

these are musical settings of Charles Wesley texts by United Methodist Carlton Young and by Paul G. Murphy of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, and a new paraphrase of the Latin *Ubi caritas* by Episcopal hymnwriter Carl P. Daw, Jr.

The liturgy is also multilingual—in at least twelve languages when counting all the services—and draws on resources outside of the immediate Methodist/Wesleyan family as an expression of the catholicity of our body. The Committee is grateful to Dr. John J. Park of Chelmsford, Massachusetts for the translations into Korean and to the Boston University School of Theology for providing the funds to support the work of translation.

It had been the Committee's hope to offer daily eucharist in one or more of the hotels throughout the duration of the Conference and to provide a worship booklet containing the Conference services and other worship resources, but these opportunities did not in the end prove feasible.

ADDENDUM 27a

Youth Committee Report for 2006 World Methodist Council Meeting

Sisters and brothers I bring you greetings on behalf of the Youth Committee. Throughout these past five years we have worked diligently for the World Methodist Council.

Even though we only met at the two Executive Committee meetings as a Youth Committee, we found ways to work together throughout the whole five years — making sure our work has been continuous.

One of the many things that is different this term, from previous terms, is that the Youth Presidium Officer was very involved with the youth work of the Council. She was very active with the Youth Committee and representing youth concerns and issues to the officers and other groups throughout the world.

The main role of the Youth Committee this term has been building relationships with the regional Methodist youth networks in different areas of the world. These networks include the Council of Evangelical Methodist Churches in Latin America and the Caribbean, Asian Methodist Youth Network, West Africa Youth Network, East Africa Youth Network, Southern Africa Youth Network, and the European Methodist Youth Committee. We have been able to follow the work that these networks are doing in their own regions. This has helped us to gain greater understandings of what young people are doing in the church in different countries around the world. We have been able to work in partnership with them in ways that are supportive and not imposing. We hope to continue developing these

Over these past five years, we've been supportive of other youth activities around the world and participated in events and activities when invited.

We continue to experience some frustrations in our work together. Some of these frustrations are due to our own internal structure and we are working to fix these issues. Communication is a challenge for us. We understand communication to be a two-way process and we struggled to have people communicating in both directions. Oftentimes members were not responsive to our communication.

Another challenge we faced was maintaining good relations with regional youth networks. We need to place more emphasis on these relationships. The Youth Committee has to have a global view of youth work and needs to share with and receive information from other organizations that have smaller regional and national views.

At the last Executive Committee Meeting we reported that we would organize the second International Methodist Young Leaders Seminar to be held before this World Methodists Council Meeting. We really wanted to make this happen. As we began planning for it we were faced with the reality of how difficult it would actually be to have this seminar. We did not have the human power, time, or money to organize this seminar in a way that would meet our goals and objectives. Because of these difficulties, and our commitments to be good stewards of our resources, we decided it would be most responsible for us to cancel our International Methodist Young Leaders Seminar. This decision was met with great disappointment, but was the right thing to do.

Upon our canceling the seminar, the Methodist Youth Fellowship of Korea decided to organize their own youth leaders seminar. This seminar would be for young people from around the world and take place here in Seoul just before this Council Meeting. The WMC Youth Committee was extremely grateful to the Korean Church for taking the leadership in organizing this seminar.

The seminar was held from July 12-17 at the Methodist Theological Seminary. Seventeen young people from various countries throughout Asia came together for this seminar and were joined by another 25 or 30 young people from Korea. The theme of the seminar was "Be the Seed of Peace" and participants were challenged to be peacemakers who work for justice and reconciliation in their personal lives, churches and the society at large. Seminars and workshops focused on biblical perspectives of peacemaking, human rights from the perspective of the minority, and militarization by globalization. Saturday was an exposure day where participants visited the demilitarized zone between North and South Korea, a community being pushed off of their farming land so that the US military can expand one of its 100+ military bases in Korea, and the House of Sharing where comfort women who were forced to become sex-slaves during World War II now live. These exposure trips enabled participants to see real issues of injustice where reconciliation is needed.

Participants from the youth seminar prepared the following statement for the World Methodist Council and asked that we read it here at the Council Meeting.

We now want to report some of the real challenges and realities that the Youth Committee faces as it works with Youth and Young Adults for the World Methodist Council.

We strongly believe youth and young adults need to be involved in the total work and life of the Council, not just the Youth Committee, thus they need to be represented on all standing committees. Before this can happen, young people need to know more about the World Methodist Council and what it does.

Continuity is a major concern of the Youth Committee. Today there are only two of the 13 members of the last Youth Committee who are a part of this new council. We understand there to be two reasons for this fact. First, current understandings of the age limits for the Youth Committee make it so that young people need to be under 25 years of age when they begin their term with the council. When this happens they are then only able to serve one term before they are considered too old to be youth. The second challenge is that most young people who participate in the Council are not people who come with strong connections in their national or regional youth networks. This means they do not have ties to youth organizations that can support them in this work over the next five years. Additionally they do not have clear understandings of and experience with youth organizing.

The work, potential and expectations of the Youth Committee have grown to exceed the capacity of an all-volunteer committee made up of youth. This can be seen through our need to cancel the International Methodist Youth Leadership Seminar as originally planned due to lack of time, money, and staff. We also have many other programs and projects that we want to do, however we are limited in the resources we have to carry out these plans.

We sincerely believe that the WMC will not grow or survive into the future without the active involvement of younger generations of the church. We want to encourage young people to use their gifts and talents to serve their churches and the broader society. We want the World Methodist Council to help in this effort.

To help overcome these challenges and realities that we face, we bring three resolutions to the Council today.

We thank you for the opportunity to work with the World Methodist Council for these past five years. We believe we have accomplished a lot of work and paved the way for better work in the future.

ADDENDUM 27b

INTERNATIONAL METHODIST YOUNG LEADERS SEMINAR METHODIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY - SEOUL, KOREA JULY 12—17, 2006

A STATEMENT TO THE WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL

WE, as young people from Korea, Japan, Taiwan, China, Myanmar, Singapore, Indonesia, Philippines, India, Pakistan, and United States, representing Methodist and other churches, gathered as one for the International Young Methodist Leaders Seminar. We experienced the opportunity to express our concerns, learn from each other, share our thoughts in various and creative ways, and experienced some of the most pressing issues in Korea. Finally, we pledge to support each other as we strive to attain peace in our own simple ways.

As the young people of the Methodist Church we declare the following:

1. God created the world and humans with an understanding of wholeness, righteousness, and perfection. This principle of creation is shalom. Even though God's love is unlimited, humans broke the divine promise, however, God does not give up on us and remains faithful. God wants to restore the broken relationship of creation and so Jesus was sent as a sacrifice for this restoration. Shalom is God's plan for the world.
2. We live in a world where we experience the brokenness of God's creation everyday. During the seminar we are reminded of conflicts and sufferings throughout humanity. The conflicts between North Korea and South Korea, India and Pakistan, Israel and neighboring States, and the troubles in every part of the globe brought by US—led militarism and globalization. We were likewise reminded of the challenges, discrimination, and polarization of minority groups throughout society's experience.
3. Living in the midst of brokenness, we declare that we deserve a world of respect, love and genuine concern for all, where violence, discrimination and injustice are eradicated. Therefore, we commit ourselves to education, analysis of current issues and social structures, and advocacy for the transformation of God's creation.