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WORLD METHODIST PEACE AWARDS

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The World Methodist Peace Award was proposed by Dr. Stanley Leyland at the Thirteenth World Methodist Conference held in Dublin, Ireland in 1976. The Conference heard a stirring address by Rev. Eric Gallagher who was then in ministry at the heart of the conflict in Belfast. Rev. Gallagher's positive suggestions about what the World Methodist Council could do in an effort to promote peace prompted Dr. Leyland to present a resolution establishing the World Methodist Peace Award.

The Council agreed that the first award should go to a person in Northern Ireland. Subsequent awards would go to persons in areas where the concern for peace is of great importance.

It was also decided at the 1976 Conference that a World Methodist Peace Award Committee would be established to decide on future recipients. The Officers of the Council, being a representative body, were named as the World Methodist Peace Award Committee, and criteria were written for the award.

Criteria for the Award

Criteria for determining the World Methodist Peace Award recipients are: **Courage**, **Creativity**, and **Consistency**.

With regard to **COURAGE**, this may relate to either the facing of physical danger, or putting one's personal interests at risk. This may include disruption to one's personal life, and the possibility of misunderstandings and even rejection by the groups and organizations with which one ordinarily would desire to have association or fellowship.

**CREATIVITY** includes consideration whether or not activities open up new initiatives and new grounds for negotiations and progress, whether the potential recipient attracts others to join in working for the cause of peace and builds up an increasing body of committed opinion in favor of and working for the cause of peace.

**CONSISTENCY** is judged by whether the effort is sustained over a period of continuing intensity despite disappointments, frustrations and setbacks which may occur.

The recipient receives the silver/gold gilt medallion, a citation and US $1,000 which is only symbolic of the larger recognition of what the recipient has achieved in working for peace, justice and reconciliation.
Methodist Churches in Italy (OPCEMI), was chosen for their work with and commitment to migrants and refugees dating back to 1989. This small church (part of the Union of Methodists and Waldensians in Italy) has exhibited great courage when faced with the large crisis of refugees and migrants flooding Europe. When others said the problems were insurmountable, the OPCEMI’s attitude has been that “we could do no other – we could not sit by and let this happen.” A safe and welcoming space called “House of Culture” was created at Scicli in Sicily, which has welcomed refugees and migrants from Syria, Iraq, the Middle East as well as North, Central and West Africa. The church’s work has spanned decades and has welcomed migrants of Protestant, Catholic, and Muslim faiths. Their involvement with Mediterranean Hope has been consistent and has continued despite the increasing wave of arrivals in Italy. The OPCEMI continues its efforts also by financing the humanitarian corridors through the “8 x 1000” office of the Union of the Waldensian and Methodist Churches in Italy.

The Nassar Family

The Nassar Family was chosen for their work with the Tent of Nations which they host on their 100 acre farm located southwest of Bethlehem in a highly disputed area of Palestine controlled by the Israeli Government. The family remains on their land and share their story of peace with guests from around the world. The family is not permitted to develop their farm for agricultural purposes, not having access to power, water, or sewer infrastructure, nor obtain permits for any new buildings. The family has instead come up with creative and sustainable alternatives. Each summer, children from local villages (Christian and Muslim) participate in a summer camp aimed at giving the children freedom and distraction from the surrounding politics, empowering the children with self-confidence so that they can be a part of a better future for Palestine. The family also established the Bent Al-Reef Women’s Centre to empower women with classes in English, computer, art, etc., and encourage them to play a role in shaping society. Each year hundreds of volunteers travel to Palestine and live with the Nassar family and actively engage with working the land, participating and leading programs.

On receiving the news of the award, Daoud Nassar stated, “It was a special moment for all of us to hear that the 2017 Peace Award is going to our family. We are honored to receive this Award. We will continue our struggle for justice with faith, love and hope knowing that we are not left alone. We will also continue to cultivate the land and plant more seeds for a better and peaceful future. Together, we can make a difference.”
Recipients of the World Methodist Peace Award

A sixty-nine year old trade union and peace movement activist, Sadie Patterson of Northern Ireland received the first award for trying to persuade people to stop killing each other! Just hours after she was announced as the recipient, her grand-nephew was gunned down in northwest Belfast, Northern Ireland, as he drove to his job. Sadie Patterson was a mediator who crossed the lines between both sides in the conflict for the cause of peace.

