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Dear Missouri Conference Pastors & Chairpersons of Trustees and Church/Ad Councils,

The Missouri Conference Trustees are responsible for recommending insurance for the churches of our conference. We announced this year at Annual Conference that we are getting out of the insurance business at the conference level. We considered this decision very carefully and believe that the best course forward is for local churches to be able to select the insurer that they feel is best for them. We will no longer recommend or endorse any particular insurance program.

Your church may choose to continue to get insurance from United Methodist Insurance (UMI). UMI has been reorganized at the national level instead of the conference level. The conference office will no longer collect or distribute payments or be able to advocate on your behalf. You will be receiving a letter from UMI detailing who your new contact will be and how you can continue to participate with them if you choose to do so. The conference based program with UMI ends September 30, 2012.

We have operated the conference insurance program as a no-profit/no-cost program. If you chose to leave UMI before the October 1 renewal date, please let us know so that we can appropriate stop payment on your premium.

To help protect all of us in case of a claim, it is vitally important for you to ask your insurance agent to list the Missouri Conference UMC and your district office as additional insured on your policy. This helps us in case of a claim to make sure that all the legal teams involved keep the best interest of everyone in mind. To list us as additional insured is usually available for free or at a minimal filing charge.

The Conference Trustees have recommended certain minimums that we consider best for adequate coverage. You will find these listed by type on the enclosed sheet. As you evaluate companies, please be sure that they are offering you at least these amounts of coverage.

We appreciate your leadership and stewardship of your local church assets. We hope that this change will help you to make the best decisions for your congregation.

With gratitude for your ministry,

Rev. Kendall Waller
Director of Finance & Administration

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Chair, Conference Board of Trustees