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INTRODUCTION

This Building and Loan Manual is a guidebook for Western North Carolina United Methodist Churches. It outlines step-by-step procedures that will assist new and existing churches through the building and loan process. It is designed to help churches, districts and other agencies of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church (WNCCUMC) develop a sound building and financial plan that will conform to existing conference policies, mandated legal requirements, loan policies of the United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina, Inc. (UMF) and The Discipline of the United Methodist Church.

In addition to these guidelines, each district may have further requirements. We encourage local charge conferences, boards of trustees or finance committees to contact both the Foundation and their local District Superintendents before beginning the building and loan process. **Churches that qualify for funding through The Duke Endowment are also encouraged to contact The Duke Endowment directly to learn about their funding process and procedures.**

This workbook contains a number of sample documents that must be submitted and approved during the pre-construction phase. They are organized in sequence based on standard building and loan practices and church policies. They comply with the policies of the United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina, Inc. and should be strictly followed by churches and districts that plan on receiving funds.

A sample timeline, also provided on page seven in this handbook, will help local churches anticipate the length of time required to complete various phases of the building and loan process and in what order each step should be completed.

The United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina, Inc. works with churches of all sizes, ages, demographic makeup and financial conditions. We offer investment fund options, low-cost loans to churches and church-related institutions, planned giving and endowment development.

The Foundation seeks to partner with local churches as they consider building projects and related financial issues. Through this manual and other consultative service, the Foundation seeks to help individual churches develop a comprehensive plan that considers all aspects of its current and future operations, including: mission, ministries, history, current status and vision for the future.
Getting Started:

**Step One** of the building and loan process is to become familiar with Paragraph 2543 of the 2008 Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, which pertains to church expansion and building projects. This guidebook follows – and will help facilitate – the approval process mandated by The Discipline. Please pay particular attention to section 2543.4d governing the accessibility requirements for persons with handicapping conditions.

**Step Two** is to define the project and to begin to develop a strong financial plan. The Administrative Board or Council of your church should appoint a study committee to undertake this task. A Project Worksheet (Appendix B), will help the committee define the scope of the project and customize a financial plan that meets your needs and objectives. The Worksheet will help:

1. Describe the project,
2. Develop a purpose statement,
3. Establish and estimate the cost of the project,
4. Develop a timeline for the project (See sample timeline for a building project on page seven in this handbook),
5. Create a current financial profile of your local church, and
6. Identify the resources available for the project.

Project Worksheet complete on: _____ / _____ / _____

A Sample Project Worksheet appears in Appendix B.

**Step Three:** Once the worksheet is completed, it becomes the basis of the report that the church’s study committee will present to the church’s pastor and district superintendent to gain their consent for the project (Par. 2543.1, United Methodist Discipline.) (See Sample Approval Document, Appendix C.) Critical dates should be recorded as follows:

1. Project to be presented to the pastor: _____ / _____ / _____
2. Pastor’s written consent given: _____ / _____ / _____
3. Project to be presented to District Superintendent: _____ / _____ / _____
4. District Superintendent’s written consent given: _____ / _____ / _____
If a site approval is necessary, such approval must be obtained from the District Board of Church Location and Building of the District Board of Missions and Church Extension before proceeding to Step Four (Par. 2543.2)

1. Site to be presented to District Board of Church Location and Building of the District Board of Missions and Church Extension on: 

_____ / _____ / _____

2. Site approved by District Board of Church Location and Building of the District Board of Missions and Church Extension on:

_____ / _____ / _____

A Sample Approval Document appears in Appendix D.

**Step Four:** The Church Study Committee is now ready to present its report to a regular or called session of the Charge Conference, in order to gain its consent. The congregation must be notified of the proposed action at least ten days prior to the Charge Conference (Par. 2543.3). Again, the committee should record the critical dates as follows:

1. Notice of Charge Conference given on: _____ / _____ / _____

2. Project to be presented to Charge Conference on: _____ / _____ / _____

3. Charge Conference approval given on: _____ / _____ / _____

The Charge Conference now must approve the project and appoint a Building Committee, or authorize the Board of Trustees to act as a Building Committee.

Building Committee authorized: ___ Yes ___ No
Trustees authorized to act as Building Committee: ___ Yes ___ No

A Sample Charge Conference Resolution appears in Appendix D.

