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Agency: GCOM

Title: Bible Study Centered on *Fulfilling Christ's Mission in the Life of The United Methodist Church*

Financial Implications: None

## Report No. 7

Petition Number:

### **GCOM AND GBOD COLLABORATE IN CREATING FULFILLING CHRIST'S MISSION BIBLE STUDY**

#### **Mandate**

The 2000 General Conference approved the development of a Bible study based on the initial biblical texts and concepts of the reflection guide for *Fulfilling Christ's Mission in the Life of The United Methodist Church*. The purpose of the Bible study is to provide a reflective resource centering on our biblical identity for local churches and annual conferences to explore what Christ calls them to be and do and to fulfill Christ's mission in their lives and communities in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The Bible study was to be developed collaboratively by the General Council on Ministries and the General Board of Discipleship and to be made available to the church in the 2001–2004 quadrennium.

#### **Process and Implementation**

From the outset, the Bible study was developed collaboratively by the two agencies. A joint writing team developed the Bible study, focusing on the five transformational directions of the Living into the Future proposal, as approved by the 2000 General Conference. Further, the Bible study sought to incorporate the Forums on the Future.

The Bible study can be found at [www.gcom-umc.org/future](http://www.gcom-umc.org/future) along with archived versions of the Forum on the Future web casts held in 2003.

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