

## **Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church**

### **Charge Conference**

**April 20, 2009**

Members Present: Ashley Crowder Stanley, Bill Coble, Ray Rogers, Jim Royal, Harvey Lowd, Jill Auman, Brenda Bradner, Susan Sumpter, Ray Hutchins, Barry Osborne, Tom Mason, Rita Meredith, John Hamrick, Bob Marsh, Lou Dean Howard, Eddie Huss, Randy Niebauer, Kathy Niebauer, Richard Wood, Pete Thompson, Susan Samuel, Michael Beaver, John Thomas, Betty Royal, David Covington, Bill Colonna, Pamela Hill, Marcia Williams, Judy Hustrulid, Emilie Rogers, Eugenia Pruette

Ashley declared the Charge Conference in session and announced that, in the absence of the District Superintendent, she would conduct the meeting. Chairman Ray Rogers opened the meeting with prayer. Harvey Lowd presented an explanation of the purpose of the conference, which was to consider a proposal to restructure the Church Council from the present 61 members to a membership of 16-18 persons. He explained that the Coordinating Team and the Church Council were too similar to sustain the need for both. In addition to the 11 slots specified in the Book of Discipline, this proposal envisions additional members supporting our four Ministry Groups: Nurture (children and family), Outreach (missions and service), Witness (worship), and Resources (laity). Also represented would be someone from the Communications team and a person from the Lay Leadership (nominating) committee.

Jim Royal made the motion to restructure the Wesley Memorial Church Council to a group of no more than 17 to include the four Group Ministry leaders and appropriate support persons as outlined in the Book of Discipline. The motion was seconded, and discussion followed. Lou Dean Howard moved to amend the motion to add 3 at-large members. The amendment did not receive approval, with the vote being 13 opposed, 10 in favor.

Harvey Lowd amended the original motion to include the words "17 as shown on prior slide." This amendment passed with no objection. Voting was held on the original motion which passed with a vote of 23 in favor, 1 abstention.

Ashley Crowder Stanley declared the Charge Conference closed with thanks to all for their input.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugenia Pruette

Church Recorder