**Step Five:** The Building Committee must meet the provisions of Paragraph 2543.4 of the 2008 Discipline, which specifies:

1. Estimate the needs the project will meet.

   Completed on: _____ / _____ / _____

2. Ascertain the cost of property to be purchased.

   Completed on: _____ / _____ / _____
3. Develop appropriate preliminary architectural plans

   Completed on: _____ / _____ / _____

4. Secure an estimate of the cost of the proposed construction. (Accuracy at this point is most important since refinancing for an increase amount later is extremely difficult and time-consuming.)

   Completed on: _____ / _____ / _____

5. Develop a preliminary financial plan for securing payment of all costs to be incurred.

   Completed on: _____ / _____ / _____

**Step Six:** The building committee must submit a statement of need for the proposed facilities, based on all of the data developed in Step Five, to the District Board of Church Location and Building of the District Board of Missions and Church Extension. (Par. 2543.5)

District Committee of the Board authorizes project continuation: ___ Yes ___ No

**Step Seven:** A Church Conference, called by the pastor WITH THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT’S WRITTEN CONSENT and with ten days notice of the proposed action to the congregation, will meet on _____ / _____ / _____ and be presented with the plans as described in the data developed in Step Five. (Par. 2543.6)

The Church Conference authorizes project continuation: ___ Yes ___ No

**Step Eight:** The building committee will develop detailed plans and a comprehensive financial plan, which will be submitted to the District Board of Church Location and Building of the District Board of Missions and Church Extension on: _____ / _____ / _____ (Par. 2543.7)

District Board authorizes project continuation: ___ Yes ___ No

**Step Nine:** The building committee’s detailed plans and comprehensive financial plan will be submitted to the Charge Conference on: _____ / _____ / _____ (Par. 2543.7)

The Charge Conference authorizes project continuation: ___ Yes ___ No
The Charge Conference authorizes the building committee to take all necessary steps to carry out this action and to execute any necessary contract, deed, bill of sale, mortgage or other written instrument. (This authorization is limited by the requirements of Pars. 2503, 2535, 2536, 2537, 2538, 2539 and 2540 – see steps ten and eleven).

If the church is to secure a mortgage on the property in order to finance the project, the conditions of either Par. 2539 or 2540 must be met.

1. A Charge Conference, called by the pastor with ten days notice to the congregation of the action to be taken, will meet on: _____ / _____ / _____
2. A resolution authorizing the proposed action was approved by a majority of the members present and voting on: _____ / _____ / _____
3. The trustees or board of directors were authorized to take all steps necessary to accomplish the proposed action: ___ Yes ___ No
4. All necessary written instruments carry the signatures of two officers of the Board of Trustees or the Board of Directors: ___ Yes ___ No
5. The written consent of the pastor and of the district superintendent to the proposed action is included in or affixed to the mortgage: __ Yes __ No

**Step Ten:** The local church shall acquire a fee simple title to the property on which the building is to be erected. (Par. 2543.10)

1. Requirement of Par. 2503 (trust provision) met: ___ Yes ___ No
   Date: _____ / _____ / _____
2. Requirements of Paragraphs 2535 and 2536 or Paragraphs 2537 and 2538 have been met: _____ Yes _____ No
   Date: _____ / _____ / _____

**Step Eleven:** The project is to be put out to bid with bids to be returned by: _____ / _____ / _____

**NOTE:** No contract is to be signed until sufficient cash is on hand, and/or pledges payable during construction, and/or a loan secured.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE THE LEGAL OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH WHO SHOULD EXECUTE BIDS AND ALL LOAN DOCUMENTS.
### Estimated Timeline For a Building Project

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<td>Establish Study Committee</td>
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<td>Interview and hire an architect for preliminary drawings</td>
<td>Submit Building Committee's findings to District Committee on Church Location and Building</td>
<td>Interview and select capital fund consultants.</td>
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<td>Hold Charge Conference to Elect Building Committee</td>
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<td>Conduct Church Conference to approve project (preliminary data).</td>
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<td>10 Months</td>
<td>Architect to work within the guidelines of the church concerning needs and financial ability. Obtain final plans.</td>
<td>Conduct Charge Conference to approve project (using detailed data).</td>
<td>Submit formal loan application.</td>
<td>Obtain firm bids and select contractor.</td>
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<td>Begin capital fund drive.</td>
<td>Interview contractors before letting bids.</td>
<td>Submit detailed financial and architectural plans to District Committee on Church Location and Building and receive approvals.</td>
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APPENDIX A

