

1 Section 6: Administration

2 COMMISSION on ARCHIVES and HISTORY

3 *Anna Bates, Chair*

4 101. The Commission on Archives and History acts as a catalyst to learn from our past and to inspire our future.
5 2019 was a typical year for the Commission; 2020 started with hopeful and ambitious plans, but progress
6 since the COVID-19 outbreak has been challenging.

7 102. The focus for the CAH during 2019 was producing a video about Jesse Lee, which was shown at the 2019
8 New York Annual Conference, as well as creating an educational brochure. Both commemorated the 230th
9 anniversary of Jesse Lee’s church building mission, particularly in New England, and were well-received at
10 Annual Conference 2019. In the latter half of the year, the Commission continued planning for our “Telling
11 Our Stories” project, initiated in 2017. We are planning a storytelling training program with two
12 professional storytellers. CAH contacted Donald Davis and Sheila Arnold, who agreed to participate in the
13 program. Planning has been difficult due to COVID-19, but we continue to anticipate putting on the
14 program in November 2020, whether a small in-person program, a virtual program, or a hybrid version.

15 103. The Northeast Jurisdictional Conference’s annual meeting was held in May 2019 in Johnstown,
16 Pennsylvania. The New York contingent included Beth Patkus, Marilyn Hatch, and Anna Bates. The
17 Northeast Jurisdictional Conference’s 2020 annual meeting has been postponed until 2021.

18 104. Local history grants to help local churches take care of their records management, historical documents
19 and archives were inaugurated in 2014. In 2019 three churches received preservation grants: Chinese
20 UMC in Manhattan received \$250, Golden Hill UMC in Bridgeport, CT received \$500, and Simsbury UMC in
21 CT received \$250. Due to the pandemic, we do not plan to award grants for 2020.

22 CONFERENCE ARCHIVIST AND RECORDS MANAGER

23 *Beth Patkus, Archivist*

24 101. In 2019 I continued to work with the Commission on Archives and History to achieve its goal of acting as a
25 catalyst to learn from our past and inspire our future. I continued the day-to-day activities of managing
26 the archives collections, answering reference inquiries, and providing services to local churches. In
27 addition, I continued to administer the transfer and scanning of district records as part of the
28 consolidation of the six district offices. Specifically, I worked to:

29 102. **Answer inquiries.** During 2019 I responded to 180 requests for information, covering genealogy, church
30 history and records management, pastoral records and conference activities. Thus far in 2020 I have
31 responded to 110 inquiries. The Archives, housed at the Conference Center in White Plains, NY, was open
32 Monday through Thursday during 2019 and early 2020, and the archivist has been working from home
33 since March 2020. The Archivist can be reached at any time via email to archives@nyac.com.

34 103. **Manage the archives collections.** The Archives took in approximately 35 linear feet of local church,
35 district, and conference records in 2019. As time permits I add to the archives computer catalog and
36 “catablog”, which provides an online listing of CAH collections (at www.nyac-umc.org).

37 104. **Develop and present workshops.** I visited several churches/cooperative parishes to give short records
38 management workshops in 2019, including Richmond Hill: United in Queens, Southeastern Dutchess
39 Cooperative Parish in NY, and Northwest Parish in CT. Workshops, manuals, and on-site help are always
40 available for local congregations.

- 1 105. **Administer the local church grant program.** Grant recipients in 2019 were Chinese UMC in Manhattan,
2 Golden Hill UMC in Bridgeport, and Simsbury UMC in CT. The program guidelines and application form are
3 normally made available at www.nyac.com/archives/localchurchgrantprogram, but the Commission
4 decided to cancel the grant program for 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic, since churches were
5 unable to be in their buildings to work with records in person. I look forward to re-starting it when that
6 becomes possible.
- 7 106. **Engage in outreach to publicize the Archives.** I continue to maintain the Archives web pages found at
8 <http://www.nyac.com/archives> and produce a newsletter one to two times a year. I staffed the CAH table
9 at 2019 Annual Conference and attended the NEJCAH meeting in Johnstown, PA in May 2019.
- 10 107. **Administer the district scanning project.** In spring 2017 I took on responsibility for digitization of the
11 church and clergy records maintained by the six NYAC district offices as part of the project to relocate
12 those offices to the conference center. During 2019 sorting and scanning of those records continued.

13 **COMMITTEE on PARISH DEVELOPMENT**

14 *Rev. Marjorie E. Nunes, Chair*

- 15 101. **Introduction:** We serve the churches of the New York Annual Conference by making loans and grants
16 throughout the year to help churches with facility improvements and new ministries to enhance their
17 ability to make disciples. I need to thank the members of our Committee who faithfully come out to
18 meetings at the Conference Center in order to make this happen. I especially want to thank our district
19 chairs and their committees who give us the information we need to make these decisions.
- 20 102. **Our Guidelines:** “The Committee,” which usually meets four times a year, has 10 at-large members
21 elected to 2-year terms with a 6-year maximum. It also includes chairs of all the District Parish
22 Development Committees, all District Superintendents, the Director of Congregational Development, the
23 Director of Connectional Ministries, the Conference CFO, representatives from the Council on Finance &
24 Administration, the United Methodist City Society, the Commission on Equitable Compensation, and
25 ethnic caucuses. In the Committee, a quorum consists of those who are present and voting. The
26 Committee has the following functions: (1) Making the final determination annually for ministry and
27 mission grants (including requests for Missional Priorities), (2) Making loans and grants for capital projects
28 out of the Conference revolving loan fund; (3) Taking on other responsibilities as defined by the
29 conference and the committee.
- 30 103. **Revolving Loan Fund:** As of December 31, 2019, our Revolving Loan Fund balance was \$661,771. We had a
31 total of 55 loans receivable with a total due of \$2,072,380. We had 17 delinquent loans amounting to
32 \$584,634.02 for which no payment had been received within the last 12 months. This continues to worry
33 the committee and we hope the churches in question will pay or offer some plan for settlement. Our
34 interest rate — now at 6% — allows us to maintain the fund and to provide small capital grants along with
35 the loans. Invested funds under the stewardship of the Committee remain in the custody and
36 management of the Frontier Foundation and include monies for New Church Development when they are
37 available.
- 38 104. **District Capital & Ministry Needs Fund:** This account is used for special capital or ministry needs with
39 special consideration given to the district within which the property is sold. It is funded by 40% of the net
40 proceeds of the sale of discontinued churches. We ended the year 2019 with a balance of \$1,695,771.

1 105. **Church Growth & Development Fund:** This account is used for new church starts or expansion of local
 2 church or annual conference ministries. It is funded by 40% of net proceeds of the sale of discontinued
 3 churches. We ended the year 2019 with a balance of \$565,594.

