente y los Síndicos Distritales.
504. Los Síndicos de la iglesia local, después de que reciban los documentos legales de las propiedades, enviarán una copia al superintendente para el archivo.

505. En cumplimiento con el requisito disciplinario [*El Libro de la Disciplina*, 2004 ¶ 2532,2] cada iglesia habrá de obtener lo siguiente como mínimo de cobertura en su plan de seguro:
- 1) Seguro de propiedad que incluya protección contra daños por viento y granizo a base de reemplazo total.
 - 2) Responsabilidad civil—un mínimo de \$1,000,000.00 que incluya protección contra abuso físico, mala conducta y abuso sexual y pastorado profesional.
 - 3) Responsabilidad de auto—vehículos propiedad de la iglesia, vehículos alquilados que no son propiedad de la iglesia, autos sin seguro {choferes sin seguro}.
 - 4) Seguro adicional/excesivo (umbrella) en la cantidad de \$3,000,000.
 - 5) Responsabilidad para directores y oficiales en la cantidad de \$1,000.000.
 - 6) Seguro de compensación laboral.

(Aprobadas en junio del 2006)

RIO GRANDE CONFERENCE RULES

100. ORGANIZATION
101. Parliamentary procedures must be in accordance with "Robert's Rules of Order".
102. Only copies of reports of Conference Agencies, Common Table, and Financial Resource Table shall be placed on the tables of conference delegates to avoid the conglomeration of paper.
103. Any change or suggestion referred to the Rules Committee for studying shall be sent to the Rules Committee by April 20. The Committee will review and recommend its action to the Conference. A vote of two thirds of the assembly will be required for the rule to become effective immediately.
104. Each church formally organized shall elect a lay member of the Annual Conference in accordance with Paragraph 249.5 of *The Book of Discipline*. Churches with more than 300 members shall have an additional conference member.
105. Lay members of the Annual Conference shall be elected for the quadrennium every four years at the Charge Conferences (of 2007, 2011). Vacancies shall be filled as they occur, by the Charge Conference.
106. In an effort to even the number of lay and clergy in the Annual Conference:
- A. The Conference organizations of United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women, United Methodist Youth Fellowship, Young Adults, Association of Pastors Spouses shall send a representative of the Executive Committee, besides the president, as member of the Annual Conference with voice and voting privileges. The organizations shall be responsible for the expenses of these representatives to attend the Annual Conference.
 - B. The District organizations of United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women United Methodist Youth Fellowship and Young Adults shall send two representatives of the Executive Committee, (one of which shall be the president of the organization), as members of the Annual Conference with voice and voting privileges. The organizations shall be responsible for the expenses of these representatives to attend the sessions of the Annual Conference.
 - C. The Annual Conference elected executive personnel shall be members of the Annual Conference with voice and voting privileges by being members of the United Methodist Church.
 - D. Lay members of the Common Table and Financial Resources Table shall be members of the Annual Conference.
 - E. The Conference Provost shall be a member of the Annual Conference with voice and voting privileges, and the Agenda Committee will be responsible for his/her expenses.
107. There shall be a Committee on Nominations consisting of the Bishop, the three superintendents, the Director of Connectional Ministries, one clergy, the Conference Lay Leader and the presidents of the following

Conference organizations: United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women, Young Adults, and the Youth. Additional laity shall be named to balance the number of laymen and lay women.

108. Each person elected by the Conference shall belong to only one conference agency and table (common table and financial resources table) except where *The Book of Discipline* stipulates otherwise, with the exception of the superintendents and women clergy.
109. The term of membership in any conference agency, common table and financial resources table is quadrennial or four years, except where *The Book of Discipline* stipulates otherwise. The maximum that a person can serve in an agency is two full terms, except when he/she is filling a vacancy during the quadrennium. If that is the case, a person can be elected to two full terms, for no more than ten consecutive years, except where *The Book of Discipline* stipulates otherwise.
110. When a person is absent without notice from two consecutive conference agency, or table meetings of which he/she is a member, such person shall be removed and the president of the Nominating Committee shall be so notified that another person can be nominated for the remaining period.
111. Nominations shall be for four years, except where *The Book of Discipline* stipulates differently. According to Paragraph 705.5.e, the membership of all conference agencies, as far as possible, shall be composed of one-third clergy, one-third women and one-third laymen.
112. Persons elected by conference agencies, the common table, or the financial resources table as officers shall continue with their official responsibility until the end of the quadrennium, even if they no longer represent district or conference positions.
113. Each person elected president of a conference agency, common table, and financial resources table shall serve in that position only one time.
114. If necessary, conference agencies, the common table and the financial resources table may meet for their work before the beginning of the Annual Conference sessions.
115. All members of any Conference agency and table (common table and financial resources table) must attend at least 75% of the sessions of any meeting in order to receive expenses.
116. There shall be a Memorial Committee composed of the Superintendents.
117. The Structural plan shall continue to be published in the Conference minutes as a means of information.
118. The Conference lay leader shall be nominated by the Board of Laity to be elected by the Annual Conference. Election of the Conference Lay leader and associate lay leaders shall be for a term of two years; they can be re-elected for a maximum of eight consecutive years.
119. The Conference Council on Youth Ministries shall recommend a person to be Youth Conference Director to the Council of Ministries, and shall then recommend that person to the Annual Conference for election.
120. There shall be a District Conference in each district and its structure shall be determined by the same District Conference, as long as there is no conflict with *The Book of Discipline*. The secretary of the District Conference shall send a copy of the minutes to the Conference Committee on Minutes.
121. In the Rio Grande Conference, the District Board of Church Location and Building (paragraph 2518, *The Book of Discipline*) shall also be and function as the District Committees of Congregational Development.
122. Meetings on program, planning, and administration at Conference and District level are to include a Saturday so that the lay members can attend without losing a day at work.

200. MINISTERIAL

201. The Board of Ordained Ministry shall have within its membership at least two persons from each district at the time of their election.

202.

- A. Any recommendation with regard to candidacy, local pastors, probationary membership and candidates for associate members of the District Committees of Ordained Ministry, shall be sent to the Registrar of the Board of Ordained Ministry by the 31st of December prior to the session of the Annual Conference where action for such recommendations to take place.

- B. Probationary members who wish to be received in full connection shall make their petition known to the Registrar of the Board of Ordained Ministry by December 31st, prior to the session when they are going to be considered.
203. Compensation of pastors assigned to a charge shall be paid beginning the 1st of July through the June 30. The June compensation belongs to the outgoing pastor. For pastors coming from outside the Conference, their compensation shall begin the 1st of July if they receive appointment at Annual Conference or when it would correspond.
204. Any pastor receiving a new appointment shall leave the parsonage the last Wednesday of the month.
205. All pastors in a pastoral charge shall receive by December 20 from the secretary of statistics a form to report on statistics and finances. These forms shall be returned to the respective superintendent by February 1st.
206. As soon as a clergy member is appointed District Superintendent, he/she shall cease to be a member of any conference agency, except where the conference structure or *The Book of Discipline* so state.
207. Payments on hospitalizations insurance shall be made monthly. When a participant owes one month's premium, the member shall be notified, with copy to his/her District Superintendent. If the participant owes 2 months, he/she will be notified of the cancellation of the insurance.
208. Any retired clergyperson that is older than 65 years of age and eligible for Medicare, will contribute 10% of the insurance premium in effect. All clergypersons younger than 65 years that passes to the relation of retired will contribute 25% of the medical insurance premium. This rule will be on effect after the 1st day of January of 2004.
209. This Conference recognizes the years of service of people that served under appointment prior to 1982. This recognition will be through a Special Grant according to the pension rate at the time of separation from the Conference.
210. The term for the Director of Connectional Ministries shall be six years in the case of a clergy person. A person cannot be appointed to this position for more than six years in nine consecutive years.
300. REPORTS
301. The minutes shall be published and mailed no later than ninety days after the closing of the Annual Conference session, and shall be sent to pastors and lay members to the church address and to all retired ministers or with appointments outside of the local church to their addresses.
302. The program of the Common Table, the report of the Financial Resources Table, the report of the Conference Treasurer, and the budget of the Annual Conference shall be sent to each conference member (active or retired) at least 2 weeks before the opening of the annual sessions.
303. The Superintendents' report to the Annual Conference shall be a composite report, not to exceed twenty minutes in reading.
304. Any report and resolution requiring action of the Conference shall be in the members' hands at least twelve hours prior to its presentation.
305. All reports presented before the Conference and all business may be in Spanish or English. It is recommended, as far as possible, that the report be presented with a translation.
306. The Statistical and Financial reports and forms, the summary of disciplinary questions, and the ministerial record shall be published in English in the Minutes of the Conference.
307. Visitors presenting oral reports shall be granted a time of no more than five minutes.
400. FINANCES
401. The local treasurer shall remit Conference apportionments to the Conference treasury in twelve equal monthly payments beginning in January and the last payment shall be received at the treasury office postmarked no later than December 31. If December 31st is a Sunday, it will be the Friday before to the last fiscal day of the period. Apportionments for the Pension Fund shall be paid first.
402. Conference apportionments, with the exception of the Pension Fund, shall be computed by the Financial Resources Table based on the average finances of the last three years of each local church (amount reported

in lines 39 to 51 and 64 to 72, as well as the amounts apportioned in lines 35 to 55 and 59 to 62 of the report of the local church to the Annual Conference, version 1992-96).

403. New congregations organized for a complete year will be apportioned \$50 the first year, \$100 the second year, and \$200 the third year as an initial symbolic participation in World Service and Conference Benevolences. After the third year, they will be apportioned proportionate amounts in accordance with the Conference formula. The new congregation shall pay the total corresponding pension amount beginning with the first year of organization, based on the pastoral compensation the church pays.
404. Each church with an appointed pastor shall receive an apportionment for the Pension Fund proportionate to the pastor's salary of said church, following the instructions of Paragraph 638.4 of *The Book of Discipline* 2004.
405. If a local church fails to submit its report to the Annual Conference on time (1st of February), a 10% increase shall be applied on the previous year's statistics to compute the apportionments.
406. The apportionments figures shall be send to each local church no later than sixty days after the ending of Conference by the Financial Resources Table.
407. The Annual Conference will assist with moving expenses of pastors of local church for an amount determined annually by the Conference based on a recommendation made by the Financial Resources Table. Pastors who are retiring, persons on Incapacity Leave are eligible to receive financial assistance to move to their place of permanent residence, as well as those who are Located. Moving expenses will not be paid to pastors taking a leave of absence.
408. Every agency and Conference officer that receives an appropriation from the Financial Resources Table will give an annual report of its finances to said Table by March 1st. When such report is not presented, that agency will not be considered for the following year budget. All money that is not used for the program or the purpose of the budget shall be returned to the general fund of the Annual Conference.
409. Vouchers sent to the Treasurer postmarked after December 31st, will not be charged to the current budget.
410. There shall be a permanent fund for the Agenda Committee for income (registration) and expenditures of the Annual Conference sessions and it shall be self-supporting.
411. Conference budget items with double asterisks have priority when being paid, up to 100% of what the Council projects as income.
412. All funds not used for program or for budget purposes shall be returned to the general fund of the Annual Conference.
413. The following fund is authorized for the work of the district: District Parsonage Fund. The Financial Resources Table will manage this fund.
414. The interest of special funds shall remain at the disposition of the Financial Resources Fund for its own administrative budget and as an initial capital for the beginning of the financial year for any items which may require it in accordance by the Table judgment.
415. Retired or disabled clergypersons of our Conference, when they attend the Annual Conference, will be responsible for their transportation expenses and personal expenses. The Conference, through the Financial Resources Table, will provide an amount of \$200.00 to assist with registration and housing expenses when attending the Annual Conference. This amount will be increased by \$75.00 when the spouse accompanies the clergy person. None of the above will be applicable to retired clergy appointed to a pastoral charge during the conference year immediately before the Annual Conference.
500. ADMINISTRATION
501. The conference year shall be from 1st July to 30th of June, and the Conference program and budget year from January 1st to December 31st.
502. It shall be the District Superintendents' responsibility to mail to the Annual Conference secretary the list of delegates (elected and alternate) from each church, as well as of retired ministers and pastors with appointments to Connectional Ministries who have a relationship with their districts with their addresses.

503. The Conference Trustees shall administer all properties of the Annual Conference in accordance with *The Book of Discipline*; and if making any investment of funds collected, it shall be done in accordance with the District Conference of said district and in cooperation with the District Superintendent and the District Trustees.
504. Trustees of local churches, after obtaining the legal documents of the properties, shall send a copy to the District Superintendent for his/her files.
505. In compliance with disciplinary requirement [*The Book of Discipline*, 2004, ¶ 2532.2] each church shall obtain the following as a minimum for their insurance coverage.
- 1) Property insurance that includes wind and hail coverage at replacement cost.
 - 2) Civil Liability that includes Physical Abuse, Sexual Abuse and Misconduct, and Pastoral Professional with a minimum of \$1,000,000.
 - 3) Auto Liability for church-owned vehicles, Hired and non-owned vehicles, and Non-insured Motorist.
 - 4) Additional Coverage (umbrella) in the amount of \$3,000,000.
 - 5) Directors and Officers Liability in the amount of \$1,000,000.
 - 6) Workman's Compensation.

(Approved in June 2006)

ESTRUCTURA CONFERENCIAL

Esta estructura está basada en el Párrafo 609 de *El Libro de la Disciplina* del 2004.

Las agendas de programa se reunirán el primer y tercer año del cuatrienio y los comités ejecutivos se reunirán el segundo y el cuarto año.

El programa conferencial se llevará a cabo mayormente por medio de los Equipos de Ministerio Cooperativo.

Las agencias conferenciales se formaran en la forma siguiente, excepto que si hay conflicto con *El Libro de la Disciplina* del 2004, ésta tomará precedente:

1. Comité de Cortesía: Cuatro personas.
2. Comité de Actas: Cuatro personas.
3. Comité de Reglas: Seis personas.
4. Comisión de Historia y Archivos: Siete personas.
5. Comité del Episcopado: Doce personas divididas en la forma siguiente, tres varones laicos, tres mujeres laicas, tres clérigos, tres personas nombradas por el/la Obispo-a.
6. Mesa de Recursos Financieros: Quince personas. Presidente/a de la Mesa de Recursos Financieros; Ocho miembros adicionales prestando atención en representación de clérigos y laicos y por lo menos una persona laica más que los clérigos, y una persona de congregaciones pequeñas. Una persona adicional será el presidente de la Comisión de Salarios Equitativos (este cuatrienio solamente) y dos personas que tendrán pericia financiera. Tres miembros ex-oficio sin derecho a voto, serán el/la Obispo-a, el/la Tesorero-a Conferencia, el/la directora/a de Ministerios Conexionales.
7. Mesa Común: Veintiséis personas. Presidente/a de la Mesa Común; tres miembros adicionales (para asegurar inclusión de género); doce representantes de diferentes Equipos de Ministerio Cooperativo (dos clérigos y dos laicos de cada distrito); un representante de la organización conferencial de Jóvenes Metodistas Unidos; un representante de la organización conferencial de Jóvenes Adultos Metodistas Unidos; una representante de la organización conferencial de Mujeres Metodistas Unidas; un representante de la organización conferencial de Hombres Metodistas Unidos; un representante de la Junta de Ministerio Ordenado; El/la Líder Laico

Conferencial; el/la Obispo-a y los tres Superintendentes de Distrito como miembros ex-oficio con derecho a voto. Además pertenecerán a esta Mesa Común como miembros ex-oficio sin derecho a voto, el personal de la Conferencia: Director Conferencial de Ministerios Conexionales, Tesorera Conferencial, y los tres Coordinadores de Programa Distrital.

8. Junta del Ministerio Ordenado: Por lo menos seis Presbíteros y Diáconos Ordenados, en plena conexión y, cuando sea posible, se incluirán como miembros de la Junta dos miembros asociados o pastores locales que hayan completado el curso de estudios, El/la Obispo-a postulará los miembros después de consultar con el presidente o comité ejecutivo de la Junta del Ministerio Ordenado. La Junta designará a uno de sus miembros para integrar la Mesa Común.
9. Junta de Síndicos: Doce personas, y se recomienda que una tercera parte sean clérigos, una tercera parte mujeres laicas, y una tercera parte hombres laicos. Dichas personas deben tener la edad legal determinada por la ley. La Junta designará a uno de sus miembros para integrar la Mesa de Recursos Financieros.
10. Comité de Investigaciones: Siete ministros en plena conexión como propietarios y tres ministros en plena conexión en reserva.
11. Comité de Postulaciones: Trece personas (mínimo), el/la Obispo-a, tres Superintendentes de Distrito el/la Director/a de Ministerios Conexionales, el/la director/a laico-a conferencial, los presidentes de las siguientes organizaciones conferenciales: Mujeres Metodistas Unidas, Hombres Metodistas Unidos, Jóvenes, Adultos Jóvenes; y la presidenta del Comité de Postulaciones de las Mujeres Metodistas Unidas de la Conferencia; se nombrarán laicos adicionales para balancear el número de varones y mujeres laicas.
12. Junta de Pensiones: Doce personas por clases de ocho años, cuatro mujeres, cuatro varones laicos y cuatro clérigos. La Junta designará a uno de sus miembros para integrar la Mesa de Recursos Financieros.
13. Comité de Agenda: Nueve personas, el/la Obispo-a, un/a representante del gabinete, el/la Director/a de Ministerios Conexionales, el/la pastor/a anfitrión/a un varón representando a los Hombres Metodistas Unidos. un/a joven representando al Concilio Conferencial de Ministerio Juvenil, una mujer representando a las Mujeres Metodistas Unidas, un a adulto-a joven representando a los Adultos Jóvenes, el/la director/a laico conferencial.