THINGS TO CONSIDER

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

YOUR BUILDING PROJECT

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THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE YOU BEGIN YOUR BUILDING PROJECT
When an institution is considering a building project, financial issues are at the forefront of the decision making process. Sometimes it is difficult to know if the right questions are being asked, much less whether you are coming up with the correct answers. As your partner in the building and loan process, the Foundation is happy to share its expertise and resources. As you begin the planning process, here are some issues you may want to consider.

SHOULD WE PAY CASH OR SHOULD WE BORROW?
It is always less expensive for a church to pay cash for a capital project. However, a church might consider borrowing when its vision and ministry depend on a capital project that cannot be paid for in cash, and, it can generate enough income to service the debt and not create shortfalls or hardships on the other obligations of the church.

SHOULD WE CONSIDER A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN?
Almost every church we encounter uses a Capital Campaign for major projects. A Capital Campaign is an organized effort to raise funds over and above the operating budget. This money can be used to pay for construction costs, or principal and interest for the term of the Campaign.

During this time your operating budget should be able to grow enough to make the monthly loan payments and to cover additional apportionments, maintenance, programming, staff and other needs.

It has been our observation that churches:
• Take from three to five months for a campaign
• Will collect about 85% of the pledges; and
• By using an outside consultant can expect to raise 50% more in commitments than if they used a self-led campaign.

WHEN HIRING AN OUTSIDE CONSULTANT:
• Churches should interview as many consultants as possible to find the right match for their church.
• Fees will vary with the size of the fund-raising organization. It is best to negotiate a stated fee in advance of the drive, understanding that the out-of-pocket costs (housing, travel, phone and materials) are usually in addition to the stated fee. A fee based on a percentage of funds raised is not encouraged.

(See “Consultant Interview Sheet” on next page.)
CONSULTANT INTERVIEW SHEET

- Who is the on-site consultant responsible for this campaign?
- How many years of experience does the consulting company have?
- How many years of experience does the consultant have?
- Number of campaigns in United Methodist Churches?
- Number of campaigns in similar sized churches?
- How much time will the campaign take?
- What is the best time of year for the campaign?
- Will there be one person conducting the campaign?
- Will this person conduct other campaigns at the same time?
- How much time will the consultant actually spend on site?
- Will church members be used in this campaign?
  - If so, how many?
  - How will they be used?
- How will the campaign be developed to meet the distinctive needs of our congregation?
- What kind of follow-up is provided?
- How will the consultant work with the congregation in setting goals and preparing for an effective campaign?
- What are the fees and how are they paid?
- What other costs are associated with this campaign?
- What were the last three campaigns the consultant conducted and what were their outcomes?
- List three other references.
- How will the consultant lead the congregation in understanding Christian stewardship and giving, specifically within the United Methodist Wesleyan tradition?
HOW MUCH CAN WE EXPECT TO GROW?
On the average, active, growing churches increase their operating income five percent per year. Occasionally, a church may grow at a greater rate, but very seldom is this growth maintained on a year-to-year basis. A five-percent income growth figure is a good yardstick for most churches.

IF YOUR CHURCH IS RELOCATING
If your church is relocating, you may be counting on defraying the cost of the move by selling the current site. Before you estimate your profits, understand that selling church property can be difficult and the market value of your property may be much lower than you anticipate. Be willing to take an objective look at your property value and consult a real estate broker if necessary.

You should also be aware that the Foundation would not loan money to the potential buyer of your old site unless the buyer is a United Methodist Church or agency of the Western North Carolina Conference.

We will not lend money based on a note receivable you take from a buyer.

Any loan decision we make will not be based on the sale of the old site to pay down on a new loan.

WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT, CASH FLOW OR COLLATERAL?
We qualify all borrowers based on their ability to generate enough cash to repay a loan. We do not look at collateral value as the primary source of repayment.