4 106. **Mission Funds:** Looking at requests from each District and reviewing information from the Cabinet and the
 5 United Methodist City Society about Equitable Salary and Salary Supplements, the Committee tries to
 6 fairly distribute the available Parish Development — Mission/Missional Priority funds at our February 2020
 7 meeting. The 2019 budget was \$360,000 made up of \$160,000 for Mission Grants, \$120,000 for Missional
 8 Priority, and \$80,000 for Long Term Mission programs. The actual amount funded was \$342,940 (100% of
 9 Mission Grants or \$179,000, 90% of Mission Priority or \$163,940, and 90% of Long Term programs or
 10 \$72,000). For the year 2020, Mission and Missional Priority Grants totaling \$310,500 will be made to 44
 11 ministries in all six districts for disbursement on a quarterly basis. Details can be seen below:

**NYAC Parish Development Committee
 2019 Mission Grant Applications**

107. District/Church	Amount Requested	Mission Priority Approved	Mission Grant Approved
Catskill Hudson			
Clinton Ave. (Long Term)			36,000
Liberty	26,000	22,000	
Monticello	9,000	8,000	
Kerhonkson	25,000	5,000	
Ellenville	2,500		2,000
Phoenicia	1,000		1,000
Saugerties	6,000		5,500
St. James	8,000		2,000
Walton	3,000		2,500
Cat/Hud Totals		35,000	49,000
Connecticut			
1st and Summerfield	5,000		5,000
Summerfield Bridgept.	10,000	10,000	
St. Andrew NW	6,000		6,000
Wethersfield	1,000		1,000
Waterbury	6,000	6,000	
CT Totals		16,000	12,000
Long Island East			
Bellmore	8,000		2,000
Freeport	4,000		2,500
Hampton Bays	1,500		1,500
Huntington-Cold Spring	1,500		1,500
Hicksville	20,000	15,000	
Hicksville	10,000	9,000	
New Dream UMC	8,000		8,000
Patchogue	4,284	4,000	
Plainview	5,000		1,500

1	St. Paul	1,500		1,500
2	UMC Babylon	2,400		1,000
3	Westbury	16,000	14,000	
4	LIE Totals		42,000	19,500
5	Long Island West			
6	Bethany (Bklyn)	14,000		10,000
7	Bethel	8,000		4,000
8	First Jamaica	8,000		4,000
9	Grace St. Albans	5,000		3,000
10	Grace St. Albans	14,000	10,000	
11	Newman Memorial	2,000		2,000
12	St. Paul's	12,000		7,000
13	Union (Queens)	5,000		3,000
14	Far Rockaway (Long Term)			36,000
15	LIW Totals		10,000	69,000
16	Metropolitan			
17	Chinese UMC	5,000		5,000
18	Christ (Staten Island)	5,000		5,000
19	Co-op City	3,000		3,000
20	Epworth-Bronx	7,000		7,000
21	St. Paul & St. Andrew	5,000		5,000
22	Trinity White Plains	7,000		6,000
23	Wakefield Grace	5,000		5,000
24	Woodycrest	8,000		7,000
25	MET Totals			43,000
26	New York/Connecticut			
27	New Milford-Edenville	15,000		15,000
28	NY/CT Totals			15,000
29	Grand Totals		\$103,000	\$207,500
30				\$310,500

31 CONFERENCE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

32 *Leslie Vachon, Chair*

33 101. The Personnel Committee of the New York Annual Conference is the Human Resources authority for lay
34 conference staff who work at the Conference Center and our two camps. For clergy appointed to staff
35 positions, the Committee provides personnel support to the Bishop and the Cabinet. Under general
36 guidance from the Bishop, the Committee performs the typical duties of a Human Resources Director
37 either directly or through the offices of the CFO & Director of Administrative Services and the HR &
38 Benefits Manager.

39 102. The Committee also consults with and supports various NYAC committees, commissions and officers on
40 personnel matters and seeks to be a resource to local churches and their leadership in human resource
41 and staffing concerns.

- 1 103. In this capacity, the Committee has worked with the following group over the past year: Conference
2 Camping & Retreat Ministry – The Committee was consulted during the hiring process for a new Program
3 Director and part time facilities assistant at Quinipet.
- 4 104. Conference Staff — The Committee is continuing the practice of meeting one-on-one with each of the staff
5 members at the Conference Center. We hope to show care and support for the staff members and to educate
6 our Committee on the various positions held by the dedicated and gifted people who serve our Annual
7 Conference.
- 8 105. In March of 2020 the Conference Center staff moved to working remotely from their homes. There were some
9 technical problems that got resolve quickly, but overall, our Conference staff has met this challenge with
10 enthusiasm and good humor. We are grateful for their dedication in continuing to provide unparalleled
11 service to the churches, pastors and lay leadership in our Conference.
- 12 106. I would like to thank the members of the Committee for their thoughtful participation in our work,
13 with a special thank you to our Conference staff liaisons, executive staff members Ross Williams, Sally
14 Truglia, and Matt Curry.

15 **CONFERENCE RULES COMMITTEE**

16 ***Chairperson: Gennifer Brooks***

- 17 101. The committee met three times virtually by Zoom protocol. Bishop Bickerton attended the second
18 meeting and updated the committee on the state of the plans that were in process for holding the 2020
19 annual conference.
- 20 102. In light of the COVID-19 restrictions with respect to in-person gatherings, the committee reviewed the
21 2019 Rules of Order and made several suggestions with respect to the requirements for engaging the
22 business of the annual conference.
- 23 103. Following the meeting with the bishop, further additions were made with respect to the rules to be
24 presented to the annual conference. Following are the additions and revisions to the 2019 Rules for
25 approval by the members of the 2020 annual conference.
- 26 104. **Additions:**
- 27 105. The gathering of the members of the NYAC for the purpose of the business of the annual conference may
28 be in physical, virtual or hybrid form, but regardless of format shall consist of clergy and duly elected lay
29 members plus all other members as specified in “Section G. Membership” of the 2019 Conference Rules of
30 Order.
- 31 106. All persons elected to positions arising from The General Conference shall remain in those positions until
32 after the delayed 2020 General Conference shall be held.
- 33 107. **Amendments:**
- 34 108. Following are the amendments recommended to the 2019 NYAC Rules of Order:
- 35 109. **D. Rules of Order for Legislative Sections**
- 36 There will be no Legislative Sections. All attendees to the annual conference will receive all committee
37 reports via the NYAC website and will be invited to submit any questions for clarification ahead of annual
38 conference. These will be passed to the originator of the report and revisions will be made as needed. The

1 updated report shall be posted on the website for further review. Presentation of reports at the annual
2 conference will be presented for affirmation by the body.

3 **110. E. Reports, Resolutions, Petitions and Motions**

4 Reports will be presented to the annual and handled as stated above. There will be no Resolutions or
5 Petitions accepted for this annual conference therefore the issue of motions is moot.

6 **111. F. The Conference Budget**

7 Similar to the process for reports, the conference budget shall be presented to members by means of the
8 website. Questions or comments from members will be submitted via the website and will be responded
9 to by the appropriate representative of CCFA, and as appropriate the budget will be adjusted to
10 accommodate any required changes. The final budget with appropriate annotation, will be presented for
11 approval to the members of the annual conference at the time of the NYAC meeting.