SECCIÓN L. REGISTRO DE SERVICIO PASTORAL (¶606.31)

[en base a los registros provistos por la Junta Conferencial de Pensiones]

Name	Effective Date	Through Date	Conference	Appointment
Albert, Miguel A. (FE)				
Local Pastor	July 1, 1984	May 31, 1987	Puerto Rico	Carolina Vistamar Orlandi Bayran
	June 1, 1987	June 30, 1987	Wisconsin	
	July 1, 1987	April 30, 1988	Wisconsin	El Buen Pastor
	May 1, 1988	June 30, 1988	Wisconsin	
	July 1, 1988	February 28, 1989	Puerto Rico	Bayamon Lomas Verdes
	March 1, 1989	June 30, 1989	Puerto Rico	Bayamon Obispo Asbury
	July 1, 1989	September 14, 1989	Puerto Rico	
	September 15, 1989	June 12, 1993	Puerto Rico	
	June 13, 1993	June 15, 1993	Puerto Rico	
	June 16, 1993	December 31, 1993	Rio Grande	El Buen Samaritano
	January 1, 1984	June 30, 1995	Rio Grande	Del Rio Principe de Paz
	July 1, 1995	June 30, 1996	Northern Illinois	Evangel San Juan
	July 1, 1996	June 13, 1997	Rio Grande	El Mesias San Antonio
Full Member	June 14, 1997	June 30, 1998	Rio Grande	El Mesias San Antonio
	July 1, 1998	June 30, 2000	Rio Grande	Austin Emmanuel
	July 1, 2000	June 30, 2001	Rio Grande	Western District Superintendent
	July 1, 2001	January 3, 2005	Rio Grande	Southern District Superintendent
	January 4, 2005	June 30, 2006	Rio Grande	Board of Global Ministries
	July 1, 2006	June 30, 2008	Rio Grande	La Trinidad San Antonio
	July 1, 2008	June 30, 2010	Rio Grande	Southern District Superintendent
	July 1, 2010		Rio Grande	Methodist Health Care System Chaplain
Alcalá, Fidel (RA)				
Local Pastor	May 25, 1962	May 20, 1965	Rio Grande	La Mesa Brownfield
	May 21, 1965	June 8, 1966	Rio Grande	Big Spring
	June 9, 1966	June 9, 1969	Rio Grande	Hereford
	June 10, 1969	June 8, 1970	Rio Grande	Hereford Freona
	June 9, 1970	June 6, 1974	Rio Grande	
	June 7, 1974	June 10, 1978	Rio Grande	Brady Brownwood
	June 11, 1978	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	
	January 1, 1982	May 31, 1983	West Ohio	
Associate Member	June 1, 1983	May 31, 1986	West Ohio	Broadway Toledo
	June 1, 1986	May 31, 1989	Kansas West	West Kansas Mexican American Ministries
	June 1, 1989	May 31, 1995	Kansas West	Garden City Evangelica
	June 1, 1995	June 30, 1995	Kansas West	
	July 1, 1995	June 30, 1997	Rio Grande	Fort Worth La Trinidad
	July 1, 1997		Rio Grande	Retired
Alderete, Jacinto (RE)				
Other Local Pastor	June 11, 1954	June 9, 1955	Rio Grande	Van Horn
Local Pastor	June 10, 1955	June 12, 1958	Rio Grande	Weslaco Mercedes
Probationary Member	June 13, 1958	June 11, 1959	Rio Grande	Attend School
	June 12, 1959	May 25, 1961	Rio Grande	San Antonio Sherman
Full Member	May 26, 1961	May 21, 1964	Rio Grande	Harlingen
	May 22, 1964	May 24, 1967	Rio Grande	Crosbytown
	May 25, 1967	June 9, 1969	Rio Grande	Amarillo Wesley Community

	June 10, 1969	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	Director Wesley Community Center
	January 1, 1982	September 30, 1998	Rio Grande	Wesley Community Center, Inc.
	October 1, 1998		Rio Grande	Retired

Almaguel, Ramón (RE)

Local Pastor	January 1, 1959	December 31, 1961	Cuba	San Diego and Cifuentes
	January 1, 1962	May 31, 1964	Cuba	Guantanamo
	June 1, 1964	May 31, 1965	Cuba	Cardenas
	June 1, 1965	May 31, 1966	Cuba	Camarioca y Matanzas Mission
	June 1, 1966	May 31, 1967	Cuba	Santa Cruz and Rio Blanco
	June 1, 1967	June 30, 1968	Cuba	La Vigilla Camaguey City
Probationary Member	July 1, 1968	June 8, 1970	Cuba	Pedro Betancourt
Local Pastor	June 9, 1970	June 7, 1971	Rio Grande	Carlsbad
Full Member	June 8, 1971	June 4, 1972	Rio Grande	Carlsbad
	June 5, 1972	June 10, 1973	Rio Grande	Artesia Carlsbad
	June 11, 1973	June 11, 1977	Rio Grande	Bryan Mumford
	June 12, 1977	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	Seguin
	January 1, 1982	May 31, 1987	Rio Grande	Seguin La Trinidad UMC
	June 1, 1987	May 31, 1991	Rio Grande	Floresville El Mesias
	June 1, 1991	May 31, 1993	Rio Grande	El Buen Samaritano
	June 1, 1993		Rio Grande	Retired

Alvarado, Pablo (RE)

Probationary Member	June 7, 1984	May 31, 1986	Rio Grande	Attend School
	June 1, 1986	November 14, 1987	Rio Grande	Cotula Buen Pastor
	November 15, 1987	June 10, 1988	Rio Grande	Alamo San Pablo
Full Member	June 11, 1988	May 31, 1991	Rio Grande	Alamo San Pablo
	June 1, 1991	May 31, 1993	Rio Grande	Rio Grande City First
	June 1, 1993	June 30, 1995	Rio Grande	Fort Worth La Trinidad
	July 1, 1995		Rio Grande	Retired

Amaya, María Orfila (RL)

Local Pastor	June 9, 1985	December 31, 1990	Rio Grande	Falfurrias El Buen Pastor
	January 1, 1991	June 30, 1995	Rio Grande	Alamo San Pablo
	July 1, 1995	June 30, 1996	Rio Grande	El Buen Samaritano
	July 1, 1996	June 30, 1997	Rio Grande	Principe de Paz
	July 1, 1997	June 30, 1999	Rio Grande	San Juan Los Wesleyanos
	July 1, 1999	June 30, 2000	Rio Grande	Cotulla El Buen Pastor
	July 1, 2000	June 30, 2004	Rio Grande	Disability
	July 1, 2004	June 30, 2005	Rio Grande	Las Milpas
	July 1, 2005	June 30, 2006	Rio Grande	
	July 1, 2006		Rio Grande	Retired

Armijo, Elmer (FE)

Probationary Elder	July 1, 1999	June 15, 2001	Detroit	Croswell First
	June 16, 2001	May 19, 2002	Detroit	Morenci
Elder Full Connection	May 20, 2002	June 30, 2003	Detroit	Morenci
	July 1, 2003	June 30, 2004	Rio Grande	Rio Grande City First
	July 1, 2004	June 30, 2008	Rio Grande	Pharr La Trinidad
	July 1, 2008	June 30, 2010	Rio Grande	Corpus Christi El Buen Pastor
	July 1, 2010		Rio Grande	Western District Superintendent

Avitia, Edgar (FE)				
Student Local Pastor	June 12, 1988	September 30, 1988	Rio Grande	
	October 1, 1988	May 31, 1989	Rio Grande	Sherman El Divino Salvador
Probationary Member	June 1, 1989	May 31, 1990	Rio Grande	
	June 1, 1990	June 16, 1990	Rio Grande	Attend School
	June 17, 1990	May 31, 1991	Rio Grande	Attend School
	June 1, 1991	May 31, 1992	Rio Grande	Roswell El Divino Pastor
	June 1, 1992	December 31, 1994	Rio Grande	Lydia Patterson Institute
	January 1, 1995	June 10, 1995	Rio Grande	Wesley El Paso
Full Member	June 11, 1995	June 30, 1998	Rio Grande	Wesley El Paso
	July 1, 1998	June 30, 2000	Rio Grande	Emmanuel El Paso
	July 1, 2000	June 30, 2001	Rio Grande	Southern District Superintendent
	July 1, 2001		Rio Grande	Board of Global Ministries
Baltazar-Ramirez, Esperanza (FL)				
Local Pastor	June 1, 2007	July 31, 2008	North Alabama	Hispanic Mission
	August 1, 2008	May 31, 2011	North Alabama	Hispanic Mission
	June 1, 2011	June 29, 2011	North Alabama	
	June 30, 2011	June 30, 2011	North Alabama	
	July 1, 2011		Rio Grande	San Marcos El Buen Pastor
Barrera, Rodolfo (RE)				
Local Pastor	May 21, 1965	May 23, 1968	Rio Grande	Waco
	May 24, 1968	June 4, 1972	Rio Grande	Austin Govalle
Probationary Member	June 5, 1972	June 6, 1974	Rio Grande	Attend School
Full Member	June 7, 1974	June 14, 1975	Rio Grande	Weslaco Mercedes
	June 15, 1975	June 11, 1977	Rio Grande	Weslaco
	June 12, 1977	June 9, 1979	Rio Grande	McAllen
	June 10, 1979	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	Division of Chaplains
	January 1, 1982	December 31, 1983	Rio Grande	Division of Chaplains
	January 1, 1984	May 31, 1992	Rio Grande	Division of Chaplains
	June 1, 1992	May 31, 1993	Rio Grande	El Buen Samaritano
	June 1, 1993	June 30, 2000	Rio Grande	Central District Superintendent
	July 1, 2000	June 30, 2004	Rio Grande	El Divino Salvador
	July 1, 2004	June 30, 2009	Rio Grande	Albuquerque El Buen Samaritano
July 1, 2009		Rio Grande	Retired	
Barton, Paul (FE)				
Probationary Member	June 7, 1986	May 31, 1987	Rio Grande	La Trinidad San Antonio
	June 1, 1987	May 31, 1988	Rio Grande	Garland Christ the King
	June 1, 1988	May 31, 1990	Rio Grande	Pharr La Trinidad
	June 1, 1990	June 16, 1990	Rio Grande	Bishop El Redentor
Full Member	June 17, 1990	May 31, 1991	Rio Grande	Bishop El Redentor
	June 1, 1991	May 31, 1992	Rio Grande	United Methodist Campus Ministry Pan American
	June 1, 1992	June 30, 1998	Rio Grande	Attend School
Elder Full Connection	July 1, 1998	June 30, 1999	Rio Grande	Agape Memorial
	July 1, 1999		Rio Grande	The Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest
Benitez, Casimiro Osvaldo Bermúdez, Jesús (FL) (RE)				
Local Pastor	June 9, 1966	May 24, 1967	Rio Grande	Carlsbad Deming
	May 25, 1967	June 9, 1969	Rio Grande	Deming New Mexico

	June 10, 1969	June 4, 1972	Rio Grande	Marfa Alpine
Student Local Pastor	June 5, 1972	June 10, 1973	Rio Grande	Dallas Mesquite
Probationary Member	June 11, 1973	June 14, 1975	Rio Grande	Attend School
Full Member	June 15, 1975	February 14, 1978	Rio Grande	El Paso La Trinidad
	February 15, 1978	June 7, 1980	Rio Grande	Albuquerque New Mexico
	June 8, 1980	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	Central District Superintendent
	January 1, 1982	May 31, 1986	Rio Grande	Central District Superintendent
	June 1, 1986	May 31, 1990	Rio Grande	McAllen El Divino Redentor UMC
	June 1, 1990	May 31, 1994	Rio Grande	Emmanuel El Paso
	June 1, 1994	June 30, 2000	Rio Grande	Northern District Superintendent
	July 1, 2000	June 30, 2004	Rio Grande	Albuquerque El Buen Samaritano
	July 1, 2004		Rio Grande	Retired
Blanco, David (FE)				
Probationary Member	July 1, 2003	June 30, 2005	Rio Grande	Lubbock La Trinidad
Elder Full Connection	July 1, 2005	June 30, 2009	Rio Grande	Agape Memorial
	July 1, 2009	June 30, 2011	Rio Grande	Albuquerque El Buen Samaritano
	July 1, 2011		Rio Grande	Edinburg El Buen Pastor
Blanco, Samuel (FE)				
Local Pastor	November 1, 1992	June 30, 1996	Rio Grande	Robstown El Redentor
	July 1, 1996	June 30, 1998	Rio Grande	Elsa First
	July 1, 1998	June 30, 1999	Rio Grande	Mesquite Del Valle
	July 1, 1999	June 30, 2003	Rio Grande	Educational Leave
Provisional Elder	July 1, 2003	June 30, 2007	Rio Grande	El Divino Redentor
Elder Full Connection	July 1, 2007	June 30, 2010	Rio Grande	Corpus Christi El Buen Pastor
	July 1, 2010		Rio Grande	Corpus Christi El Buen Pastor
Briones, Francisco J. (FE)				
Local Pastor	June 1, 1984	May 31, 1986	Rio Grande	Odessa El Divino Salvador
	June 1, 1986	May 31, 1989	Rio Grande	Artesia El Getsemani
	June 1, 1989	May 31, 1994	Rio Grande	La Trinidad El Paso
	June 1, 1994	June 11, 1994	Rio Grande	San Juan Los Wesleyanos
Associate Member	June 12, 1994	June 30, 1997	Rio Grande	San Juan Los Wesleyanos
	July 1, 1997	June 30, 2000	Rio Grande	Principe de Paz
	July 1, 2000	June 30, 2003	Rio Grande	Pollard Memorial
Elder Full Connection	July 1, 2003	March 31, 2004	Rio Grande	Palo Alto
	April 1, 2004	June 30, 2008	Rio Grande	Disability
	July 1, 2008	June 30, 2009	Rio Grande	Dilley Bethania
	July 1, 2009	June 30, 2011	Rio Grande	Floresville El Mesias
	July 1, 2011		Rio Grande	Floresville El Mesias
Brock, Helen (FE)				
Associate Member	June 12, 1988	August 31, 1989	Rio Grande	Socorro Harwood
	September 1, 1989	May 31, 1990	Rio Grande	Socorro Harwood
	June 1, 1990	June 16, 1990	Rio Grande	Socorro Harwood
Full Member	June 17, 1990	May 31, 1991	Rio Grande	Socorro Harwood
	June 1, 1991	December 31, 1993	Rio Grande	Tulia El Buen Pastor
	January 1, 1994	May 31, 1996	Rio Grande	Leave of Absense
	June 1, 1996	August 31, 1998	Central Texas	Rising Star
	September 1, 1998	October 31, 2001	Central Texas	Coleman Trinity

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	November 1, 2001	May 31, 2003	Central Texas	Coleman Trinity
	June 1, 2003	May 31, 2005	Central Texas	Balunger Comunidad de Fe
	June 1, 2005	May 31, 2007	Central Texas	Elm Mott
	June 1, 2007	September 30, 2007	Central Texas	
Elder Full Connection	October 1, 2007	June 30, 2010	Rio Grande	Temple El Divino Salvador
	July 1, 2010	June 30, 2012	Rio Grande	
	July 1, 2012			Lakewood
	July 1, 2012		Rio Grande	San Angelo Bethel
Probationary Member	June 1, 1993	June 10, 1995	Rio Grande	Amarillo San Mateo
Burgos, Emanuel (FE)				
	June 11, 1995	August 31, 1998	Rio Grande	Amarillo San Mateo
	September 1, 1998	June 30, 2004	Rio Grande	Las Cruces El Calvario
	July 1, 2004		Rio Grande	Amarillo San Mateo
Cabrales, Abraham (RA)				
Other Local Pastor	June 12, 1959	May 19, 1960	Rio Grande	Hargill Faysville
Local Pastor	May 20, 1960	May 24, 1962	Rio Grande	Hargill Faysville
	May 25, 1962	May 21, 1964	Rio Grande	Falfurias
	May 22, 1964	June 8, 1966	Rio Grande	Eagle Pass
	June 9, 1966	May 23, 1968	Rio Grande	Robstown
	May 24, 1968	June 9, 1969	Rio Grande	El Paso San Pablo
Associate Member	June 10, 1969	June 8, 1970	Rio Grande	El Paso San Pablo
	June 9, 1970	June 10, 1973	Rio Grande	Van Horn
	June 11, 1973	June 9, 1979	Rio Grande	Roswell
	June 10, 1979	June 6, 1981	Rio Grande	Galveston
	June 7, 1981	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	Del Rio
Probationary Member	January 1, 1982	December 31, 1983	Rio Grande	Del Rio Principe de Paz
Associate Member	January 1, 1984	May 31, 1986	Rio Grande	Del Rio Principe de Paz
	June 1, 1986	May 31, 1991	Rio Grande	Port Arthur Getsemani
	June 1, 1991	December 31, 1993	Rio Grande	Bryan Oak Grove
	January 1, 1994	June 30, 1995	Rio Grande	El Buen Samaritano
	July 1, 1995	June 30, 1996	Rio Grande	Port Arthur Getsemani
	July 1, 1996	June 30, 2001	Rio Grande	Disability
Cabrera, Sandra (FE)				
Local Pastor	July 1, 1996	June 30, 1999	Greater New Jersey	Lakewood Christ
	July 1, 1999	June 30, 2001	Greater New Jersey	
Probationary Member	July 1, 2001	June 30, 2005	Rio Grande	Fort Worth La Trinidad
Elder Full Connection	July 1, 2005	June 30, 2006	Rio Grande	Northern District Superintendent
	July 1, 2006	June 30, 2008	Rio Grande	El Buen Samaritano
	July 1, 2008	June 30, 2008	North Texas	Elmwood
	July 1, 2008	June 30, 2011	Rio Grande	El Buen Samaritano
	July 1, 2011		North Texas	Elmwood
	July 1, 2011		Rio Grande	El Buen Samaritano
	July 1, 2012		North Texas	346.1
Cajiri, Rodolfo (FE)				
Local Pastor	December 1, 1997	June 30, 1998	Rio Grande	Alice El Mesias
	July 1, 1998	June 30, 2000	Rio Grande	Donna Principe de Paz
Provisional Elder	July 1, 2000	June 30, 2002	Rio Grande	El Buen Samaritano
	July 1, 2002	June 30, 2003	Rio Grande	El Divino Redentor

Elder Full Connection	July 1, 2003	June 30, 2005	Rio Grande	Cotulla Buen Pastor
	July 1, 2005	June 30, 2006	Rio Grande	Eagle Pass La Trinidad
	July 1, 2006	June 30, 2010	Rio Grande	Elsa First
	July 1, 2010		Rio Grande	Brownsville El Buen Pastor

Campos, Alicia (FL)

Local Pastor	July 1, 2005	June 30, 2008	Rio Grande	Corpus Christi El Buen Pastor
	July 1, 2008	June 30, 2009	Rio Grande	El Divino Salvador
	July 1, 2009	January 31, 2011	Rio Grande	Principe de Paz
	February 1, 2011		Rio Grande	Disability

Campos, Francisco (FE)

Local Pastor	July 1, 1984	May 31, 1990	Rio Grande	Robstown El Redentor
	June 1, 1990	June 16, 1990	Rio Grande	Harlingen El Buen Samaritano
Associate Member	June 17, 1990	June 30, 1998	Rio Grande	Harlingen El Buen Samaritano
	July 1, 1998	June 30, 2004	Rio Grande	Pharr La Trinidad
Full Member	July 1, 2004	June 30, 2008	Rio Grande	Corpus Christi Kelsey Memorial
	July 1, 2008		Rio Grande	Central District Superintendent

Campos, Rafael (RE)

Local Pastor	June 15, 1975	June 13, 1976	Rio Grande	Van Horn
	June 14, 1976	June 10, 1978	Rio Grande	Wesley El Paso
Associate Member	June 11, 1978	June 6, 1981	Rio Grande	El Paso Wesley
Probationary Member	June 7, 1981	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	El Paso Wesley
	January 1, 1982	December 31, 1982	Rio Grande	Wesley El Paso
Full Member	January 1, 1983	May 31, 1983	Rio Grande	Wesley El Paso
	June 1, 1983	May 31, 1985	Rio Grande	Laredo La Trinidad
	June 1, 1985	May 31, 1987	Rio Grande	Bryan Oak Grove
	June 1, 1987	June 30, 2000	Rio Grande	Weslaco La Santisima Trinidad
	July 1, 2000	June 30, 2001	Rio Grande	Brownsville El Buen Pastor
	July 1, 2001	June 30, 2007	Rio Grande	Western District Superintendent
	July 1, 2007		Rio Grande	Retired

Cantú, Juan, Jr. (FL)

Local Pastor	July 1, 2003	June 30, 2010	Rio Grande	Ramonville Bethel
	July 1, 2010		Rio Grande	Seguin La Trinidad

Careaga, Javier F. (AM)

Local Pastor	November 1, 1992	June 14, 1996	Rio Grande	Robstown El Redentor
Associate Member	June 15, 1996	June 30, 1997	Rio Grande	Robstown El Redentor
	July 1, 1997	February 28, 1998	Rio Grande	Raymondville Bethel
	March 1, 1998	June 10, 2000	Rio Grande	
	June 11, 2000	June 30, 2002	Rio Grande	Withdrawn/Other Denomination
Local Pastor	July 1, 2002	June 30, 2005	Rio Grande	Muleshoe El Divino Salvador
Associate Member	July 1, 2005	December 31, 2005	Rio Grande	Lubbock La Trinidad
	January 1, 2006	June 30, 2008	Rio Grande	Muleshoe El Divino Salvador
	July 1, 2008		Rio Grande	Leave of Absence

Cavazos, Arnoldo C. (PL)

Ceniceros, Samuel (RA)