DETERMINING SAFE DEBT SERVICE
We recommend that your total loan payments in a given year should not exceed 35% of your operating income on debt service. Your safe debt level should be determined on the basis of:

- Current budget items
- Available cash
- Anticipated future growth, and
- Capital fund pledges
ARE THERE OTHER COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH A BUILDING PROJECT?

- Architectural Fees
- Engineering Fees
- Capital Funds Campaign
- Closing costs and loan interest
- Site Purchase
- Site Preparations and Finishes: Clearing and tree replacement, cut and fill, right-of-way improvements, environmental mitigation/removal, landscaping
- Legal fees: (for property title search, etc.), construction contractor services
- Bond and Insurance Costs: Payment and performance bonds, builder’s risk and liability insurance
- Permits, Zoning Changes and Inspections: Driveway permits, re-zoning, variance and exception costs, sub-surface soil inspections, soils investigation, survey boundary, topographical, tree inspection, environmental survey
- Utilities: Water connection/plant, sewer connection/plant, storm water connection, telephone/electrical/gas service
- Staff Needs and Workman’s Compensation
- Furnishings
- Signs
- Maintenance Costs
- Contingency Amounts

ARE THERE CERTAIN REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS THAT SHOULD BE RESEARCHED AND CONSIDERED?

- Local Water Management District
- North Carolina Department of Environmental Protection
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- City Planning Board
- City Building Code: Landscape Code, Signage Code
- City Concurrency of Capacity: Recreation, Traffic Impact, Mass Transit, Water/Storm/Sewer
- City Fire Marshall
- City Zoning Code: Minimum Lot Size, Setbacks, Maximum Lot Coverage, maximum height, PUD stipulations
- Federal/State Accessibility Law
NEW CHURCH SITE

- How much land is needed if the church is relocating to a new site?
- Is the new site debt free?
- Has a study been conducted to determine utilities accessibility, traffic flow, curb cuts, etc.
- Has a study been made of all local, management district, county and state building codes and regulations?
- Will the new site meet all such requirements?
- Has a relocation plan and the new site been approved by the District Board of Church Location and Building?

WHAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHEN EXAMINING A POTENTIAL NEW SITE?

- Community Land Use Plan
- Existing Church Activity
- Ten Year Demographics
- Visibility
- Frontage
- Access
- Appraisal
- Schools
- Housing
- Commercial/Industrial use or zoning
- Deed Restrictions: Site use, design review, maintenance requirements, setbacks, building size easements, etc.
HOW MUCH SPACE DO WE NEED?
The following are suggestions drawn from material provided by the Office of Architecture, National Division, of The United Methodist Church. However, local building codes will determine actual space requirements.

Additionally, see 2008 Book of Discipline, paragraph 2543.4 on requirements for the physically challenged.

General Guidelines for Special Needs:
- Worship Area: 12 sq. feet per person
- Education:
  A. Nursery & Kindergarten: 35 sq. ft. per person
  B. First through Sixth Grades: 30 sq. ft. per person
  C. Seventh through Twelfth Grades: 25 sq. ft. per person
  D. Adult: 20 sq. ft. per person
- Fellowship Hall: 12 sq. ft. per person
- Narthex: 3 sq. ft. per person
- Offices: Minimum of 150 square feet per office
- Restrooms: 150 to 200 sq. ft. per office
- Kitchen: 20% of the Fellowship area
- Corridors and Storage: 20% of total above
- Parking: At least one space for every 2.4 people in attendance.

WHAT BUILDINGS SHOULD WE BUILD FIRST?
Generally, new and relocating churches have less financial difficulty when they build in the following order:

- Multi-purpose space:
  Large open area
  Kitchen
  Classrooms/Office Area
- Education Space
- Additional Education/Office Space
- Sanctuary
ARCHITECT INTERVIEW SHEET

- Who is the contact person responsible for this job?
- What is their experience?
- List the last three building projects you designed that were actually constructed.
- Were they completed at or under estimated cost?
- If not, why?
- Have you designed any United Methodist Churches? Please list them.
- How much time do you spend on a project during construction?
- What do you do when you are there?
- What is your policy/fee on change orders?
- What is your experience with local building codes, zoning requirements, city, county and other restrictions or ordinances in this community?
- What is your fee?
- What is the schedule for payment?
- If your design is over budget, what are your remedies?
- Will you provide detailed plans and specifications?
- List at least three references.
CONTRACTOR INTERVIEW SHEET