12 **112. I. Nomination and Election to Conference Agencies**

13 The membership of all committees and other conference agencies shall remain the same as constituted
14 and elected at the 2019 NYAC. Persons who would otherwise have rotated off any NYAC committee will be
15 permitted to remain in place through 2020/2021. There are two agencies that are excepted from this rule:
16 The Board of Ministry (class of 2008) and the Board of Trustees.

17 113. Thanks to Beverley Peck Risi for her service on the committee and welcome to lay member: Patricia
18 Archibald.

19 114. The current members of the committee are: Patricia Archibald, Gennifer Brooks, Leo W. Curry, Veronica
20 Darby, Alfrida Figueroa, Vicky Fleming, Robert Hunsinger, Sungmu Lee, Conference Secretary Margaret
21 Howe, Cabinet representative Timothy Riss and Beth Capen (Judicial Council member).

22 115. My thanks and appreciation to all the members of the committee for their diligent work.

23 116. Requests for changes to the Conference Rules of Order should be directed to Gennifer Brooks by email at
24 Gennifer.brooks@Garrett.edu or by mail to 325 Beau Drive, Des Plaines, IL 60016.

25 **CONFERENCE SECRETARY**

26 ***Margaret Howe, Conference Secretary***

27 101. And then there WAS and IS and CONTINUES to be COVID-19! And there WAS and IS and CONTINUES to be
28 the issues of Racism. As I was writing this at the end of June, I struggled to sometimes know what to do –
29 people sick and dying of COVID and people of color being killed; our churches worshipping in virtual ways
30 trying to reach their congregations; pastors being stretched into unfamiliar arenas; our children have seen
31 graduations from nursery schools through college not happen; our first responders, doctors, nurses
32 working to beyond capacity. I looked at this recently and had to update it – and say the opening sentence
33 is still true – and perhaps even more serious. Through all of this our Bishop – Bishop Bickerton has been
34 the light that shines – giving us hope.

35 102. COVID-19 – cases lessened in our area and churches began to reopen. Then, perhaps we got a little
36 careless as new cases appeared. – why - we ALL were not following the guidelines! Please wear your
37 mask, wash your hands, keep your distance, if feeling ill stay home. Often very difficult!

38 103. RACISM – it so continues and we see it every day. The NYAC is now committed to becoming an Anti Racist
39 Annual Conference. Yes, the right thing to do and I am COMMITTED to doing my part.

- 1 104. As your Conference Secretary I continue to do the work outlined for me. The new Conference year started
2 and we all began our work – summer saw the moving and settling in of pastors as the itineracy of
3 Methodism was at work. Fall brought the new church season and getting ready for those homecoming
4 celebrations and preparing for the fall and Advent and Christmas. The winter and a time of short rest
5 before the next preparations for Lent and Easter – and then COVID-19!
- 6 105. Let’s talk about Statistical Tables. We are getting better at the completion rate – 99%. However getting
7 them completed and submitted without verifying the data is not the way to reach 100%. If one of the
8 tables indicates a warning – an answer is required. We continue to follow John Wesley and move towards
9 perfection. You should know that Bishop Bickerton uses this data to provide some of the statistics in
10 addressing many of our conference concerns. Every four years GCFA takes a look at the questions for all of
11 the conferences – it is not just New York who completes this data – and makes revisions, adds questions,
12 highlights areas of concern. That will take place this year. Even with COVID-19 we will complete this
13 series of tables!
- 14 106. District Statisticians play a vital role in making sure all churches complete this data accurately. I anticipate
15 new statisticians this year and we will have the necessary training – will not have to travel – we will do via
16 ZOOM.
- 17 107. I continue to be concerned with the completion or lack of completion of the Charge Conference
18 Leadership Reports. There has been much work to make this easier for you. This is done through the
19 Church Online Dashboard. This spring we added a User Guide to the online information. This update
20 should be done immediately following your annual Church Charge Conference – those leadership positions
21 just elected. Please try to do it at that time. However anytime you have a leadership change or addition
22 you can input that data immediately. These names are critical to the proper functioning of the Annual
23 Conference – the people responsible for Leadership in particular areas – receive that material and
24 information important to churches – finance, treasurers, lay leaders, trustees, lay members, lay servants
25 and so much more. This is a critical administrative function of the pastor! Any questions – my email is
26 available to all!
- 27 108. And then there was COVID and ongoing RACISM and through it all – I trust in Jesus, I try to make sure I am
28 living within the means of grace, I read our Bishop’s words of hope and love and affirmation. Again I quote
29 Philippians 4:4 – my favorite scripture “Rejoice in the Lord, again I will say rejoice”. A scripture although
30 right now, often hard to see and live into the words. I try to remember what my grandmother taught me
31 that however difficult life might be – to always “rejoice in the LORD”. Amen.

32 CONFERENCE SESSIONS COMMITTEE

33 **Stephen J. Allen, Chair**

- 34 101. The 220th Session of the New York Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church was held at Hofstra
35 University on June 6–9, 2019, under the leadership of Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton, with the theme:
36 *Pathways & Possibilities: Journeying Together.*
- 37 102. The Conference Sessions Committee is charged with planning, organizing, and facilitating the event,
38 creating a challenging, inspiring, and meaningful experience for lay and clergy members and guests. We
39 pray that we have been faithful to that charge.
- 40 103. Our committee met monthly to sing, reflect, decide, fine-tune, and fellowship. We are blessed with the
41 outstanding support of the Conference staff, and the enthusiastic engagement of lay and clergy

1 volunteers. And we are deeply grateful for the wise, Spirit-filled leadership of Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton.
2 I want to thank each of them for their passion and participation.

3 104. The Session itself was particularly poignant. The year before, we had elected our delegation for the Special
4 Session of General Conference, consciously electing a significant voice from among the many qualified
5 LGBTQI+ members of our Annual Conference. And yet, General Conference saw fit to adopt the
6 Traditional Plan as the pathway forward for The United Methodist Church. Many of us were deeply
7 wounded. Yet we embraced our theme, *Journeying Together*, and began the process of healing
8 transformation, a process which will be ongoing for some time to come.

9 105. We heard inspiring sermons and uplifting music. We honored scholars and mission teams. We glimpsed
10 new possibilities. We embraced our diversity. We were uplifted and commissioned to new life.

11 106. Annual Conference 2019 was poignant. It affected us deeply. It was memorable. It was a time of sorrow
12 and celebration. It reminded us that in a profound way our pathways and possibilities will always find us
13 journeying together. Praise God!

14 THE UNITED METHODIST CITY SOCIETY 2019 – 2020

15 Rev. Dr. William Shillady

16 101. “CELEBRATE CHILDREN” - *Jesus Blesses Little Children*

17 ¹³ People were bringing little children to him in order that he might
18 touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus
19 saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children
20 come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the
21 kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the
22 kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took them
23 up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. Mark 10: 13-
24 16

25 102. At our 181st annual meeting this year, we celebrated and highlighted
26 our ministry to children in the metropolitan area and at Camp Olmsted.

