

**Gulf Coast Panel Conference Call—Summary Report
Tuesday December 19, 2006 5pm-6pm**

Present: Meg Riley, Joe Sullivan, Steve Crump, Becky Cureau, Eunice Benton, Jacqueline Luck, Martha Thompson

1. Discussion Of Remaining Funds In Congregational Fund.

a. Specifically related to what happens with rest of congregational funds and the Gulfport congregation. We need a timeline and main ideas of how and where funds will be spent. Eunice Benton will be in contact with Susan Smith, District Executive of South West District.

2. Discussion On How Best To Support Mississippi Volunteer Coordinator

Martha, Steve, Jacqueline and Eunice had a conference call to discuss how to support the volunteer coordinator/community minister and her work. The panel discusses appropriate collegial and other support for her in isolated and trauma-heavy situation. In addition, panel discusses accountability and supervision of work in Mississippi.

3. Community Grants

a. **\$35,000 for Coastal Women for Change.** This is Stop Gap Child Care for Lower-Income MS Coast Families and a short term solution to provide training and resources for women taking children into their homes.

Eunice Benton moves to fund CWC for 35,000

Joe Sullivan Seconds

→**VOTE: Motion is APPROVED**

b. **\$30,000 for Mississippi Low Income Child Care Initiative:** Increasing Quality Child Care for Low-Income Families in MS.

Becky Cureau moves to fund for \$30,000 for MLICCI

Steve Crump seconds

→**VOTE: Motion is APPROVED**

c. **\$60,000 to Jeremiah Group.** This group was funded last year for training community leaders. This grant is to expand organizer training with salary for organizer. Jeremiah Group has identified a senior organizer who worked as a Jeremiah volunteer in 2001-2 and then went to Texas to be trained as an IAF organizer.

Steve Crump moves to fund for \$60,000.

Eunice Benton seconds.

→**VOTE: Motion is APPROVED.**

4. Administrative Costs

ACTION: Joe, Megan and Meg will take up itemized Administrative Costs with Kay Montgomery.

Report Respectfully Submitted by Megan Joiner