

by Embracing God's Diversity," at Lake Junaluska. We realized at this conference that our CONAM is persevering. Our CONAM has grown many new leaders and is looking forward to doing an even better job this next quadrennium.

Currently, we are doing long-range planning for the CONAM. We thank God for the churches which celebrate Native American Ministries Sunday so that we will have funds to assist Native pastors in furthering their education and assist Native churches in building Native American leadership in the annual conference and jurisdiction.

Neffie Connie Locklear, *Chairperson*

4. CONFERENCE RESOURCE CENTER

This conference year, we celebrate 40 years of media ministry in the Western North Carolina Conference! We celebrate where we have come from—the times of 16mm films and filmstrips—and where we are now—the age of videos, DVDs, and CD-ROMs. We have been the Audio-Visual Library, the Media Center, the Resource Center, and now are affectionately known as "The Fishin' Hole" (with its mascot, a goldfish named "Aguppe"). We have had great leaders: Carol York, Carolyn Mitchell, Barbara Cox, and Mary Robinson. Now we are led by the Resource Center Ministry Team, composed of clergy and laity, and staffed by a Christian educator, Sonja Clough.

Through the listening sessions and feedback from member churches, the Resource Center Ministry Team has found several common themes:

- The resource center is a tangible outreach of the conference that is easily available to both clergy and laity in the local church.
- The resource center makes cost-prohibitive resources available to all. Smaller churches do not usually have the funds to purchase costly program materials, such as books, videos, and DVD kits.
- Churches practice good stewardship by borrowing rather than purchasing resources they plan only to use once.
- It is helpful to have a Christian educator as the coordinator of the resource center, to make recommendations to pastors, teachers, and leaders in the local churches.
- The resource center offers the local church books, videos, and DVDs that help the church to meet the seven-point vision of the conference. Not only does the center "teach and learn Biblically-based discipleship and leadership" through Bible studies and numerous small-group studies, but it also offers resources on each of the other points: diversity, evangelism, stewardship, shepherding, poverty, and Africa University.

We celebrate the churches that are our "new members," as we have enjoyed a more than 30% increase this year, and we are grateful for those churches which regularly use our books, videos, and DVDs. We look with eagerness to the future of this growing ministry, and to new ideas and new venues.

As we celebrate 40 years of ministry, we invite you, the members, both lay and clergy, of the annual conference, to continue to support the work of the resource center by encouraging your own local church to participate as a full member of the Western North Carolina Conference Resource Center.

Visit "The Fishin' Hole" online at www.wnccumc.org/rsc/resourcecenter.htm or call 1-800-562-7929, extension 141, to find resources to strengthen your church and bless your ministry.

The members of the Resource Center Ministry Team are Barbara J. Barden, chairperson; Dana M. Bunn; Brandon K. Dirks; Katherine K. (Kitty) Crain; Tiajuana F. (Tina) Mosby; Deyanira T. Ramos; Yvonne L. (Vonnice) Vredenburg; and Sonja S. Clough, coordinator/conference staff.

Barbara J. Barden, *Chairperson*
Sonja S. Clough, *Coordinator*

REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

C. COUNCIL ON CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Vision 20:20, the strategic plan for congregational development, was approved by the bishop and Cabinet members in May of 2006. It was created to "flesh out" the first objective of the Conference Vision Plan, to "intentionally relate unchurched persons to Jesus Christ." **Vision 20:20 provides strategies and initiatives to help existing and new churches reach people for Christ and make them his disciples.** It is the vision of congregational development that all of our churches will be vital churches making disciples of Jesus Christ. We believe our mission is to "empower, equip, and encourage all of our churches to be vital churches making disciples of Jesus Christ."

Vision 20:20 was presented by the CONRAD (Committee on Research and Development) Team and the council director in all 14 districts in 2006. Laity and pastors in each district were invited from specific churches and categories to consider sponsoring new churches, doing an assessment of their own potential, adopting mission churches, becoming resource centers for area churches, cooperating with other churches to provide community ministries, and to consider the growth in their communities and ways to respond to that growth.