27 103. There is no better passage in the scriptures concerning children than
28 this wonderful scene that appears in three of the gospels, so often
29 taught in Sunday School. We probably all remember the wonderful
30 picture books showing Jesus sitting on a rock with a flock of school age
31 children around him.

32 104. In the Greco-Roman World children were viewed merely as property,
33 without value until they could work for the family farm or business. Children were thought so little of in
34 the Roman world that child abandonment and even infanticide were rampant.

35 105. One of the great missions of the early Christian church was trying to save children who had been
36 abandoned by their parents in the wilderness. Historically, the Christian community has always been
37 compassionate and loving in their treatment of children.

38 106. This mission comes from Jesus’s view of children. And we at the City Society, like Jesus, value the children
39 who participate in all our programs and ministries. We want the best for them. We want them to feel
40 Christ’s blessing through our camp, afterschool programs, summer programs, and in all the churches we
41 support. Since our beginnings in 1838, 181 years ago, the City Society has valued children and cared for



- 1 them. The Methodist women saw the need to move outside the comfort of their church buildings to
2 teach children to read. They wanted to show the value of children who often were forced into child labor
3 by their parents and the social conditions of the time.
- 4 107. The Society began with the priority that children must be blessed and taught; that they are valued as
5 children of God. The women established the forerunner of the “charity schools” which then became
6 public schools. It was in the midst of appalling slum conditions, child labor, pervasive crime and gang
7 fighting that these courageous Methodist women went to the Five Points neighborhood and
8 demonstrated the power of their religious faith. Linked with love and compassion, they helped children
9 and their families to be blessed by the Spirit of Jesus Christ.
- 10 108. In the 1868 annual report of the New York Sunday School and Missionary Society of the Methodist
11 Episcopal Church we read:
- 12 109. *“Throughout the year constant and incessant attention has been given to the special duty of gathering
13 neglected and un-cared for children to our Sabbath schools. Upon this body of voluntary laborers, we look
14 with pleasure and delight upon their Christian enthusiasm, pious zeal, and self-sacrificing spirit to their
15 devoted attachment to children.”*
- 16 110. *“It is a high privilege of rescuing from moral blight, and shielding from the destroyer, the little ones, like
17 those whom Jesus once called to him and blessed.”*
- 18 111. Throughout our history we have prioritized the care and instruction of children as our strategic mission.
19 The Society, through its many programs and ministries seeks to bless children and help them know they
20 are loved and valued, that they can become anything they dream they can be.
- 21 112. In fact, the Board of Directors of the City Society has committed an additional \$250,000 to our children’s
22 program for the next three years. Thanks to the repurposing of our properties, we are able to provide
23 these committed funds. We want to ramp up and make our programs an excellent example of Jesus’s
24 blessing, of learning, and excellence for the children in our care.
- 25 113. We want to encourage the churches who manage these programs to achieve greater milestones and
26 outcomes. And we want to help start more programs in other congregations. April Callender and Aisha
27 Campbell will provide the consultation and expertise to help churches value and bless the children in our
28 care.
- 29 114. This past year, the Society with the support of the Pinkerton Foundation and the Clark Foundation, was
30 able to provide \$100,000 to the children’s program. UMCS budgeted \$40,000 for summer camps and
31 vacation Bible schools.
- 32 115. Camp Olmsted, afterschool programs, summer camps and vacation Bible schools will remain a priority.
33 The annual support to all these programs is close to \$400,000 thanks to the donations of so many. The
34 additional \$250,000 will help to make our children’s program an excellent vehicle for caring for the
35 children. The Society will continue to make it priority for programming for our children and the churches
36 who minister to them.
- 37 116. Our Camp Olmsted summer program has become a model of the value of children. With the support of so
38 many churches and individuals, we are providing an inclusive and diverse program – because we need one
39 another, no matter our culture, our color, or our economic levels – to make this world a better place.
- 40 117. In 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr. was moving our nation to confront the outrage of racism and condemning
41 the inequality that existed between blacks and whites, preaching a message of love, non-violence and

1 respect for all people. During the August March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, in which he called
2 for civil and economic rights and an end to racism, we heard the memorable "I have a dream" sermon on
3 the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, including:

4 118. *"I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former*
5 *slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood."*

6 119. The Society, through our many programs and ministries is trying our best to teach our children to sit at the
7 table of humanity. To love and respect, not hate and fear others who may look or seem different. In our
8 afterschool programs, our children are taught respect and compassion for others. It helps them to know
9 of God's love for them that they must share with the world. They sit together at the tables of learning.

10 120. We especially see this at Camp Olmsted, which provides a unique opportunity for children to learn to
11 respect people no matter the color of their skin. You see, at the camp, about half of the children now
12 come from the surrounding communities of Orange County. These suburban children attending our camp
13 during the day meet, many for the first time, inner-city children -- many of whom have never been to the
14 country.

15 121. At camp, they work together in teams, learning to respect one another and build self-esteem, support,
16 respect, and cooperation with their teammates. Children -- red, yellow, black and white -- sit down
17 together at the dining hall. They play together, learn together, sing and dance together. Our camp is
18 teaching children not to hate and fear, but to love each other with courage and conviction. Yes, they sit at
19 the table of humanity.

20 122. Our work is transformative as we offer excellence in all our programs that bless children. We have a very
21 high standard of training and program as an American Camp Association approved property.

22 123. Jesus called to the infants, saying, *"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such*
23 *belongs the kingdom of God."* Jesus says, "Come." He values children -- they are not barred from his
24 presence or his blessings. There is no barrier here.

25 124. So every year, in our afterschool programs and our summer camps, and especially at Camp Olmsted, we
26 are entrusted with children. We want them to know of God's love and grace. We want to help them
27 become better human beings. We want them to learn to accept one another, no matter their color or
28 capacity.

29 125. Our promise to donors who support the camp: that Camp Olmsted and our staff will nurture and help all
30 the children to have a wonderful time at our inclusive camp.

31 126. Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton came to visit Camp Olmsted this summer. She met with the recipients of
32 the scholarship that we established in her name three years ago. In spite of becoming a grandmother for
33 the third time on the day before her visit, she kept her commitment to visit the camp.

34 127. As she was leaving, she said to the staff that the children "radiated joy." She was impressed.

35 128. Secretary Clinton said in a speech to the American Camp Association in March of 2015 that "camping
36 really is about life skills, it's about that village I wrote about all those years ago, it's about bringing adults
37 and kids together in ways that really build confidence and resilience and try to give kids not only skills but
38 great memories, great connections."

39 129. All of our activities at Camp Olmsted aim to do that very thing. To build strong resilient, confident
40 children, to build self-reliance balanced with team work, and to make camp life-changing in developing
41 friendships and memories that last well beyond the final campfire.

