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2007-2008 UMACBA Officers

The Association elected officers for the year 2007-2008 at the national conference in July. Most of the officers could continue and were thus re-elected. Dr. Jim Terry, who rotated off as Treasurer, agreed to serve as Secretary and Mr. Dean Roller rotated off as Secretary and agreed to serve as Treasurer.

We welcome to the Executive Committee as an At-Large Member Ms. Sue Forry. Sue lives in Zionsville, Indiana with husband of 37 years, Jim, an Engineering Manager with Rolls Royce Corporation. Daughter Robbyn and husband Jason, and granddaughter Anna reside in southern Ohio and are associated with Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Sue has been a member of Zionsville United Methodist Church for 27 years and on staff for 18 years in the area of administration. Sue received her UMACBA Certification through NICFA at Candler Theological Seminary in 2001, and her FCBA Certification in 2004. Sue is eligible to serve three years as Member at Large.

Sue's priority is a zeal to serve the Lord and she loves to combine her gift of ad-
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From Our Doorstep to the Ends of the Earth

Dear Friends:

We are well into the fast pace that fall brings to the life of the church. New Bible study curricula are being introduced to children, youth and adults across our denomination. Fresh sermon series are underway. A rush to beat rainy cold weather drives us to finish outdoor facility maintenance. And of course, stewardship development and the budget planning process are beginning for 2008 ministry programs. During this very busy time it is especially important to prayerfully remember our central purpose ... God's *outward* mission. Many of the things that keep churches busy are inwardly focused. While "equipping ministry" with an inward nurturing purpose is important, it is equally if not more important, to remember we are called to share the Good News with those who do not know the love and healing power of our Lord who said "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you ..." (Matthew 28.19-20).

As Church Business Administrators, it is easy to fill our days with the details and challenges associated with internal business operations. So, as we work on behalf of those at our doorstep and within our walls, we can find inspiration in the knowledge that what we do also enables mission on behalf of those yet unknown, both within our communities and to the ends of the earth.

Let us know how we can help you in your ministry. Simply contact a member of the Executive Committee. Our purpose is to continually strive to improve how we serve you as you serve others.

Grace and Peace, Phil

letter from the
President
PHILLIP M. ESTES

In Memoriam

Elizabeth Berman, 1971-2007, CBA at First United Methodist, Marietta, GA

Zeb Barnhardt, 1914-2007, CBA, retired, Centenary United Methodist, Winston-Salem, NC, former president, NACBA, UMACBA

William "Bill" Marshall, 1945-2007, CBA at Chapelwood United Methodist, Houston, TX

The membership of UMACBA extends our heartfelt sympathy to the families of these our beloved members who have recently died.

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NACBA Annual Conference REVIEW

Once again, approximately sixty United Methodist Church Business Administrators gathered for the Fifty-First National Association of Church Business Administration National Conference in Ft. Worth-Grapevine, Texas July 11-15, 2007. It was a refreshing, renewing, learning experience where old ties were rekindled and new ones formed. The theme for the NACBA National Conference was "Improving Your Service" with workshops, plenary sessions, hundreds of vendors on everything imaginable for churches, hot Texas sunshine, exceptional food and fellowship and the grand Gaylord Texan resort. The UMACBA meetings and fellowship were for me, without fail, the highlight and culmination of the event.

Our first gathering took place under the great dome of the Gaylord Texan on Wednesday evening. We had *hors d'oeuvres* and met one another, several being at National Conference for the first time. Our first official business meeting was held on Thursday with several items. These included officer nominations, 2006 Year End Financial Report, proposed 2007-2008 budget, and reports from membership, communications, NICFA and GCFA. We had a good discussion on various questions and issues with matters that will be assuredly taken to heart by the Executive Committee. We welcome new Executive Committee member Sue Forry (see article on page 3). Beth Luton of NICFA shared that we had 26 (13 UMC) and 17 (10 UMC) students in this year's seminars. We also had eight persons for credit and two auditors for this year's Polity seminar at NACBA. Dixon Moseley, Membership Coordinator, reported 166 members at conference time this year compared to last year's 139. We celebrate that we have 40 new members! This is good news for the growth of the association.

Later that evening, we gathered for our annual banquet at the Gaylord Texan's San Antonio rooms. We had a wonderful dinner followed by one of the most powerful worship experiences I can remember at National Conference. The 11:11 Band (named so because they lead at the 11:11 AM Sunday service) from First United Methodist Church, Ft. Worth offered a musical presentation that was exceptional. Their blend of praise and religious folk music captured our hearts. Beth Luton left us inspired and challenged with her magnificent sermon. We closed the evening with installation of officers and Holy Communion.

As is tradition, the UMACBA hosted four workshops this conference: two on Thursdays and two on Friday. The workshops consisted of: "Advanced UMC Polity" by Beth Luton and Alan Morrison, "Pensions and Health Insurance: Be a Benefits 'Pro'" by Paula Whitbeck of the General Board of Pensions and Health Benefits, "Creative Giving-Understanding Planned Giving and Endowments in Church" by Michael Reeves of St. Andrew UMC and "Print Communication and the Modern Church" by Bill McKenna. Special thanks for Phil Greenwald for coordinating workshops and the Ft. Worth UMACBA conference.

Friday evening was a blast as the group traveled to Ft. Worth and ate a splendid buffet at the Stockyards Hotel, a historic hotel of Western décor. We then dispersed for an evening of western fun with many going to the Cowtown Coliseum and the Stockyards Championship Rodeo. Having never been to a rodeo, it was an astonishing spectacle. I think I speak for us all in that we had a one of the best nights ever at Conference.