- Who is the contact person responsible for this job?
- What is their level of experience?
- Will they have other jobs going on at the same time?
- If so, how much time will they spend on this project?
- List the last three building projects you constructed.
- Were they completed at or under the estimated project cost? If not, why?
- Were they completed on time? If not, why?
- Have you built any United Methodist Churches? Please list them.
- What is your experience with local building codes, zoning requirements, city, county and other restrictions or ordinances in this community?
- What is your policy/fee on change orders?
- Can you provide payment and performance bonds?
- Who provides your builder’s risk and workman’s compensation insurance?
- What is your construction fee?
- Can you construct this project with 10% retainage?
- Who will be the on-site superintendent?
- Discuss the superintendent’s experience.
- List at least three references.
**BUILDER’S CONTRACTS**

Be sure legal name of church is used.
   If unincorporated, all trustees must sign contract.

**Preliminary Studies:**
   Preliminary studies should include estimated cost of obtaining all permits.

**Project Costs Beyond Contract:**
   What specifically is excluded from the contract price?

**Progress Payments:**
   A. The draw schedule should match that of the lender.
   B. Draw request should be based on percentage of project completed.
   C. Contractor should provide lien waivers for all work previously paid for by owner before subsequent draw is honored.
   D. Owner should review and approve work completed before draw is paid. This is especially true if architect is in the employ of the contractor.

**Acceptance and Final Payment:**
   A. Contractor should provide final affidavit stating that all bills have been paid and that there are no outstanding liens against the property.
   B. Copies of all lien waivers must be provided by the contractor to the owner, including the contractor’s own final lien waiver.
   C. Lender and owner must accept the project.

**Donated Material and Labor:**
   The lender does not advance money for the purchase of materials by the church. The church must pay for this itself and seek reimbursement from the lender for material that has been used or is stored securely on site for the project.

**Right to Terminate Project:**
   A. Number of days after due date by which the owner must make payment to contractor should not be fewer than 14.
   B. This number of days should be consistent with the time period allowed for payment by owner in the section “progress payments.”

**Liability Insurance:**
   Contractor’s liability insurance should not be less than $1,000,000.

**Arbitration:**
   A. Trial is preferable for owner; however, the contract should allow for either party to request arbitration.
   B. Contract should state that the services of the American Arbitration Association would be used in the event arbitration is necessary.
   C. Contract should also state that the prevailing party could recover costs and attorney’s fees.
**Warranty:** Statute of Limitations on filing a suit for defects in materials and workmanship is four (4) years.

**Substantiation:**
If a party or parties other than the contractor and the owner is (are) a signatory to the contract, it should be stated that the other party/parties is (are) in the employ of the contractor.

**Contract should also include:**
A. Statement of completion date or time span for completion
B. Defined penalty for non-completion by agreed upon date.
C. Lender will require reference to payment and performance bonds, if such.
APPENDIX B

PROJECT WORKSHEET

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I. General Information

Church: ____________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________

____________________________________________

Phone:     ____________________________________________

Pastor:     ____________________________________________

District:    ____________________________________________

County:   _____________________________________________

Year Church Organized:  _________________________________

Is the church incorporated? ______ Yes _____ No

If incorporated, the exact corporate name of the church:
__________________________________________________________

This Year  Last Year

Present Membership:  ________      ________

Average Worship Attendance:  ________      ________

Church School Enrollment:  ________      ________

Church School Attendance:  ________      ________
II. Project Information

A. On a separate sheet:
   1. Describe the project,
   2. State the purpose(s) that will be achieved by the project,
   3. Give the timeline that will be followed for completing the project.

B. Total cost of project: __________ Actual __________ Estimate
   (Include architectural and other associated fees.)

C. Amount of loan needed: _____________________________
   (Please note that loans from Conference sources require that the church
   have on hand – or have spent on the project – 20% of the project’s cost.)