- 1 130. Let the children come!
- 2 131. Those who support our work at the Society are helping us to build leaders for the 21st century and beyond.
3 Through camp, through our summer camp programs at churches, and through our after-school programs
4 throughout the city Connecticut and Long Island, we value and bless children as Jesus would have us do.
5 We teach independence, resiliency, teamwork, problem-solving skills, and the ability to relate to others
6 are the transformative habits that make our ministry great. And the kids have fun too!
- 7 132. HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR MINISTRY AND COLLABORATION IN 2018–2019
- 8 133. As you read this report, you will see the highlights of all of our programs and ministries. You will read
9 about Anchor House, Five Points Mission with Camp Olmsted and the retreat program at Olmsted Center,
10 the United Methodist Center of Far Rockaway, our partnerships with the United Methodist Churches in
11 Long Island East, Long Island West, Metropolitan, and the New York-Connecticut Districts, our
12 collaboration with New York Annual Conference, affordable housing programs, children’s program, and
13 many other aspects of the work of the Society.
- 14 134. UMCS distributed mission grants, grants from property sales for ministry and salary support throughout
15 the metro area. We participated in the NYAC’s focus in the Bronx and Brooklyn. We provide in-kind rental
16 value to the Society’s titled properties, grants for capital work through a matching grant application
17 process, our regular mission and outreach grants, plus designated gifts we received. This grant giving
18 totaled \$2,532,766, compared to the previous year at \$1,325,183 (in 2009 grants given were \$202,000.)
- 19 135. Over the last 12 years, the Society has distributed \$11.9 Million in grants to churches. These include all
20 cash grants for church programs, including the children’s program funds for afterschool and summer camp
21 programs. These do not include the in-kind management, consultation of the staff, and “rental value” of
22 the properties.
- 23 136. To highlight the grant distributions:
- 24 · \$8.05 Million to Black congregations (65.9%)
 - 25 · \$3.25 Million to Latinx congregations (27.0%)
 - 26 · \$311,000 to Asian congregations (2.5%)
 - 27 · \$373,000 to multicultural congregations (2.9%)
 - 28 · \$234,700 to white congregations (1.7%).
- 29 137. When we include all the funds that the Society gives to Anchor House, Far Rockaway, Camp Olmsted, and
30 JFON, Urban Ministry Scholarships, the Young Clergy Debt Assistance Program, and NYAC initiatives, our
31 total grant value rises to \$16.1 Million.
- 32 138. It is always tragic when a church congregation is no longer able to survive. We must look upon their
33 history as a legacy and their assets as an inheritance to fund ministry in the future. Since the proceeds
34 from these bequests for the future have put the Society in a more sustainable financial condition, we are
35 awarding “matching grants” to churches. If a congregation submits a detailed application that is approved
36 by the Board of the Society and if they then raise funds for their project, we will match the local church’s
37 donations up to \$100,000.
- 38 139. In situations where there has been a merger of congregations of UMCS titled property, the Board of the
39 Society has established endowments based on the property sale (10% of the net). Over these past few
40 years a \$1,000,000 endowment was established for Metropolitan Community and a \$925,000 endowment
41 for Immanuel and First Spanish in Brooklyn.

- 1 140. Our Investment Funds are held at Wilmington Trust. With the sale of the 450 Bond Street property, as
2 well as close monitoring of the funds by our investment committee, our endowed funds have increased to
3 \$36 million. We use a formula of a 5% drawdown of a 20-quarter average of our endowment, providing
4 the investment income for the Society to give grants and assistance to congregations. The sustainability
5 of our work is guaranteed with the increases in these funds. Grants and support for local churches have
6 increased dramatically in the last 12 years.
- 7 141. Our annual expenses, overall, with Anchor House, the Far Rockaway Mission, Camp Olmsted, and Grace
8 Apartments, we have the equivalency of 65 full time employees with an overall income of \$8,267,970 and
9 expenses of \$8,036,972.
- 10 142. Funding comes from many places -- our endowment drawdown, government support, foundation grants
11 with the next most important revenue stream from donations that you and our churches give to our
12 programs.
- 13 143. In 2018-2019 donations from churches and individuals totaled \$449,974 (previous year \$233,774) to the
14 Society, \$22,631(previous year \$19,899) to Anchor House, \$58,705 (previous year \$76,225) to Five Points
15 Mission, and \$83,861 (previous year \$58,018) to Far Rockaway.
- 16 144. We received grant income totaling \$111,000 from the Clark Foundation; The Pinkerton Foundation; The
17 Dalio Family Foundation; the M&T Charitable Foundation; the Steven C. Calicchio Foundation.
- 18 145. The Executive Director/CEO of the Society is a full member of the Cabinet of the New York Annual
19 Conference. We are able to collaborate on many initiatives for ministry and mission between UMCS and
20 the NYAC cabinet.
- 21 146. Also, partnering with the Conference, through the work of Rev. David Gilmore, Coordinator of Church
22 Development and Revitalization, we are cooperating in creating and funding new vital ministries in the
23 NYAC. These initiatives have been underwritten, in part, from the sale and repurposing of NYAC and
24 UMCS titled properties.
- 25 147. Working in partnership with the Cabinet of the New York Annual Conference, we are participating in a
26 new vision for an urban agenda of creating new and vital congregations, enhancing ministry to children
27 and youth, ministry with the poor and disenfranchised and seeking a comprehensive strategy for the
28 future.
- 29 148. This past year the staff of the Society consulted with churches on establishing afterschool and child care
30 programs, on effective ministry, on evaluation of property issues, construction projects, contractors,
31 contract negotiations, and mission driven development.
- 32 149. The Society provides loans for construction at reasonable interest rates. We hosted a workshop on
33 development of affordable housing and other joint venture opportunities. The Society will help
34 congregations determine the possibility of repurposing their property for mission driven development.
35 This is an exciting time for these ventures.
- 36 150. The construction of the Trinity-Rev. William M. James Senior Project in the Bronx is such an example of the
37 partnership between the sacred and the secular. UMCS in partnership with the Bronx Pro Group and the
38 Fortune Society is building 154 units of low-income senior housing, 57 of which will be set aside for
39 formerly homeless justice involved senior citizens. The Fortune Society will provide onsite services for
40 these tenants. The building will be completed in the fall of 2021. This is an \$85 Million investment in the
41 Bronx with the Society being instrumental in the initiative. The members of the congregation that had

