

# Administrative Council Meeting June 4, 2001 Minutes

## Next Administrative Council Meeting, September 10, 2001, 7:30 p.m.

Pat Del Camp called the meeting to order, urging members to pick up the agenda and several pages from the Discipline for summer reading. She also urged people to sign up for devotions and attendance.

**Opening Hymn:** An opening hymn had not been chosen since Wayne was unable to attend the meeting. Pat asked Rev. Larry Dunn to choose the hymn since this is his last Administrative Council meeting. He chose "In The Garden" and he and Pat led the group in singing the first verse of the hymn.

**Devotions:** Blaine Purnell led us in some thought provoking devotions concerning our children and grandchildren. He used the passage from Proverbs 22:6 as his base for devotions which reads: "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." He pointed out that summertime is a good time to train children when they are out of school with more free time than during the school year. He suggested that planting a garden can teach children patience as they await the growth of the seeds. The possibility of finding worms when digging in the soil can teach children about nature. The faith of a mustard seed is a teaching tool when children are taught that a large tree grows from a tiny seed. Blaine expressed thanks for the training he received as a child and feels that Solomon was a very wise man in suggesting youthful training as a guide for all of our lives.

**Minutes:** A correction was made to the minutes under Rev. Reasner's report. The ministry mentioned in the first sentence of his report is Caring Hearts, not Friends of Caring Hearts. Minutes were approved as amended.

**Senior Minister's Report:** Rev. Reasner reported on thank you notes from Ken and Lorraine Enright who will be holding two camp meetings this summer and from John and Kendra Enright who thanked us for the gift that has kept "Wings of the Morning" in the air. The Enrights will be leaving for Zambia on July 17. They have three high school aged young people who are eager to go back to Zambia. We received a thank you note from Ron Watts for committing \$3,000 for the next three years for the Hope For The Children of Africa Campaign. We actually sent over \$5,000 to the conference for the Hope for the Children of Africa Campaign. This fulfills our commitment for this year. We received thank you notes from Young Life, United Methodist Homes, Ranch Hope and Robin's Nest for our communion offering in May.

Charge Conference was convened to choose a delegate to annual conference to replace Jim Hetherington who has resigned. Rev. Reasner suggested Myrtle Stillwell be our delegate. A motion was made, seconded and passed that Myrtle be our delegate. A motion was made and seconded to close the Charge Conference.

Rev. Reasner reported a need of a new projector for our youth ministry which will be used by our group of youth and would also be rented by the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, Ocean City Youth Weekend, etc. A motion was made that we take \$2,000 out of the Memorial Fund which is the amount needed in addition to funds already allocated for this purchase. Motion was seconded and passed.

Rev. Reasner appreciated the turnout yesterday for the Congregational Meeting which was very upbeat. He felt the opening and closing remarks were indicative of the way we should face the future.

**Rev. Larry Dunn** expressed thanks for being able to attend approximately one hundred and ninety Administrative Council meetings at Haddonfield United Methodist Church where lots of money was spent and many budgets were approved. He thanked our church members for being generous to Carol and him. He shared that he and Carol moved to Covered Bridge Road in 1982 and that he preached his first Sunday here at HUMC in 1982. There have been many deaths and people moving out of the area since the start of his ministry here. He thanked the church and Administrative Council for the opportunity of serving here these nineteen years.

**Rev. Joan Hutchinson** expressed thanks to Blaine for his remarks about children. She feels the children's ministry is very important. She expressed thanks for the support of the new children's program. She said we are still trying to fine-tune some things. Alice Caldwell and Norma Whitcraft attended a meeting on children's ministry at a large church where the children were in a back corner of the basement. She emphasized that this is not happening here. HUMC values our children. Summer church school starts July 1. We will continue to offer some instruction to the few children who attend in the summer. We are looking for volunteers to commit for one Sunday during the summer to teach.

"Polar Expedition" is the theme for Vacation Bible School that will be held June 25-June 29 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday evenings. Friday will be an evening fair for children and their parents.

**Rev. Champion Goldy** appreciated the meeting yesterday and thanked all involved for their planning. He is enthusiastic about the possibility of one hundred people winning one person to the Lord in the next year, realizing the impact they would make to the life of this church.

**Dan Stephens** expressed thanks for the youth who are involved in the TV Ministry of this church. He appreciates the approval for the new projector.

Dan reported the youth were in the Poconos over Memorial Day Weekend where it rained and rained. They came home early because of bad storms.

Dan reported that the cost per person of the Mission Trip might be a problem because of the \$1,400 per person cost for the New Sound Choir Trip to England which involved many of the same youth as the Mission Trip. He received a phone call from the travel agent which revealed there would be a \$4,000 savings on airfare for the Mission Trip which will make it possible for the youth to attend with the help of the many fund raising events during the year.

Dan appreciates the opportunity to be involved in their children's education in the public schools in Haddonfield. His wife, Barb, is the president of Elizabeth Haddon PTA and he has become involved in the drama program at the Middle School. He reported on a chorus that was formed a year ago of over one hundred and twenty, seven to fifteen year old children that are known as "ChildrenSong of New Jersey." They will be presenting a concert in our church Saturday night.

**Music Ministry:** In Wayne's absence, Lois Donoway distributed Wayne's year end report of the happenings in our music ministry. He expressed thanks to the directors of all choirs, New Sound Choir parents, and Laura Camp for assisting with New Sound Choir. The New Jersey MasterChorale gave three fine concerts this year to full houses. The Chancel Choir's Gospel Concert in March was a highlight of the year for many. Work on the organ is almost completed. Wayne is indebted to John Wilson for his vision in this project. Wayne thanked all members for their continued interest in the music ministry of HUMC and anticipates the arrival of our new pastor, George Morris.

Pat Del Camp reported that our Administrative Council members are involved in fifty different ministries throughout the church.

**Finance Committee:** Chairperson, Charles Bowen, reported that we are \$77,000 short on income and are \$16,000 under budget on expenses. About \$200,000 will most likely be borrowed from reserves by the end of the year, There will be a notice in the bulletin to remind people to keep up their pledges during the summer months.

**Trustees** will decide what will be done with the Covered Bridge property.

**Staff Parish** Chairperson, Frank Wisniewski, thanked Gail and Susan Childers and Jim and Jean Hetherington for their planning of the Dunn retirement dinner. He thanked Barbara Smyth in advance for the planning of the worship celebration for the Reasners.

During the Staff Parish visioning process during the past year and a half, it is felt that a conservative estimate of one thousand people could be attending worship services in this church.

The first Sunday Rev. George Morris is here is July 1 which is Communion Sunday. There will be a free Welcome Lunch to meet and greet Rev. George & Kathy Morris, Rev. Joan & John Hutchinson and Rev. Champion & Evelyn Goldy. Reservations are necessary.

There have been rumors that the Boy Scouts will be leaving our church. This is untrue. Rev. Morris wants the leaders of the church to know that he will be supportive of having the Boy Scouts remain here. He was recently honored for eleven years of support of the Boy Scouts in his church in Hamilton Twp.

**United Methodist Women** President, Norma Whitcraft, announced the Strawberry Social tomorrow night in Corson Hall from 5:30-8:00 p.m. All will be given cake, strawberries and ice cream.

Walt Earley reported there was a robbery during church services yesterday. Four hundred dollars was taken from a car. The car window was down an inch to keep the car cool. He warned against leaving the car window open even an inch.