D. Will the District guarantee the loan? _______ Yes _______ No

E. Amortization period being considered (should not exceed 15 years):
   __________________________________________

F. Annual debt service cost of anticipated loan:
   $______________
   Annual debt service cost for all church indebtedness: $__________

   What percentage of the previous year’s total income (including building
   fund income) would the church’s total debt service cost represent?
   _____%

   What percentage of the current year’s total income (including building
   fund income) will the church’s total debt service cost represent? _____%
   (Total debt service should not exceed 35% of total income.)

G. Construction loan:
   will be requested ______
   will not be requested ______

   If a construction loan will be requested, the type of contract with the General
   Contractor will be:

   ___1. Stipulated Sum Basis with 100% Performance Bond and 100%
   Labor and Material Bond.

   ___2. Stipulated Sub Basis without 100% Performance Bond and 100%
   Labor and Material Bond.
__3. Construction Management Basis without Performance Bond and Labor and Material Bond on the General Contractor.

__4. Other

### III. Financial Information

Obtain Balance Sheets and Income and Expense Reports for the most recent calendar year and for the current year to date. Additionally, complete the summary statement on the next page.

Amount budgeted and received during the most recent calendar year for:

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Total Expenses: ______

Total Received for All Purposes ______ ______

Percentage of Apportionments paid last year: ______ % $______

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V. Resources for Project

A. Cash on hand, as of _____________________          $__________

B. Donations anticipated from District or Conference             $__________

C. Pledges committed to the project for the period
   ____________, 20__ through ____________, 20__               $__________

D. Amount already paid on project                              $__________

E. Duke Endowment Funds (anticipated)                           $__________

F. Congregational Development Funds (anticipated)               $__________

G. Other (list on separate sheet if necessary)                      $__________

   Total anticipated resources                        $__________

VI. Capital Funds Campaign

A Capital Funds campaign was/will be (circle one) conducted on
_____ / _____ / _____ and pledges were/will be (circle one) secured for a
total of $______________, payable during the period
_____ / _____ / _____ through _____ / _____ / _____
(The amount of the pledges should be equal to the total of at least two years of
the loan amortization.) As of _____ / _____ / _____ the total amount received
on these pledges was $_________________.

Another capital funds campaign will be held on _____ / _____ / _____ to
secure additional pledges for debt retirement. It is anticipated that the capital
funds campaign will be under the supervision of
________________________________________.

Individual/Consultant Name
**Attorney**

Will an attorney represent your institution?  ____Yes  ____No

If “Yes”, please provide the following:

Name: _____________________________

Firm: ______________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________

Phone: (_____)___-________  Fax: (_____)_____-________
APPENDIX C

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST
UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST
(To be completed by Borrower)

Please assist us in collecting information about your property with regard to potential environmental contamination. This checklist and an on-site visit by a Foundation officer are required as part of the approval process and the Foundation may also require an environmental audit by a qualified environmental inspection firm. All of these steps are intended to protect you and the fund from potential liability. We appreciate your cooperation.

1. Borrower Name:
   _____________________________________________________

   Address:
   _____________________________________________________

2. Subject Property Address:
   _____________________________________________________

3. Describe the proposed use of this property:
   _____________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________

4. Describe the present & all known past uses of this property:
   _____________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________

4a. Identify all past owners, tenants or persons who have used or are using this property:
   _____________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________
5. Describe the present & known uses of adjacent property:

   North:  Past:  
           Present:  

   South:  Past:  
           Present:  

   East:  Past:  
           Present:  

   West:  Past:  
           Present:  

(Please circle Y or N for Yes or No)

6. Are you aware of:

   The existence of any wells or drilled shafts on the subject property?  Y  N

   The existence of any above ground or underground chemical, fuel or oil storage tanks or transmission lines (pipes) on the subject property and, (2) if such tanks are present, have they been registered with the State or EPA?  Y  N

   The existence of any buried or superficial solid waste or trash on the subject property?  Y  N

   Liquids that have been spilled or disposed of on the property?  Y  N

   If yes to any of the above, please explain:

7. Is the subject property currently used for or has it ever been used (i.e. manufacturing, handling, storage, sales, transportation, disposal, etc.) for any of the following business purposes or products?