- 1 been on the site thought that affordable senior housing was the right way for their legacy to be
2 remembered in the community.
- 3 151. Grace Church apartments provided 56 affordable housing apartments and 12 apartments of clergy
4 housing for our United Methodist churches and agencies. A significant amount of work has been done at
5 Grace Church and new windows were added to the entire apartment building at a cost of \$200,000. We
6 continue to rehabilitate the apartment building which is now over 20 years old.
- 7 152. The Society partners with congregations concerning property tax exemption issues and Department of
8 Building and the Department of Finance with NYC violations, bills, and related issues. Shillady is a member
9 of the Not-for-Profit Task Force of the Department of Finance. This task force aims to connect the vibrant
10 community of not-for-profit property owners across the City of New York with local government
11 resources. It will also be a think tank and consultant to DOF on how to better streamline and improve the
12 practices of the city regarding NFP institutions. Houses of worship and not-for-profits can qualify for
13 exemptions from property taxes and this task force aims to communicate more efficiently and
14 transparently and broaden the DOF outreach efforts to those churches who face difficulties understanding
15 DOF processes. We are hopeful to eliminate tax lien sales of non-profit and religious properties under a
16 new City Council law.
- 17 152. UMCS staff continue to administer the finances of the Linden Hill United Methodist Cemetery for the
18 Bishop, the LIW and Metropolitan DS's and the board of the cemetery.
- 19 153. We awarded scholarships to two seminarians who plan to be in urban ministry:
20 Katarina Von Kuhn, a member of Jesse Lee UMC in Ridgefield, CT and a student at Duke Divinity School.
21 Hector B. Custodio, pastor of Immanuel and First Spanish Church in Brooklyn and a student at Drew
22 Theological School.
- 23 154. We administered the William James Family College Scholarship which awarded 2 Scholarships to:
24 Courtney Lucas, member of Community Massapequa UMC and a student at SUNY Plattsburgh
25 Onick Bouquet, Haitian UMC, Islip Terrace and a student at Drew Theological Seminary
- 26 155. THE STAFF
- 27 156. Our staff has a strong commitment to the mission and ministry of our programs. We now have over 81
28 years of longevity of the six full-time members of the staff.
- 29 157. We are very grateful for April Callender, Associate Executive Director (23 years), Young Huh, Senior
30 Accountant (21 years), Aisha Campbell, Director of the Children's Program, (13 years), Daffnie Marinez,
31 Office Coordinator (4 years). On a personal note, I am now in my twelve year as Executive Director and
32 Chief Executive Officer.
- 33 158. Last but not least, we want to give special recognition to Simeon Saturn, Chief Financial Officer. Simeon
34 has been with us for 9 years. During his tenure, reporting and managing of the finances of the Society
35 have been excellent. This is Simeon's last meeting as he will be retiring at the end of this year. We want
36 to recognize his good work during his years with us. On December 17th, at 4 PM, we will host a reception
37 for him at the Interchurch Center.
- 38 159. All the staff works at high levels of performance. They are courteous, conscientious, and fully committed
39 to the success of our mission and purpose.

- 1 160. Throughout the remaining portion of this report, you will read of our major commitment to all our
2 programs. April Callender writes about many details of the Children’s Program, Five Points Mission and
3 Camp Olmsted. She will highlight the significant statistics of our children’s program in which we impacted
4 the lives of 2045 children.
- 5 161. Anchor House transforms lives through recover with faith in Christ. Alison King’s report shares some great
6 and exiting news about the program. This past year, there were 28 graduates of the program who
7 returned to their home free from addiction and committed in faith. Denis Stuart of Far Rockaway shares
8 the ongoing need of the mission serving 200 meals a day, seven days a week and providing food pantry
9 items two days a week.
- 10 162. The United Methodist City Society is your partner is serving all God’s children. We thank you for your
11 financial support and your prayers for our ministry.
- 12 163. UMCS CHILDREN’S PROGRAM AFTER-SCHOOL INITIATIVE – April Callender
- 13 164. The United Methodist City Society Children’s Program initiative provides program assistance and financial
14 support to churches that operate after-school programs for children ages 6 – 14 years in New York City.
15 The goal of the Children’s Program is to strengthen the quality of these programs through the formation a
16 child care network that receives targeted training opportunities and program resources. In exchange for
17 operating a quality program that is aligned with best practices and meets agreed upon goals, centers are
18 awarded an annual grant consistent with the number of children served, the hours of program operation
19 and overall quality of services.
- 20 165. Our focus remains on the following objectives – enhancing the skill set of program directors and line staff
21 to effectively manage and operate programs for children and youth; ensuring that our centers offer well-
22 rounded, engaging programs that provide educational supports and activities beyond homework
23 assistance; expanding the outreach and marketing efforts of the programs under our umbrella; and
24 enhancing the relationship between center staff and parents. While the primary activity at each of these
25 centers is the provision of homework help, we encourage centers to integrate enrichments such as STEM
26 activities or creative arts programs into their weekly schedule. The Children’s Program provides funds for
27 such activities.
- 28 166. A new and critical goal for the UMCS Children’s Program over the past two years has been working with
29 our centers on the integration of outcome measurement into their program plans. Through a grant from
30 the Clark Foundation, UMCS staff have been able to work with representatives from The Rensselaerville
31 Institute (TRI), a leader in the field of capturing and analyzing not for profit outcomes, to develop tools for
32 our programs. Our Director of Children’s programs worked with staff from TRI to develop a menu of
33 outcome targets (covering math, literacy, homework help and science) for our directors to choose from.
34 Initial results from three centers showed student growth and progress in the areas of literacy and science,
35 with students even surpassing the stated goals at two centers (St. John’s and Epworth).
- 36 167. In the 2018 – 2019 program year there were eight churches in the project that served a total of 944
37 children. This is an increase in the number of churches served (there were seven last year) and an increase
38 in the total number of children served (there were 725 children served last year).
- 39 168. The churches participating in the UMCS Children’s Program include: 82nd Street Academics (Queens);
40 Epworth United Methodist Church (Bronx); Grace St. Alban’s United Methodist Church (Queens);
41 Hamptons United Methodist Church (Southampton); Kings Highway United Methodist Church (Brooklyn);
42 St. Johns United Methodist Church (Elmont), Tremont United Methodist Church (Bronx) and Westbury
43 United Methodist Church (Westbury).

- 1 169. We would also like to thank the Clark Foundation and Pinkerton Foundation for their continued support of
2 this project.
- 3 170. SUMMER DAY CAMP PROGRAMS
- 4 171. The Summer Task Force of the City Society provides financial support to local churches that operate
5 summer day camp and vacation bible school programs.
- 6 172. The Task Force makes grants to programs on an annual basis through an application process. Award
7 amounts are based on community need, proposed program activities, program length and number of
8 children served.
- 9 173. To qualify for funding churches must meet the following minimum guidelines – send a representative to
10 one of our mandatory information sessions; serve a minimum of 10 children (with 15 children being the
11 preferred number); secure a license for operation from the Department of Health; and have appropriate
12 insurance coverage in place. Funding decisions also take into account all site visit reports and final reports
13 from the previous year.
- 14 174. In the summer of 2018, the UMCS Summer Task Force made grant awards to 10 churches, which was an
15 increase over the 9 churches funded in 2017. These programs served 700 children. There were three
16 additional churches who were approved for awards but did not operate.
- 17 175. The following churches received grants during the summer of 2018: 82nd Street Academics (Queens);
18 Epworth UMC (Bronx); Grace St. Alban's UMC (Queens); Hamptons UMC (Long Island); Kings Highway
19 UMC (Brooklyn); St. Johns UMC (Long Island); St. Paul's UMC (Brooklyn); Tremont UMC (Bronx); Wakefield
20 Grace UMC (Bronx); and Westbury UMC (Long Island). Grant awards ranged from \$1,000 - \$3,000.
- 21 176. We also provided 500 tickets for campers from 7 different programs to see the New York Liberty during
22 their annual Camp Day in August at Madison Square Garden. This has become a very popular event among
23 the camps.
- 24 177. OLMSTED CENTER – April Callender
- 25 178. Olmsted Center is managed by Five Points Mission, a subsidiary of the United Methodist City Society.
26 Olmsted offers two programs a summer camping program, Camp Olmsted and the Olmsted retreat
27 program which provides food and lodging for churches and other user groups.
- 28 179. CAMP OLMSTED
- 29 180. Camp Olmsted opened in 1901 as the Olmsted Fresh Air Home of Five Points Mission in Cornwall-on-
30 Hudson, New York. The purpose of the camp was to serve as a "vacation" away from the depressed living
31 conditions in New York City. Today Camp Olmsted, which is part of the camp and retreat program at
32 Olmsted Center, sits on 78 acres of land and continues to serve children and families from the
33 communities in and around New York City.
- 34 181. In 2018 Camp Olmsted served 401 campers. This was an increase of 30 campers from 2017, when the
35 summer program at Olmsted served 371 campers. The 2018 figure includes 165 children who participated
36 in our regular camping program (versus 153 children in 2017) and 236 children who participated in our day
37 camp program (versus 218 children in 2017). Our real growth is in the increasing number of day campers,
38 with a slight increase in the number of overnight campers.
- 39 182. Our staff did a great job of delivering a program that was filled with fun and engaging activities for
40 campers. Activities at Olmsted included swimming, sports, hiking, high and low ropes, art, dance and