Vision 20:20 Building Blocks to Implement the Plan

1. Training for Clergy and Lay Effectiveness
2. Church Vitality Initiatives
3. Launching and Supervision of New Faith Communities
4. Financial Development

Updates

1. Training for Clergy and Lay Effectiveness:

Evangelism Conference for the Small Membership Church was held in March at Christ Church in Hickory, with over 150 clergy and laity in attendance. It was planned in partnership with the United Methodist Rural Fellowship group and Town and Country Ministries. Dr. Ron Crandall, of Asbury Seminary, was the keynote speaker and one of the workshop leaders. Other workshops were led by our own clergy and laity to help equip our rural and small-membership churches to more effectively reach new people and share their faith.

Faith Sharing Workshop was held in August through our partnership with the Gastonia District. Dr. George Morris, of the Evangelism Institute at Emory University, was the workshop leader. This was open to the conference and had over 235 in attendance from seven districts.

Both the Evangelism Conference and the Faith Sharing Workshop were coordinated through the Commission on Witness Ministries as a part of its ministry outreach in the conference and for which the director of congregational development is the conference liaison. This is just one of many examples of how witness and congregational development are dovetailed.

Natural Church Development Training for Coaches was held in October, with 20 pastors trained. The Reverend Dave Wetzler, of Church Smart Resources, led the training. Brett R. Cogan and Robert L. Kerr have agreed to be our conference coordinators through the Office of Congregational Development for the Natural Church Development process. We are encouraging all of our districts to have NCD orientation workshops to introduce this resource to their churches.

District Boards of Church Location and Building were trained at the request of the Cabinet. Two Saturday training events were offered, one in October and the other in December. A new manual was created and given to the participants as a joint effort by the Office of Treasury Services, The United Methodist Foundation, and the Office of Congregational Development. Joseph P. McGuire and Bill H. Osborne gave presentations representing Treasury Services; David A. Snipes and P. Glenn Kinken III led from The United Methodist Foundation; and Nancy Burgin Rankin, from the Office of Congregational Development, led the training events.

CHECKING VITAL SIGNS: Assessing Local Church Potential, written by Dr. Rankin and Beverly B. Copley, was used by over 40 churches this year to discern God's calling for their churches and to develop plans for their futures. Facilitators for this curriculum were trained in October to add to the 200 who were trained last January to meet the demand for churches wanting to use the curriculum.

Renewable Downtown First Church Seminar was held in February at First Church, High Point, with over 60 in attendance. Dr. Doug Anderson, director of the Rueben Job Leadership Institute, brought a team of successful downtown church pastors, Rev. Marvin Arnpriester, of Broadway UMC in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Revs. John Flowers and Karen Vannoy, a clergy couple who led the renewal of Travis Park UMC in San Antonio, Texas.

Training events held in local churches and district events by Dr. Rankin included: "Prayerful Strategic Planning," "Starting a New Worship Service," "Functional Structures: Church Council Organization for Ministry," "Natural Church Development Orientation," "Benchmark Covenant Process for New Church Starts," "Using Percept Demographics," "Size Characteristics of Churches," and "Effective Evangelism Strategies."

2. Church Vitality Initiatives:

First priority was given to African American churches and churches in static, declining, or changing situations.

The African American Churches Initiative Task Force was convened by Lillie M. Jones, with Donald Jenkins serving as the chairperson. This task force completed a year-long process and will be bringing a proposal to the bishop and Cabinet members addressing the needs of the African American churches and targeting new church plants. Six of their churches are already participating in a two-year training process through the General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church, and areas for future new churches have been identified. They received a \$150,000 grant from congregational development to help with the implementation of the task force's plans.

Churches in Static, Declining, or Changing Situations have been encouraged to use the *CHECKING VITAL SIGNS: Assessing Your Local Church Potential* curriculum, and over 40 have completed or are completing that process. To address the task force recommendations, the Office of Congregational Development has been helping connect them with training and other resources to implement their plans. Small grants have also been made available for rural churches to implement their plans from The Duke Endowment.

3. Launching and Supervision of New Faith Communities:

This area of work continues to be a primary focus of congregational development.

Assessment Workshops for Potential New Church Start Pastors. In addition to having coaches trained to coach our new church start pastors, we had assessors trained to lead these workshops. Jeffrey T. Copley is the assessment coordinator. Five workshops have been completed. Future new church start pastors will be appointed from the "pool" of pastors who assess as potential new church start pastors. Our new church start pastors are now sent to a national "boot camp" for church planters, and they attend the National School of Congregational Development and our conference Church Planter's Network meetings.

