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**GCFA Board Passes Two Resolutions**

*Nashville, TN* – The members of the board of the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) met recently in Nashville, Tennessee. At that meeting, the board approved two resolutions addressing the financial hardships facing local churches and annual conferences and in particular, the difficulties they face in maintaining their general church apportioned giving.

The first resolution directs that GCFA work with the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits (GBPHB) to obtain an independent actuarial review of the need for additional funding for the clergy pension plan and to recommend reasonable strategies for lessening the additional financial burdens on annual conferences to fund that plan. A report of these findings will be presented to the GCFA board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

In other action, the board approved a motion to encourage the Council of Bishops, at its May 2010 meeting, to call a special session of General Conference. This session would focus solely on two issues – the recommendations from the Call to Action Task Force, and the pension plans for United States clergy.

The last special session of general conference occurred in 1970 to deal with the 1968 merger with The Evangelical United Brethren Church, which created The United Methodist Church.

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