   Food canning, preserving or processing  Y  N

   Repair or maintenance of vehicles  Y  N

   Service station  Y  N
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<th>Product/Service</th>
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<td>Cement or cement products</td>
<td>Y</td>
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<td>Paint or decorating supplies</td>
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<td>Batteries/transformers</td>
<td>Y</td>
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<td>Photo processing</td>
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<td>Metal fabrication</td>
<td>Y</td>
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<td>Pest control (fungicides, pesticides)</td>
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<td>Fertilizers</td>
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<td>Agricultural use (explain)</td>
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<td>Swimming pool supplies</td>
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<td>Dry cleaning</td>
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<td>Asphalt or other petroleum products</td>
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<td>Furniture refinishing</td>
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<td>Asbestos or asbestos products</td>
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<td>Pharmaceuticals or cosmetics</td>
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21. Manufacturing computer hardware or circuit board  Y  N
22. Radioactive materials  Y  N
23. Explosives, ammunition or fireworks  Y  N
24. Chemical, biological, or nuclear research  Y  N
25. Disposal of waste or recycling of any kind  Y  N

If the subject property has been so used, please specify which portion and when:

| 26. | Is the property adjacent to the subject property currently used, or has it ever been used, for the purposes listed above | Y  N |
|     | If Yes, describe please: |   |
| 27. | Has the subject property or property adjacent to it ever been used for the creation, manufacture, storage, handling, transportation, or disposal of hazardous waste or hazardous substances? | Y  N |
| 28. | What chemicals have been used on the property? What wastes were produced on the property? How were the wastes disposed of (current and past practices)? | Y  N |
| 29. | Was any portion of the subject property created or modified by dredging or landfill? | Y  N |
| 30. | Has the subject property ever been mined for oil, gas or any other minerals? | Y  N |
| 31. | Were the buildings or other structures on the subject property constructed prior to 1979? | Y  N |
| 32. | Was asbestos or asbestos-containing products used in construction of those structures? | Y  N |
33. Are there any electrical transformers or capacitors on the subject property? If Yes, have the transformers or capacitors been tested for toxic chemicals such as PCB’s? 

Y  N

34. Have solvents ever been used on the subject property? If so, explain how the solvents were used, estimate the quantity used and describe the disposal practices used for spent or waste solvents. 

Y  N

35. Is the activity that the property is being used for in compliance with all environmental permits and laws? If no, please explain. 

Y  N

36. Are there any claims or lawsuits pending involving the property or the business that relate to environmental contamination or the discharge of emission or exposure to hazardous substances? 

Y  N

If Yes to any of the above, specify which portion and explain further, also attach any relevant documents:

________________________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________________________

Each of the undersigned personally warrants that they have read the information contained herein and answered each question truthfully and completely. Each of the undersigned understands and agrees that the obligation to inform lender of any changes in the information given above is a continuing one.

_________________________________________  _________________
Pastor   Date

_________________________________________   _________________
Chair of Trustees   Date
SAMPLE

APPROVAL OF PASTOR AND DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Approval as required by the

2008 Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church
(Paragraph 2543.1)

We, the Pastor and District Superintendent, do hereby endorse the report of the Study Committee of the ________________ United Methodist Church. The Study Committee is authorized to present its findings to the Charge Conference for further action in accordance with the 2008 Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church.

Date_____ / _____ / _____  Pastor ________________________________

Date_____ / _____ / _____  District Superintendent _______________________

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SAMPLE

APPROVAL OF SITE BY DISTRICT BOARD OF CHURCH LOCATION AND BUILDING

Approval As Required by the
2008 Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church
(Paragraph 2543.2)

This is to certify that the District Board of Church Location and Building of the
____________________ District, Western North Carolina Conference, has studied the
proposed site for the building project for the _________________ United Methodist
Church and hereby gives its approval.

Date _____ / _____ / _____ Secretary _____________________________

Date _____ / _____ / _____ District Superintendent _____________________
SAMPLE

CHARGE CONFERENCE RESOLUTION

Approval As Required by the

2008 Book Of Discipline Of The United
Methodist Church
(Paragraph 2543.3)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Charge Conference of ________________________
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (“the Church”) that the Church has reviewed the
analysis of the needs of the church and community, the projections of membership and
attendance, and the program of ministry as prepared and presented by the study
committee; and based upon these reports does authorize the proposed

And shall elect the following members to serve on the building committee (no less than
three members*):