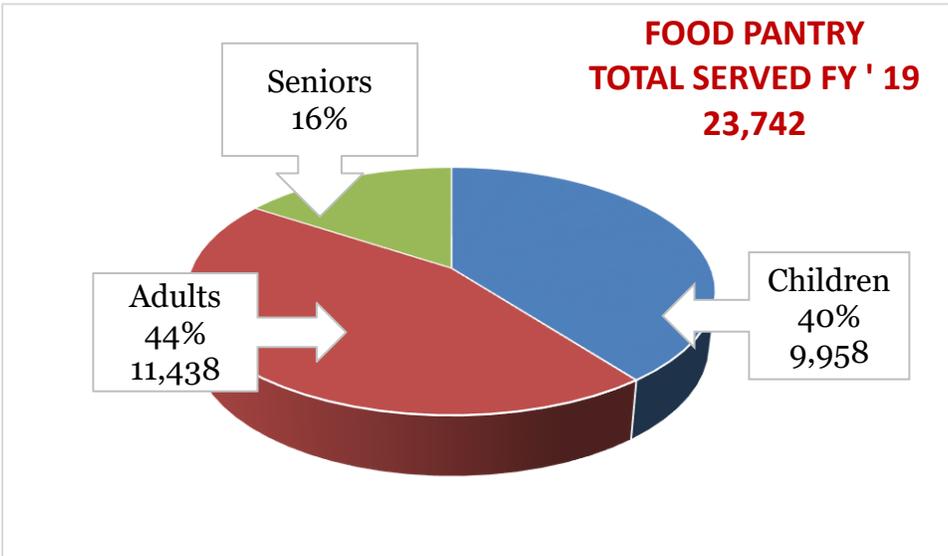
- 1 drama. We also had outstanding performances by campers on Manager’s Day and throughout the
2 summer.
- 3 183. We would like to thank all of our supporters including Park Avenue UMC, UMCS Easter Appeal, Sister to
4 Sister Fund, SCOPE, FPWA, M&T Foundation and the individual pastors, board members and congregants
5 who gave so generously to our scholarship fund.
- 6 184. OLMSTED RETREAT PROGRAM
- 7 185. Olmsted center also offers facilities for church groups, not for profit organizations, schools and families to
8 host retreats, confirmation classes, youth meetings, reunions and other gatherings.
- 9 186. Our year-round facilities include the Manor House, our largest facility, which can accommodate 30 people;
10 the Victorian style Kirkwood House, which can accommodate up to twenty people and is perfect for
11 smaller groups and personal retreats and; and three cabins which can accommodate up to 23 persons
12 each and offers a more rustic experience.
- 13 187. The 2018 – 2019 fiscal year found a revitalized Olmsted with a new leadership team and revamped
14 facilities. The Associate Executive Director of UMCS maintained the role of Director for the facility and
15 worked closely with the former Caretaker, who took on the role of Facilities Manager and On-Site Retreat
16 Manager to handle the retreat program. The Summer Camp Director also provided support for the retreat
17 program.
- 18 188. In the 2017 – 2018 Olmsted Center retreat program served 728 people. In the 2018 – 2019 Olmsted
19 Center served over 1,100 participants, which was a substantial increase from the previous year.
- 20 189. We welcomed new groups, along with returning groups. These groups represented United Methodist
21 churches and affiliates; Other Faith Based Communities; Not for Profit Organizations; Fraternal
22 Organizations; Family Groups; Scout Troops; and Special Events. Thank you to all who believed in and
23 supported Olmsted.
- 24 190. ANCHOR HOUSE – Alison King
- 25 191. Anchor House is an important affiliate of the United Methodist City Society. It is a licensed provider by
26 OASAS (Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services) to deliver services to individuals and families with
27 Substance Use Disorder. We offer a faith-based and trauma informed approach to treatment services
28 during a time when addiction is claiming the lives of so many individuals and their families. Over the last
29 53 years, Anchor House has touched thousands of lives by providing a “Safe Haven” for individuals to
30 receive the hope and promise that the soul can be refreshed and born again!
- 31 192. Along with other OASAS licensed providers Anchor House was mandated from the Governor’s level along
32 with other providers to redesign the way we provide services. The landscape of our world has
33 experienced a manifold shift as we see a strong spike in people using substances to cope with life’s
34 common challenges. The opioid crisis is proliferating around the county. According to the CDC 70,273
35 people died of overdoses in 2017. The number of deaths in 2018 was 68,000, a reduction but still too high.
- 36 193. Here in the United States addictions have shifted due to the Opioid epidemic which is characterized by an
37 increase in overdose deaths from prescription opioids heroin and, more recently, illegally manufactured
38 synthetic opioids, such as fentanyl. In 2017, of the 70,000 overdose death in the US, there was a record
39 47,600 related to some form of [opioids](#).
- 40 194. At Anchor House, our expansion of services helps us to provide hope to what seems hopeless and to offer
41 extensive services for men, women and their families.