I can hardly wait for Nashville already! — Rev. R. Mark King

2006 Year-End Financial Report

Balance Sheet

ASSETS	2005	2006
Cash on deposit with GCFA	48,671.47	70,964.33
Total Assets	48,671.47	70,964.33
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Fund Balance January 1, 2005 and 2006	38,271.55	48,671.47
Accumulated Fund Balance	10,399.92	22,292.86
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	48,671.47	70,964.33

Statement of Income and Expense

GENERAL FUND	2005 Actual	2006 Budget	2006 Actual
INCOME			
Membership Dues	7,080.00	6,700.00	7,450.00
GCFA Grant	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
Interest	1,624.00	800.00	3,191.21
Miscellaneous	20.00	0.00	0.00
Total GF Income	19,724.00	18,500.00	21,641.21
EXPENSES			
Communications/Website	325.00	2,000.00	552.95
Membership Development	0.00	1,450.00	0.00
Postage	0.00	200.00	31.20
Newsletter	235.01	900.00	829.08
Nominating Committee	0.00	50.00	0.00
Executive Committee Meetings	10,367.68	13,600.00	8,797.05
Miscellaneous	0.00	300.00	0.00
Total GF Expenses	10,927.69	18,500.00	10,210.28
Net Income/(Expense) General Fund	8,796.31	0.00	11,430.93
CONFERENCE FUND			
INCOME			
Registration Fees	2,165.00	3,225.00	16,046.14
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Conference Income	2,165.00	3,225.00	16,046.14
EXPENSES			
Printing	0.00	300.00	15.02
Speakers' Honoraria/Travel	111.92	2,300.00	0.00
Hospitality	449.47	625.00	5,161.52
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	7.67
Total Conference Expenses	561.39	3,225.00	5,184.21
Net Income/(Expense) Conference Fund	1,603.61	0.00	10,861.93
Total Net Income/(Expense)	10,399.92	0.00	22,292.86

Officers, from front

ministration with her passion for people and prayer. As Sue joins the Executive Committee, she has a passion for the Certification process of the United Methodist Church and hopes to be a part of encouraging others to take the step to Certification. She also hopes to help broaden the connection of the UMACBA with all levels of administrative staff in area churches.

We also bid a heartfelt thanks to Lynn Adcock who rotated off the Executive Committee as an At-Large Member. Lynn has given many years of faithful service to UMACBA and to the Executive Committee. Her wise counsel, candor and pleasant personality will be missed at our committee meetings. Undoubtedly however, Lynn will continue to be a visible part of UMACBA and we know to count on her if ever needed. Thanks Lynn!

The purpose of the United Methodist Association of Church Business Administrators shall be to support the ministry of Christ and the Christian Church by providing leadership, training, and encouragement in the areas of church business administration for individuals and organizations of The United Methodist Church.

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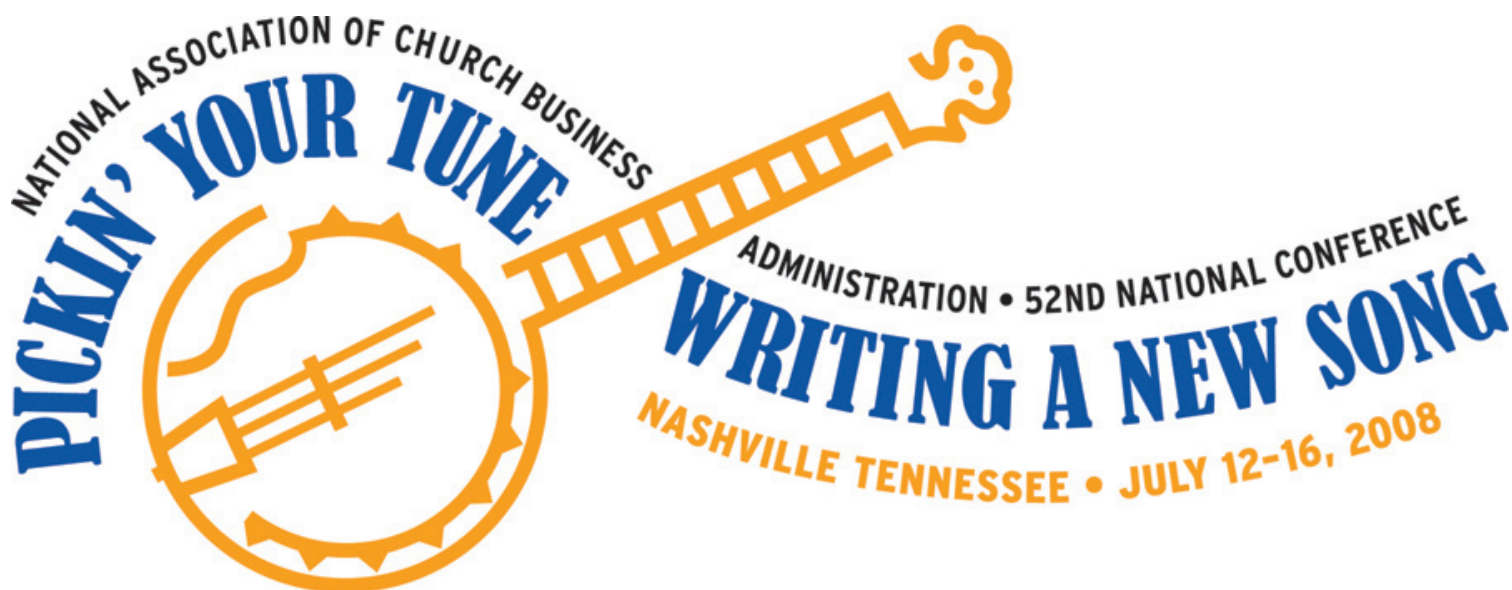
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