

2010 Annual Conference Report



Adrian, MI ~ May 20-23

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2010 Annual Conference



Annual church meeting of
clergy and lay
representatives from every
United Methodist Church
and commission of Detroit
Annual Conference.

BHUMC Members

- Pastor David, clergy member
- Ken Dowell, lay member
- Alice Tucker, Commission on Religion and Race



Detroit Annual Conference

- Eastern lower peninsula and the UP
- 450 churches,
- 730 clergy members, and
- approximately 100,000 lay members



Theme

Wherever

the water flows ...

life flourishes ...

life abounds!

Highlights

- Worship
- Legislation
- Training / Education
- Fellowship



Worship

- Daily worship services
 - Opening service - communion
 - Bishop preaching
 - Conference Choir – about 80 members
 - Contemporary Service
 - Remembering baptism theme
 - Poetry, Liturgical Movement
 - Memorial Service
 - Celebration of Pentecost



Legislation

- 19 Resolutions to Consider
- Studied at 10 Legislative Sessions
- Many were 'no brainers'
 - Continue support of
 - CROP Walk,
 - One Great Hour of Sharing,
 - Heifer Project in Liberia
 - Bread for the World
 - Peace with Justice
 - Pension and salary schedules



Legislation

- Designated high-speed internet connections as critical for all local churches
- Declared State of Economic Emergency in Michigan
- Supports education reform in MI



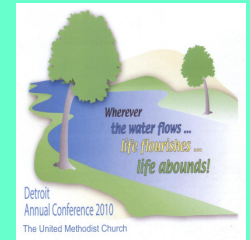
Legislation

- Created Young Adult Commission
- Reduced number of districts from 7 to 6 – cost savings
- Referred Reconciling Congregations proposal to Church and Society Commission



Training / Education

- Rev. Dr. Lovett Weems, Lewis Center for Church Leadership, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC
 - “Only Babies Want to be Changed”
 - “Five Questions for Congregations”



Fellowship

- Evenings
- Breaks
- Greetings from past pastors plus Joanne Bartelt and Faith Fowler