"A *Benchmark Covenant*" document is now required of our new church starts that outlines how they will effectively reach new people and disciple them. These covenants are reviewed to be sure the new church start is progressing toward sustainability once the conference funding cycle has ended. An orientation to the benchmark covenant process was presented to every new church start by the director.

Coaching of New Church Start Pastors and their launch teams has been put into place. Pastors in our conference have been trained to coach these new church start pastors and their lay teams. These steps have been put into place to try to give as much support as possible to pastors and congregations in new churches.

New churches begun in 2007: Forest Hill Hispanic Mission, Concord, Frank Ramos, pastor; Maple Springs (new outreach), Winston-Salem, David E. Smith, Jr., pastor; Sanctuary (now full-time), Charlotte, Percival T. Reeves, pastor; First Church, Charlotte (new outreach), Ann E. Self, pastor. We committed \$301,300 in salary grants for these pastors in 2007. New churches continuing on our salary grants for 2008, in addition to these new starts, include Christ-St. Stephen, Hickory, Thomas C. Mabry, pastor, and Crossroads-Kannapolis, Andrew D. Brown, pastor.

4. Financial Development:

This continues to be a challenge for congregational development, as the Vision 20:20 plan identified 40 new church targets and multiple areas for revitalization. With over 40% of our existing churches reporting no adult professions of faith at a time when our conference area is experiencing a population boom, we need many strategies and the funding to implement them, so that our churches can be effective in intentionally relating unchurched people to Christ.

The Vital Partners Fund was introduced three years ago as the successor to the Vision Builders Society. Contributions to Vital Partners totaled \$28,652.32 at the close of 2007. We will continue to need support beyond the conference apportionment asking to fulfill the needs of our churches in our growing population areas.

The Vital Signs newsletter was developed to tell the stories of new church development and revitalization of existing churches and encourage support of the congregational development apportionment asking and additional gifts.

The Grants Committee of Congregational Development makes recommendations to the conference Council on Congregational Development to award qualified applicants grants for remission projects and purchases of land and buildings and to help them with evangelistic outreach to their communities. Grants totaling \$740,000 were awarded in 2007 to Christ-St. Stephens (ST); First Church, Stanley (GA); Arbor Grove (NW); Crossfire (NW); Mt. Carmel (SA); First Church, Troutman (ST); FaithBridge (NW); Chestnut Grove (LE) African American Initiative; Faith (ST); Vida Nueva (NE); and Centro Cristiano (AL). Grants totaling \$320,000 as of March 2008 were awarded to Greater Vision (CH); College Place (GR); Redeemer's Light (ST); First Landis (SA); and First Street, Albemarle (AL).

It is our hope that many of our churches in changing population areas will be open to receiving training in effective evangelism strategies to reach out to the new people in their parishes. With the remarkable population growth within the bounds of our conference, our churches have many new opportunities to reach people for Christ. Congregational development wants to partner with them.

The Office of Congregational Development and the conference Council on Congregational Development will be reorganized into a conference Board of Congregational Development. The director of connectional ministries will be in charge of training and programs of congregational development.

We thank you for the privilege of serving in this exciting ministry area since 2004, and we look forward to continued service in other ministry arenas of the conference.

Michael G. Carle, *President*
Nancy B. Rankin, *Director*

D. COUNCIL ON HIGHER EDUCATION

HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

1. BENNETT COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

I. Students (as of fall semester 2006)	
A. Full-time students	591
B. Part-time students	16
C. Full-time equivalent enrollment	598
D. Full-time North Carolina students	153
E. Full-time United Methodist students	51
F. Resident students	435
G. Non-resident (day) students	172
H. Male students	0
I. Female students	607
J. Foreign students	7
K. Number of students receiving financial aid	539
II. Faculty (as of fall semester 2006)	
A. Number of full-time faculty	49
B. Number of part-time faculty	21
C. Full-time equivalent faculty	56
D. Degrees of full-time faculty:	
Doctorates	31
Masters	13
E. Average salary of full-time faculty	\$43,205
F. Average compensation of full-time faculty	8,196
III. Operating Finances (7-1-05 to 6-30-06)	
A. Operating income	\$19,878,314
1. Student fees	7,453,943
2. Endowment income (unrestricted)	528,019

