

**WESTERN JURISDICTION'S CONTRIBUTION
TO THE CHURCH'S MISSION**
“Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Mission of the World”

A Proposal to
The Western Jurisdiction Conference, The United Methodist Church

Whereas

The 2008 General Conference stated that the mission of The United Methodist Church is “to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world”;

The 2000 Western Jurisdictional Conference adopted the “Western Jurisdictional Vision Statement and Organization – 2020: Our Emerging Vision,” with the first five elements focusing on:

1. Multi-cultural, Inclusive Church,
2. Churches Engaged in the Life of the Community,
3. Confident, Effective Leaders,
4. Congregations Forming Disciples, and
5. Diverse Ministry Settings (*200 Journal*, pp. 107-111);

The 2004 Western Jurisdictional Conference continued its commitment to the “Western Jurisdictional Vision Statement – 2020: Emerging Vision” as the Rules of Order and Plan of Organization of the Jurisdiction (*2004 Journal*, pp. 95-99);

The Jurisdiction conducted a training session, “Living Our Vision,” February 1-3, 2008, Sacramento, CA;

The mounting presence of a variety of people within the Jurisdiction offers an exceptional opportunity to fulfill the Church’s mission; and

Recent church growth challenges us to renew the Wesleyan tradition of persons with similar hopes and hurts gathering into small groups (classes and bands) for various functions and different span of time, and these groups were incorporated into an ever expanding connection (societies, districts, and the Conference; and, seen by John Wesley, in the Church of England and a part of the Church Universal);

Therefore be it resolved:

That the Bishops and delegates of the 2008 Western Jurisdictional Conference commit themselves to work with their respective Annual Conferences to fulfill the Jurisdictional vision and contribute to the mission of The UMC;

That Bishops with the support of the delegates and the assistance of their Expanded Cabinets will

1. Nurture into the membership of existing UMC Churches persons in language fellowships meeting in their churches, or elsewhere, and the nurturing be done in partnership with their leaders so members will participate in The UMC through their “prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness”;

2. Establish in all districts, with the leadership of the District Superintendents, what specific congregations with ministries in one language will become multi-lingual in their ministries, e.g., in separate or combined worship services, as well as in Sunday School classes, youth groups, Women and Men’s meetings, counseling services, and language training programs; and will specify which congregations with ministries in more than one language will expand those ministries;

3. Work with officers of Annual Conference units to establish specific percentage of racial ethnic minority who will participate in training programs for leaders in Sunday Schools, United Methodist Youth Fellowships, United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, campus ministries, as well as camping ministries for youth and worship leaders;

4. Promote with Conference staff and officers partnership between local leaders and trainers in church growth, as well as with the resource persons among racial ethnic minority and national ancestry group (Listed below, Partners in the Mission);

That the College of Bishops and the Jurisdictional Leadership Team, and the Inter-ethnic Coordinating Committee (*2004 Journal*, pp 95-99) mutually support and monitor the progress in Annual Conferences at joint annual meetings, January, 2009-2012; that the Jurisdictional Council on Finance and Administration provide funds for the meetings; and that the College, Team and Committee lead the 2012 Western Jurisdictional Conference in a celebrating the growth in membership by 6,000 members.

Partners in the Mission

(Fellowship of Conference Directors of Connectional Ministries
are asked to provide contact information in each case for the *2008 Journal*.)

Black Methodist for Church Renewal, including e.g., Cal-Pac BMCR, EBONY Prophets,
and the General Conference resources in Strengthening the Black Church for the
21st Century

WJ Korean Mission and the Korean National Plan

MARCHA WEST, and National Plan for Hispanic Ministries

Native American Comprehensive Plan

WJ Asian American Coordinating Committee and Asian American National Ancestry
Caucuses (Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, etc.)

Asian American Language Ministry (Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Formosan, Hmong,
Japanese, Korean, Laotian, South Asian, Vietnamese)

Pacific Islander National Ministry Plan (Tongan, Samoan, and Fijian)

Additional groups as they emerge.

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