

Board of Trustees Addendum

Conference Wide Property, Casualty and Workers Compensation Insurance Program

At the 2009 Annual Conference the Board of Trustees were authorized to review the potential for a mandatory Conference-Wide Property, Casualty and Workers Compensation Insurance program and bring a report back to the 2010 Annual Conference.

The Trustees conducted a review of the need for such a program in the Indiana Conference, sought interested agencies and companies, and sent Requests for Proposals in December of 2009. From the proposals received back the Trustees have narrowed the options to two companies and continue to work with both companies to refine the coverage, price and service offered in the proposals.

After discussion with Conference leadership, the Trustees believe it is not the time to bring to the Annual Conference a proposal for a "mandatory", Conference-wide program, though, the Trustees are of the opinion that such a program is in the best interest of the churches of the conference. Such a program will provide the best coverage for our church ministries and the best price for all churches. The Trustees are also equally of the opinion, based upon work with the companies interviewed, that many of our churches are underinsured and run the risk of not being able to rebuild existing structures after a loss or respond to significant casualty losses. Even though the Board is not bringing a recommendation for a "mandatory" program at this time, the Board does not think it wise to cancel the current program that covers churches in the former North conference. The value of this program is that it provides a high level of coverage needed for church ministry. Whichever company the Trustees choose to cover the ministry of the churches and conference in 2011, coverage will be at a lower overall cost than is currently being charged former North conference churches, due to the work of the Board with the potential carriers.

Therefore, the Board of Trustees recommends the following:

1. That the current mandatory, Conference-wide property, casualty and workers compensation insurance program for the former North conference churches become a "voluntary" program effective January 1, 2011 and that all churches in the Indiana Conference be invited to join the program and experience its quality, price and service.
2. That the Board of Trustees establishes a list of "recommended minimum coverage" that every local church should carry and notify pastors and chairpersons of local church boards of trustees of same by September 1, 2010.
3. That local church boards of trustees use this list as they seek coverage for their church and report the results of their choice of insurance and coverage each year on the Trustee Report at Charge Conference.
4. That the Conference Board of Trustees holds informational meetings in the fall of 2010 and the spring of 2011 and at these meetings describe the benefits of a Conference-wide program and discuss the program with local church leadership.
5. That each local church board of trustees seeks information from the Conference's program, including a comparative bid, once the company is chosen and the conference trustees make the information available.
6. That the conference Board of Trustees continues its work on this program and bring a further report to the 2011 Annual Conference.

1 **Conference Policy on Sale of District Property, Assets and Discontinued Churches**

2 **The Board of Trustees recommends the adoption of the following Conference Policy on**
3 **Sale of District Property, Assets and Discontinued Churches:**

4 Property sold within the bounds of a district, such as abandoned churches, land, etc., will be
5 considered the assets of the district, unless such property or assets are specifically intended by
6 the donor to be directed toward the annual conference or other conference or denominational
7 entities.

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9 The Conference Treasurer/CFA will be the custodian of the funds from the sale of such
10 properties, as well as funds currently being held in District Unions or similar corporations.

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12 While the funds will have centralized administration, we will have local decision making.
13 Proceeds from sale of district property will be used as directed by the district leadership team of
14 the district where the property was located at the time of sale.

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16 No district will need to have a District Union, but may if they so choose.

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18 Proceeds from discontinued and abandoned churches in urban centers with more than 50,000
19 population must be used in accordance with the Discipline. The current restrictions are listed in
20 paragraph 2548.7 (Discipline 2008) as follows: *When properties from the discontinuation of a*
21 *congregation or abandonment are sold in urban centers with more than 50,000 population, the*
22 *proceeds of sale must be used for new and/or existing ministries within urban transitional*
23 *communities, as described in ¶ 212, and consistent with the Annual Conference's urban ministry*
24 *strategic plan.*

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26 *Any assets purchased to be held for future use by a district will be held by the annual*
27 *conference, with any expenses of insurance, upkeep and maintenance paid by the respective*
28 *district. (For instance, a district might want to purchase property for future use as a new church*
29 *start or satellite for an existing congregation.)*