3. Church sources	624,015
4. Auxiliary enterprises	2,487,129
5. Student aid (restricted) (included in student fees).....	2,509,010
6. Other	23,880
B. Operating expenses	17,993,596
1. Instructional	6,847,528
2. Administrative and general	7,770,360
3. Library	181,168
4. Physical plant (included throughout other areas)	
5. Student aid	
6. Auxiliary enterprises	1,895,738
7. Other	1,298,802
C. Operating deficit at beginning of 2006-2007	
D. Operating budget for 2006-2007	19,778,065
F. Expenditures per student (2005-2006)	31,623
G. Amount per UM student provided by WNC Conference (2005-2006)	1,000
IV. Other Financial Information	
A. Market value of physical plant (7-1-06)	\$ 60,497,139
B. Capital indebtedness at 7-1-06	6,257,758
D. Net increase in physical plant from preceding year	- 9,355,543
C. Market value of endowment at 7-1-05	8,965,780
D. Net decrease in endowment principal from preceding year	

Julianne Malveaux, *President*

2. BREVARD COLLEGE

I. Students (as of fall semester, 2007-2008)

A. Full-time students	648
B. Part-time students	27
C. Full-time equivalent enrollment	660
D. Full-time North Carolina students	319
E. Full-time Methodist students	97
F. Resident students	490
G. Non-resident (day) students	185
H. Male students	389
I. Female students	286
J. American Black	46
K. Hispanic	8
L. Native American	6
M. Asian American	2
N. Foreign	34
O. Number of students receiving financial aid	662

II. Faculty (as of fall semester, 2007-2008)

A. Number of full-time faculty	57
B. Number of part-time faculty	37
C. Full-time equivalent faculty	76
D. Number of faculty and administrative staff representing ethnic minorities	6
E. Degrees of full-time faculty:	
Doctorates (or other terminal degree)	41
Masters	16
E. Average salary of full-time faculty	\$43,138
F. Average compensation of full-time faculty	\$55,916

III. Operating Finances (for 2006-2007 fiscal year)

A. Operating income (total)	\$21,080,583
1. Student fees	11,232,986
2. Endowment income (unrestricted)	3,107,795
3. Church sources	149,117
4. Auxiliary enterprises	5,297,846
5. Student aid	-3,202,256
6. Development funds	3,280,037
7. Other	1,215,058
B. Operating expenditures (total)	\$19,219,321
1. Instructional	6,005,310
2. All institutional support services	5,998,943
3. Library	326,444
4. Physical plant	1,855,830
5. Auxiliary services	3,579,051
6. Student aid	1,453,743
7. Other	0
C. Operating indebtedness at beginning of current year	539,838
D. Operating budget for current year	19,715,330
E. Expenditures per student for current year	29,426
F. Amount per student provided by WNC Conference	205

IV. Capital Funds (2005-2006 fiscal year)

A. Value of physical plant at beginning of current year	\$28,234,661
B. Capital indebtedness at beginning of current year	13,638,802
C. Net increases to physical plant during preceding year	908,383
D. Market value of endowment fund at beginning of current year	21,388,906
E. Net increases to endowment principal during preceding year	1,031,216

Drew L. Van Horn, *President***3. GREENSBORO COLLEGE****I. Students (2007-2008)**

A. Full-time students	939
B. Part-time students	177
C. Full-time equivalent enrollment	1,019
D. Full-time North Carolina students	786
E. Full-time Methodist students	94
F. Resident students	455
G. Non-resident (day, evening, weekend) students	564
H. Male students	533
I. Female students	478
J. American black students	187
K. Foreign students	30
L. Number of students receiving financial aid	N/A

II. Faculty (2006-2007)

A. Number of full-time faculty	68
B. Number of part-time faculty	72
C. Full-time equivalent faculty	103
D. Degrees of full-time faculty:	
Doctorates	49
Masters	19
E. Ethnic minorities employed on faculty and administrative staff	50
F. Average salary of full-time faculty	\$53,134
G. Average compensation of full-time faculty	67,945