Local Pastor	May 25, 1967	May 23, 1968	Rio Grande	Anthony New Mexico
	May 24, 1968	June 8, 1970	Rio Grande	Van Horn
	June 9, 1970	June 4, 1972	Rio Grande	Deming
Associate Member	June 5, 1972	June 10, 1973	Rio Grande	Deming

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June 11, 1973	June 14, 1975	Rio Grande	El Paso El Divino Redentor
June 15, 1975	June 13, 1976	Rio Grande	La Mesa
June 14, 1976	June 11, 1977	Rio Grande	Hereford San Pablo
June 12, 1977	June 8, 1978	Rio Grande	Midland El Calvario
June 9, 1978	June 7, 1980	Rio Grande	Brady Brownwood
June 8, 1980	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	Snyder
January 1, 1982	December 31, 1983	Rio Grande	Snyder Emmanuel
January 1, 1984	May 31, 1988	Rio Grande	Leave of Absense
June 1, 1988	August 31, 1989	Rio Grande	Carlsbad
September 1, 1989	May 31, 1992	Rio Grande	Carlsbad Monte Sinai
June 1, 1992	June 30, 1995	Rio Grande	Port Arthur Getsemani
July 1, 1995	June 30, 1998	Rio Grande	San Angelo Bethel
July 1, 1998	June 30, 1999	Rio Grande	Lubbock Emmanuel
July 1, 1999	June 30, 2000	Rio Grande	Kennedy El Buen Samaritano

Chávez, Guillermo (RE)

Local Pastor	July 1, 1960	May 24, 1962	Rio Grande	Austin Govalle
Student Local Pastor	May 25, 1962	May 23, 1963	Rio Grande	Austin Govalle
Local Pastor	May 24, 1963	May 21, 1964	Rio Grande	Austin Govalle
	May 22, 1964	June 8, 1966	Rio Grande	Fort Worth
	June 9, 1966	May 24, 1967	Rio Grande	Dallas El Buen Pastor
Probationary Member	May 25, 1967	May 23, 1968	Rio Grande	Dallas El Buen Pastor
	May 24, 1968	June 9, 1969	Rio Grande	Hillsboro
Full Member	June 10, 1969	June 8, 1970	Rio Grande	Sherman
	June 9, 1970	June 4, 1972	Rio Grande	Houston El Buen Pastor
	June 5, 1972	June 10, 1973	Rio Grande	Leave of Absense
	June 11, 1973	June 9, 1979	Rio Grande	Superintendent Holding Institute Laredo
	June 10, 1979	June 7, 1980	Rio Grande	Superintendent Holding Institute Laredo
	June 8, 1980	December 31, 1980	Rio Grande	Leave of Absense
	January 1, 1981	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	Board of Church and Society
	January 1, 1982	December 31, 1983	Rio Grande	Board of Church and Society
	January 1, 1984	May 31, 1992	Rio Grande	Board of Church and Society
	June 1, 1992	June 30, 1998	Rio Grande	Leave of Absense
	July 1, 1998	June 30, 2000	Baltimore-Washington	Greenbelt Mowatt Memorial UMC
	July 1, 2000	June 30, 2001	Baltimore-Washington	Woodside
	July 1, 2001	June 30, 2002	Rio Grande	Agape Memorial
	July 1, 2002		Rio Grande	Retired

Davis, William (PE)

Probationary Member	July 1, 2010	June 30, 2012	Rio Grande	Emmanuel El Paso
	July 1, 2012		Rio Grande	Lydia Patterson Institute

De León, Jaime (FE)

Probationary Member	June 15, 1994	June 10, 1995	Rio Grande	Las Cruces El Calvario
Full Member	June 11, 1995	June 30, 1996	Rio Grande	Las Cruces El Calvario
	July 1, 1996	January 31, 2005	Rio Grande	Division of Chaplains
	February 1, 2005	September 14, 2008	Desert Southwest	St. John's
	September 15, 2008		Rio Grande	Leave of Absense (Military)

Dobbs, Michael R. (RE)

Probationary Member	May 25, 1976	May 31, 1977	Texas	Attend School
	June 1, 1977	June 10, 1978	Rio Grande	Attend School

	June 11, 1978	June 9, 1979	Rio Grande	East Dallas
	June 10, 1979	June 7, 1980	Rio Grande	Lubbock La Trinidad
Full Member	June 8, 1980	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	Lubbock La Trinidad
	January 1, 1982	June 30, 1984	Rio Grande	Lubbock La Trinidad
	July 1, 1984	May 31, 1990	Rio Grande	Midland El Calvario
	June 1, 1990	May 31, 1993	Rio Grande	Fort Worth La Trinidad
	June 1, 1993	June 30, 1995	Rio Grande	Rio Grande City First
	July 1, 1995	June 30, 2000	Rio Grande	Southern District Superintendent
	July 1, 2000	June 30, 2010	Rio Grande	Austin Emmanuel
	July 1, 2010		Rio Grande	Retired
Estrada, Delia (RE)				
Deacon Full Connection	January 1, 2001	July 31, 2001	Rio Grande	First UMC
Local Pastor	August 1, 2001	June 30, 2003	Rio Grande	Rio Grande City First
	July 1, 2003	June 30, 2007	Rio Grande	El Mesias San Antonio
Elder Full Connection	July 1, 2007	June 30, 2010	Rio Grande	Western District Superintendent
	July 1, 2010		Rio Grande	Retired
Estrada, Francisco (FE)				
Local Pastor	June 10, 1969	June 8, 1970	Rio Grande	San Marcos
	June 9, 1970	June 7, 1971	Rio Grande	San Marcos
	June 8, 1971	June 10, 1973	Rio Grande	
	June 11, 1973	June 6, 1974	Rio Grande	Georgetown
	June 7, 1974	June 14, 1975	Rio Grande	Attend School
Probationary Member	June 15, 1975	June 13, 1976	Rio Grande	Hillsboro
	June 14, 1976	June 9, 1979	Rio Grande	Del Rio
	June 10, 1979	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	Attend School
	January 1, 1982	December 31, 1982	Rio Grande	Agape Memorial
Full Member	January 1, 1983	June 30, 1984	Rio Grande	Agape Memorial
	July 1, 1984	May 31, 1987	Rio Grande	Corpus Christi Kelsey Memorial
	June 1, 1987	May 31, 1991	Rio Grande	Central District Superintendent
	June 1, 1991	June 30, 1998	Rio Grande	Agape Memorial
	July 1, 1998	June 30, 2000	Rio Grande	Rio Grande Conference
	July 1, 2000	June 30, 2005	Rio Grande	Central District Superintendent
	July 1, 2005	June 30, 2011	Rio Grande	Emanu-el Dallas
	July 1, 2011	June 30, 2013	Rio Grande	El Divino Salvador
	July 1, 2013		Rio Grande	Retired
Feagins, Raquel Cajiri (PE)				
Local Pastor	April 11, 2008	May 31, 2010	Southwest Texas	Laurel Heights
	June 1, 2010	June 30, 2010	Southwest Texas	Jefferson
Provisional Elder	July 1, 2010	December 31, 2011	Southwest Texas	Jefferson
	January 1, 2012	June 30, 2012		Methodist Healthcare System
	July 1, 2012			Methodist Healthcare System
Flores, Daniel F. (FE)				
Local Pastor	July 1, 2002	June 30, 2005	Rio Grande	Emanu-el Dallas
Elder Full Connection	July 1, 2005		Rio Grande	Fort Worth La Trinidad
Flores, Thelma Herrera (FD)				
Deacon Full Connection	July 1, 2012		Rio Grande	La Trinidad San Antonio
Garcés, Moisés (RA)				
Local Pastor	July 1, 1991	May 31, 1993	Rio Grande	Lubbock La Trinidad

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	June 1, 1993	June 13, 1997	Rio Grande	Pearsall San Pablo
Associate Member	June 14, 1997	June 30, 2000	Rio Grande	Pearsall San Pablo
	July 1, 2000		Rio Grande	Retired
García, Daniel (RE)				
Probationary Member	May 24, 1968	June 8, 1970	Rio Grande	Attend School
	June 9, 1970	June 7, 1971	Rio Grande	Brownsville
Full Member	June 8, 1971	June 14, 1975	Rio Grande	Mission
	June 15, 1975	June 11, 1977	Rio Grande	Dallas Emanu-el
	June 12, 1977	November 30, 1981	Rio Grande	Western District Superintendent
	December 1, 1981	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	Board of Global Ministries
	January 1, 1982	December 31, 1983	Rio Grande	Board of Global Ministries
	January 1, 1984	July 26, 1985	Rio Grande	Board of Global Ministries
	July 27, 1985	July 31, 1985	Rio Grande	
	August 1, 1985	May 31, 1987	Rio Grande	Southwest United Methodist Training Center
	June 1, 1987	May 31, 1988	Rio Grande	El Buen Pastor Houston
	June 1, 1988	May 31, 1990	Rio Grande	Emmanuel El Paso
	June 1, 1990	February 27, 1992	Rio Grande	Board of Global Ministries
	February 28, 1992	May 31, 1992	Rio Grande	
	June 1, 1992	June 30, 2003	Rio Grande	Withdrawn/Complaints
Local Pastor	July 1, 2003	June 30, 2005	Rio Grande	Grand Prairie Mid-Cities
Probationary Member	July 1, 2005	June 30, 2006	Rio Grande	Grand Prairie Mid-Cities
Full Member	July 1, 2006		Rio Grande	Grand Prairie Mid-Cities
García, Edward (FE)				
Probationary Member	June 9, 1991	June 12, 1993	Rio Grande	El Mesias San Antonio
Full Member	June 13, 1993	May 31, 1994	Rio Grande	El Mesias San Antonio
	June 1, 1994	June 30, 1995	Rio Grande	Corpus Christi El Buen Pastor
	July 1, 1995	June 30, 1998	Rio Grande	Pharr La Trinidad
	July 1, 1998	June 30, 2002	Rio Grande	Emanu-el Dallas
	July 1, 2002	July 6, 2002	Southwest Texas	
	July 7, 2002	June 30, 2005	Southwest Texas	Oak Park Corpus Christi
	July 1, 2005	June 30, 2009	Rio Grande	McAllen El Divino Redentor
	July 1, 2009	June 30, 2010	Rio Grande	Pollard Memorial
	July 1, 2010		Rio Grande	Austin Emmanuel
García, Juanita (FL)				
Local Pastor	January 1, 1997	June 30, 1997	Rio Grande	La Feria Dios es Amor
	July 1, 1997	June 30, 1998	Rio Grande	La Feria Dios es Amor
	July 1, 1998	November 30, 2007	Rio Grande	La Feria Dios es Amor
	December 1, 2007		Rio Grande	Alice El Mesias
Garza, Emilio G. Jr. (RA)				
Local Pastor	January 1, 1982	December 31, 1982	Rio Grande	La Trinidad San Antonio
	January 1, 1983	May 31, 1983	Rio Grande	La Trinidad San Antonio
	June 1, 1983	May 31, 1984	Rio Grande	Uvalde La Divina Trinidad
	June 1, 1984	December 31, 1986	Rio Grande	Palo Alto
	January 1, 1987	May 31, 1987	Rio Grande	Southside Mission
	June 1, 1987	May 31, 1990	Rio Grande	Temple El Divino Salvador
	June 1, 1990	May 31, 1991	Rio Grande	Abilene Bethel
	June 1, 1991	December 31, 1991	Rio Grande	Carrizo Springs La Trinidad

Associate Member	January 1, 1992	May 31, 1994	Rio Grande	Carrizo Springs La Trinidad
	June 1, 1994	June 30, 1997	Rio Grande	Lubbock La Trinidad
	July 1, 1997		Rio Grande	Retired
Garzón, Bernardo	(FL)			
Local Pastor	July 1, 2004	June 30, 2010	Rio Grande	Mesquite Del Valle
	July 1, 2010		Rio Grande	El Mesias San Antonio
Gaytán, Francisco	(RE)			
Other Local Pastor	January 1, 1952	June 13, 1953	Rio Grande	Van Horn
Student Local Pastor	June 14, 1953	June 10, 1954	Rio Grande	Van Horn
Local Pastor	June 11, 1954	June 9, 1955	Rio Grande	Alpine
Student Local Pastor	June 10, 1955	June 7, 1956	Rio Grande	Alpine
Probationary Member	June 8, 1956	June 12, 1958	Rio Grande	Lydia Patterson Institute
Full Member	June 13, 1958	May 19, 1960	Rio Grande	Lydia Patterson Institute
	May 20, 1960	June 14, 1975	Rio Grande	Lydia Patterson Institute
	June 15, 1975	June 11, 1977	Rio Grande	Mission
	June 12, 1977	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	Southern District
	January 1, 1982	May 31, 1983	Rio Grande	Southern District Superintendent
	June 1, 1983	June 30, 2001	Rio Grande	Edinburg El Buen Pastor
	July 1, 2001		Rio Grande	Retired
Gómez, Isabel	(RE)			
Probationary Member	May 26, 1961	May 24, 1962	Rio Grande	Hillsboro
	May 25, 1962	May 23, 1963	Rio Grande	Attend School
	May 24, 1963	May 21, 1964	Rio Grande	Tucumcari
	May 22, 1964	May 20, 1965	Rio Grande	Del Rio
Full Member	May 21, 1965	June 8, 1966	Rio Grande	Del Rio
	June 9, 1966	May 23, 1968	Rio Grande	Kenedy
	May 24, 1968	June 9, 1969	Rio Grande	Seguin
	June 10, 1969	June 8, 1970	Rio Grande	Seguin New Braunfels
	June 9, 1970	June 6, 1974	Rio Grande	GCFA
	June 7, 1974	June 11, 1977	Rio Grande	Houston El Mesias
	June 12, 1977	June 6, 1981	Rio Grande	Houston Metro Board
	June 7, 1981	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	Director Casa de Amigos
	January 1, 1982	May 31, 1982	Rio Grande	Casa de Amigos Community Center
	June 1, 1982	May 31, 1984	Rio Grande	Methodist Board of Missions
	June 1, 1984	May 31, 1986	Rio Grande	Mission Santa Fe
	June 1, 1986	May 31, 1987	Rio Grande	Garland Christ the King
	June 1, 1987	May 31, 1989	Rio Grande	Grand Prairie Mid-Cities
	June 1, 1989	July 31, 1991	Rio Grande	Division of Chaplains
Gómez, Noelia R.	(FL)			
Gómez, Roberto L.	(FE)			
Probationary Member	June 9, 1970	June 4, 1972	Rio Grande	Sherman
Full Member	June 5, 1972	June 10, 1973	Rio Grande	Harlingen Primera
	June 11, 1973	June 11, 1976	Rio Grande	Harlingen
	June 12, 1976	June 11, 1977	Rio Grande	Attend School
	June 12, 1977	June 7, 1980	Rio Grande	San Antonio Buen Pastor
	June 8, 1980	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	Albuquerque
	January 1, 1982	May 31, 1983	Rio Grande	Albuquerque El Buen Samaritano
	June 1, 1983	May 31, 1987	Rio Grande	Emanu-el Dallas
	June 1, 1987	May 31, 1992	Rio Grande	Northern District Superintendent
	June 1, 1992	May 31, 1993	Rio Grande	Central District Superintendent

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June 1, 1993	June 30, 1998	Rio Grande	Rio Grande Conference
July 1, 1998	June 30, 2010	Rio Grande	Mission El Mesías
July 1, 2010	June 30, 2011	Rio Grande	Southern District Superintendent
July 1, 2011	June 30, 2013	Rio Grande	La Trinidad San Antonio
July 1, 2013		Rio Grande	Retired

Gonzales, Eutimio, Jr. (RE)

Local Pastor	May 24, 1968	June 8, 1970	Rio Grande	Sweetwater
	June 9, 1970	June 14, 1975	Rio Grande	Tulia
Associate Member	June 15, 1975	June 13, 1976	Rio Grande	San Antonio Westlawn
	June 14, 1976	June 11, 1977	Rio Grande	Dallas
	June 12, 1977	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	El Buen Samaritano Dallas
Probationary Member	January 1, 1982	May 31, 1983	Rio Grande	El Buen Samaritano
	June 1, 1983	December 31, 1983	Rio Grande	Corpus Christi El Buen Pastor
	January 1, 1984	June 30, 1984	Rio Grande	Corpus Christi El Buen Pastor
Full Member	July 1, 1984	June 8, 1985	Rio Grande	Emmanuel El Paso
	June 9, 1985	May 31, 1988	Rio Grande	Emmanuel El Paso
	June 1, 1988	May 31, 1989	Rio Grande	Garland Christ the King
	June 1, 1989	May 31, 1990	Rio Grande	Grand Prairie Mid-Cities
	June 1, 1990	June 30, 1995	Rio Grande	McAllen El Divino Redentor
	July 1, 1995	December 31, 1997	Rio Grande	El Divino Salvador
	January 1, 1998	June 30, 2000	Rio Grande	El Divino Salvador
	July 1, 2000	June 30, 2005	Rio Grande	Northern District Superintendent
	July 1, 2005	June 30, 2008	Rio Grande	Central District Superintendent
	July 1, 2008	June 30, 2010	Rio Grande	Corpus Christi Kelsey Memorial

Gonzales, Eutimio, Sr. (RL)

Local Pastor	May 24, 1968	June 8, 1970	Rio Grande	Dimmitt
	June 9, 1970	June 7, 1971	Rio Grande	La Mesa
	June 8, 1971	June 4, 1972	Rio Grande	La Mesa Brownfield
	June 5, 1972	December 31, 1974	Rio Grande	Lubbock
	January 1, 1975	June 14, 1975	Rio Grande	Abilene
	June 15, 1975	June 11, 1978	Rio Grande	Crystal City Carrizo Springs
	June 12, 1978	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	San Angelo Ballinger
	January 1, 1982	May 31, 1986	Rio Grande	San Angelo Bethel
	June 1, 1986	May 31, 1988	Rio Grande	La Trinidad La Mesa
	June 1, 1988		Rio Grande	Retired

Gonzales, Noé E. (RE)

Other Local Pastor	June 11, 1950	May 19, 1951	Rio Grande	Abilene Assistant
	May 20, 1951	June 13, 1953	Rio Grande	
Probationary Member	June 14, 1953	June 9, 1955	Rio Grande	Brady Brownwood
	June 10, 1955	June 7, 1956	Rio Grande	Sherman
Full Member	June 8, 1956	May 23, 1957	Rio Grande	Sherman
	May 24, 1957	June 12, 1958	Rio Grande	Alice Mathis
	June 13, 1958	May 25, 1961	Rio Grande	McAllen Henderson
	May 26, 1961	May 24, 1962	Rio Grande	McAllen
	May 25, 1962	May 23, 1968	Rio Grande	Albuquerque El Buen Samaritano
	May 24, 1968	June 8, 1970	Rio Grande	DS Western District
	June 9, 1970	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	President Lydia Patterson Institute

January 1, 1982	March 9, 1983	Rio Grande	Board of Discipleship
March 10, 1983	December 31, 1983	Rio Grande	Lydia Patterson Institute
January 1, 1984	May 31, 1986	Rio Grande	Board of Discipleship
June 1, 1986	August 31, 1992	Rio Grande	Albuquerque El Buen Samaritano
September 1, 1992	June 30, 1995	Rio Grande	Emanu-el Dallas
July 1, 1995		Rio Grande	Retired

González, Aarón Arturo (PL)

Local Pastor	July 1, 2012	June 25, 1953	Southwest	San Antonio: Sheperd's Gate
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González, Justo L. (RE)