________________________________  ___________________________

________________________________  ___________________________

________________________________  ___________________________

________________________________  ___________________________

Name, Chairperson  Date

Name, Secretary  Date

*The Charge Conference may appoint a separate Building Committee or authorize the
Board of Trustees to act as a Building Committee.
SAMPLE

APPROVAL OF NEEDS, PRELIMINARY ARCHITECTURAL PLANS, FINANCIAL ESTIMATES AND PLANS BY DISTRICT BOARD OF CHURCH LOCATION AND BUILDING

Approval As Required By The
2008 Book Of Discipline Of The United Methodist Church
(Paragraph 2543.5)

This is to certify that the District Board of Church Location and Building of the
____________________________________ District, Western North Carolina Conference, has
studied the need for the proposed _______________________
_______________________________________________________________
of the ____________________________________ United Methodist Church of
_____________________________________________________________ and has approved
the architectural plans and financial estimates and plans, and hereby gives its
approval.

Date _____ / _____ / _____ Secretary ___________________________

Date _____ / _____ / _____ District Superintendent ______________________
SAMPLE

APPROVAL OF NEEDS, PRELIMINARY ARCHITECTURAL PLANS, FINANCIAL ESTIMATES AND PLANS BY CHURCH CONFERENCE

Approval as Required by the
2008 Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church
(Paragraph 2543.6)

This is to certify that a Church Conference of ______________________ United Methodist Church of ______________________ has studied the need for the proposed:

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

and has approved the architectural plans and financial estimates and plans, and hereby gives its approval for continuation of the project.

Date ___________ Secretary: ________________________________

Date ___________ Pastor: ________________________________

Date ___________ District Superintendent: ________________________________
SAMPLE

CHARGE/ CHURCH CONFERENCE RESOLUTION

As Required By The

2008 Book Of Discipline Of The United
Methodist Church
(Paragraph 2543.7)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Charge Conference of
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (the “Church”) that the Church borrow from the United
Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina, Inc., a North Carolina non-profit lender, or
from such other lender as the Board of Trustees of the Church may determine, up to the sum of
$_________________________, secured by a lien against the real property described on Exhibit
“A” attached hereto, for the purpose of
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the officers of the Board of Trustees are authorized
to negotiate the terms and conditions of such loan and mortgage on behalf of the Church; that any
two officers of the Board of Trustees are authorized and directed to take such actions and execute
and deliver such instruments or documents related to such loan and mortgages as they in their
discretion deem necessary or appropriate, including, but not limited to, the execution and delivery
of one or more promissory notes, deeds of trust, security agreements, financing statements,
commitment letters, loan agreements; and that the actions so taken and the instruments and
documents so executed and delivered are hereby ratified and approved as the binding act and
deed of the Church;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any two officers of the Board of Trustees of the
Church are authorized to take such actions and execute and deliver such instruments and
documents as they in their discretion deem necessary or appropriate to renew, extend, rearrange,
modify, amend or otherwise change the terms of the loan or mortgage without further action of
the Charge Conference, Administrative Board or Board of Trustees of the Church, including, but
not limited to, the execution and delivery of one or more renewals, extensions, modification
agreements, and new notes, deeds of trust and security agreements; and that the actions so taken
and the instruments and documents so executed and delivered are hereby ratified and approved as
the binding act and deed of the Church; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the loan and mortgage and all actions taken or to be
taken in connection with the loan and mortgage by or on behalf of the Church have been, and
hereby are, approved and confirmed as required by The Book of Discipline of The United
Methodist Church now in effect.

Name  Date  Name  Date
SAMPLE

APPROVAL OF DETAILED PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, RELIABLE AND DETAILED ESTIMATE OF COSTS, AND A PLAN FOR FINANCING BY DISTRICT BOARD OF CHURCH LOCATION AND BUILDING

Approval As Required By The 2008 Book Of Discipline Of The United Methodist Church
(Paragraph 2543.7)

This is to certify that the District Board of Church Location and Building of the __________________________ District, Western North Carolina Conference has studied the detailed architectural plans and specifications, the detailed estimates of cost, and the financial plan for the proposed __________________________

for the ______________________ United Methodist Church of ____________ and hereby gives its approval.

Date _____ / _____ / ____ Secretary __________________________

Date _____ / _____ / _____ District Superintendent ______________________