

Report of the
Central Conference Communications Initiative Committee
United Methodist Communications
Annual Meeting
Friday, September 16, 2005
3 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Pong Javier, Chair
Domingos António
Chase Bannister, Secretary
Ken Bauman
Andreas Elfving

Gary Henderson
Bishop João Machado
Carmelita Matias

Excused: Olivia Schwartz

Staff Present:

Elizabeth Hunter
Tafadzwa Mudambanuki
Barbara Nissen

ACTION ITEMS

1. Receive minutes of the CCCIC from Spring 2005 meeting.

REFERRAL ITEMS

1. There were no items for referral

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Received report (via an “Aerial view”) of the work staff have been doing on our behalf since February meeting. Staff have been journeying to central conferences, listening, partnering, consulting and producing pertinent websites, videos, grant materials and more.
2. Received compilation of communication needs of Annual Conferences in Africa. Discussed pragmatic issues surrounding assistance, finances, and partnerships. Staff expect that these communicators will be trained and equipped by July/August 2006. Expect that it will cost \$14,000 per Episcopal area (of 14) in the Africa areas. Foundation is committed to partnering with Annual Conferences to provide full funding for this initiative. Discussion ensued, centering around reminder that this is a *starting place*; other central conferences will be targeted in appropriate time.