

**Q. RELATIONSHIP STATEMENT BETWEEN
THE CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
AND THE WESLEY FOUNDATION AT
THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY, INC.**

(Approved June 1994)

1. *Preamble:* The Wesley Foundation is a non-profit corporation located at 256 East College Avenue in State College, Pennsylvania. The Foundation, chartered in the courts of Centre County in 1921, is an organization founded "to provide for the intellectual, social and religious welfare of students" under the sponsorship of the Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church.
2. *The Basic Relation:* Ownership and control of the buildings and financial assets owned by the Wesley Foundation are totally the responsibility of the Board of Trustees of the Corporation. Historically, however, the Wesley Foundation has always considered itself a part of the United Methodist connection. For its basic financial support, the Wesley Foundation depends upon participation in the Annual Conference budget, as recommended by the Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry and approved by the Conference Council on Finance and Administration and the Annual Conference.
3. *Trustees:* The purpose of the Board of Trustees is to administer the business of the corporation and to care for its property and financial assets in an appropriate and timely manner. The Board of Trustees is comprised of twenty (20) members. These members become a part of the voting Board in the following manner:
 - (1) Two persons, one clergy and one layperson, are elected in classes with three-year terms of office by the Annual Conference upon nomination by the Conference Committee on Nominations;
 - (2) Four laity are elected in three classes with three-year terms by St. Paul's United Methodist Church in State College;
 - (3) One layperson is elected in a class with a three-year term by St. John's United Methodist Church in State College;
 - (4) One layperson is elected in a class with a three-year term by Bethune United Methodist Church in State College;
 - (5) One layperson is elected in a class with a three-year term by Lemont-Mount Nittany United Methodist Church in State College;
 - (6) One layperson is elected in a class with a three-year term by Park Forest United Methodist Church in State College;
 - (7) The pastors of St. Paul's United Methodist Church (2), Albright/Bethune United Methodist Charge, Lemont-Mount Nittany United Methodist Church, and Park Forest United Methodist Church, all located in State College, are appointed as ex-officio members with vote;
 - (8) One person is nominated and elected for a three-year term in a class by the Corporation Board of Trustees;
 - (9) Three members are appointed as ex-officio members with vote, the State College District Superintendent, the Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministries Chairperson and the Conference Council on Ministries Director, as representatives of the Bishop of the Harrisburg Area of The United Methodist Church; and
 - (10) One representative with vote is appointed by the United Campus Ministry at Penn State.
4. *Distribution of Property and Assets Upon Dissolution:* If the Corporation of the Wesley Foundation and its work be terminated and cease to exist for any reason, all real estate (Foundation building and parsonage) and financial assets would become the property of the Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church in keeping with Par. 2503 of the 1992 edition of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*.
5. *Bequests:* Through the United Methodist Stewardship Foundation of Central Pennsylvania, Inc. the Wesley Foundation is listed as an appropriate beneficiary for individuals.
6. *Limitations on the Scope of this Relationship:*
 - (1) Neither the Central Pennsylvania Conference nor the aforementioned corporation has or accepts any legal or financial responsibility for the operations or affairs of the other. Neither is the agent or servant of the other, neither shall represent that it is the agent or servant of the other and neither shall represent that the other is its agent or servant.
 - (2) Ownership and control of the assets and operations of the aforementioned corporation reside totally and solely in the aforementioned corporation.
 - (3) Any plans to solicit funds from the local churches of the Conference shall be subject to the following Conference policy:

The Wesley Foundation corporation related to the Conference may independently solicit funds from foundations, corporations, other businesses, community organizations, and individuals, provided that no

special conference-wide appeal to the local churches for funds shall be made without approval of the Annual Conference upon recommendation of the Conference Council on Finance and Administration except in case of an extreme emergency when such approval may be given by a two-thirds vote of the district superintendents and of the Council, acting jointly.

7. *Effective Date:* This Relationship Statement was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Wesley Foundation on May 6, 1993 and amended on May 5, 1994, and becomes binding when approved by this session of the Central Pennsylvania Conference. It will remain in effect until amended or terminated in writing by either party.