Sadie Patterson
1977

For his leadership in working to bridge the strained relationship between Israel and Egypt, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat received the award in 1978. He made a bold initiative in visiting Israel in a dramatic attempt to break the 30 year deadlock in relations between them. A man of deep faith, he fostered goodwill among the religious communities of Egypt.

Anwar Sadat
1978

Taking a strong, courageous stand against apartheid resulted in the award being presented to the two time President of the Methodist Church in South Africa. When apartheid was first introduced, he resigned from his then settlement to move to a parish in which he could minister to Cape coloreds and blacks. Abel Hendricks was himself classified by the South African Government as a Cape colored person.

Abel Hendricks
1980
Rev. Donald Soper, a member of the British House of Lords, was an outspoken opponent of the arms race and the resulting international confrontations it brought. For over two generations he was a fearless advocate of peace in the world. He consistently rose above national interests in order to embrace the good of humankind.

As a layperson, chemical engineer Kenneth Mew of Zimbabwe left to become principal of the Ranche House College, formerly Zimbabwe College, during a troubled time in its history. Encouraged by the possibilities of the assignment, the situation turned dark as a new government came to power in Zimbabwe (then Rhodesia), isolating the country from much of the world. The aims of Ranche House College, under Mew’s leadership, were that confrontation need not be the last word and more constructive forces could play a role in shaping the country’s destiny. Ranche House College, under Mew’s leadership, became a neutral ground for mediation, negotiation and confidential and exploratory talks. His influence was significant in extinguishing fires of hatred. Ranche House became a training center for diplomats.

A third-generation Methodist lay woman and attorney, Dr. Tai-Young Lee campaigned for more than 30 years for the restoration of democracy in her native Korea. A staunch advocate for the rights of the poor, she worked to establish human rights in her homeland. Dr. Lee credited her mother and grandmother for teaching her what it meant to be a Christian woman in Korea. She believed in reconciliation and human rights for all, using her training and talents in these areas.
Hailed as “an instrument of peace,” former United States President Jimmy Carter was the first American to receive the award. In accepting the award, he called on his country to be a champion of peace and human rights. He was cited for his leadership in the return of the Panama Canal to Panama, the SALT II agreement, the Camp David Accord between Israel and Egypt, and his post-Presidency efforts in reducing conflict in the world, lifting the plight of the poor, and to promote understanding among all people.

An Australian couple who shared a lifetime of ministry which emphasized moral and spiritual transformation and reconciliation, the Walkers worked as evangelists and emissaries of peace on six continents. Alan Walker believed that the greatest cause of war was that people believed in war. He noted that until slavery as an institution was rejected, slavery remained. He preached that peace would not come as long as the world accepted war as a means of settling human conflict.

United States Federal Judge Woodrow Seals was a co-recipient in 1987. As organizer of a volunteer organization to help the poor, the Society of St. Stephen quickly spread to over 100 Methodist Churches around Houston, Texas. His court rulings consistently furthered human and civil rights, including a landmark decision that enabled children of undocumented Hispanic workers to be educated in Texas public schools. He believed that international peace could only be achieved if concerned persons bore witness to its potential realization in local communities.
Hours after the announcement of the end of World War II, British layperson Bert Bissell and 33 youth from his Church Bible class took stones from the summit of Scotland’s highest mountain, Ben Nevis, to build a Cairn (rock monument) as a tribute to the fallen and an appeal for the perpetuity of peace. It was the first memorial in the UK and remains the highest such memorial in that nation. In succeeding years, the climb up Ben Nevis with Bert Bissell and the Cairn became an international peace memorial. He developed a special friendship with the people of Hiroshima, Japan. He led a Bible Class in his Church for over 62 years. His class produced more Methodist ministers than any group of its kind in the British Methodist Church. He was honored for his remarkably consistent devotion to reconciliation.

A Methodist layman from Northern Ireland, Gordon Wilson demonstrated peace and reconciliation in the face of personal tragedy. In the “Remembrance Day” bombing on November 8, 1987 in Northern Ireland, Gordon and his nurse-in-training daughter were buried under mounds of boulders from the bombing. His daughter died as a result of the blast. Wilson received worldwide attention for his televised story in which he bore no bitterness to the perpetrators. He lived and practiced the rule that “love is greater than hate.” He lived to dispel hatred in Northern Ireland and throughout the world.