- 1 195. The first tier of expanded services – We now have the ability to provide outpatient services in our
2 communities and help those who are already in recovery by supporting them with counseling and family
3 counseling, vocation/educational support and peer supporters. Each client has the ability to have a
4 Recovery Coach beyond their time at Anchor House to assist in aftercare and longevity of recovery.
- 5 196. Our second tier of expansion – We now have three levels of treatment to meet the complex needs of a
6 person with Substance Use Disorder that remove time limits for the length of stay in treatment. This is
7 due to the new individualized element of treatment. In the past we were limited to twelve to eighteen-
8 month minimums. Now, the client and their therapy team get to choose the length of stay. This change
9 has brought the need for a profession staff that includes Licensed Clinical Social Workers, an onsite
10 Physician and additional licensed medical and mental health professionals.
- 11 197. The third tier of expansion – We are thrilled to share with you that due to the expansion of the men’s
12 program to provide 20 more beds by Governor Andrew Cuomo, we are awaiting office word to expand our
13 real estate capacity at the men’s house. This expansion of our facility to the tune of \$15million will allow
14 us to serve 20 additional men increasing us from our current capacity of 50 men. We are very hopeful
15 that we will be able to open an Outpatient program and expand our existing family support program. Our
16 ground breaking will hopefully be in the fall 2020.
- 17 198. Our continued expansion of services allows us the flexibility to include:
- 18 Licensed Clinical Social Workers (PhD level)
 - 19 A Physician
 - 20 A Registered Nurse
 - 21 Family and Couples Therapy
 - 22 Individual Spiritual Recovery Guidance
 - 23 Annual Spiritual Retreats at Camp Olmstead
 - 24 Holiday Family Celebrations to promote reunification
 - 25 Peer Recovery Coaches available after treatment
 - 26 Alumni support
- 27 199. There is always hope in Christ as we celebrated National Recovery Month at The Grand Prospect Hall with
28 our “Graduation Gala”. We graduated 28 men and women and heard the testimonies from the parents,
29 siblings and graduates. Their stories left everyone with the assurance that when devastation and sorrow
30 arise, the hope and light of Christ has no boundary and can lead us out of the depths of darkness and
31 sorrow. We anticipate greater help and greater hope as we endeavor to grow our territory as we expand
32 our service capacity to reach men, women and their families.
- 33 200. FAR ROCKAWAY MISSION – Denis Stewart
- 34 201. As president of the Far Rockaway Mission this report will start with a grateful thank you to everyone who
35 helps us to feed the hungry and care for the disenfranchised.
- 36 202. The board of the center is very grateful to many: for the United Methodist City Society for all the support
37 they have given and continue to give to the work at Far Rockaway (\$50,000 grant); to United Way through
38 the Emergency Food Assistance Program and City Harvest who provided food to our both the feeding
39 program and the pantry. Through many deliveries of this food, the value of all this donated food was
40 \$128,000. Without these two partner programs, we could not exist.

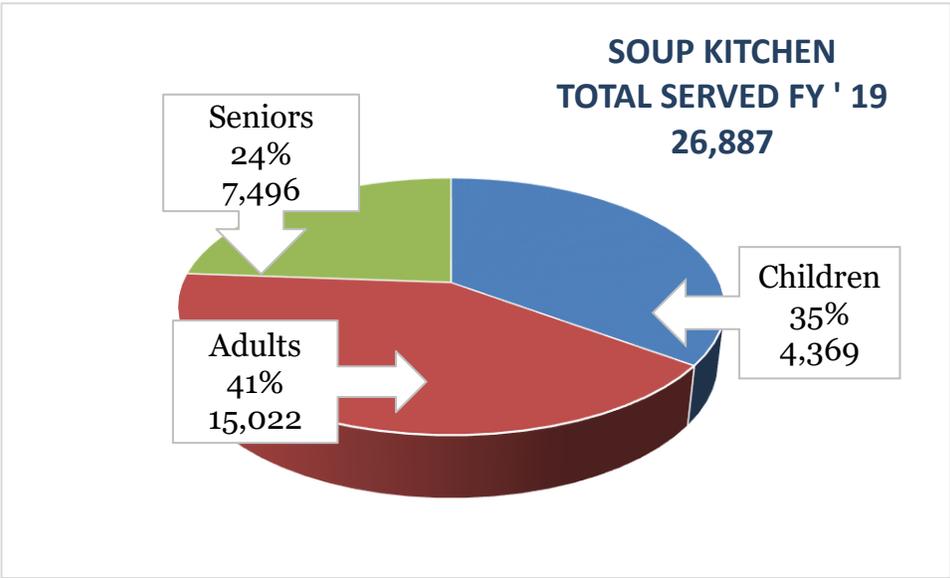
1 203. A special thanks to the District Superintendent, Sungchan Kim, for the fantastic gift of \$30,000 from his
2 special Easter offering this year. The New York Annual Conference has also provided a significant grant to
3 keep us alive (\$36,000).

4 204. I would also thank the many individuals, churches and other groups that work tirelessly with the "Mission"
5 and contribute both time and token. We also thank Rev. Dr. Chermain V. Lashley, the Board of Trustees of
6 Grace UMC, St. Albans and the United Methodist Women of Springfield Gardens UMC for their help with
7 our Laffaholics "Gospel Comedy Fundraiser. We also want to thank one of our special partners, The
8 Temple Am Echad in Lynbrook, NY for the food they contribute every week.

9 205. The Mission continues to be a beacon of hope for the hungry and marginalized in the community. The
10 challenges have been many and constant, but the connectional nature of the United Methodist Church
11 has proven that indeed we are "a people with Passion for Mission." We are grateful for the support of
12 many churches of the conference outside the bounds of the Long Island West District. All these donations
13 help to keep us going and serving meals every day of the week. (A list of all donors of funds is in the back
14 of the Society's report.



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- 1 207. The Mission is open to our patrons seven days a week. We serve a hot meal five days a week from 12:00
2 Noon to 1:30 PM. We serve an evening meal 5 days a week from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM. On average we now
3 serve about 200 meals a day.
- 4 208. Lunch is served on Saturdays from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM; this is done with volunteers and on Sundays after
5 the 11:00 AM religious service another delicious home cooked meal is served. There are many different
6 groups and churches that bring the cooked food to the Mission. The United Methodist Women are some
7 of our most faithful supporters. One of our greatest supporters is the Jewish Temple.
- 8 209. We offer a Food Bag and Pantry distribution two days a week on Tuesday and Thursday, from 12 Noon to
9 2:00PM. Emergency food may be obtained at any time with a letter of referral from an agency. We have
10 learned that some of our clients will not accept uncooked food during the pantry program because they
11 do not have anywhere to prepare it. Others always need more than the normal share.
- 12 210. We distribute new and donated clothing on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. If there is a special
13 clothing need, we try to fill that need as soon as possible.
- 14 211. Mr. Mearl Grant, Director, retired in November 2018 after serving for 25 years. Ms. Belinda Brown,
15 formally chef of the weekday and evening meals and Manager of Saturday and Sunday activities (6 years
16 of service) has taken on the responsibility of Director. Our other employees are Ms. Ann Marie
17 Cartwright, Chef (9 years of service), Mr. Troy Thompson (6 Years) who is the evening Chef; we operate
18 with volunteers from churches and when available from city agencies. On the weekend the principle
19 coordinators are the United Methodist Women, they recruit groups and individuals to provide bag lunches
20 on Saturdays and a hot meal on Sundays. We have Lay Servants from the Long Island West district who
21 lead the worship service on Sundays.
- 22 212. In every crisis we face we have seen the Grace of God stepping in to solve our problems, you and I are a
23 major part of that grace.