Summary Report from the Gulf Coast Relief Funding Panel Conference Call February 8, 2006

Present: Eunice Benton, Rev. Steve J. Crump, Dr. Rebecca Cureau, Rev. Jacqueline Luck, Rev. Meg Riley, Martha Thompson (for the second half of the call), Joe Sullivan.

The Panel:

- 1. Heard reports from its members.
- 2. Learned that the new community minister, Rev. Marilee Bassich, has settled at Baton Rouge and is conducting interviews of candidates for the volunteer coordinator position.
- 3. Received and discussed the report of the New Orleans Strategic Planning Group Advisory Board (Also known as the New Orleans Working Group) from their January 27-28, 2006 meeting. Several requests for clarification on specific issues and minor logistical questions were asked of the Panel and will be attended to by Panel members.
- 4. Agreed to review their charge drafted by Meg Riley, Joe Sullivan, and Kay Montgomery and offer feedback within 72 hours from the time of its distribution.
- 5. Voted unanimously to approve the proposed grant of \$30,000 to Neighborhood Housing Services as approved and recommended by the Community Working Group.
- 6. The next conference calls of the GCRF Panel were set by the Panel to be:
 - Tuesday, February 21, 10:00 AM Central Time
 - Tuesday, March 7, 10:00 AM Central Time
 - Tuesday, March 21, 10:00 AM Central Time