Local Pastor	June 20, 1952	June 25, 1953	Cuba	San Antonio
	June 26, 1953	June 27, 1957	Cuba	
Probationary Member	June 28, 1957	July 2, 1960	Cuba	Attend School
	July 3, 1960	May 31, 1961	Cuba	Attend School
	June 1, 1961	January 14, 1964	Cuba	
Full Member	January 15, 1964	June 30, 1969	Puerto Rico	Professor Puerto Rico Seminary
	July 1, 1969	June 16, 1977	North Georgia	Professor Candler School of Theology
	June 17, 1977	December 31, 1982	North Georgia	Honorable Location
	January 1, 1983	December 31, 1984	North Georgia	Honorable Location
	January 1, 1985	June 13, 1985	North Georgia	Honorable Location
	June 14, 1985	May 31, 1994	Rio Grande	National Hunger Program
	June 1, 1994		Rio Grande	Retired

Gurina, Evgenia E. (FE)

Guzmán, Álvaro J. (RE)

Local Pastor	June 15, 1992	May 31, 1994	Rio Grande	Tulia El Buen Pastor
	June 1, 1994	June 13, 1997	Rio Grande	Alice El Mesias
Associate Member	June 14, 1997	October 31, 1997	Rio Grande	Alice El Mesias
	November 1, 1997	June 30, 1999	Rio Grande	Templo del Espiritu Santo
	July 1, 1999	June 30, 2003	Rio Grande	Seguin La Trinidad
	July 1, 2003	June 30, 2006	Rio Grande	Seguin La Trinidad
Elder Full Connection	July 1, 2006	June 30, 2012	Rio Grande	Laredo La Trinidad
	July 1, 2012		Rio Grande	Retired

Heredia, Santiago (AM)

Local Pastor	July 1, 1997	June 30, 2000	Rio Grande	Palo Alto
	July 1, 2000	June 30, 2003	Rio Grande	Principe de Paz
Probationary Member	July 1, 2003	June 30, 2005	Rio Grande	Principe de Paz
	July 1, 2005	June 30, 2010	Rio Grande	San Marcos El Buen Pastor
	July 1, 2010		Rio Grande	El Divino Redentor

Hinojosa Willis, Alejandro (RE)

Local Pastor	June 8, 1980	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	Cotulla Dilley
	January 1, 1982	May 31, 1982	Rio Grande	Cotulla Buen Pastor
	June 1, 1982	May 31, 1983	Rio Grande	Mercedes El Buen Pastor
	June 1, 1983	May 31, 1985	Rio Grande	Raymondville Bethel
	June 1, 1985	May 31, 1986	Rio Grande	La Trinidad La Mesa
	June 1, 1986	May 31, 1989	Rio Grande	San Angelo Bethel
	June 1, 1989	June 16, 1990	Rio Grande	Pollard Memorial
Associate Member	June 17, 1990	June 30, 2000	Rio Grande	Pollard Memorial

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Full Member	July 1, 2000	June 30, 2001	Rio Grande	McAllen El Divino Redentor
	July 1, 2001	December 31, 2001	Rio Grande	Emanuel San Antonio
	January 1, 2002	January 31, 2002	Rio Grande	
	February 1, 2002	June 30, 2004	Oregon Idaho	Gresham Hispanic Ministry
	July 1, 2004	January 31, 2005	Oregon Idaho	Rockwood
	February 1, 2005	June 30, 2009	Tennessee	Primera Iglesia
	July 1, 2009	June 1, 2011	Tennessee	Brentwood
	June 2, 2011	June 28, 2011	Tennessee	Brentwood
	June 29, 2011	June 30, 2011	Tennessee	Brentwood
	July 1, 2011	Rio Grande	Westlawn	

Hinojosa Willis, Pedro (RE)

Local Pastor	August 1, 1979	June 7, 1980	Rio Grande	Eagle Pass
	June 8, 1980	June 6, 1981	Rio Grande	Eagle Pass
	June 7, 1981	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	Elsa San Juan Los Wesleyanos
	January 1, 1982	May 31, 1986	Rio Grande	Elsa First
Associate Member	June 1, 1986	June 7, 1988	Rio Grande	Harlingen El Buen Samaritano
	June 8, 1988	May 31, 1990	Rio Grande	Harlingen El Buen Samaritano
	June 1, 1990	June 30, 1995	Rio Grande	Pharr La Trinidad
	July 1, 1995	June 30, 2000	Rio Grande	Brownsville El Buen Pastor
Elder Full Connection	July 1, 2000	June 30, 2006	Rio Grande	Weslaco La Santisima Trinidad
	July 1, 2006	June 30, 2008	Rio Grande	Harlingen El Buen Samaritano
	July 1, 2008		Rio Grande	Retired

Jara, Juan de Dios (FL)

Local Pastor	August 1, 2008	June 30, 2009	Rio Grande	La Feria Dios es Amor
	July 1, 2009		Rio Grande	La Feria Dios es Amor

Jara, Nydia Irizarry (FE)

Probationary Member	July 1, 1996	December 31, 1998	Rio Grande	Port Arthur Getsemani
Full Member	January 1, 1999	June 30, 1999	Rio Grande	Port Arthur Getsemani
	July 1, 1999	July 31, 2008	Rio Grande	Special Appointment
	August 1, 2008	June 30, 2012	Rio Grande	Harlingen El Buen Samaritano
	July 1, 2012		Rio Grande	Pharr La Trinidad

Jiménez, Rumaldo R. (PL)

Jones, William B. (RE)

Probationary Member	June 21, 1953	December 31, 1954	Mississippi	Missionary Chile
Full Member	January 1, 1955	June 30, 1959	Mississippi	Missionary Chile
	July 1, 1959	June 24, 1961	Tennessee	Adams
	June 25, 1961	June 22, 1963	Tennessee	Pegram
	June 23, 1963	June 24, 1965	Tennessee	Professor Baker University
	June 25, 1965	May 31, 1978	Tennessee	Professor Southwestern University
	June 1, 1978	June 7, 1980	Rio Grande	Professor Southwestern University
	June 8, 1980	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	Vice-President Southwestern University
	January 1, 1982	December 31, 1983	Rio Grande	Southwestern University
	January 1, 1984	May 31, 1994	Rio Grande	Southwestern University
	June 1, 1994		Rio Grande	Retired

Leggett, Richard (FE)

Local Pastor	June 13, 1993	December 31, 1993	Rio Grande	
	January 1, 1994	June 10, 1995	Rio Grande	Bishop El Redentor
Probationary Member	June 11, 1995	June 30, 1995	Rio Grande	Bishop El Redentor
	July 1, 1995	June 30, 1998	Rio Grande	Rio Grande City First
	July 1, 1998	June 30, 1999	Rio Grande	United Methodist Campus Ministry Pan American
	July 1, 1999	June 30, 2000	Rio Grande	Corpus Christi Kelsey Memorial
Full Member	July 1, 2000	June 30, 2004	Rio Grande	Corpus Christi Kelsey Memorial
	July 1, 2004	October 31, 2011	Rio Grande	El Mesias Houston
	November 1, 2011		Rio Grande	Rio Grande Conference

Leyva, Javier (AM)

Local Pastor	July 1, 1996	June 30, 2001	Rio Grande	Moody El Buen Pastor
Associate Member	July 1, 2001	June 30, 2005	Rio Grande	La Trinidad San Antonio
	July 1, 2005	June 30, 2009	Rio Grande	Pollard Memorial
	July 1, 2009		Rio Grande	McAllen El Divino Redentor

López, Jesús (PL)
López, Robert (FE)

Provisional Elder	July 1, 2002	June 30, 2004	Rio Grande	El Buen Samaritano
Full Member	July 1, 2004	October 31, 2004	Rio Grande	El Buen Samaritano
	November 1, 2004	June 30, 2007	Rio Grande	Las Cruces El Calvario
	July 1, 2007	June 30, 2008	Rio Grande	Educational Leave
	July 1, 2008	June 30, 2010	Rio Grande	Brownsville El Buen Pastor
	July 1, 2010		Rio Grande	Mission El Mesias

Luna, Ella Leal (PE)

Student Local Pastor	July 1, 2008	June 30, 2011	Rio Grande	Sherman El Divino Salvador
Provisional Elder	July 1, 2011		Rio Grande	Casa Emanuel Dallas

Machado, Santiago (RE)
Maldonado, David (FE)

Probationary Member	June 9, 1966	July 23, 1968	Rio Grande	Attend School
Full Member	July 24, 1968	June 9, 1969	Rio Grande	Calvery Methodist Fort Worth
	June 10, 1969	June 7, 1971	Rio Grande	Fort Worth Board of Missions
	June 8, 1971	June 4, 1972	Rio Grande	Student Berkley
	June 5, 1972	June 6, 1974	Rio Grande	Attend School
	June 7, 1974	June 14, 1975	Rio Grande	Leave of Absense
	June 15, 1975		Rio Grande	Honorable Location

Mariscal, Arturo (RE)

Student Local Pastor	June 12, 1959	June 24, 1962	Rio Grande	Elsa Edcouch
	June 25, 1962	June 23, 1963	Rio Grande	Elsa
	June 24, 1963	May 21, 1964	Rio Grande	Donna
Local Pastor	May 22, 1964	May 24, 1965	Rio Grande	Donna
	May 25, 1965	June 8, 1966	Rio Grande	Alamo Donna
	June 9, 1966	May 24, 1967	Rio Grande	Donna
Probationary Member	May 25, 1967	May 23, 1968	Rio Grande	Crosbyton
	May 24, 1968	June 9, 1969	Rio Grande	Winston El Buen Pastor
Full Member	June 10, 1969	June 8, 1970	Rio Grande	Houston El Buen Pastor
	June 9, 1970	June 6, 1974	Rio Grande	Director Good Neighbor Settlement
	June 7, 1974	June 9, 1979	Rio Grande	Alamo San Juan
	June 10, 1979	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	McAllen
	January 1, 1982	May 31, 1982	Rio Grande	McAllen El Divino Redentor
	June 1, 1982	June 14, 1984	Rio Grande	Austin Emmanuel
	June 15, 1984	May 31, 1986	Rio Grande	Board of Discipleship

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	June 1, 1986	May 31, 1987	Rio Grande	Central District Superintendent
	June 1, 1987	May 31, 1993	Rio Grande	Rio Grande Conference
	June 1, 1993	June 30, 1995	Rio Grande	Westlawn
Martínez, Raúl	(RL)			
Local Pastor	June 1, 1990	May 31, 1994	Rio Grande	Eagle Pass La Trinidad
	June 1, 1994	June 30, 1997	Rio Grande	Big Spring Northside
	July 1, 1997	June 30, 1998	Rio Grande	Kingsville El Buen Pastor
	July 1, 1998	February 28, 2001	Rio Grande	San Juan San Lucas
	March 1, 2001	June 30, 2006	Rio Grande	Disability
	July 1, 2006		Rio Grande	Retired
Mora Peña, Josué	(RA)			
Minister Other Denomination	June 18, 1989	June 30, 1989	California Pacific	
	July 1, 1989	July 15, 1989	California Pacific	
	July 16, 1989	May 31, 1992	California Pacific	Santa Paula El Buen Pastor
Associate Member	June 1, 1992	June 30, 1994	California Pacific	Santa Paula El Buen Pastor
	July 1, 1994	June 30, 1996	California Pacific	Southgate
	July 1, 1996	June 30, 1999	California Pacific	Maywood
	July 1, 1999	June 30, 2001	Kansas West	Moscow
	July 1, 2001	June 30, 2005	Rio Grande	Brownsville El Buen Pastor
	July 1, 2005		Rio Grande	Retired
Mora, Joel	(RE)			
Local Pastor	June 8, 1986	June 10, 1987	Rio Grande	Wesley El Paso
Full Member	June 11, 1987	May 31, 1989	Rio Grande	Wesley El Paso
	June 1, 1989	June 30, 1995	Rio Grande	Brownsville El Buen Pastor
	July 1, 1995	June 30, 1998	Rio Grande	Laredo La Trinidad
	July 1, 1998	June 30, 2004	Rio Grande	El Buen Pastor Houston
	July 1, 2004		Rio Grande	Retired
Mercado, José David	(FE)			
Moreno, David J.	(FE)			
Local Pastor	July 1, 1997	June 30, 1999	Rio Grande	Attend School
Probationary Member	July 1, 1999	July 14, 1999	Rio Grande	
	July 15, 1999			United Methodist Campus Ministry Pan American
Muñoz-Sol, Bernabé	(RE)			
Local Pastor	June 14, 1976	June 9, 1979	Rio Grande	Bay City Lane City
	June 10, 1979	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	Port Arthur
	January 1, 1982	December 31, 1983	Rio Grande	Port Arthur Getsemani
Associate Member	January 1, 1984	May 31, 1986	Rio Grande	Port Arthur Getsemani
	June 1, 1986	June 6, 1986	Rio Grande	Emanuel San Antonio
Probationary Member	June 7, 1986	May 31, 1989	Rio Grande	Emanuel San Antonio
Full Member	June 1, 1989	May 31, 1991	Rio Grande	Emanuel San Antonio
	June 1, 1991	January 14, 1995	Rio Grande	Wesley El Paso
	January 15, 1995	June 30, 1996	New Mexico	New Mexico Conference
	July 1, 1996	June 30, 1999	Rio Grande	El Buen Samaritano
	July 1, 1999	June 30, 2000	Rio Grande	Grand Prairie Mid-Cities
	July 1, 2000	December 31, 2000	Rio Grande	Emmanuel El Paso
	January 1, 2001	June 30, 2003	Rio Grande	San Angelo Bethel
	July 1, 2003	June 30, 2005	Rio Grande	Disability
	July 1, 2005	June 30, 2007	Rio Grande	Abilene Bethel

	July 1, 2007	July 14, 2009	Rio Grande	Lubbock La Trinidad
	July 15, 2009	June 30, 2011	Rio Grande	Bryan Oak Grove
	July 1, 2011		Rio Grande	Retired
Olmos, Antonio V. (RE)				
Local Pastor	November 9, 1955	June 7, 1956	Rio Grande	Victoria
	June 8, 1956	May 23, 1957	Rio Grande	Port Arthur
Full Member	May 24, 1957	June 12, 1958	Rio Grande	Dallas
	June 13, 1958	June 11, 1959	Rio Grande	Westside
	June 12, 1959	May 20, 1965	Rio Grande	El Paso La Puerta Abierta
	May 21, 1965	June 4, 1972	Rio Grande	Pecos Fort Stockton
	June 5, 1972	June 6, 1974	Rio Grande	Pecos
	June 7, 1974	June 10, 1979	Rio Grande	Leave of Absense
	June 11, 1979	December 31, 1983	Rio Grande	Retired
	January 1, 1984	June 30, 1984	Rio Grande	Victoria El Mesias
	July 1, 1984	May 31, 1988	Rio Grande	Mercedes El Buen Pastor
	June 1, 1988	May 31, 1989	Rio Grande	Cristal City Swindall Memorial
	June 1, 1989	May 31, 1991	Rio Grande	Carrizo Springs La Trinidad
	June 1, 1991		Rio Grande	Retired
Osorio, Juan (FE)				
Local Pastor	July 1, 1997	December 31, 1998	Rio Grande	Grand Prairie Mid-Cities
Full Member	January 1, 1999	June 30, 1999	Rio Grande	Grand Prairie Mid-Cities
	July 1, 1999	June 30, 2001	Rio Grande	
Local Pastor	July 1, 2001	June 30, 2003	Rio Grande	Wesley El Paso
Elder Full Connection	July 1, 2003	June 30, 2009	Rio Grande	Westlawn
	July 1, 2009		Rio Grande	Agape Memorial
Padilla, Liliana (FE)				
Local Pastor	January 1, 2005	December 31, 2005	Rio Grande	Fort Worth Nueva Vida
	January 1, 2006	June 30, 2007	Rio Grande	San Angelo Bethel
Associate Member	July 1, 2007	June 30, 2010	Rio Grande	San Angelo Bethel
Elder Full Connection	July 1, 2010	June 30, 2011	Rio Grande	San Angelo Bethel
	July 1, 2011		Rio Grande	Emanuel San Antonio
Palos, Guadalupe R. (AM)				
Local Pastor	July 1, 1997	June 30, 1998	Rio Grande	Muleshoe El Divino Salvador
	July 1, 1998	June 30, 1999	Rio Grande	Muleshoe El Divino Salvador
	July 1, 1999	June 30, 2000	Rio Grande	Muleshoe El Divino Salvador
	July 1, 2000	December 31, 2000	Rio Grande	Wichita Falls
	January 1, 2001	June 30, 2001	Rio Grande	Big Spring Northside
	July 1, 2001	June 30, 2002	Rio Grande	Deming Monte Sinai
	July 1, 2002	June 30, 2003	Rio Grande	Bay City Nazareth
Associate Member	July 1, 2003	June 30, 2005	Rio Grande	Bay City Nazareth
	July 1, 2005	June 30, 2007	Rio Grande	Kingsville El Buen Pastor
	July 1, 2007	June 30, 2011	Rio Grande	Tulia El Buen Pastor
	July 1, 2011	December 31, 2011	Rio Grande	Mesquite Del Valle
	January 1, 2012	January 31, 2012	Rio Grande	Principe de Paz
	February 1, 2012		Rio Grande	Disability
Palos, José L. (RE)				
Probationary Member	May 22, 1964	June 20, 1965	Rio Grande	Attend School

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Full Member	June 21, 1965	June 8, 1966	Rio Grande	Hillsboro
	June 9, 1966	May 24, 1967	Rio Grande	Bryan
	May 25, 1967	June 9, 1969	Rio Grande	San Antonio Westlawn
	June 10, 1969	June 8, 1970	Rio Grande	El Paso Emmanuel
	June 9, 1970	June 4, 1972	Rio Grande	Graduate Studies
	June 5, 1972	December 31, 1975	Rio Grande	Attend School
	January 1, 1976	June 7, 1980	Rio Grande	Campus Ministry Pan American
	June 8, 1980	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	Director Conferencial Council of Ministries
	January 1, 1982	June 30, 1993	Rio Grande	Rio Grande Conference
	July 1, 1993	December 31, 1993	Rio Grande	Board of Global Ministries
	January 1, 1994	June 29, 2002	Rio Grande	Board of Global Ministries
	June 30, 2002	June 30, 2002	Rio Grande	
	July 1, 2002	June 30, 2006	Rio Grande	La Trinidad San Antonio
	July 1, 2006	June 30, 2011	Rio Grande	El Divino Salvador
July 1, 2011		Rio Grande	Retired	

Paredes, Pedro L. (RE)

Full Member	June 11, 1978	May 31, 1980	Rio Grande	Mesquite New Mexico
	June 1, 1980	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	Emmanuel El Paso
	January 1, 1982	May 31, 1982	Rio Grande	Emmanuel El Paso
	June 1, 1982	May 31, 1984	Rio Grande	San Marcos El Buen Pastor
	June 1, 1984	May 31, 1988	Rio Grande	Georgetown Getsemani
	June 1, 1988	May 31, 1990	Rio Grande	Austin Govalle
	June 1, 1990	May 31, 1994	Rio Grande	Temple El Divino Salvador
	June 1, 1994	June 30, 1995	Rio Grande	Tulia El Buen Pastor
	July 1, 1995	December 31, 1995	Rio Grande	Abilene Bethel
	January 1, 1996	June 30, 1996	Rio Grande	
	July 1, 1996	June 30, 2002	Rio Grande	Missionary GBGM
	July 1, 2002	June 30, 2003	Rio Grande	Moody El Buen Pastor
	July 1, 2003	June 30, 2006	Rio Grande	Port Arthur Getsemani
	July 1, 2006		Rio Grande	Retired

Pastrana, Antonio R. (RA)

