

Whereas, the Nebraska Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church is committed to making disciples for the transformation of the world; and,

Whereas, the Nebraska Annual Conference has determined that leadership development for clergy and laity is the number one priority for making disciples for the transformation of the world; and,

Whereas, the Nebraska Annual Conference has also determined that congregational transformation and risk-taking mission and justice ministries are also priorities for the conference; and,

Whereas, these priorities are consistent with the priorities of the General Church and its mission to make disciples for the transformation of the world; and,

Whereas, the report of the transition team recommends a structure and budget for the Nebraska Annual Conference to proceed with these conference priorities;

Therefore, let it be resolved that, the Nebraska Annual Conference adopt the report of the transition team, found on pages 41-49 of the conference resource book, and the accompanying program budget, found on lines 94-103 on page 51 of the conference resource book, with the following stipulations:

1. That all salaried positions and/or matching grant funds that are a part of the 2008 program budget will be continued through the 2009 budget year, with subsequent decisions to be recommended by the Common Table to the 2009 Annual Conference;
2. That, in order to provide a direct contact (a disciplinary requirement) between the General Church entities and the Annual Conference, the Common Table will determine by September 1, 2008, the person or persons within the Annual Conference to be the designated communication contact with the agencies of the General Church;
3. That a committee, to be made up of Disciplinary experts within the Annual Conference, will be appointed by the chair of the Common Table, in consultation with the Director of Connectional Ministries, to review the conference structure and to recommend any changes to the 2009 Annual Conference that are necessary to assure the Annual Conference structure is consistent with disciplinary requirements;
4. That the following bodies will continue to operate within the Nebraska Annual Conference: the Board of Ordained Ministry, the Episcopacy Committee, the Board of Pensions and Health Benefits, the Board of Trustees, the Conference Council on Finance and Administration, the Committee on Equitable Salaries and Compensation.