III. Operating Finances (for 2005-2006 fiscal year)

A. Operating income (total)	\$31,078,566
1. Student fees	17,080,017
2. Endowment income (unrestricted)	2,798,477
3. Church sources	124,641
4. Auxiliary enterprises	4,463,915
5. Student aid (restricted)	3,140,418
6. Development funds (exclusive of church, federal, and state funds)	3,471,098
7. Other	0
B. Operating expenditures (total)	28,486,892
1. Instructional	8,935,330
2. Administrative and general	5,833,164
3. Library	351,888
4. Physical plant	2,163,632
5. Auxiliary enterprises	3,940,944
6. Student aid	7,135,713
7. Other	126,171
C. Operating deficit at beginning of current year	0
D. Operating budget for 2006-2007 year	28,284,115
E. Expenditures per student for 2006-2007 year	27,738
F. Amount per student provided by WNC Conference (2006-2007)	121

IV. Capital Funds (2006-2007)

A. Value of physical plant at beginning of current year	\$414,738,796
B. Capital indebtedness at beginning of current year	17,259,322
C. Net increases to physical plant during preceding year	720,292
D. Market value of endowment fund at beginning of current year	32,708,392
E. Net increase to endowment fund principal during preceding year	78,001

Craven E. Williams, *President***4. HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY****I. Students (as of fall semester, 2007-2008)**

A. Full-time students	2,525
B. Part-time students	539
C. Full-time equivalent enrollment	2,843

D.	Full-time North Carolina students	1,333
E.	Full-time Methodist students	435
F.	Resident students	1,422
G.	Day (commuter students and adult learners)	1,642
H.	Male students	1,190
I.	Female students	1,874
J.	American black students	555
K.	International students	109
L.	Number of students receiving financial aid	3,050
II.	Faculty (as of fall semester, 2007-2008)	
A.	Number of full-time faculty	129
B.	Number of part-time faculty	138
C.	Full-time equivalent faculty	175
D.	Degrees of full-time faculty:	
	Doctorates and other terminal	99
	Masters	30
E.	Number of ethnic minorities employed on faculty and administrative staff	12
F.	Average salary of full-time faculty	\$60,888
G.	Average compensation of full-time faculty	75,738
III.	Operating Finances (for 2006-2007 fiscal year)	
A.	Operating income (total)	\$51,437,481
	1. Student fees	38,473,211
	2. Endowment income	1,120,038
	3. Church sources	140,083
	4. Auxiliary enterprises	9,507,767
	5. Gifts and grants	1,234,660
	6. Investment income	456,272
	7. Other	505,451
B.	Operating expenditures (total)	44,579,013
	1. Instructional	15,446,439
	2. Administrative and general	10,496,684
	3. Library	885,056
	4. Physical plant	4,159,265
	5. Auxiliary enterprises	5,662,374
	6. Student aid	7,929,194
C.	Operating indebtedness at beginning of current year	0
D.	Operating budget for current year	61,111,278
E.	Expenditures per student for current year	15,664
F.	Amount per student by WNC Conference	42
IV.	Capital Funds	
A.	Value of physical plant (with depreciation) at beginning of current year	\$72,770,129
B.	Capital indebtedness at beginning of current year	28,342,851
C.	Net increases to physical plant during preceding year	50,123,574
D.	Market value of endowment fund at beginning of current year	47,114,230
E.	Net increase to endowment fund principal during preceding year	- 1,001,996

Nido R. Qubein, *President*

5. PFEIFFER UNIVERSITY

I.	Students (undergraduates as of fall semester, 2006-2007)	
A.	Full-time students	1,019
B.	Part-time students	116
C.	Full-time equivalent enrollment	1,075
D.	Full-time North Carolina students	821
E.	Full-time Methodist students	191
F.	Full-time WNC Conference Methodist students	184
G.	Resident students	519
H.	Day students	616
I.	Male students	461
J.	Female students	674
K.	Black students	259
L.	Foreign students	35
M.	Number of students receiving financial aid	1,281
II.	Faculty (as of fall semester, 2006-2007)	
A.	Number of full-time faculty	67
B.	Number of part-time faculty	0
C.	Number of adjunct faculty	73
D.	Number of teaching administrative staff with faculty rank	15
E.	Full-time equivalent faculty	96
F.	Degrees of full-time faculty:	
	Doctorates	46
	Masters	21
G.	Average salary of full-time faculty	\$49,386