Local Pastor	June 1, 1984	May 31, 1985	Rio Grande	Cotula Buen Pastor
	June 1, 1985	May 31, 1986	Rio Grande	Raymondville Bethel
	June 1, 1986	May 31, 1989	Rio Grande	San Lucas
	June 1, 1989	June 15, 1989	Rio Grande	San Juan San Lucas
	June 16, 1989	June 16, 1990	Rio Grande	Del Rio Principe de Paz
Associate Member	June 17, 1990	May 31, 1991	Rio Grande	Del Rio Principe de Paz
	June 1, 1991	July 31, 1993	Rio Grande	Bishop El Redentor
	August 1, 1993	June 30, 1995	Rio Grande	Disability
	July 1, 1995		Rio Grande	Retired

Peña, Teresa F. (RE)

Local Pastor	June 1, 1984	May 31, 1987	Rio Grande	El Buen Samaritano
	June 1, 1987	May 31, 1989	Rio Grande	Las Cruces El Calvario
Associate Member	June 1, 1989	June 8, 1991	Rio Grande	Las Cruces El Calvario
Probationary Member	June 9, 1991	May 31, 1993	Rio Grande	Las Cruces El Calvario
	June 1, 1993	June 12, 1993	Rio Grande	Seguin La Trinidad
Full Member	June 13, 1993	June 30, 1999	Rio Grande	Seguin La Trinidad
	July 1, 1999		Rio Grande	Retired

Pérez, Jr., Federico (FL)

Pérez, Jr., Maximino Vega (FE)					
Provisional Elder	July 1, 2008	June 30, 2010	Rio Grande	Emmanuel El Paso	
	July 1, 2010		Rio Grande	El Paso Mission	
Picazo, Samuel (RA)					
Local Pastor	June 15, 1975	June 11, 1977	Rio Grande	Marfa Alpine	
	June 12, 1977	June 10, 1978	Rio Grande	Lubbock Emmanuel	
	June 11, 1978	June 9, 1979	Rio Grande	Port Arthur	
	June 10, 1979	June 7, 1980	Rio Grande	Del Rio	
	Associate Member	June 8, 1980	June 6, 1981	Rio Grande	Del Rio
		June 7, 1981	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	Kenedy Beeville
		January 1, 1982	May 31, 1983	Rio Grande	El Buen Samaritano
		June 1, 1983	May 31, 1987	Rio Grande	Bay City Nazareth
	Full Member	June 1, 1987	May 31, 1990	Rio Grande	Big Spring Northside
		June 1, 1990	June 8, 1991	Rio Grande	Amarillo San Mateo
June 9, 1991		May 31, 1993	Rio Grande	Amarillo San Mateo	
June 1, 1993		June 30, 1995	Rio Grande	Mesquite Del Valle	
July 1, 1995		December 31, 1995	Rio Grande	Moody El Buen Pastor	
January 1, 1996		June 30, 1997	Rio Grande	Temple El Divino Salvador	
July 1, 1997			Rio Grande	Retired	
Piña, Isidro E. (FE)					
Local Pastor	June 9, 1991	December 31, 1992	Rio Grande	Uvalde La Divina Trinidad	
	January 1, 1993	June 12, 1993	Rio Grande	Cotula Buen Pastor	
	June 13, 1993	June 30, 1995	Rio Grande	Cotula Buen Pastor	
	July 1, 1995	June 30, 1998	Rio Grande	Alamo San Pablo	
	July 1, 1998	June 30, 2000	Rio Grande	Harlingen El Buen Samaritano	
	July 1, 2000	June 30, 2001	Rio Grande	Rio Grande City First	
	Associate Member	July 1, 2001	June 30, 2006	Rio Grande	Harlingen El Buen Samaritano
		Probationary Member	July 1, 2006	June 30, 2007	Rio Grande
	Elder Full Connection		July 1, 2007	June 30, 2010	Rio Grande
		July 1, 2010		Rio Grande	Corpus Christi Kelsey Memorial
Pineda, Libny G. (AM)					
Local Pastor	June 1, 1983	June 30, 1984	Rio Grande	Alpine Monte Sinai	
	July 1, 1984	August 31, 1984	Rio Grande	Carlsbad	
	September 1, 1984	May 31, 1987	Rio Grande	El Paso Mision Noroeste	
Associate Member	June 1, 1987	June 10, 1988	Rio Grande	El Divino Redentor	
	June 11, 1988	May 31, 1990	Rio Grande	El Divino Redentor	
	June 1, 1990	May 31, 1993	Rio Grande	Seguin La Trinidad	
	June 1, 1993	May 31, 1994	Rio Grande	Lubbock La Trinidad	
	June 1, 1994	June 30, 1996	Rio Grande	El Mesias San Antonio	
	July 1, 1996	June 30, 1998	Rio Grande	El Buen Pastor Houston	
	July 1, 1998	June 30, 1999	Rio Grande	Rio Grande City First	
	July 1, 1999	June 30, 2004	Rio Grande	San Juan Los Wesleyanos	
	July 1, 2004	June 30, 2009	Rio Grande	Floresville El Mesias	
	July 1, 2009	June 30, 2013	Rio Grande	Alamo San Pablo	
	July 1, 2013			Retired	
Pollard, Norma (PL)					
Ponce, Eubaldo T. (RE)					
Local Pastor	May 25, 1962	May 21, 1964	Rio Grande	Hereford	
	May 22, 1964	May 23, 1968	Rio Grande	Midland	

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	May 24, 1968	June 7, 1971	Rio Grande	Wichita Falls
Probationary Member	June 8, 1971	May 31, 1973	Rio Grande	Rio Grande City
Full Member	June 1, 1973	June 14, 1975	Rio Grande	Rio Grande City
	June 15, 1975	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	Pharr
	January 1, 1982	May 31, 1982	Rio Grande	Pharr La Trinidad
	June 1, 1982	May 31, 1984	Rio Grande	Emmanuel El Paso
	June 1, 1984	June 15, 1989	Rio Grande	Global Ministries
	June 16, 1989	June 30, 1995	Rio Grande	Southern District Superintendent
	July 1, 1995	June 30, 1998	Rio Grande	Emanu-el Dallas
	July 1, 1998		Rio Grande	Retired

Quintanilla, Raúl (RA)

Local Pastor	June 9, 1970	June 10, 1973	Rio Grande	Dallas El Buen Pastor
	June 11, 1973	January 31, 1975	Rio Grande	Temple Moody
	February 1, 1975	June 11, 1977	Rio Grande	Coordinator Stewardship Crusade
	June 12, 1977	June 6, 1981	Rio Grande	Pollard Memorial
	June 7, 1981	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	El Divino Redentor
	January 1, 1982	May 31, 1982	Rio Grande	El Divino Redentor
	June 1, 1982	December 31, 1983	Rio Grande	Global Ministries
	January 1, 1984	June 13, 1987	Rio Grande	Global Ministries
Associate Member	June 14, 1987	December 31, 1988	Rio Grande	Global Ministries
	January 1, 1989	May 31, 1990	Rio Grande	Seguin La Trinidad
	June 1, 1990	June 8, 1991	Rio Grande	Global Ministries
Probationary Member	June 9, 1991	December 31, 1993	Rio Grande	Global Ministries
	January 1, 1994	May 31, 1994	Rio Grande	Rio Grande Conference
	June 1, 1994		Rio Grande	Retired

Ramírez, Abel (FE)

Probationary Member	June 7, 1984	May 31, 1985	Rio Grande	Attend School
	June 1, 1985	May 31, 1986	Rio Grande	Alice El Mesias
	June 1, 1986	May 31, 1987	Rio Grande	El Buen Kingsville
	June 1, 1987	June 13, 1987	Rio Grande	
Full Member	June 14, 1987	June 30, 1987	Rio Grande	
	July 1, 1987		Rio Grande	Division of Chaplains

Ramírez, Abraham I. (FE)

Student Local Pastor	January 1, 1982	December 31, 1983	Rio Grande	Hillsboro
	January 1, 1984	May 31, 1985	Rio Grande	El Divino Salvador
	June 1, 1985	June 8, 1985	Rio Grande	Brownsville El Buen Pastor
Probationary Member	June 9, 1985	June 13, 1987	Rio Grande	Brownsville El Buen Pastor
Full Member	June 14, 1987	March 31, 1989	Rio Grande	Brownsville El Buen Pastor
	April 1, 1989	June 30, 1996	Rio Grande	Division of Chaplains
	July 1, 1996	July 31, 1997	Rio Grande	United Methodist Campus Ministry Pan American
	August 1, 1997	June 30, 2004	Rio Grande	El Mesias Houston
	July 1, 2004	May 31, 2006	Rio Grande	El Divino Salvador
	June 1, 2006	May 31, 2007	Texas	CHANNELVIEW OLD RIVER TER
	June 1, 2007	September 30, 2007	Rio Grande	
	October 1, 2007	June 30, 2008	Rio Grande	Austin Govalle
	July 1, 2008	June 30, 2010	Rio Grande	Pharr La Trinidad
	July 1, 2010		Rio Grande	Pollard Memorial

Ramírez, Nohemí V. (FE)				
Local Pastor	July 1, 1997	June 30, 2000	Rio Grande	Lubbock La Trinidad
	July 1, 2000	August 31, 2002	Rio Grande	Templo del Espiritu Santo
	September 1, 2002	January 31, 2007	Rio Grande	Educational Leave
Deacon Full Connection	February 1, 2007	December 31, 2008	North Georgia	First Athens
	January 1, 2009	May 31, 2010	Minnesota	La Puerta Abierta
Provisional Elder	June 1, 2010	June 30, 2012	Minnesota	La Puerta Abierta
Full Member	July 1, 2012		Minnesota	La Puerta Abierta
Rentería, Albino (PL)				
Reyna, María Elena (PL)				
Local Pastor	July 1, 1999	June 30, 2001	Rio Grande	Alice El Mesias
	July 1, 2001	September 30, 2001	Rio Grande	Donna Principe de Paz
	October 1, 2001		Rio Grande	Donna Principe de Paz
Rodríguez, Daniel Z. (RE)				
Probationary Member	June 8, 1952	June 7, 1956	Rio Grande	Attend School
Full Member	June 8, 1956	May 23, 1957	Rio Grande	Attend School
	May 24, 1957	June 12, 1958	Rio Grande	Raymondville
	June 13, 1958	May 25, 1961	Rio Grande	Kingsville
	May 26, 1961	May 21, 1964	Rio Grande	Corpus Christi El Buen Pastor
	May 22, 1964	June 8, 1966	Rio Grande	Austin Emmanuel
	June 9, 1966	June 7, 1971	Rio Grande	Mission
	June 8, 1971	December 31, 1973	Rio Grande	?
	January 1, 1974	June 15, 1975	Rio Grande	Director Conferencial Council of Ministries
	June 16, 1975	December 31, 1979	Rio Grande	Conference Program Director
	January 1, 1980	June 7, 1980	Rio Grande	Conference Program Director
	June 8, 1980	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	National Director of MARCHA
	January 1, 1982	May 31, 1983	Rio Grande	MARCHA
	June 1, 1983	June 30, 2002	Rio Grande	La Trinidad San Antonio
	July 1, 2002		Rio Grande	Retired
Rodríguez, Francisco J. (RE)				
Local Pastor	June 1, 1978	June 7, 1980	Rio Grande	Carrizo Crystal City
	June 8, 1980	June 6, 1981	Rio Grande	Waco
Probationary Member	June 7, 1981	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	In School
	January 1, 1982	May 31, 1982	Rio Grande	Waco Latin American
	June 1, 1982	May 31, 1985	Rio Grande	Temple El Divino Salvador
Full Member	June 1, 1985	May 31, 1987	Rio Grande	Amarillo San Mateo
	June 1, 1987	May 31, 1989	Rio Grande	Leave of Absense
	June 1, 1989	May 31, 1993	Rio Grande	Withdrawn
Local Pastor	June 1, 1993	May 31, 1994	Rio Grande	Alice El Mesias
	June 1, 1994	June 10, 1995	Rio Grande	Galveston Sion
Full Member	June 11, 1995	June 30, 1995	Rio Grande	Galveston Sion
	July 1, 1995	June 30, 1997	Rio Grande	Roswell El Divino Pastor
	July 1, 1997	June 30, 2001	Rio Grande	Alpine Monte Sinai
	July 1, 2001	June 30, 2002	Rio Grande	Muleshoe El Divino Salvador
	July 1, 2002	June 30, 2004	East Ohio	Johnson Federated

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	July 1, 2004	December 31, 2005	Rio Grande	Tulia El Buen Pastor
	January 1, 2006		Rio Grande	Retired
Rubio, Ricardo	(FL)			
Minister other Denomination	July 1, 2002	June 30, 2008	New York	Fourth Avenue
Local Pastor	July 1, 2008		Rio Grande	Del Rio Principe de Paz
Sáenz, Rubén Jr.	(FE)			
Probationary Member	July 1, 1997	June 30, 1999	Rio Grande	La Trinidad El Paso
Full Member	July 1, 1999	June 30, 2000	Rio Grande	La Trinidad El Paso
	July 1, 2000	June 30, 2001	Rio Grande	Divino Redentor
	July 1, 2001	May 31, 2011	Rio Grande	Edinburg El Buen Pastor
	June 1, 2011		Southwest Texas	Director of Congregational Growth
Salas, Joel	(RE)			
Other Local Pastor	June 12, 1977	June 10, 1978	Rio Grande	Hillsboro
Probationary Member	June 11, 1978	December 31, 1979	Rio Grande	Attend School
	January 1, 1980	June 6, 1981	Rio Grande	Houston New Church
Full Member	June 7, 1981	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	Houston Greenway
	January 1, 1982	May 31, 1982	Rio Grande	La Trinidad Houston
	June 1, 1982	June 30, 1984	Rio Grande	Pharr La Trinidad
	July 1, 1984	May 31, 1991	Rio Grande	Agape Memorial
	June 1, 1991	December 31, 1991	Rio Grande	Wilkerson Center
	January 1, 1992	May 31, 1994	Rio Grande	
	June 1, 1994	June 30, 1995	Rio Grande	Moody El Buen Pastor
	July 1, 1995	June 30, 2000	Rio Grande	Waco Latin American
	July 1, 2000	June 30, 2003	Rio Grande	Leave of Absense
Elder Full Connection	July 1, 2003	June 30, 2006	Rio Grande	Austin Govalle
	July 1, 2006	June 30, 2007	Rio Grande	Weslaco La Santisima Trinidad
	July 1, 2007		Rio Grande	Retired
Salas, José	(RE)			
Local Pastor	May 22, 1964	May 20, 1965	Rio Grande	Elgin
	May 21, 1965	May 24, 1967	Rio Grande	Abilene
Student Local Pastor	May 25, 1967	May 23, 1968	Rio Grande	Abilene
Local Pastor	May 24, 1968	June 8, 1970	Rio Grande	Abilene
Probationary Member	June 9, 1970	June 4, 1972	Rio Grande	Grand Prairie
Full Member	June 5, 1972	June 10, 1973	Rio Grande	Grand Prairie
	June 11, 1973	February 9, 1974	Rio Grande	Attend School
	February 10, 1974	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	Division of Chaplains
	January 1, 1982	December 31, 1983	Rio Grande	Division of Chaplains
	January 1, 1984	May 31, 1992	Rio Grande	Division of Chaplains
	June 1, 1992	June 30, 1995	Rio Grande	Western District Superintendent
	July 1, 1995		Rio Grande	Retired 20 year rule
Salas, Juan A.	(RE)			
Other Local Pastor	June 1, 1964	May 20, 1965	Rio Grande	Robstown
Full Time Local Pastor	May 21, 1965	June 8, 1966	Rio Grande	Robstown
	June 9, 1966	June 8, 1970	Rio Grande	Alice
	June 9, 1970	June 7, 1971	Rio Grande	Donna
Associate Member	June 8, 1971	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	Donna
	January 1, 1982	December 31, 1982	Rio Grande	Donna Principe de Paz

Local Pastor	January 1, 1983	December 31, 1983	Rio Grande	Donna Principe de Paz
Associate Member	January 1, 1984	June 30, 1984	Rio Grande	Donna Principe de Paz
	July 1, 1984	June 6, 1986	Rio Grande	Corpus Christi El Buen Pastor
Probationary Member	June 7, 1986	June 16, 1990	Rio Grande	Corpus Christi El Buen Pastor
Full Member	June 17, 1990	May 31, 1994	Rio Grande	Corpus Christi El Buen Pastor
	June 1, 1994	June 30, 2004	Rio Grande	Floresville El Mesias
	July 1, 2004	June 30, 2010	Rio Grande	Rio Grande City First
	July 1, 2010		Rio Grande	Retired

Salazar, Gloria (RL)

Local Pastor	June 11, 1988	May 31, 1990	Rio Grande	Jerusalem
	June 1, 1990	May 31, 1994	Rio Grande	Galveston Sion
	June 1, 1994	December 31, 1998	Rio Grande	Discontinued
	January 1, 1999	June 30, 2004	Rio Grande	Mercedes El Buen Pastor
	July 1, 2004	December 30, 2011	Rio Grande	Pearsall San Pablo
	December 31, 2011		Rio Grande	Retired

Salcido, Rubén (RE)

Other Local Pastor	May 26, 1961	May 24, 1962	Rio Grande	Anthony New Mexico
Student Local Pastor	May 25, 1962	May 23, 1963	Rio Grande	Anthony New Mexico
	May 24, 1963	May 21, 1964	Rio Grande	
Other Local Pastor	May 22, 1964	May 20, 1965	Rio Grande	
Probationary Member	May 21, 1965	June 8, 1966	Rio Grande	Sherman
	June 9, 1966	May 24, 1967	Rio Grande	El Paso La Trinidad
Full Member	May 25, 1967	May 23, 1968	Rio Grande	El Paso La Trinidad
	May 24, 1968	June 8, 1970	Rio Grande	Corpus Christi El Buen Pastor
	June 9, 1970	June 7, 1971	Rio Grande	Dallas Mary King Memorial
	June 8, 1971	June 10, 1973	Rio Grande	Executive Secretary Metro
	June 11, 1973	March 31, 1975	Rio Grande	Director Mexican American Ministries
	April 1, 1975	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	Board of Higher Education and Ministry
	January 1, 1982	August 1, 1982	Rio Grande	Board of Higher Education and Ministry
	August 2, 1982	December 31, 1983	Rio Grande	Lydia Patterson Institute
	January 1, 1984	May 31, 1986	Rio Grande	Lydia Patterson Institute
	June 1, 1986	May 31, 1989	Rio Grande	La Trinidad El Paso
	June 1, 1989	May 31, 1990	Rio Grande	Attend School
	June 1, 1990	May 31, 1993	Rio Grande	Retired 20 year rule
	June 1, 1993	June 30, 1995	Rio Grande	Grand Prairie Mid-Cities
	July 1, 1995	June 30, 2000	Rio Grande	Western District Superintendent
	July 1, 2000		Rio Grande	Retired 20 year rule

Salinas, Steven (PL)

Local Pastor	January 1, 2008		Rio Grande	Mercedes El Buen Pastor
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Sánchez, David (PE)

Local Pastor	June 1, 2009	November 28, 2009	Southwest Texas	Rio Grande City Saint John
	November 29, 2009	November 30, 2009	Southwest Texas	
Minister Other Denomination	December 1, 2009	December 31, 2011	Rio Grande	Abilene Bethel
	January 1, 2012		Rio Grande	El Mesias Houston

Sánchez, Fernando P. (AM)

