



**BOARD OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY  
THE CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE  
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*“Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.”*

*Amos 5:24*

November 1, 2008

Dear Colleagues in Ministry,

One of the special expressions of the United Methodist polity is the opportunity for members of the connection to offer a resolution for consideration to a conference. The founders of our movement believed that in conferencing the Holy Spirit of God could guide us to consider the prompting of our members. **The opportunity is here once again for you, your congregation or any of its members to offer a resolution for consideration at the 2009 session of Annual Conference.**

A resolution typically is formatted with a series of statements beginning with “whereas.” These statements provide the rationale of the petitioner. These statements demonstrate the assumptions that the petitioner holds. They belong to the petitioner. After the series of “whereas” statements, there appears at least one statement that begins “Therefore, be it resolved.” This becomes the main motion that is put before the Conference. If more than one action is being petitioned, another statement may be added beginning “be it further resolved.”

*Please remember that all resolutions are to include the statement “**WHEREAS, this helps the mission of The United Methodist Church to make disciples of Jesus Christ...**” followed by rationale.* This is a new requirement per the 2008 session of Annual Conference.

The Board of Church and Society is charged with receiving these resolutions and passing them on to conference with either a vote of concurrence or non-concurrence.

Resolutions are to be clearly printed and sent together with supporting documentation. **It is preferred that all resolutions be received electronically via email.** You can email them to [kathykind@juno.com](mailto:kathykind@juno.com). And, if you are unable to email the resolutions, you may mail them to:

The Board of Church and Society  
Rev. Kathy Kind, Chair  
44 W. Main Street, Lock Haven PA 17745

**All resolutions must reach the board no later than January 30, 2009.** Please indicate a contact person should the Board need to contact the petitioner for clarification.

Sincerely,

Kathy Kind, Chair  
Board of Church and Society