

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT



Western North Carolina Conference
The United Methodist Church

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TO: Pastors under appointment in the Western North Carolina Conference

Dear Colleagues in Ministry:

Please read the following letter carefully as it pertains to the appointment-making process for 2011.

Bishop Larry Goodpaster and the Cabinet continue to affirm and encourage longer appointments. If you have been in your current appointment 4 or more years, we have enclosed the "Pastor's Appointment Advisory Form". If you wish to be considered for a change of appointment next year, please have the completed Advisory to me by **February 11**. If you are not asking for a change, do nothing.

A similar letter of information and inquiry is being sent to the 2011 PPRC Chairpersons for their committee's response by **February 11**. Advisory Forms will only be included for those PPRC's where the pastor is in the 4th year or beyond at their church/charge.

If a pastor or PPRC wishes consideration for an appointment change before the 4th year, contact should be made with the District Superintendent to request an Advisory Form. These forms are due back to the Superintendent by February 11.

As Bishop and Cabinet together, we affirm the Cabinet's stated policy of looking toward longer appointments where the Pastor, the PPRC, and the Bishop and Cabinet deem it appropriate. We also want to strongly affirm the United Methodist system of itinerancy. The final decision, after consultation, remains with the Bishop and Cabinet in view of the total needs of the churches of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Please call me if you wish to discuss any of the above matters. Thank you for your continued commitment to the ministry of Jesus Christ through The United Methodist Church.

Grace and peace,

George E. Thompson
Charlotte District Superintendent