

Recommendations to the 2016 Annual Conference

1 owner of a number mills in the Asbury area. McCullough was converted by the preaching of Ezekiel Cooper at
2 Schooley's Mountain in 1786. The Colonel would spend the next fifty-four years in dedicated service to the
3 Methodist Episcopal Church in Northern New Jersey in both time and money. Bishop Asbury knew of
4 McCullough's commitment to Methodism long before they would meet in person.

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6 **Whereas** William McCullough was one of the original members of the first Methodist class meeting by whose
7 house they would meet.

8 **Whereas** McCullough became the driving force to change the name of Hall's Mills to Asbury in order to honor is
9 good friend and frequent guest.

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11 **Whereas** the McCullough house, with its original kitchen and barn still standing, are the only known surviving
12 structures where Bishop Asbury preached and taught in Northern New Jersey.

13 **Rationale:** The McCullough House stands as an enduring testament to the commitment and faith of one of
14 Northern New Jersey's most influential laypersons – Colonel William McCullough. The structures on the
15 property are one of the few places still in active use as a family home that can boast hosting prominent early
16 Methodist circuit riders such as Bishop Asbury, Ezekiel Cooper and Martin Boehm. McCullough House became
17 the fulcrum point for Methodism's success throughout Northwestern New Jersey. It is rare to be able to honor a
18 dedicated lay person's dwelling whose influence and deeds did much for New Jersey Methodism and whose
19 buildings remind us that we are direct heirs to the work of Colonel William McCullough for the Methodist cause
20 during its formative years and well into the mid-19th century.

21 **Therefore be it resolved** that the McCullough House and Barn be recognized as a Greater New Jersey Annual
22 Conference Historic Site.

23 Respectively Submitted and Presenter of Recommendation: Reverend Bill Wilson, Chair of Commission on
24 Archives and History

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United Methodist Church of Morristown Historic Site

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29 **Whereas** the Morristown United Methodist Church's has played a vital role in the spiritual well-being in
30 Morristown and surrounding areas in Northern New Jersey, served a central role in the Newark Annual
31 Conference and provided notable leadership in the fields of education and publishing within the larger American
32 Methodist landscape.

33 **Whereas** Morristown Methodists were first visited by Bishop Francis Asbury and Henry Boehm in 1811 and by
34 1815, regular class meetings and preaching services were held in the Samuel Bonsell home, Morristown's most
35 prominent layperson at that time.

36 **Whereas** Morristown Methodist Episcopal Church organized its first permanent society in 1825 and built the
37 first church structure two years later. The church continued to grow and is remembered for two famous revivals
38 in 1828 and 1836. Both of these revivals would last for many weeks making Methodism a mainstay in the
39 bustling town.

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1 **Whereas** Morristown Methodist Episcopal Church hosted the first session of the Newark Annual Conference in
2 1858, held subsequent sessions in 1871, 1892, 1907 and 1957, where church members housed all the delegates
3 for each meeting.

4 **Whereas** Morristown church had pastors and laypersons in the congregation who became nationally recognized
5 leaders of our denomination. These American Methodist leaders with ties to the Morristown church include, but
6 are not limited to: George P. Eckman, Christian Advocate editor; George T. Cobb, mid-19th century United States
7 Congressman; James M. Buckley, Christian Advocate Editor; Henry Anson Buttz, President of Drew Theological
8 Seminary and eight time delegate to General Conference; Jesse Lyman Hulbert, Executive Secretary of the
9 national Sunday School Department and editor of its publications.

10 **Rationale** Morristown United Methodist Church played an important role in the development and ministry of
11 the former Newark Annual Conference. Further, its pastors and laypersons also helped to shape and guide the
12 denomination in many important ways that are still felt today through their contributions to education and
13 publishing within the larger American Methodist landscape.

14 **Therefore be it resolved** that the role Morristown United Methodist Church in the history of Morris County,
15 Northern New Jersey and national United Methodism throughout its storied ministry deserves to be recognized
16 by the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference as one of its historic sites.

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18 Archives and History

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