H. Average compensation of full-time faculty	63,310
III. Operating Finances (2006-2007)	
A. Operating Income (total)	
1. Tuition and fees, net	\$ 14,400,988
2. State and federal grants	1,400,704
3. Private gifts (including church)	922,297
4. Investment income	2,399
5. Auxiliary enterprises	3,571,595
6. Other sources	843,411
B. Expenses:	
1. Instructional	8,459,872
2. Public service	0
3. Academic support	2,476,018
4. Student services	4,075,134
5. Institutional support	4,364,428
6. Physical plant	2,448,112
7. Auxiliary enterprises	2,672,330
C. Total net assets	26,857,088
D. Unrestricted net assets	8,781,709
E. Operating budget for current year	27,329,087
F. Expenditure per student for current year	15,982
G. Amount per student by WNC Conference for current year	126
IV. Capital Funds	
A. Book value of physical plant at beginning of current year	\$21,766,267
B. Capital indebtedness at beginning of current year	13,280,181
C. Net increases to physical plant during the year	953,788
D. Market value of endowment fund at beginning of current year	13,967,969
E. Net increase (loss) to endowment fund principal during preceding year	880,536

Charles M. Ambrose, *President*

Proposals: Nominations of College and University Trustees

BREVARD COLLEGE (Petition 5 – Adopted June 6, 2008)

D. Michael Jordan, Beverly Hulsey.

HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY (Petition 6 – Adopted June 6, 2008)

Robert G. Culp III, Christopher L. Henson, Adnan M. Mjalli.

E. COUNCIL ON CAMPUS MINISTRY

During 2007-2008, we have continued to feel our way through the transition to our new structure, out from under the umbrella of the old State Commission on Campus Ministry, toward a more localized, yet connected mode of engaging in discipleship with students.

Generally, the council is optimistic about the future, although funding issues pose challenges. We are grateful for the ongoing commitment of our annual conference to the life-transforming ministry to students. Surely, the future of the church hangs on whether we keep the Kingdom of God fresh in the hearts and minds of young people as they grapple with life choices.

Our UNC-Charlotte ministry was lifted up as a “model campus ministry” by the national Lutheran review team, and they have plans to build their own Habitat house this fall. Methodist student groups across our conference have traveled to Mexico, Montana, Brazil, the Caribbean, New Orleans, and other mission fields. Worship is vital in many of our settings, and nothing is more important than one-on-one conversations between our superb campus ministers and students searching for God. At Appalachian State, we have 150 students in weekly worship and 80 in small groups, with a dozen exploring the call to ordained ministry.

Check out the new, informative website for our conference campus ministries at www.umconcampus.org.

Funds are pivotal and hard to come by these days. Students just don't fund ministries well; it's up to the conference, congregations, and individuals who care to invest in young adults. But we need more than just money: Your prayers are key; talking up campus ministry with college students is inspiring; partnering with campus ministers in creative ways is encouraging; bothering to engage young people during their college years is crucial.

James C. Howell, *Chairperson*

Proposal: Campus Ministry Boards

(Petition 7 – Adopted June 6, 2008)

Appalachian State University

Bennie Anderson, Margaret Eggers, Kelly Broman-Fulks, Rob Sanders, Benny McFalls, Harold Gilbert, N. Fred Jordan, Jr., A. J. Thomas, D. Brad Farrington, Marianne M. Romanat, Judy H. Eurey, Jeffery A. Sweeney, John C. Fitzgerald, Cindy Shelton, John Thomas, Daniel Corpening, Eric Calloway, Brittany Absher, Sonny Sweet, Lawrence Caviness, Jane Higgins.

Community College Ministry of Charlotte, Central Piedmont Community College

Not submitted.

Mitchell Community College, Statesville

William C. Findt, Lynne M. Lepley, John Milholland, Dan Manning, Steve Scott, Paul Sink, Walter Taylor, Gary West.

North Carolina A&T State University

George Jones, Mary Ann Cole, William Settle, Dorwin Howard, Pat Wall, Wofford Boyd, Otto Harris, Malcolm Mangum, Gale Rose, Solomon Quick, Micah Gaines, Miller C. Carter, Jr.

