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Dear Members of the Fellowship,

As your elected Jurisdictional Representatives, we want you to know of our endorsement of the proposed revision to our Fellowship Constitution and Standing Rules.

The current Constitution and Standing Rules have been guiding the Fellowship since 1994. Although an update to these documents has been in discussion for a number of years, the active process of making the revision came to fruition during the 2006 National Council meeting this past October. As members of the National Council, we were actively involved in forming the proposed National Council officer structure for the Fellowship. Please be assured that we support these changes with enthusiasm, and we have great hope that the proposed revisions will continue to guide The Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts for many years to come.

A question that may be on the minds of our Fellowship members from the Northeast and North Central Jurisdictions is, "What will happen to our biennial jurisdictional convocation events?" We want to assure you that there is already an event team appointed to begin planning 2008 events in these regions. These events will be very similar to the events in previous years. Also, the annual "Music and Liturgical Arts Week" at Lake Junaluska, NC, will continue to serve and nurture the members of The Fellowship.

The proposed structure includes an Events Committee which will work to coordinate all national and regional events to help ensure that every Fellowship member has multiple opportunities to participate in the training, networking, and *fellowship* that are such a valuable part of our organization.

We urge you to go to the Fellowship website (www.FUMMWA.org) to review the proposed documents online or to request a printed copy from the National Office (800-952-8977). You will receive a ballot in March 2007 to vote on the new Constitution and Standing Rules.

Please contact one of us or any other member of the National Council with your questions about the proposed revisions. We look forward to seeing many of you at our national convocation this coming July 16-19, 2007, in St. Louis.

In Christ,

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