

**Report of the  
Connectional Giving Advisory Committee  
General Commission on Communication  
September 16, 2005**

**Present:**

Chair: Arnie Rhodes

Members: Joseph Ha, Tom Clemow, Rebecca Kohler; Sue Sherbrooke

Staff: Sherri Thiel, Kent McNish, Barbara Dunlap-Bert, Celinda Hughes,  
Tracy Wood

Guests: Evelyn Warren and David Edwards, Buntin Group

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Election of Vice Chair, Rebecca Kohler
2. Election of Secretary, Tom Clemow
3. Develop strategy for board spokespersons

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Update on internal audit –  
Information was shared. Quarterly reports are given to GCFA and we are in good standing with GBHEM.
2. Strategic planning for funds –  
Strategic planning helps to budget spending evenly throughout the quadrennium, using all budgeted funds without going over.
3. Review 2005 – 2008 materials - Information was shared about Africa University, Black College Fund, the UMGiving Website, The Advance, Special Sundays, Promotion of Giving, chlorine-free paper, strategy mapping with Special Sunday clients including quarterly review and evaluations.
4. Review of the World Service video – A press release will be sent. It will be placed on our Website for down load. To keep costs down, existing UMCom clips were used.
5. Support by Commission - Brainstorming to come up with ideas on how the commission can help promote connectional giving. The question was raised, “Is there a way that we can teach our children about wealth?”

Adjournment