Recommendation

Trustee Enabling Resolution

**Be it resolved** that the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church hereby ratifies, approves and confirms actions taken by the Conference Board of Trustees since the last Annual Session.

**Be it further resolved** that if subsequent to this Annual Session of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and prior to the 2017 Annual Session, any property, real or personal, that is conveyed or transferred to the Annual Conference by any church or other person, firm, partnership, or corporation, the Board of Trustees is hereby authorized and empowered, in its discretion, provided that the same be approved by the Bishop and Cabinet, to sell, transfer, lease or convey any such real or personal property for such price, and at such time or times, and upon such other terms and conditions as the Board of Trustees of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church shall determine; and

**Be it further resolved** that the proper officers of the Board of Trustees of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church be and hereby are authorized in the name, and on behalf of the Conference, to execute and deliver the Conference deed of conveyance or instrument of transfer and all other instruments and documents to implement and carry out the purpose and intent of the foregoing resolution, and to affix the corporate seal of the Conference thereto; and

**Be it further resolved** that the President or Vice-President or Treasurer of the Corporation is hereby fully authorized and empowered to transfer, convey, endorse, sell, assign, and deliver any and all stock, bonds, evidence of interest and/or indebtedness, and all other securities, corporate or otherwise, now or hereafter standing in the name or owned by this Corporation and to make, execute, and deliver, any property to effectuate the authority hereby conferred; and

**Be it further resolved** that whenever there shall be annexed to any instrument of assignment and transfer, executed pursuant to and in accordance with the foregoing resolution, a certificate of Secretary or of an Assistant Secretary of this Corporation in the office at the date of such certificate shall set forth these resolutions and shall state that these resolutions are in full force and effect, then all persons to whom such instrument with the annexed certificate shall thereafter come, shall be entitled, without further inquiry or investigation and regardless of the date of such certificate, to assume and to act in reliance upon the assumptions that the shares of stock or other securities named in such instrument were therefore duly and properly transferred, endorsed, sold, assigned, set over and delivered by this Corporation, and that with respect to such securities the authority of these resolutions and of such officers is still in full force and effect; and

**Be it further resolved** that subsequent to this Annual Session of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and prior to the 2017 Annual Session, the Board of Trustees of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference is hereby authorized to acquire or dispose of District parsonages, Program Director’s and Treasurer’s residences, as in its discretion, it may deem necessary and advisable, and in accordance with The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, the Conference Board of Trustees is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into such contracts of sale and such other documents as may be necessary to effectuate the sale, transfer, or purchase of such properties. Such properties, real or personal, may be sold or acquired from any person or persons, firm, partnership, or corporation upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Trustees of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church shall determine; and
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Be it further resolved that the proper officers of the Board of Trustees of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church are hereby empowered and authorized to execute all such deeds, mortgages, notes, bonds, and other documents necessary to implement the purchase or sale of such Conference-owned properties.

Submitted by GNJAC Board of Trustees
Clifford Still, President

Recommendation
Conference Advance Specials 2016-17

Be it resolved that the 2016 Session of the Greater New Jersey Conference designate the following ministries and institutions as Conference Advance Specials for the 2017 conference year (without restricting in anyway a local church’s ability to support other mission work);

Be it further resolved that the Executive Committee of the Connectional Table be authorized to make any additions and deletions to the Conference Advance Specials list based upon recommendations of the Conference Board of Global Ministries.

Amistad (meaning Friendship) is an ecumenical ministry in the greater Freehold area seeking to assist Hispanic children and their families through educational, nutritional and spiritual programs. They assist children from The Learning Center and Park Avenue schools. These are Spanish-origin students mostly from Mexican families. They provide volunteers, adults and students from area high schools, to help the children with their homework, reading and educational games. They also use the computers. Most students are kindergarten, first and second graders with a few from third and fourth grades. Before they start their homework they have a snack. There are also reading prizes. A Christmas party is held for the kids and their families with gifts for children. There are 52 children registered with 35 volunteers.

C.A.M.P. YDP (Community Association with a Ministry to People Youth Development Program) provides pre-school, after-school and summer programs for children aged 2 ½ - 13 and their families, mainly on the north side of Paterson. The program runs throughout the year. They are committed to work as a "partner" within the community. A stimulating and nurturing environment is provided. Total care is available as well when schools are not in session with transportation available to pick up children from certain schools.

Centenary Fund/Preachers Aid Fund supports retired clergy and spouses.

Christian Outreach Project provides no-cost home repairs to persons in need in the northwest area of our Conference. Participants are made up of high school youth and adult volunteers. In addition to home repairs, participants engage in morning devotionals, singing, worship services and recreational activities.

CUMAC/ECHO works to alleviate hunger and its root causes for those in need in Paterson, Passaic County and northern NJ. CUMAC has a pantry feeding 3,000+ monthly. The Depot warehouses over 2 million pounds of food annually for a network of about 40 partner feeding programs. This Community Food Coalition (CFC) distributes food while also screening clients for member pantries. They advocate at the local and state level on behalf of CFC clients. CUMAC also has a Community Closet that offers clothing & household items; Pathways to Work that imparts job skills and hands-on experience; Place of Promise that is a supportive housing program for chronically homeless individuals; and seasonal projects for school supplies, holiday gifts and other items for area children in need. All of the programs rely heavily on volunteers and financial support from the community.