For his creativity as a catalyst influencing massive global changes through new international initiatives, including the introduction of “glasnost” to the world, and for his work to free religious bodies in the U.S.S.R. from laws restricting the free exercise of religion, Mikhail Gorbachev became the third non-Methodist to receive the Peace Award. He reinforced persuasively the notion that dialogue is always preferable to war. He was cited for his contributions to human understanding, international stability and a changed world.
Born in Berlin, Barbel Bohley grew up among the ruins of a city devastated by war. She became an advocate for the cause of peace and the struggle for freedom. An artist, she sold her works to aid families of political prisoners. Because of her opposition to the production and storing of arms, and opposing her country’s conscription laws, she was forced to give up her membership in the Federation of Berlin’s Fine Artists, and arrested. Her acts of opposition predated the changes in German society by more than a decade. She contributed to the birth of a new freedom in modern times.

Appointed as pastor of the Methodist Church in Sofia, Bulgaria, Zdravko Beslov’s opposition to the communist regime brought a swift response and he was confined to prison and work camps for 14 years. He believed in living for truth, and was responsible for the stability of his congregation for over forty years, refusing to waiver in his convictions and his belief that the church would survive and people who were cast against each other would be reconciled. He was instrumental in securing official state recognition of the Methodist Church in Bulgaria. While pursuing this goal, he met face-to-face with his persecutors, saying “I do not want them to be punished nor to be treated as I was treated.”

A Palestinian Israeli citizen from Galilee founded the Prophet Elias Community College and called Palestinians and Israelis to live together as neighbors. Father Elias Chacour saw his boyhood home destroyed by bulldozers and explosives, land that for centuries had belonged to his family, yet he remembered being taught by his parents that every person is a child of God. He grew up believing that forgiveness alone brings healing and peace. World leaders have traveled to meet him and learn of his emphasis on peace with justice. He stands for reconciliation in the Church and throughout the world.
Once imprisoned alongside Nelson Mandela on Robben Island off of Cape Town, South Africa for his anti-apartheid activities, Stanley Mogoba became a Christian while imprisoned and later became the presiding Bishop of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa. He was cited for his belief in never invoking violence and for his work in the area of reconciliation in South Africa. He was instrumental in helping the World Council of Churches establish a “program to overcome violence.” He was one of the first leaders in South Africa prior to the end of apartheid to call for an end to hostilities through negotiations.

In 1968 a group of Catholic students and young professionals in Rome made a commitment from their Christian faith to serve their society. Andrea Riccardi, the youngest person ever to occupy the The Chair in Christian History at Rome University, framed the servant vision and formed the Community of St. Egidio. They pledged to care for all members of God’s creation through expressions of concern that make for peace. The Community brokered the peace agreement in Mozambique. Today they actively seek to repeal the death penalty worldwide, actively praying for and communicating with every death-row prisoner worldwide. The Community brings inter-faith leaders together regularly for discussions leading to mutual understandings and peace in the world.

Secretary-General of the United Nations Kofi A. Annan was recognized in 1998 for his role as a reconciler in the arena of international diplomacy. The Ghana native was appointed as Secretary-General of the United Nations in 1996. He was cited for his voice of reason and wisdom in a world which tends to see solutions to conflict more in the use of armed force than careful and intentional diplomacy.
The first awarding of the World Methodist Peace Award in Latin America occurred in 1999 when the Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo in Buenos Aires, Argentina were awarded the honor. From 1976 to 1983 actions taken by the government resulted in the disappearance of 10,000 persons, including 500 children, some less than a year old. The movement started with mothers and grandmothers searching for their children who had disappeared. They began to walk around the Plaza de Mayo in front of the Government Palace to protest the violence and deaths occurring in their country. They appeared before the United Nations Human Rights Commission in both New York and Geneva in their effort to learn of the fate of children and bring global attention to the tragedies that were occurring.

For his single-minded commitment to peace and reconciliation, and for staying true to his vision of a free and democratic South Africa, Nelson Mandela received the award in 2000. His life has been dedicated to the struggle of the African people. He fought against white domination, and also against black domination. His ideal has been for a society where people live together in harmony and with equal opportunity. It is an ideal for which he has always been prepared to die. No one person in the latter half of the 20th century is more widely known as a symbol of freedom, justice, peace and reconciliation than Nelson Mandela.