Probationary Member	June 14, 1987	May 31, 1988	Rio Grande	El Paso Mision Noreste
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Local Pastor	June 1, 1988	May 31, 1991	Rio Grande	El Paso Mision Noreste
	June 1, 1991	July 14, 1991	Rio Grande	Victoria El Mesías
	July 15, 1991	May 31, 1993	Rio Grande	Discontinued
	June 1, 1993	May 31, 1994	Rio Grande	Grants Mission
	June 1, 1994	June 30, 1996	Rio Grande	Midland El Calvario
	July 1, 1996	June 30, 1998	Rio Grande	Lubbock Emmanuel
	July 1, 1998	June 30, 1999	Rio Grande	Tulia El Buen Pastor
	Associate Member	July 1, 1999	June 30, 2001	Rio Grande
July 1, 2001		June 30, 2006	Rio Grande	Carlsbad Monte Sinai
July 1, 2006		June 30, 2007	Rio Grande	Wesley El Paso
July 1, 2007		June 30, 2008	Rio Grande	Abilene Bethel
July 1, 2008		July 14, 2009	Rio Grande	Mulshoe El Divino Salvador
July 15, 2009			Rio Grande	Lubbock La Trinidad

Santibáñez, Ruby (RE)

Local Pastor	June 12, 1977	June 10, 1978	Rio Grande	Waco
	June 11, 1978	June 6, 1981	Rio Grande	Georgetown
	June 7, 1981	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	Crystal City Carrizo Springs
Associate Member	January 1, 1982	May 31, 1982	Rio Grande	Crystal City
	June 1, 1982	December 31, 1982	Rio Grande	La Trinidad El Paso
Local Pastor	January 1, 1983	May 31, 1983	Rio Grande	Crystal City Swindall Memorial
	June 1, 1983	December 31, 1983	Rio Grande	Waco Latin American
Associate Member	January 1, 1984	June 6, 1986	Rio Grande	Waco Latin American
Probationary Member	June 7, 1986	June 10, 1988	Rio Grande	Waco Latin American
Full Member	June 11, 1988	May 31, 1992	Rio Grande	Waco Latin American
	June 1, 1992	June 30, 1995	Rio Grande	Monte Sinai San Antonio
	July 1, 1995	June 30, 1996	Rio Grande	Leave of Absense
	July 1, 1996	June 30, 2000	Rio Grande	El Buen Samaritano
	July 1, 2000	June 30, 2008	Rio Grande	Del Rio Principe de Paz
	July 1, 2008		Rio Grande	Retired

Sarria-Anaya, Augusto (FE)

Smith, Lorenza (FE)

Provisional Elder	July 1, 2009	June 30, 2011	Rio Grande	Westlawn
	July 1, 2011		Rio Grande	Sebatial

Solís, Melquisedec (RE)

Local Pastor	June 7, 1981	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	Eagle Pass
	January 1, 1982	May 31, 1985	Rio Grande	Eagle Pass La Trinidad
	June 1, 1985	June 6, 1986	Rio Grande	Weslaco La Santisima Trinidad
Associate Member	June 7, 1986	May 31, 1987	Rio Grande	Weslaco La Santisima Trinidad
	June 1, 1987	May 31, 1991	Rio Grande	Donna Principe de Paz
	June 1, 1991	December 31, 1992	Rio Grande	San Juan San Lucas
	January 1, 1993	May 31, 1993	Rio Grande	Mercedes El Buen Pastor
	June 1, 1993	June 30, 2000	Rio Grande	Wichita Falls
Full Member	July 1, 2000	June 30, 2003	Rio Grande	Lubbock La Trinidad
	July 1, 2003	June 30, 2004	Rio Grande	Mesquite Del Valle
	July 1, 2004	June 30, 2007	Rio Grande	Alice El Mesias
	July 1, 2007	June 30, 2011	Rio Grande	Emanuel San Antonio
	July 1, 2011		Rio Grande	Retired

Soltero, Anna María (RD)				
Deacon Full Connection	June 10, 1999	January 3, 2001	Rio Grande	Board of Global Ministries
	January 4, 2001		Rio Grande	Retired
Soltero, Conrado Gerald (RE)				
Other Local Pastor	June 8, 1956	May 23, 1957	Rio Grande	Abilene
Student Local Pastor	May 24, 1957	June 12, 1958	Rio Grande	Abilene Bethel
Full Member	June 13, 1958	May 23, 1963	Rio Grande	San Angelo Houston
	May 24, 1963	May 23, 1968	Rio Grande	Latin American
	May 24, 1968	June 8, 1970	Rio Grande	Mary King Memorial
	June 9, 1970	June 4, 1972	Rio Grande	Inner City Ministry
	June 5, 1972	June 9, 1979	Rio Grande	El Paso Metro Board
	June 10, 1979	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	El Paso Metro Board
	January 1, 1982	June 30, 1986	Rio Grande	Western District Superintendent
	July 1, 1986	June 30, 1998	Rio Grande	Board of Global Ministries
	July 1, 1998		Rio Grande	Retired
Soto, María R. (FL)				
Local Pastor	July 1, 2010	June 30, 2012	Rio Grande	Elsa First
	July 1, 2012		Rio Grande	Harlingen: El Buen Samaritano
Sylvest, Edwin E., Jr. (RE)				
Probationary Member	May 29, 1959	June 7, 1962	Louisiana	Attend School
Full Member	June 8, 1962	June 3, 1965	Louisiana	B R Reily Memorial Association
	June 4, 1965	June 3, 1971	Louisiana	Attend School
	June 4, 1971	June 8, 1973	Louisiana	Associate Professor Southern Methodist University
	June 9, 1973	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	Faculty Perkins School of Theology
	January 1, 1982	December 31, 1983	Rio Grande	Perkins School of Theology
	January 1, 1984	June 30, 2001	Rio Grande	Perkins School of Theology
	July 1, 2001		Rio Grande	Retired
Torres, José A. (FE)				
Full Member	January 1, 1984	May 31, 1986	Rio Grande	Crystal City Swindall Memorial
	June 1, 1986	June 6, 1986	Rio Grande	Laredo La Trinidad
Local Pastor	June 7, 1986	May 31, 1989	Rio Grande	Laredo La Trinidad
	June 1, 1989	May 31, 1990	Rio Grande	San Marcos El Buen Pastor
	June 1, 1990	May 31, 1991	Rio Grande	Austin Govalle
	June 1, 1991	June 8, 1991	Rio Grande	Emanuel San Antonio
Associate Member	June 9, 1991	June 12, 1993	Rio Grande	Emanuel San Antonio
Probationary Member	June 13, 1993	June 14, 1996	Rio Grande	Emanuel San Antonio
Full Member	June 15, 1996	June 30, 1996	Rio Grande	Emanuel San Antonio
	July 1, 1996	June 30, 1998	Rio Grande	Emmanuel El Paso
	July 1, 1998	June 30, 2003	Rio Grande	Westlawn
	July 1, 2003	June 30, 2005	Rio Grande	Pollard Memorial
	July 1, 2005	June 30, 2008	Rio Grande	Southern District Superintendent
	July 1, 2008	June 30, 2010	Rio Grande	La Trinidad San Antonio
	July 1, 2010		Rio Grande	Rio Grande City First
Tovar, Alicia (RE)				
Probationary Member	July 1, 2002	June 30, 2004	Rio Grande	Alice El Mesias
	July 1, 2004	June 30, 2005	Rio Grande	Palo Alto
Elder Full Connection	July 1, 2005	June 30, 2006	Rio Grande	Temple El Divino Salvador

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	July 1, 2006	October 31, 2006	Rio Grande	Temple El Divino Salvador
	November 1, 2006	June 30, 2011	Rio Grande	Special Appointment
	July 1, 2011	June 30, 2012	Rio Grande	San Angelo Bethel
	July 1, 2012		Rio Grande	Retired
Tun, Samuel T.	(RA)			
Local Pastor	June 12, 1988	June 15, 1989	Rio Grande	
	June 16, 1989	September 30, 1989	Rio Grande	Mesquite Del Valle
	October 1, 1989	May 31, 1993	Rio Grande	Mesquite Del Valle
	June 1, 1993	June 12, 1993	Rio Grande	El Divino Redentor
Associate Member	June 13, 1993	June 30, 1995	Rio Grande	El Divino Redentor
	July 1, 1995	June 30, 1996	Rio Grande	Corpus Christi El Buen Pastor
	July 1, 1996	June 30, 1997	Rio Grande	Carrizo Springs La Trinidad
	July 1, 1997	June 30, 2000	Rio Grande	Abilene Bethel
	July 1, 2000	June 30, 2001	Rio Grande	Donna Principe de Paz
	July 1, 2001	June 30, 2004	Rio Grande	Disability-CPP
	July 1, 2004		Rio Grande	Retired
Valenzuela, Julio C.	(FE)			
Local Pastor	June 28, 2000	June 30, 2003	Rio Grande	Raymondville Bethel
	July 1, 2003	June 30, 2005	Rio Grande	Corpus Christi El Buen Pastor
	July 1, 2005	June 30, 2008	Rio Grande	Educational Leave
Provisional Elder	July 1, 2008	September 14, 2008	Rio Grande	Attend School
	September 15, 2008	September 15, 2008	Rio Grande	Attend School
	September 15, 2008	September 15, 2008	Rio Grande	Attend School
	September 16, 2008	June 30, 2009	Rio Grande	Attend School
	July 1, 2009	June 30, 2010	Rio Grande	Wesley El Paso
	July 1, 2010	February 28, 2011	Rio Grande	Mesquite Del Valle
	March 1, 2011		Rio Grande	Chaplain, US Army
Valle, Saúl Israel	(FE)			
Local Pastor	June 1, 1993	June 13, 1997	Rio Grande	Raymondville Bethel
Associate Member	June 14, 1997	June 30, 1997	Rio Grande	Raymondville Bethel
	July 1, 1997	June 30, 2001	Rio Grande	Eagle Pass La Trinidad
Full Member	July 1, 2001	August 15, 2002	Rio Grande	Eagle Pass La Trinidad
	August 16, 2002	June 30, 2006	Rio Grande	Laredo La Trinidad
	July 1, 2006	June 30, 2010	Rio Grande	Eagle Pass La Trinidad
	July 1, 2010		Rio Grande	Wesley El Paso
Vásquez, Maribel Vega, Sr., Abel	(FE) (RE)			
Local Pastor	June 12, 1959	May 25, 1960	Rio Grande	Abilene Bethel
Other Local Pastor	May 26, 1960	May 25, 1961	Rio Grande	Abilene
	May 26, 1961	May 24, 1962	Rio Grande	
Local Pastor	May 25, 1962	May 23, 1963	Rio Grande	Galveston
	May 24, 1963	June 8, 1966	Rio Grande	Georgetown
	June 9, 1966	May 24, 1967	Rio Grande	Sherman
Probationary Member	May 25, 1967	June 9, 1969	Rio Grande	Sherman
	June 10, 1969	June 8, 1970	Rio Grande	El Paso El Divino Redentor
Full Member	June 9, 1970	June 10, 1973	Rio Grande	Amarillo
	June 11, 1973	June 13, 1976	Rio Grande	Fort Worth
	June 14, 1976	June 7, 1980	Rio Grande	Mary King Memorial

June 8, 1980	December 31, 1981	Rio Grande	Leave of Absense
January 1, 1982	May 31, 1982	Rio Grande	Sherman El Divino Salvador
June 1, 1982	May 31, 1987	Rio Grande	La Trinidad Houston
June 1, 1987	May 31, 1988	Rio Grande	Rio Grande Conference
June 1, 1988	May 31, 1993	Rio Grande	Westlawn
June 1, 1993	June 30, 1996	Rio Grande	Principe de Paz
July 1, 1996	June 30, 2000	Rio Grande	Albuquerque El Buen Samaritano

Vela, Antonio (RE)

Local Pastor	August 15, 1960	May 25, 1961	Rio Grande	Eagle Pass
	May 26, 1961	May 23, 1963	Rio Grande	Alamogordo NM
	May 24, 1963	May 21, 1964	Rio Grande	Marfa TX
	May 22, 1964	May 24, 1967	Rio Grande	Marfa Alpine
	May 25, 1967	June 9, 1969	Rio Grande	Carlsbad NM
	June 10, 1969	June 8, 1970	Rio Grande	Ubalde
	June 9, 1970	June 7, 1971	Rio Grande	Hereford Dimmitt
Probationary Member	June 8, 1971	June 4, 1972	Rio Grande	Hereford Dimmitt
	June 5, 1972	June 10, 1973	Rio Grande	Marfa Alpine
Full Member	June 11, 1973	June 14, 1975	Rio Grande	Marfa Alpine
	June 15, 1975	May 31, 1990	Rio Grande	Honorable Location
	June 1, 1990	December 31, 1991	Rio Grande	El Divino Redentor
	January 1, 1992	May 31, 1994	Rio Grande	La Trinidad Houston
	June 1, 1994		Rio Grande	Retired involuntary

Vela, María (PL)

Yáñez, Moisés (RE)

Local Pastor	May 26, 1961	May 24, 1965	Rio Grande	Carrizo Springs
	May 25, 1965	June 8, 1966	Rio Grande	Sanderson TX
	June 9, 1966	May 23, 1968	Rio Grande	Sanderson Stockton
Full Member	May 24, 1968	June 9, 1969	Rio Grande	Sanderson
	June 10, 1969	June 13, 1976	Rio Grande	El Paso Wesley
	June 14, 1976	June 30, 1979	Rio Grande	Westlawn
	July 1, 1979	December 31, 1981	California Nevada	Stockton Christ
	January 1, 1982	June 30, 1984	California Nevada	Emmanuel
	July 1, 1984	June 30, 1985	Baltimore Washington	Baltimore-Washington Office
	July 1, 1985	June 30, 1986	Baltimore Washington	Calvary-Casa del Pueblo
	July 1, 1986	December 31, 1987	Baltimore Washington	Leave of Absense
	January 1, 1988	May 31, 1991	Kansas West	Luz del Camino
	June 1, 1991	May 31, 1993	Rio Grande	Southeast Mission
	June 1, 1993	May 31, 1994	Rio Grande	Big Spring Northside
	June 1, 1994	December 31, 1995	Rio Grande	Bryan Oak Grove
	January 1, 1996	June 30, 1997	Rio Grande	Templo del Espiritu Santo
July 1, 1997		Rio Grande	Retired	

Zamora, Carlos L. (AM)

Local Member	June 12, 1994	June 30, 1998	Rio Grande	Mercedes El Buen Pastor
	July 1, 1998	June 30, 2001	Rio Grande	Alamo San Pablo
	July 1, 2001	June 30, 2007	Rio Grande	Alamo San Pablo
Associate Member	July 1, 2007		Rio Grande	Weslaco La Santisima Trinidad

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				Number of Youth in Christian groups	Number of Young Adults	Number of Other Adults	Total number of persons items 15-18	Average weekly attendance Sunday School	Number of participants in V.B.S.	Number of classes in Sunday Sch.	Number of classes in non Sunday Sch	Number of short term classes	Membership in U.M.Men	Amount paid for projects UMM	Membership in U.M.Women	Amount paid for local ch. & community UMW	Number of UMM Teams	Number of persons UMVM	Number of persons served by community ministries	Number of persons served outreach min	Market value of church owned land bldg, parsonage and furniture	Market value of other assets (cash, securities, other property)	Debts secured by church physical assets
755125	101	AUS: Emmanuel	PASTOR EDUARD D. GARCIA	15	8	29	72	52	45	7	3		20		29					100	1500000	125000	
758208	102	AUS: Goualle	JUAN ANTONIO SALAS	5	6	12	33	20		2											310000	55000	
755147	103	BAY CITY	TBC (DS)				0																
755227	104	BRYAN: Oak Grove	AUGUSTO SAARRIA	4	5	4	35	12	45		2	10	6	100	13				62	13	526550		54000
755238	127	BRYAN: Tem.Esp.Santo	JESUS LOPEZ	2	2	10	10	10	60	4	3	3	10	950	22	2800			30	35	385000	32000	25000
755262	128	DAL: Agape	JUAN OSORIO	10	4	45	78	63	60	4	4	2	9	14	22	1500			126	154	1200000		
755626	130	DAL: C. Emmanuel-el	ELLA LUNA	4	3	38	72	37	88	4	2										150000		
755318	106	ELGIN	CECILIO JIMENEZ				0														664000		
755320	107	FLORESVILLE	FRANCISCO J. BRIONES	12	10	13	51	21	28	3	2		11		25					75			
755342	131	FTW: La Trinidad					0																
755114	132	FTW: Nueva Vida	MICHAEL DOBBS	2		6	8	7		1	1								30	60	472000		
755422	110	HOU: El Buen Pastor	TBS	9	6	30	65	40	80	4			12	900	12	900			10	10	1407180	90500	12336
755444	111	HOU: El Mesias	DAVID SANCHEZ	18	9	47	82	36	70	7	5	2	15	1300	27	1800			80	5000	2100000	1800	
755466	113	KENEDY	MARIA VELA				0	10				1								75	246765		
755810	134	MOODY	RUMALDO JIMENEZ (DS)	5		8	13	13	18	2											187000		
755604	114	PORT ARTHUR	JOEL P. MORA				0	9	39	1			5		7						300000		
755570	115	SAT: Emanuel	JOSE MERCADO	16	4	16	56	45	98	6	7	6	12	20	20						654441	224486	
755672	116	SAT: El B. Samaritano	ARTURO MARISCAL	12	15	15	40	18	65	2				8	225						463342	63183	
755661	117	SAT: El Div. Salvador	GILBERT PAREDES	20	20	20	20	20		2				5						5674	1800000		
755694	118	SAT: El Mesias	BERNARDO GARZON	5	2	25	47	30					10	14							676830	120000	
755683	119	SAT: La Trinidad	JOHN FEAGINS	20	8	20	60	40	25	2	2		13	400	46	400			200	1500000	150000		
755706	122	SAT: Pollard Memorial	ABRAHAM RAMIREZ	11	8	10	52	14	99	3	2	14	600	16	1000				50	99	824130	123620	
764142	123	SAT: Principe de Paz	CASIMIRO BENITEZ	15	3	40	78	50	100	50	40		10	15						25	563000	10000	
755741	124	SAT: Westlawn	ALICIA CAMPOS				0														496000		
755763	125	SAN MARCOS	ESPERANZA B. RAMIREZ	4	3	10	29	18		3	2	2	13	300	18	300			30	30	685000	146000	
755785	126	SEGUIN	JUAN CANTU	14	7	18	67	34	115	4	2	3	18	150	18	600			1400	1400	842000	52100	
755808	135	SHERMAN	TBS				0	13													94000		
755843	136	TEMPLE	RUMALDO JIMENEZ (DS)	11	8	22	67	11	72	5	2	3								27	100000	72000	
755923	137	WACO	RUMALDO JIMENEZ (DS)	3	5	15	34	28	68	3	1	3									220000	7500	
		CENTRAL 2013	FRANCISCO CAMPOS	185	113	443	1069	651	1115	113	77	44	183	3,100	317	9,525	0	0	378	12977	19622238	1221089	143436
		CENTRAL 2012	FRANCISCO CAMPOS	198	135	575	1207	730	77	1,316	178	82	60	2,618	358	9,326	0	0	385	23083	21700828	1085969	150708
			+INC-DEC.	-13	-22	-132	-138	-79	1038	-1,203	-101	-38	123	482	-41	199	0	0	-7	-10106	-2078590	135120	-7272

