

Aldersgate Legislation

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Whereas, in 2017 Greater New Jersey adopted a 10-year Next Generation Ministries Plan to develop a sustainable and fruitful Next Generation youth and young adults’ ministry in GNJ that will nurture new generations of enthusiastic disciples of Jesus Christ who are connecting, growing in and leading ministry in their congregations and participating as healthy young people in a global society, and

Whereas, the Main Camp Property at Aldersgate requires a minimum of \$4 million in deferred maintenance and building costs to be operational and has an annual cost of \$50,000 for insurance, caretaking and other expenses, and

Whereas, on April 5, 1885, by Missionary Henry Appenzeller, the Methodist churches in South Korea and the Korean United Methodist churches in the United States received the Gospel and now the Korean churches have grown to preach the Gospel in the world. The Appenzeller Chapel was the first chapel built in the United States by the efforts of Korean Methodist churches to remember the sacrifice of Missionary Appenzeller who was devoted to preach the Gospel to South Korea; not to forget the debt of the Gospel; and also to pass down the legacy to our children, and

Whereas, on June 21, 1998 the Appenzeller Chapel was built and consecrated through the sacrificial donations of more than \$550,000 from Methodist Churches in South Korea and the United States, and on October 20, 2002 the Forsman Pool Complex was dedicated and named by a donation of \$430,000 from Chatham UMC in memory of Rev. Dale Forsman, as well as other United Methodist churches, organizations and individuals. We want to honor and maintain the sacrifice, the prayers, and the will of the churches, organizations, and individuals who funded the Appenzeller Chapel and Forsman Pool Complex.

Be it resolved, that the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference authorizes sale of property or properties at Aldersgate Center currently owned by Next Generation Ministries.

Be it further resolved, that income from the transfer or sale of the camp property or properties at Aldersgate Center be used to support Next Generation Ministries camping and retreat ministries in GNJ, and that this is shared in a report to GNJ Annual Conference 2021 including how to honor and pass on the legacy of joy, generosity, faith and leadership formation through the years at Aldersgate Center.

Be it further resolved, that after the sale of property or properties at Aldersgate Center, Next Generation Ministries authorizes a portion of the sale amount to be used to honor the mission and legacy of Henry Appenzeller and Dale Forsman to continue the spirit of Appenzeller and Forsman.

Be it further resolved, that the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference expresses its thanksgiving for all the blessings made possible by clergy and laity who have contributed to the ministry and mission, and who have been raised into ministry, through the camp properties at Aldersgate Center in Swartswood, NJ.

Respectfully submitted,
Samuel Perez, Chair, Next Generation Ministries Board of Trustees