As General Secretary of the World Methodist Council for twenty-five years, Joe Hale worked to ensure the voice of the Church was heard in opposition to apartheid, in endeavoring to reconcile national churches in conflict, and in promoting peace with justice in the Middle East. Dr. Hale, in receiving the award, made mention of the previous recipients, receiving the honor in recognition of the idea that all of us can be peacemakers. He is widely known for his concerns over the Middle East and the dream of a permanent peace in that troubled region of the world.
A Methodist lay preacher, Chairperson of the Church Council of the United Methodist Church in his homeland, and President of that land, the Republic of Macedonia, Boris Trajkovski was honored for his role as a peacemaker in eastern Europe. Tension during the Kosovo crisis, nearly 300,000 refugees entered Macedonia and a potential civil war was averted under his leadership and stability prevailed. He died in a tragic plane crash in Bosnia 17 months after receiving the Peace Award, leaving a legacy as a dedicated Christian man of peace.

Casimira Rodriguez began working as a domestic worker at the age of 12. Her employers took advantage of her, refusing her visits with her family and failing to pay wages she earned. Through the help of her Methodist Church, she took literacy classes where she met others in similar abusive situations. She began to work with other domestic workers and formed support groups which became a union for domestic workers. She personally collected over 15,000 signatures to introduce a bill into the Bolivian Parliament granting rights and status to domestic workers. The bill became law ten years later and gained international support for the plight of a class of workers previously ignored. For her courage and consistency in the area of human rights, peace and reconciliation, she received the Award in 2003.

Millard Fuller founded Habitat for Humanity International when he and his wife Linda searched for a new focus in their lives in 1968. They moved to Zaire, now the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and took with them principles of partnership housing which they learned through Koinonia Farms, GA, USA. The result was an international organization that operates in over 100 countries worldwide and has built over 200,000 homes, providing affordable housing for over 1,000,000 persons. Habitat homes are built with volunteer labor which joins Habitat’s vision to eliminate substandard housing and homelessness worldwide. Habitat for Humanity is an ecumenical Christian organization that brings together persons of all backgrounds in the ministry of building homes.
Christian leader, statesman, and pioneer in education Lawi Imathiu was selected to receive the World Methodist Peace Award for 2005. As a pastor, District Superintendent, President and first Bishop of the Methodist Church in Kenya, he saw Methodism grow from 8,000 members in 1970 to over 225,000 members in 2000. In 1974 Lawi Imathiu was nominated as a Member of Parliament of the new nation of Kenya. The only clergy person nominated by the President to Parliament, he served for five years. He has been a strong advocate for peace, justice and reconciliation in his country and around the world. As President of the World Methodist Council, Lawi led a delegation to meet with President Botha of South Africa, delivering the Council’s resolution calling for an end to apartheid and the release of imprisoned Nelson Mandela. A visionary leader in his beloved Kenya, Lawi was the planner and founder of Kenya Methodist University.

As the second Prelate of the Methodist Church of Nigeria, the leadership of His Eminence Sunday Mbang is marked by his leadership in peace and unity within his own Church, through the ministries of the World Methodist Council, and through his involvement in ecumenical and interfaith affairs in both his native Nigeria and throughout Africa. His experience and skills as a peacemaker placed him in positions of leadership and significant responsibility within the world Methodist/Wesleyan family. The World Methodist Council became involved in settling disputes within churches, and the Council’s prophetic voice for peace, justice and reconciliation were strengthened significantly under Mbang’s leadership. He was honored for his lifetime example as a man of peace, his uncompromising commitment to principle, his desire to see the Church give leadership in peacemaking, and his commitment to living in peace with both Christians and persons of other faiths.

Honored for his lifetime commitment to peace, justice and reconciliation in his native Northern Ireland, Rev. Harold Good exhibits great physical and spiritual courage in his ministry. As a peacemaker, he has brought together groups from both the Protestant/Unionist and the Catholic/Nationalist communities, forming friendships which built a foundation that played a major role in conflict resolution. As a trusted and respected leader he was asked to be one of two witnesses to the decommissioning of weapons from both sides of the conflict in Northern Ireland and played a major role in the unlocking of the political impasse.
Sister Helen Prejean

Sister Helen Prejean, member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Medaille in New Orleans, Louisiana, dedicated her life to the poor of New Orleans and began working in prison ministry. While living in the St. Thomas housing project she became pen pals with Patrick Sonnier, a convicted killer on “death row.” Sister Helen visited him often as his spiritual advisor, and became aware of the execution process in the state of Louisiana. She wrote a book of her experiences that was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in 1993. Dead Man Walking: an Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States was number one on the New York Times Best Seller list, and was developed into a major motion picture that received four Academy Award nominations. She educates the public about the death penalty through her lectures and writings and founded “Survive,” a victim’s advocacy group in New Orleans.

