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## AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL APPOINTED CLERGY OF THE OKLAHOMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Greetings, grace, and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

This letter is my personal invitation to you to attend one of the three upcoming Bishop's Retreats, which will be held at our three United Methodist camps during the week of September 19-25, 2010. Even though the format has changed, the focus and the aim of our retreats remain centered on equipping every pastor with valuable information that can be used in any local church or extension ministry setting. Each year we invite the most gifted facilitators to share a presentation that will be helpful in strengthening our churches, and this year is no different.

Our focus this year will be "all about Wesley" and his influence on the phenomenal rise of Methodism in the early years of the United States. We will take an in-depth look at the Wesleyan class-meeting system and dare to ask the question: "Can it happen again in United Methodism?"

Our facilitators will be Drs. James and Molly Davis Scott, who are clergy elders in The United Methodist Church. This gifted couple has served as pastors, missionaries, adjunct professors, and authors. They are two of the leading experts in Wesleyan theology. I know you will enjoy their presentation. Information about required reading before the retreat will be given to you soon.

Please select one of these retreats and register as soon as possible:

- We begin at Canyon Camp, at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, and end at noon Tuesday, Sept. 21.
- The second retreat opens at Cross Point Camp on Lake Texoma, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, and ends at noon Thursday, Sept. 23.
- Our last retreat of the week will begin at Camp Egan, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, and conclude at noon Saturday, Sept. 25.

A registration form is included with this letter. **PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO ONLINE REGISTRATION.** Complete your registration, and mail it in as soon as possible. I look forward to seeing you at one of our retreats in September.

In His Service,

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