CENTRAL - 2013		GCFA #	ID	CHURCH	PASTOR	34	35a	35b	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45a	45b	45c	45d	45e	45f	46	47
						other debts	Total amount APPORTIONED to the local church	Total amount PAID by the local church	General Advance Special	World Service Special	Conference Advance Special	Youth Service Fund	All other funds sent to AC Treas.	Conference Special Sundays	Total amount given to other U.M. causes direct.	Total amount to Non-Meth. Charitable causes	Human relations offering	One Great Hour Sharing	Peace with Justice	Native American Ministries	World Communion Sunday	U.M. Student Day	Amount direct bill clergy benefit	Amount paid for health benefit
		755125	101	AUS: Emmanuel	EDUARDO D. GARCIA		28754	28754								250	204	182	143	163	257			
		758208	102	AUS: Govalle	JUAN ANTONIO SALAS		4233	4233																
		755147	103	BAY CITY	TBC (DS)																			
		755227	104	BRYAN: Oak Grove	AUGUSTO SAARRIA		4048	4048			75				20	75		10	10	10	10	10		
		755238	127	BRYAN: Term.Esp.Santo	JESUS LOPEZ		3597	3597											44			72		
		755262	128	DAL: Agape	JUAN OSORIO		18609	18609			87							114	86	156	110	129	403	
		755626	130	DAL: C. Emmanu-el	ELLA LUNA		22094	7365	567									232		66	103			
		755318	106	ELGIN	CECILIO JIMENEZ		268	300											65					
		755320	107	FLORESVILLE	FRANCISCO J. BRIONES		9991	9991																
		755342	131	FTW: La Trinidad																				
		755114	132	FTW: Nueva Vida	MICHAEL DOBBS	8487	3284	1450											10					
		755422	110	HOU: El Buen Pastor	TBS		13398	13398																
		755444	111	HOU: El Mesias	DAVID SANCHEZ		14364	2710			50				111			50	56			50		
		755466	113	KENEDY	MARIA VELA		1744	1744	325															
		755810	134	MOODY	RUMALDO JIMENEZ (DS)		595	0																
		755604	114	PORT ARTHUR	JOEL P. MORA		6112	6112																
		755570	115	SAT: Emanuel	JOSE MERCADO		13096	13096																
		755672	116	SAT: El B. Samaritano	ARTURO MARISCAL		4847	350														26		
		755661	117	SAT: El Div. Salvador	GILBERT PAREDES		27605	1000			270													
		755694	118	SAT: El Mesias	BERNARDO GARZON	6000	5511	5511	20													25		
		755683	119	SAT: La Trinidad	JOHN FEAGINS		28539	28539			987				1168			24	45	25	10	30	25	
		755706	122	SAT: Pollard Memorial	ABRAHAM RAMIREZ		16979	16979			75				193			128	109	85	61	155	288	
		764142	123	SAT: Principe de Paz	CASIMIRO BENITEZ		11098	11098										10	20	4	22			
		755741	124	SAT: Westlawn	ALICIA CAMPOS		10992	10992	47						47			24	24	24	24	24	24	
		755763	125	SAN MARCOS	ESPERANZA B. RAMIREZ		9896	9896										33	33	33	33	33	34	
		755785	126	SEGUN	JUAN CANTU		12582	12582														97		
		755808	135	SHERMAN	TBS		2614	2614																
		755843	136	TEMPLE	RUMALDO JIMENEZ (DS)		3432	3432			15											10		
		755923	137	WACO	RUMALDO JIMENEZ (DS)		4661	4661														10		
				CENTRAL 2013	FRANCISCO CAMPOS	14487	282943	223061	959	0	1,677	0	0	1,634	75	250	1,049	1,207	852	842	771	916	0	
				CENTRAL 2012	FRANCISCO CAMPOS	15017	275954	233918	2768	0	3,154	0	0	1,917	0	1,700	1,009	1,718	921	1,187	911	964	0	
					+INC -DEC.	-530	6989	-10857	-1809	0	-1,477	0	0	-283	75	-1,450	40	-511	-69	-345	-140	-48	0	

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			Amount Received from unidentified givers	Received from Interest	Received from sale of Church Assets.	Received from Building Use Fee	Received through Fundraisers	Total Income	Received from Capital Campaign	Received from Memorial / Requests	Received from Projects	Received For Special Offerings & Adv. Sp.	TOTAL for Designated causes	RECEIVED FROM EQUITABLE COMP.	ADV. SP. OTHER	
755125	101	AUS: Emmanuel	EDUARDO D. GARCIA	2000			4,000		192000	0	0	0	375	0	0	
755208	102	AUS: Govalle	JUAN ANTONIO SALAS	4000					37000	0	0	0	0	0	0	
755147	103	BAY CITY	TBC (DS)						7939	0	0	0	0	0	0	
755227	104	BRYAN: Oak Grove	AUGUSTO SAARRIA	1494	255		195	962	20422	0	0	0	0	0	0	
755238	127	BRYAN: Tem.Esp.Santo	JESUS LOPEZ	2000				2000	29000	0	0	0	400	0	0	
755262	128	DAL: Agape	JUAN OSORIO	6480			485	13393	121130	0	0	13393	846	14239	0	
755626	130	DAL: C. Emmanuel-el	ELLA LUNA	2044			150	10875	108424	0	50	0	0	0	0	
755318	106	ELGIN	CECILIO JIMENEZ						5687	0	0	0	0	0	0	
755320	107	FLORESVILLE	FRANCISCO J. BRIONES	2000			150	9000	67150	0	1500	0	0	1500	0	
755342	131	FTW: La Trinidad							0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
755114	132	FTW: Nueva Vida	MICHAEL DOBBS						15759	0	0	0	0	0	0	
755422	110	HOU: El Buen Pastor	TBS				8,400		66360	0	0	0	0	0	0	
755444	111	HOU: El Mesias	DAVID SANCHEZ	6500			6,500	6000	98200	0	0	0	420	420	7979	
755466	113	KENEDY	MARIA VELA				4,000		18421	0	0	0	0	0	0	
755810	134	MOODY	RUMALDO JIMENEZ (DS)						7500	0	0	0	0	0	0	
755604	114	PORT ARTHUR	JOEL P. MORA						37500	0	0	0	0	0	0	
755570	115	SAT: Emanuel	JOSE MERCADO	5000					65000	0	0	0	0	0	0	
755672	116	SAT: ElB. Samaritano	ARTURO MARISCAL						0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
755661	117	SAT: El Div. Salvador	GILBERT PAREDES	3729	88		6,100		114157	0	0	0	0	0	0	
755694	118	SAT: El Mesias	BERNARDO GARZON	2574			10,610	3841	49392	5134	0	0	159	5293	0	
755683	119	SAT: La Trinidad	JOHN FEAGINS	6012	799		2,193		234157	0	300	7150	4717	12167	0	
755706	122	SAT: Pollard Memorial	ABRAHAM RAMIREZ	18108		55	7,683	5000	107390	0	0	0	0	0	0	
764142	123	SAT: Principe de Paz	CASIMIRO BENITEZ	3509					43903	0	0	0	0	0	0	
755741	124	SAT: Westlawn	ALICIA CAMPOS	3000			300	4500	55800	0	0	0	0	0	0	
755763	125	SAN MARCOS	ESPERANZA B. RAMIREZ	1156				14750	69206	0	0	0	0	0	0	
755785	126	SEGUIN	JUAN CANTU	2638					118272	2410	0	0	0	2410	0	
755808	135	SHERMAN	TBS	3217					13970	0	0	0	0	0	0	
755843	136	TEMPLE	RUMALDO JIMENEZ (DS)						25968	0	0	0	45	45	0	
755923	137	WACO	RUMALDO JIMENEZ (DS)						36604	0	0	0	0	0	0	
		CENTRAL 2013	FRANCISCO CAMPOS	93,461	1,142	55	50,766	77,260	1,766,311	7,544	1,850	20,543	6,962	36,899	7,979	0
		CENTRAL 2012	FRANCISCO CAMPOS	120,811	1,397	0	66,112	90,139	2,023,631	12,930	4,430	20,515	7,802	55,256	14,469	0
			+INC -DEC.	-27,350	-255	55	-15,346	-12,879	-257,320	-5,386	-2,580	28	-840	-18,357	-6,490	0

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CENTRAL - 2013		OTHER GRANTS		TOTAL Income	
GCFA #	ID	CHURCH	PASTOR	64c	64
755125	101	AUS: Emmanuel	EDUARD D. GARCIA	0	0
758208	102	AUS: Govalle	JUAN ANTONIO SALAS	0	0
755147	103	BAY CITY	TBC (DS)	0	0
755227	104	BRYAN: Oak Grove	AUGUSTO SAARRIA	0	0
755238	127	BRYAN: Tern.Esp.Santo	JESUS LOPEZ	0	0
755262	128	DAL: Agape	JUAN OSORIO	0	0
755626	130	DAL: C. Emmanu-el	ELLA LUNA	0	0
755318	106	ELGIN	CECILIO JIMENEZ	0	0
755320	107	FLORESVILLE	FRANCISCO J. BRIONES	0	0
755342	131	FTW: La Trinidad		0	0
755114	132	FTW: Nueva Vida	MICHAEL DOBBS	1500	1500
755422	110	HOU: El Buen Pastor	TBS	0	0
755444	111	HOU: El Mesias	DAVID SANCHEZ	2000	9979
755466	113	KENEDY	MARIA VELA	0	0
755810	134	MOODY	RUMALDO JIMENEZ (DS)	0	0
755604	114	PORT ARTHUR	JOEL P. MORA	0	0
755570	115	SAT: Emanuel	JOSE MERCADO	0	0
755672	116	SAT: El B. Samaritano	ARTURO MARISCAL	0	0
755661	117	SAT: El Div. Salvador	GILBERT PAREDES	0	0
755694	118	SAT: El Mesias	BERNARDO GARZON	0	0
755683	119	SAT: La Trinidad	JOHN FEAGINS	7500	7500
755706	122	SAT: Pollard Memorial	ABRAHAM RAMIREZ	0	0
764142	123	SAT: Principe de Paz	CASIMIRO BENITEZ	5000	5000
755741	124	SAT: Westlawn	ALICIA CAMPOS	0	0
755763	125	SAN MARCOS	ESPERANZA B. RAMIREZ	0	0
755785	126	SEGUIN	JUAN CANTU	0	0
755808	135	SHERMAN	TBS	0	0
755843	136	TEMPLE	RUMALDO JIMENEZ (DS)	0	0
755923	137	WACO	RUMALDO JIMENEZ (DS)	0	0
		CENTRAL 2013	FRANCISCO CAMPOS	16,000	23,979
		CENTRAL 2012	FRANCISCO CAMPOS	7,000	21,469
			+INC -DEC.	9,000	2,510

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GCFA #	ID	CHURCH	PASTOR	1	2a	2b	2c	3	4	5a	5b	5c	6	7	8	9	9a	9b	9c	9d	9e	9f	9g	9h
				Total Members Reported Last Year	RECEIVED this year on P. C. Faith	RESTORED by Affirmation	Correct previous year's errors	Transferred in from other U.M. Churches	Transferred in from non-U.M.C.	REMOVED by Charge Conference Action	WITHDRAWN	Correct previous year error	Transfer out to Other UM Churches	Transfer out to Non-U.M.C.	REMOVED by Death	Total Full Members at Close of this Year	ASIAN	AFRICAN AMERICAN	HISPANIC/LATINO	NATIVE AMERICAN	PACIFIC ISLANDERS	WHITE	MULTI RACIAL	Female
755103	301	ABILENE	MARCY GARZA	82						82						0								
755876	302	AMARILLO	EMANUEL BURGOS	184						184						0								
757044	303	ALBUQUERQUE	DANIEL FLORES	307						307						0								
757088	305	ARTESIA	TBS	21												21			21					
757102	306	CARLSBAD	TBS	18												18			18					
757181	308	ELP: El Divino Redentor	SANTIAGO HEREDIA	159												159			157					
755774	309	ELP: Emmanuel	MARIBEL VASQUEZ	172	2	1		1				77			1	98	1	1	92			1	3	
757215	310	ELP: Wesley	SAUL VALLE	110	6										3	113			113					
755730	311	ELP: El Alfarero	GUSTAVO GOMEZ	57		2		2	2			5				56	2	54						
757283	312	LAS CRUCES	WILLIAM DEL VALLE	155												155		145						
755524	313	LUB:La Trinidad	TBS	50						50						0								
755568	314	LUB: Templo Nazaret	EUTIMIO GONZALEZ, JR	66	7											73		73						
757328	315	MESQUITE	MANUEL HOLGUIN	102												102		102						
755557	317	MULESHOE	LUIS OROZCO	40						40						0								
755535	318	ODESSA	TBS (DS)	46												46		46						
755648	320	SAN ANGELO	HELLEN BROCK	47												47		47						
755865	324	TULIA	LUIS OROZCO	37						37						0								
		NORTHWEST 2013	FRANCISCO CAMPOS	1,653	15	1	0	3	2	700	0	82	0	0	4	888	1	3	868	0	0	11	5	5
		NORTHWEST 2012	ELMER ARMJO	1,670	30	0	0	6	4	0	0	35	16	0	6	1,653	0	0	1,597	3	2	31	8	1,0
17			+INC-DEC.	-17	-15	1	0	-3	-2	700	0	47	-16	0	-2	-765	1	3	-729	-3	-2	-20	-3	-5

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GCFA #	ID	CHURCH	PASTOR	9h	9i	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25a	25b	26a
				Female	Male	Average Attendance at all Worship Service	Number of Persons Baptized this year (All ages)	Total baptized who have not become prof. members	Number of other Constituents	Total in Confirmation Classes this Year	Number Children in all Christian groups	Number of Youth in Christian groups	Number of Young Adults	Number of Other Adults	Total number of persons items 15-18	Average weekly attendance Sunday School	Number of participants in V.B.S.	Number of classes in Sunday Sch.	Number of classes in non Sunday Sch.	Number of short term classes	Membership in U.M.Men	Amount paid for projects UMM	Membership in U.M.Women
755103	301	ABILENE	MARCY GARZA																				
755876	302	AMARILLO	EMANUEL BURGOS																				
757044	303	ALBUQUERQUE	DANIEL FLORES																				
757088	305	ARTESIA	TBS	13	8	16					2	2	5	9		9							
757102	306	CARLSBAD	TBS	12	6	20					6	5	4	11	26	7							
757181	308	ELP: El Divino Redentor	SANTIAGO HEREDIA	108	51	42				3	17	3	10	20	50	18	2	3	7				
755774	309	ELP: Emmanuel	MARIBEL VASQUEZ	54	44	55		3			5	6	3	25	39	20	15	4	2	2	8	690	
757215	310	ELP: Wesley	SAUL VALLE	70	43	50		2			6	4	5	25	40	18	2	3	1	8	199		
755730	311	ELP: El Alfarero	GUSTAVO GOMEZ	35	21	35									0								
757283	312	LAS CRUCES	WILLIAM DEL VALLE	75	80	25		12	2					0	6			2	1				
755524	313	LUB:La Trinidad	TBS																				
755568	314	LUB: Templo Nazaret	EUTIMIO GONZALEZ, JR	42	31	45			21	5	13	6	11	30	60	29	1						
757328	315	MESQUITE	MANUEL HOLGUIN	66	36	50		11			12	8	4	7	31	24							
755557	317	MULESHOE	LUIS OROZCO												0								
755535	318	ODESSA	TBS (DS)	30	16	20																	
755648	320	SAN ANGELO	HELLEN BROCK	34	13	24		3	1			6		6	12	6	12	1					
755865	324	TULIA	LUIS OROZCO																				
		NORTHWEST 2013	FRANCISCO CAMPOS	539	349	382	0	31	24	8	59	40	39	129	267	137	78	8	11	4	23	889	
		NORTHWEST 2012	ELMER ARMILJO	1,072	583	647	18	59	106	16	148	85	41	193	467	263	40	340	33	23	18	560	1
17			+INC-DEC.	-533	-234	-265	-18	-28	-82	-8	-89	-45	-2	-64	-200	-126	38	-332	-22	-19	5	329	-1

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GCFA #	ID	CHURCH	PASTOR	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62a	62b	62c	62d
				pastors other cash allowance	Salary for Deacons	Benefits for deacons	Salary & Benefits for church staff	Church PROGRAM Expenditures	Church OPERATING Expenditures	Paid on Pridual & Interest	Capital Improvement & Major Equip. Purchases	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	NUMBER OF GIVERS	Amount Received Through Pledges	Amount Received from Non-Pledging yet Identified	Amount Received from unidentified givers	Received from Interest
755103	301	ABILENE	MARCY GARZA														
755876	302	AMARILLO	EMANUEL BURGOS						9610			18375	6	7200	10507	0	0
757044	303	ALBUQUERQUE	DANIEL FLORES					800	8400			11061	13	4425	17911	5000	0
757088	305	ARTESIA	TBS					300	5466			42321	20	0	0	0	0
757102	306	CARLSBAD	TBS						16728			60513	37	55496	17188	3197	0
757181	308	ELP: El Divino Redentor	SANTIAGO HEREDIA	4800			3000	6270	264			48904		39787	0	0	0
755774	309	ELP: Emmanuel	MARIBEL VASQUEZ					1957	9059			7405	8	0	0	6000	0
757215	310	ELP: Wesley	SAUL VALLE					120	1200			50924	21	50993	6329	0	0
755730	311	ELP: El Alfarero	GUSTAVO GOMEZ					1027	8717								
757283	312	LAS CRUCES	WILLIAM DEL VALLE														
755524	313	LUB:La Trinidad	TBS														
755568	314	LUB: Templo Nazaret	EUTIMIO GONZALEZ, JR					8000	11000		16000	44918	45	17857	11000	4180	0
757328	315	MESQUITE	MANUEL HOLGUIN					5863	10194			43192	11	19191	2945	3142	0
755557	317	MULESHOE	LUIS OROZCO									0				0	0
755535	318	ODESSA	TBS (DS)					250	2100			4427	0	0	0	0	0
755648	320	SAN ANGELO	HELLEN BROCK					311	18613			35017	0	0	21529	2477	0
755865	324	TULIA	LUIS OROZCO														
		NORTHWEST 2013	FRANCISCO CAMPOS	4,800	0	0	3,000	25,342	101,087	264	16,000	367,057	161	194,949	87,409	23,996	0
		NORTHWEST 2012	ELMER ARMUJO	10,780	500	0	26,261	40,558	130,455	5,993	40,647	668,775	402	380,387	144,808	45,930	570
			+INC-DEC.	-5,980	-500	0	-23,261	-15,216	-29,368	-5,729	-24,647	-301,718	-241	-185,438	-57,399	-21,934	-570

NORTHWEST - 2013		62e	62f	62g	62	63a	63b	63c	63d	63	64a	64b	64c	6		
GCFA #	ID	CHURCH	PASTOR	Received from sale of Church Assets.	Received from Building Use Fee	Received through Fundraisers	Total Income	Received From Capital Campaign	Received from Memorial / Bequests	Received From Projects	Received For Special Offerings & Adv. Sp.	TOTAL for Designated causes	RECEIVED FROM EQUITABLE COMP.	ADV. SP. OTHER	OTHER GRANTS	
755103	301	ABILENE	MARCY GARZA													
755876	302	AMARILLO	EMANUEL BURGOS													
757044	303	ALBUQUERQUE	DANIEL FLORES													
757088	305	ARTESIA	TBS	0	0	390	18097	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
757102	306	CARLSBAD	TBS	0	0	0	27336	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
757181	308	ELP: El Divino Redentor	SANTIAGO HEREDIA	300	0	0	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7500
755774	309	ELP: Emmanuel	MARIBEL VASQUEZ	0	200	0	76081	0	0	4800	2162	6962	0	0	0	0
757215	310	ELP: Wesley	SAUL VALLE	0	1500	0	41287	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
755730	311	ELP: El Alfarero	GUSTAVO GOMEZ	0	0	0	6000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
757283	312	LAS CRUCES	WILLIAM DEL VALLE	0	5625	1393	64340	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
755524	313	LUB:La Trinidad	TBS													
755568	314	LUB: Templo Nazaret	EUTIMIO GONZALEZ, JR	0	5450	1106	39593	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
757328	315	MESQUITE	MANUEL HOLGUIN	0	7535	0	32813	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
755557	317	MULESHOE	LUIS OROZCO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
755535	318	ODESSA	TBS (DS)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
755648	320	SAN ANGELO	HELLEN BROCK	0	6660	4475	35141	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
755865	324	TULIA	LUIS OROZCO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		NORTHWEST 2013	FRANCISCO CAMPOS	300	26,970	7,364	340,988	0	0	4,800	2,162	6,962	0	0	0	7,500
		NORTHWEST 2012	ELMER ARMILIO	100	22,061	24,137	617,993	0	750	8,932	1,570	11,252	22,620	0	0	0
17			+INC -DEC.	200	4,909	-16,773	-277,005	0	-750	-4,132	592	-4,290	-22,620	0	0	7,500