The Reverend Doctor Jeannine C. Brabon’s remarkable ministry in Columbia spans 20 years, amidst difficult and dangerous circumstances. Jeannine is a professor at Seminario Bíblico de Colombia and regional director of Colombia’s Prison Fellowship, but her real ministry lies with the inmates of Bellavista and other prisons. Invited by the chaplain to preach in Bellavista Prison, the most deadly prison in Colombia, Jeannine’s life was forever changed when 23 inmates received Christ at the end of her first sermon. Jeannine implemented a Bible College in the Bellavista Prison. Today, the leadership of this prison ministry is composed of ex-prisoners and prisoners themselves who witness to, teach, and mentor other inmates. Jeannine persevered for two decades, bringing many of the vilest criminals into relationship with Jesus Christ.

Ros Colwill is a trained social worker who worked for 10 years with the Methodist Church Nigeria in Uzuakoli at a leprosy center. Concerned with the number of individuals who were experiencing mental health problems and living on the street, she developed “Amaudo” (Village of Peace) in the village of Itumbauzo, in collaboration with the church and local communities.

The Amaudo Community Centre began by housing and tending to the physical and spiritual needs of destitute and mentally ill people. The families of the residents also received resources and assistance. Discharged residents were equipped with the tools to begin their trades at home and their progress reviewed by psychiatric nurses. Ros brought new awareness to mental health care in Nigeria, and has inspired many to share in the work. The Amaudo Centre has expanded and now has 6 projects, working in various areas of care, support and education.
A native of the Philippine island of Mindanao, Joy Balazo has worked for over two decades with the Uniting Church in Australia, UnitingWorld and the Young Ambassadors for Peace as a mediator and peacebuilder. Her efforts to curb ethnic and sectarian violence in the Pacific region and her work to establish eight peacemaking centers in Asia and the Pacific has earned her a reputation as someone willing to bridge the divide between tribes, states and faiths.

Missionaries for over a half-century, Marion and Anita Way are best known for the missionary work in Angola and Brazil. The Ways used their faith to assist in the fight against political oppression and racism, often putting their own safety and security at risk. The husband-wife team developed various programs helping the poor develop job skills, gain an education, and better their lives. The couple's 54 years of mission work has helped more than 15,000 children, 45,000 families, and more than 100,000 individuals through the outreach that their organizations conduct.

Dr. Hugh G. Johnson and his wife Shirliann shared in more than 40 years of ministry in North Africa. Dr. Johnson served as a pastor and Superintendent of the North African District of the United Methodist Church, with Shirliann serving as a missionary. Now retired, the Johnson's operated under a simple motto: The church has to be where the needs are the greatest, and this philosophy carried their ministry. The Johnsons served in North Africa during times of great unrest, through wars of independence and the following turbulences. Serving first in Laarba Nath Irathen in the Kabyila Mountains and later in Algiers, the couple's tirelessness and drive to connect the gospel with the lives of the people of the Maghreb region led them to become fluent in Arabic and in Kabylian (a Berber language) as well as preaching in French. They helped to create places of Christian fellowship and dialogue with those of other religions despite government opposition and violent attacks from local militants.

Shirliann Johnson helped coordinate humanitarian aid and taught young women to provide education in refugee camps following the war. Dr. Johnson also regularly appeared on Algerian Radio, often in dialogue with a Muslim representative. He was a mediator who crossed the lines for the cause of reconciliation and mutual understanding. Dr. and Mrs. Johnson left the nation, but their hearts and spirits are still with the people in North Africa.
As the founder and former CEO (1996-2008) of World Hope International, Alexandria, Va., Dr. Lyon began that ministry in her home and, in twelve years, grew the organization to a $17 million global Christian relief and development agency serving in 30 countries and dedicated to alleviate suffering and injustice. She has helped to initiate numerous projects including digging wells, holistic healing programs for post-war amputees, and brought national awareness to human-trafficking. She followed her time at World Hope International by serving for eight years as General Superintendent of The Wesleyan Church. Dr. Lyon states: “In this time, we care about needy and suffering people, about immigrants, about racial reconciliation, about refugees, about human trafficking, and about the equality of God’s image in women. The prophet Amos said: ‘But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!’ (5:24). Seeking justice alone can become all political. But righteousness without seeking justice for others leads to isolation from the world. We find that balance including both justice and righteousness, rooted in the Bible and in our historical identity.” The recipient of five honorary doctorates, Dr. Lyon wrote the book, The Ultimate Blessing, and has authored articles for various publications. She served over 30 years in pastoral ministry with her husband, and has been Adjunct Professor of Church and Society at Indiana Wesleyan University and Asbury Theological Seminary.