University of North Carolina at Asheville

Not submitted.

University of North Carolina at Charlotte*Class of 2008:* Viviane Avant, Phil Bostian, Greg Gillespi, Morgan Roseborough, Janice Martin. *Class of 2009:* Mary Lynne Calhoun, Beth Hardin, Chuck Morgan, Janet Lutz. *Class of 2010:* John Freeze, Heather Hall, Nick McEntire, Michael Montgomery, Joanna Krueger, Emily Phillips, Trent Thompson, Lewis Williams, Karen Kasting, Wayne Theurer. *Ex Officio or Permanent:* Eddie Bass, Steve Cheyney, Jim Dudley, George E. Thompson, Nancy Youmans, Jacob Pierce, Phil Tonnesen.**University of North Carolina at Greensboro**

Not submitted.

Western Carolina University*2008 Class:* Gene McAbee, Tom Frazier, Lee Gale, Frank Grice. *2009 Class:* Jed Tate, George Weekley, Libby McRae, June Benson. *2010 Class:* Erin Harkness, Travis Collins, Tony Oberley, Matthew Chadwick, Jeanne Pickerel, Mike Blackburn. *Students:* Michael Stillwagon, Manning Wimberly, Kerri Bernhardt, Sarah Messer.**Winston-Salem Wesley Foundation**

Not submitted.

F. CONSORTIUM ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INSTITUTIONS**1. ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST RETIREMENT COMMUNITY***The Mission of Aldersgate is to provide excellent continuing care services to older adults.*

Aldersgate United Methodist Retirement Community celebrates 60 years of service in June 2008. On June 13, 1948, the first unit of the Methodist Home for the Aged was completed. Mr. W. T. Setliff became our first resident on June 18, 1948.

In 1945, Reverend C. M. Pickens was appointed general superintendent of the developing Methodist Home. He had been a leading minister in the Western North Carolina Conference, preaching at some of the leading churches, and had served as presiding elder several times. He spent more than six years pushing for the development of the Home "like a ball of fire," as he was described. He said to everyone that "if they had enough faith, it could be accomplished." Reverend Pickens visited many churches in all districts, giving speeches on the goals for the Home as he was active in fund raising.

The Methodist Home was given a new name, "Aldersgate," in 1999 and has grown substantially over the past 60 years.

Facilities now include:

- **Epworth Place** is an eight-story congregate living facility with 140 accommodations, including Parker Terrace Assisted Living. Several renovations have been made to Epworth Place. The main dining room has been renovated for those preferring a casual dining atmosphere, and a formal dining venue was added, creating a more elegant formal dining experience. Informal cafe dining has been added. The main dining room has been renovated, creating a more elegant formal dining atmosphere. Informal cafe dining has been added for those preferring a casual dining atmosphere. Main Street attracts and creates interest for residents by providing a variety of services and offerings, including opportunities for arts and crafts, sewing, weaving, and ceramics, along with a game room.
- **Ray Hall Community Center** includes a chapel/multi-purpose center, wellness facility with aquatic center and exercise room, administrative spaces, and an elegant two-story living room with a fireplace and balcony overlook. The architectural style reminds residents of a grand brick country home, with an expansive front veranda and arched windows. The overall plan is designed around a courtyard, focusing resident activity spaces on a garden containing plantings, walking paths, and shaded seating areas, as well as a small pond.
- **Francis Residential Building** is a three-story apartment building (with 74 residences), located adjacent to the community building, utilizing brick details and patterns similar to craftsmanship employed during the early 1900s. The exterior facade is conceived by projecting window bays with dormers and shaded balconies.
- **Azalea View Cottage Community** is composed of 36 individual homes (referred to as cottages) and a one-story apartment building with seven accommodations.
- **Lake Ridge Cottage Community** is composed of 16 individual homes on the east side of the lake. Floor plans range in size from 1,700 to 2,000 square feet and typically have two bedrooms, two baths, living room, kitchen, den, and one- or two-car garages.
- **Wesley Glen Cottage Community:** Aldersgate has begun development of 50 new cottage homes, called Wesley Glen, on the east side of the campus. The four standard floor plans of these cottage homes range in square footage from 1,507 to 2,035. They are freestanding, two- and three-bedroom