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				Number of other Constituents	Total in Confirmation Classes this Year	Number Children in all Christian groups	Number of Youth in Christian groups	Number of Young Adults	Number of Other Adults	Total number of persons items 15-18	Average weekly attendance Sunday School	Number of participants in V.B.S.	Number of classes in Sunday Sch.	Number of classes in non Sunday Sch.	Number of short term classes	Membership in U.M.Men	Amount paid for projects UMM	Membership in U.M.Women	Amount paid for local ch. & community UMW	Number of UMWIM Teams	Number of persons UMWIM	Number of persons served by community ministries	Number of persons served outreach min	Market value of church owned land bldg, parsonage and furniture	Market value of other assets (cash, securities, other property)
756062	201	ALAMO	PASTOR FEDERICO PEREZ	41	6	19	6	6	0	31	16	50	3	3									459000	900	
756585	202	Alice	JUANITA GARCIA				3	4		3	24												200000	180000	
756313	232	BISHOP **	JAVIER RODRIGUEZ				4	4		4	8		1										180000	38000	
756175	233	BRO: Emmanuel	ARNOLD CAVAZOS	40	5	15	5	4	16	40	25	25	15	3					920		1	25	1057000	1410	
756120	203	BRO: El Buen Pastor	RODOLFO CAJIRI	25	5	15	5	2	12	34	23	60	3	3				26					500000	1847540	
756153	205	CRP: El Buen Pastor	JOSE A. TORRES	13	4	25	10	10	50	95	50	100	8	5	5	40	2000	70	300			85	250000		
756142	206	CRP: Kelsey Memorial	ISIDRO PINA							0													250000		
756186	208	CRYSTALCITY	BALDEMAR BARRERA				14	7	26	47	37				2	20	763	18	250			25	781200		
755307	235	DEL RIO	RICARDO RUBIO							0	10												258000		
756745	209	DILLEY **	JACOB DE LA GARZA							0	10												355000		
756368	210	DONNA	MARIA ELENA REYNA	20	12	3	4	8	27	26	35	3											855000		
756302	230	EAGLE PASS **	NOELIA GOMEZ				2	2	5	14					5				1000				2095000		
756346	211	EDINBURG	DAVID BLANCO	85	10	100	65	45	90	300	40	165	8	7	2		36						265000		
756357	212	ELSA	MARIA RODRIGUEZ				8	4	2	4	18	10	30										0		
756404	239	FAYSVILLE	TBS							0													278744		
756448	214	HARLINGEN	MARIA RODRIGUEZ				6	9	3	27	18	50	4		6							30	435000		
756528	216	KINGSVILLE **	TBS				12	2	1	9	24	12	3	1	1							19	210000		
756665	234	LA FERIA	JUAN DE DIOS JARA				12	4	12	28	14	12			3		6						926000	101	
756541	217	LAREDO	ALVARO GUZMAN	28	19	6	6	28	53	53					6		18		502			1350	1258000		
756608	218	MCCALLEN	JAVIER LEYVA	110	5	50	21	7	99	177	42	38	6	7	4	14	33					400	160000	133	
756621	219	MERCEDES	STEVE SALINAS	5	7	14	14	8	34	70	50				1	11	20					220	771698		
756643	220	MISSION	ROBERTO M. LOPEZ	45	11	15	22	5	30	72	40	110	7	6	2	6	22						310000		
756701	221	PEARSALL	FERNANDO SANCHEZ	120	3	2	2	8	8	13	0	78	0	0	1	0	10						1000000		
756723	222	PHARR: La Trinidad	NYDIA IRRIZARI-JARA				15	35	30	17	20	102	35	100	7	4	11						425000		
756712	231	PHARR: Las Milpas	RAUL GARZA							0	29	25			2								411000	600	
753803	223	RAYMONDVILLE	REYNALDO RODRIGUEZ				4		37	41	42	30	3	3	2	16	600	22	1600		33	745700			
756825	224	RIO GRANDE CITY	JON HERRIN							0	25	22	3	1									240000	778	
756426	225	ROBSTOWN	JUANITA GARCIA	4	8	4	4	3	15	18	25	15	2										950000		
756426	227	SAN JUAN: L Wesleyanos	MARCELINO OLIVARES	13	5	25	31	74	38	63	4	3										1	283000		
756893	228	SAN JUAN: San Lucas	FEDERICO PEREZ				6	6	6	6	90	2	2										92000		
756882	226	SAN DIEGO **	JUANITA GARCIA							0	10												286000		
755887	237	UVALDE **	RICHARD GARCIA							0													815000		
756927	229	WESLACO	CARLOS ZAMORA	45	51	38	4	112	205	53	70	9	4	8			30					352	815000		
		SOUTHERN 2013	NYDIA IRRIZARI-JARA	577	78	458	282	149	665	1,554	735	1,202	106	55	36	139	3,363	347	4,572	0	1	52	2,500	18,346,382	392,7
		SOUTHERN 2012	ELMER ARMILO	549	57	425	235	139	632	1,431	847	312	1,284	102	54	46	1,750	372	1,750	372	0	46	4,215	18,355,482	338,4
			+INC - DEC.	28	21	33	47	10	33	123	-112	890	-1,178	-47	-18	93	1,613	-25	2,822	-372	1	6	-1,715	-9,100	53,7

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				TOTAL EXPENDITURES	NUMBER OF GIVERS	Amount Received Through Pledges	Amount Received from Non-Pledging yet Identified	Amount Received from unidentified givers	Received from Interest	Received from sale of Church Assets.	Received from Building Use Fee	Received through Fundraisers	Total Income	Received from Capital Campaign	Received from Memorial / Bequests	Received from Projects	Received For Special Offerings & Adv. Sp.
756062	201	ALAMIO	FEDERICO PEREZ	30660	26	28019	5226	0	0	0	0	0	33245	0	0	0	0
756585	202	ALICE	JUANITA GARCIA	38762	10	34438	12000	1200	117	0	0	0	47755	0	0	0	0
756313	232	BISHOP **	JAVIER RODRIGUEZ	7741	7	0	10464	0	0	0	0	0	10464	0	0	0	0
756175	233	BRO: Emmanuel	ARNOLD CAVAZOS	6652	25	0	7800	7499	0	0	0	0	15299	0	0	0	0
756120	203	BRO: El Buen Pastor	RODOLFO CAJIRI	72762	70	62975	0	7033	0	0	1514	21340	92862	0	0	0	0
756153	205	CRP: El Buen Pastor	JOSE A. TORRES	61422	33	60000	8000	1000	0	0	0	0	69000	0	0	0	0
756142	206	CRP: Kelsey Memorial	ISIDRO PINA	182464	50	152016	0	16873	5	0	6850	0	168894	0	1005	3834	1454
756186	208	CRYSTAL CITY	BALDENAR BARRERA	25235	14	11035	0	92	0	0	17347	2532	20509	0	0	0	0
755307	235	DEL RIO	RICARDO RUBIO	64104	20	0	34500	20015	0	0	0	500	71862	0	0	0	0
756745	209	DILLEY **	JACOB DE LA GARZA	7910	4	0	6000	0	0	0	0	0	6500	0	0	0	0
756368	210	DONNA	MARIA ELENA REYNA	22668	14046	3335	14046	3335	0	0	0	0	22881	0	0	0	0
756302	230	EAGLE PASS **	NOELIA GOMEZ	29483	14	0	10348	13527	0	0	0	0	23875	0	0	0	1120
756346	211	EDINBURG	DAVID BLANCO	366855	324944	2647	10962	54	0	2290	27366	368263	4203	1150	2930	744	0
756357	212	ELSA	MARIA RODRIGUEZ	18450	10	8000	3000	200	0	0	0	0	11200	0	0	0	0
756404	239	FAYVILLE	TBS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
756448	214	HARLUNGEN	MARIA RODRIGUEZ	49633	25	0	2000	2440	0	0	0	1000	5440	0	0	0	0
756528	216	KINGSVILLE **	TBS	14369	0	759	15241	1190	0	0	0	0	17190	0	0	0	0
756665	234	LA FERIA	JUAN DE DIOS JARA	9633	95	9000	2300	0	0	0	0	7000	18300	0	0	0	0
756541	217	LAREDO	ALVARO GUZMAN	86278	82	115545	5000	9418	0	0	600	3378	72994	6300	0	0	300
756608	218	MCCALLEN	JAVIER LEYVA	131206	82	59748	40145	2337	0	0	0	3365	133928	0	0	0	831
756621	219	MERCEDES	STEVE SALINAS	48833	22	5642	40145	2337	0	0	1455	0	49537	0	0	0	0
756643	220	MISSION	ROBERTO M. LOPEZ	177639	220	160589	5071	34234	1,530	0	2400	2312	197808	0	0	0	400
756701	221	PEARSALL	FERNANDO SANCHEZ	43299	23	42160	5071	0	0	0	0	0	47231	0	0	0	0
756723	222	PHARR: La Trinidad	NYDIA IRRIZARI-JARA	100528	70	0	83169	7251	0	0	0	0	95132	0	0	8000	562
756712	231	PHARR: Las Milpas	RAUL GARZA	6680	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65103	0	0	0	0
753803	223	RAYMONDVILLE	REYNALDO RODRIGUEZ	113655	0	6372	54597	4134	0	0	0	0	99683	0	0	0	0
756825	224	ROGRANDE CITY	JON HERRIN	95765	30	50000	40833	0	0	0	8600	250	99683	0	0	0	0
756825	225	ROGRANDE CITY	JUANITA GARCIA	19532	39	15232	0	0	0	0	0	3000	18232	0	0	0	0
756426	227	SAN JUAN: L Wesleyanos	MARCELINO OLIVARES	48682	39	60376	2935	8554	1,702	0	1800	16384	91751	0	0	0	0
756893	228	SAN JUAN: San Lucas	FEDERICO PEREZ	10500	3	0	8500	1500	0	0	0	0	10000	0	0	0	0
756882	226	SAN DIEGO **	JUANITA GARCIA	4859	4	16748	0	0	0	0	0	0	16748	0	0	0	0
755887	237	UVALDE **	RICHARD GARCIA	6535	0	7000	0	2	0	0	0	0	7002	0	0	0	0
756927	229	WESLACO	CARLOS ZAMORA	88803	56	74459	0	6645	11	0	250	5705	87070	0	898	0	0
		SOUTHERN 2013	NYDIA IRRIZARI-JARA	1,991,597	967	1,310,557	373,822	169,309	3,419	0	43,106	95,545	1,995,758	10,503	3,053	14,764	5,411
		SOUTHERN 2012	ELMER ARMUJO	2,198,824	1,184	1,192,032	572,767	177,328	5,281	0	13,394	103,583	2,064,385	83,842	10,814	20,261	31,932
33			+INC - DEC.	-207,227	-217	118,525	-198,945	-8,019	-1,862	0	29,712	-8,038	-68,627	-73,339	-7,761	-5,497	-26,521

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				63	64a	64b	64c	
756062	201	ALAMO	FEDERICO PEREZ	0	0	0	0	0
756585	202	ALICE	JUANITA GARCIA	0	0	0	0	0
756313	232	BISHOP **	JAVIER RODRIGUEZ	0	0	0	0	0
756175	233	BRO: Emmanuel	ARNOLD CAVAZOS	0	0	0	0	0
756120	203	BRO: El Buen Pastor	RODOLFO CAJIRI	0	0	0	0	0
756153	205	CRP: El Buen Pastor	JOSE A. TORRES	0	0	0	0	0
756142	206	CRP: Kelsey Memorial	ISIDRO PINA	6293	0	0	0	0
756186	208	CRYSTAL CITY	BALDEMAR BARRERA	0	0	0	0	0
755307	235	DEL RIO	RICARDO RUBIO	0	0	0	0	0
756745	209	DILLEY **	JACOB DE LA GARZA	0	0	0	0	0
756368	210	DONNA	MARIA ELENA REYNA	0	0	0	0	0
756302	230	EAGLE PASS **	NOELIA GOMEZ	1120	0	0	0	0
756346	211	EDINBURG	DAVID BLANCO	9027	7500	0	0	7500
756357	212	ELSA	MARIA RODRIGUEZ	0	0	0	0	0
756404	239	FAYSVILLE	TBS	0	0	0	0	0
756448	214	HARLINGEN	MARIA RODRIGUEZ	0	0	0	0	0
756528	216	KINGSVILLE **	TBS	0	0	0	0	0
756665	234	LA FERIA	JUAN DE DIOS JARA	0	0	0	0	0
756541	217	LAREDO	ALVARO GUZMAN	6600	0	0	7500	7500
756608	218	MCCALLEN	JAVIER LEYVA	831	4888	0	0	4888
756621	219	MERCEDES	STEVE SALINAS	0	0	0	0	0
756643	220	MISSION	ROBERTO M. LOPEZ	400	0	0	15000	15000
756701	221	PEARSALL	FERNANDO SANCHEZ	0	0	0	0	0
756723	222	PHARR: La Trinidad	NYDIA IRRIZARI-JARA	8562	1725	0	0	1725
756712	231	PHARR: Las Milpas	RAUL GARZA	0	0	0	0	0
753803	223	RAYMONDVILLE	REYNALDO RODRIGUEZ	0	0	0	0	0
756825	224	RIO GRANDE CITY	JON HERRIN	0	0	0	0	0
756847	225	ROBSTOWN	JUANITA GARCIA	0	7100	0	0	7100
756426	227	SAN JUAN: L Wesleyanos	MARCELINO OLIVARES	0	0	0	0	0
756893	228	SAN JUAN: San Lucas	FEDERICO PEREZ	0	0	0	0	0
756882	226	SAN DIEGO **	JUANITA GARCIA	0	0	0	0	0
755887	237	UVALDE **	RICHARD GARCIA	0	0	0	0	0
756927	229	WESJACO	CARLOS ZAMORA	898	0	0	0	0
		SOUTHERN 2013	NYDIA IRRIZARI-JARA	33,731	21,213	0	22,500	43,713
		SOUTHERN 2012	ELMER ARMILJO	146,846	39,132	7,267	7,300	53,699
33			+INC - DEC.	-113,115	-17,919	-7,267	15,200	-9,986

CONFERENCE - 2013		GCFR # ID DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT																																	
		1	2a	2b	2c	3	4	5a	5b	5c	6	7	8	9	9a	9b	9c	9d	9e	9f	9g	9h	9i	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19		
Total Members Reported Last Year		1653	15	1	0	3	2	700	0	82	0	0	4	888	1	3	868	0	0	11	5	539	349	382	0	31	24	8	59	40	39	129	267		
RECEIVED this year on P.C. Faith		4999	34	8	0	32	4	266	0	0	40	2	32	4737	5	20	4516	1	0	153	43	2995	1742	1406	1	133	173	7	328	185	113	443	1069		
RESTORED by Affirmation		6435	80	1	22	5	8	16	1	129	27	26	73	6279	2	1	6227	0	2	25	22	4148	2131	1958	74	179	577	78	458	282	149	665	1554		
Correct previous year's errors		13087	129	10	22	40	14	982	1	211	67	28	109	11904	8	24	11611	1	2	189	70	7682	4222	3746	75	343	774	93	845	507	301	1237	2890		
Transferred in from other U.M. Churches		13563	186	5	13	33	23	209	51	95	260	42	79	13087	7	19	12770	4	6	197	61	8516	4566	4191	154	417	847	116	872	518	315	1400	3105		
Transferred in from non-U.M.C.		-476	-57	5	9	7	-9	773	-50	116	-193	-14	30	-1183	1	5	-1159	-3	-4	-8	9	-834	-344	-445	-79	-74	-73	-23	-27	-11	-14	-163	-215		
Correct previous year's errors																																			
REMOVED by Charge Conference Action																																			
WITHDRAWN																																			
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Transfer out to Other UM Churches																																			
Transfer out to Non-U.M.C.																																			
REMOVED by Death																																			
Total Full Members at Close of this Year																																			
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NATIVE AMERICAN																																			
PACIFIC ISLANDERS																																			
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Male																																			
Average Attendance at all Worship Service																																			
Number of Persons Baptized this year (All ages)																																			
Total baptized who have not become prof. members																																			
Number of other Constituents																																			
Total in Confirmation Classes this Year																																			
Number Children in all Christian groups																																			
Number of Youth in Christian groups																																			
Number of Young Adults																																			
Number of Other Adults																																			
Total number of persons items 15-18																																			

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		Average weekly attendance Sunday School	Number of participants in V.B.S.	Number of classes in Sunday Sch.	Number of classes in non Sunday Sch.	Number of short term classes	Membership in U.M.Men	Amount paid for projects UMM	Membership in U.M.Women	Amount paid for local ch. & community UMW	Number of UMWIM Teams	Number of persons UMWIM	Number of persons served by community ministries	Number of persons served outreach min	Market value of church owned land bldg, parsonage and furniture	Market value of other assets (cash, securities, other property)	Debts secured by church physical assets	other debts	Total amount APPORTIONED to the local church	Total amount PAID by the local church	General Advance Special	World Service Special	Conference Advance Special	Youth Service Fund
1	NORTHWEST	137	78	8	11	4	23	889	78	562	0	0	0	518	4875253	208926	2400	0	60520	35622	0	0	0	0
2	CENTRAL	651	1115	113	77	44	183	3100	317	9525	0	0	378	12977	19622238	1221089	143436	14487	282943	223061	959	0	1677	0
3	SOUTHERN	735	1202	106	55	36	139	3363	347	4572	0	1	52	2500	18346382	392230	490439	1670	329857	268568	2696	0	840	0
	TOTAL 2013	1523	2395	227	143	84	345	7352	742	14659	0	1	430	15995	42843873	1822245	636275	16157	673,320	527,251	3,655	0	2,517	0
	TOTAL 2012	1840	429	2940	313	159	124	4928	910	12403	372	0	432	27298	48255773	1606854	690946	20682	680,731	578,746	4,222	0	7,555	0
79	+INC. -DEC.	-317	1966	-2713	-170	-75	221	2424	-168	2256	-372	1	-2	-11303	-5411900	215391	-54671	-4525	-7,411	-51,495	-567	0	-5,038	0

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GCFA # ID DISTRICT		SUPERINTENDENT	TOTAL for Designated causes					RECEIVED FROM EQUITABLE COMP.			ADV. SP. OTHER		OTHER GRANTS		TOTAL Income	
			63	64a	64b	64c	64	63	64a	64b	64c	64	64			
1	NORTHWEST	FRANCISCO CAMPOS	6962	0	0	7500	0	0	0	7500	7500					
2	CENTRAL	FRANCISCO CAMPOS	36899	7979	0	16000	7979	0	0	16000	23979					
3	SOUTHERN	NYDIA IRRIZARI-JARA	33731	21213	0	22500	21213	0	0	22500	43713					
		TOTAL 2013	77,592	29,192	0	46,000	29,192	0	0	46,000	75,192					
		TOTAL 2012	213,354	76,221	7,267	14,300	76,221	7,267	14,300	97,788						
		+INC.-DEC.	-135,762	-47,029	-7,267	31,700	-47,029	-7,267	31,700	-22,596						
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