**Thoughts And Prayers For Peace**

God, you have given all peoples one common origin, and your will is to gather them as one family in yourself. Fill the hearts of all with the fire of your love and the desire to ensure justice for all our sisters and brothers. By sharing the good things you give us, may we secure justice and equality for every human being, and a human society built on love and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.”

O God,
Open our eyes that we may see the needs of others;
Open our ears that we may hear their cries;
Open our hearts that we may feel their anguish and their joy.
Let us not be afraid to defend the oppressed, the poor, the powerless, because of the anger and might of the powerful.
Show us where love and hope and faith are needed, and use us to bring them to those places.
Open our ears and eyes, our hearts and lives, that we may in these coming days be able to do some work of justice and peace for you.

Amen.
World Methodist Council Member Churches

African Methodist Episcopal Church, USA
    Central Africa, African Methodist Episcopal Church;
    Southern Africa, African Methodist Episcopal Church;
    West Africa, African Methodist Episcopal Church
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
Argentina, Evangelical Methodist Church
Australia, Chinese Methodist Church
Australia, Uniting Church of
Australia, Wesleyan Methodist Church
Bahamas Conference of the Methodist Church
Bangladesh, Methodist Church
Belgium, United Protestant Church
Benin, Protestant Methodist Church
Bolivia, Evangelical Methodist Church
Brazil, Methodist Church
Canada, The United Church
Caribbean and Americas, Methodist Church
Chile, Methodist Church
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
Church of the Nazarene
Colombia, Methodist Church
Costa Rica, Evangelical Methodist Church
Cuba, Methodist Church
Democratic Republic of Congo,
    Four Methodist Church of
Dominican Republic, Evangelical Church
Ecuador, Evangelical United Church
Fiji and Rotuma, Methodist Church
Ghana, Methodist Church
Great Britain, Methodist Church
Hong Kong, ROC, Church of Christ in China
Hong Kong, ROC, Methodist Church
India, Methodist Church
India, Church of North India
India, Church of South India
Indonesia, Methodist Church
Ireland, Methodist Church
Italy, Methodist Church
Kenya, Methodist Church
Korean Methodist Church
Malaysia, Methodist Church
Mexico, Methodist Church
Myanmar, Methodist Church (Lower)
Myanmar, Methodist Church (Upper)
Nepal, Methodist Church
New Zealand, Methodist Church
New Zealand, Wesleyan Methodist Church
Nigeria, Methodist Church
North America, The Free Methodist Church
Pakistan, The Church of
Panama, Evangelical Methodist Church
Paraguay, Evangelical Methodist Church
Peru, Methodist Church
Philippines, Evangelical Methodist Church
Philippines, United Church of Christ
Portugal, Evangelical Methodist Church
Puerto Rico, Methodist Church
Republic of China, Methodist Church
Rwanda, Free Methodist Church of
Samoa, Methodist Church
Sierra Leone, Methodist Church
Sierra Leone, West African Methodist Church
Singapore, Methodist Church
Southern Africa, Methodist Church
Spain, The Evangelical Church
Sri Lanka, Methodist Church
Sweden, The Uniting Church in
    The Gambia, Methodist Church
    Tanzania, Methodist Church
    The Wesleyan Church
    Togo, Methodist Church
    Tonga, Free Wesleyan Church
    The United Methodist Church, USA
Africa Central Conference
    East Africa, East Angola, Mozambique,
    West Angola, Zimbabwe
Central and Southern Europe
Central Conference
    Albania, Algeria/Tunisia, Austria, Belgium,
    Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech and Slovak
    Republics, France, Hungary, Macedonia,
    Poland, Romania, Serbia, Switzerland
Congo Central Conference
    Central Congo, North Katanga,
    South Congo
Germany Central Conference
Northern Europe Central Conference
    Belarus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland-Finnish,
    Finland-Swedish, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan,
    Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Norway, Sweden,
    Russia, Tajikistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan
Philippines Central Conference
West Africa Central Conference
    Cote D’Ivoire Protestant Methodist Church,
    Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone
    Uruguay, Evangelical Church
    Zambia, United Church
    Zimbabwe, African Methodist Church
    Zimbabwe, Methodist Church