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September 5, 2006

TWELFTH STEP MINISTRY, INC
c/o Robert L. Dicken, President
9200 Inwood Road
Dallas, TX 75220

Re: Inclusion in The United Methodist Church Tax Exemption Ruling
Affiliated Organization: Twelfth Step Ministry, Inc.
Affiliated Organization's Employer Identification Number (EIN): 01-0862158
Related Organization: Lovers Lane United Methodist Church
Date of Inclusion: December 16, 2005

Dear Mr. Dicken:

This letter will certify that the affiliated organization named above has been and continues to be included in The United Methodist Church Tax Exemption Ruling. In particular, as stated in the group ruling determination letter issued to The United Methodist Church by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"), this affiliated organization is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Enclosed is a copy of the IRS group ruling determination letter, which may be used in conjunction with this certification letter to verify the tax-exempt status of this affiliated organization. Also enclosed is a cover memorandum containing additional information about The United Methodist Church Group Tax Exemption Ruling.

The General Council on Finance and Administration ("GCF"), as administrator of The United Methodist Church Group Tax Exemption Ruling, files an annual report with the IRS listing affiliated organizations to be included in the group ruling. The affiliated organization named above will be listed in GCF's next annual filing with the IRS.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the GCF Legal Department.

Sincerely,

GENERAL COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION OF
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

By: Sandra Lackore
Sandra Lackore
General Secretary and Treasurer

By: James R. Allen
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Enclosures

Department of the Treasury



Internal Revenue Service
Washington, DC 20224

Date:

OCT 16 1974

In reply refer to:

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Council on Finance and Administration of the United Methodist Church, a/k/a the United Methodist Church and Its Affiliated Organizations
1200 Davis Street
Evanston, Illinois 60201

Attention: R. Bryan Brawner

Dear Applicant:

This refers to the information submitted for use in determining your status and the status of your affiliated religious organizations, on the list you submitted, as being exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

For the purposes of this group ruling, your affiliated religious organizations include The General Conference, Judicial Council; General Agencies, Commissions, Committees, their divisions and departments thereof, and, other related organizations; Jurisdictional Conferences and Affiliated Agencies, Commissions, and other organizations; Annual Conferences and divisions and departments thereof; Annual Conference Agencies, Commissions, Committees, and affiliated organization; Local Churches and Local Church Agencies, Commissions, Committees, and other affiliated organizations.

Based on the information supplied, we rule that you and your affiliated religious organizations, on the list you submitted, are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

We have further determined that you and the affiliated religious organizations you operate, supervise, or control, and which are covered by your notification to us, are not private foundations within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code, because you and your affiliated religious organizations are organizations described in sections 170(b)(1)(A)(i) and 509(a)(1) of the Code.