

Report Of The District Study Team
To The
Called Session Of The North Alabama Annual Conference
January 28, 2006

The District Study Team, authorized by the 2004 Session of the North Alabama Annual Conference, has met to study the district structure and makes the following recommendations:

We recommend that the number of districts within the bounds of the North Alabama Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church be reduced to eight districts by the 2007 regular session of the North Alabama Annual Conference.

We recommend, in accordance with The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church 2004, ¶ 415.4, that the bishop, in consultation with the district superintendents:

- Establish the district lines of these eight districts in an expedient manner
- Determine the best possible timeline for implementing these new boundaries no later than the 2007 regular session of the North Alabama Annual Conference
- Report these new boundaries to the annual conference as soon as possible via the North Alabama Annual Conference website.

We recommend that the District Study team remain organized to consult with the bishop and cabinet for the next five years in making adjustments to the district lines as needed.

We further recommend that a transition team be nominated and elected at the special session to assist with all the legal, financial, and property matters related to reducing the number of districts.

Respectfully submitted,
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