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Agency: GCOM

Title: Report of the Task Force on Multi-Language Resources

Financial Implications: None

## **Report No.21**

Petition Number:

### **REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE ON MULTI-LANGUAGE RESOURCES**

#### **Background and Mandate**

During the 1997-2000 quadrennium, the General Council on Ministries (GCOM) sponsored along with the General Board of Discipleship (GBOD) and the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM), a Spanish Language Writers Workshop. Because of its success and recognizing the global nature of the church, a petition was presented to the 2000 General Conference which called upon GCOM to establish a Task Force on Multi-Language Resources and sponsor a Multi-Language Writers Workshop inclusive of Spanish, French, and German languages. The petition proposed an expanded event be held during the 2001-2004 quadrennium to provide training for Korean, Portuguese, French and Spanish writers in writing church resources. The petition was approved by the 2000 General Conference, but without funding to hold such an event.

#### **Process and Implementation**

The GCOM organized a task force that included GCOM members and staff and representatives from GBOD, GBGM, United Methodist Communications and the United Methodist Publishing House. The task force reviewed the Spanish Language Writers Workshop held last quadrennium, set the purposes and goals for a multi-language workshop, developed a budget, established criteria for the selection of participants, and selected leadership and resources for the event. The workshop was designed to train 80 persons; 20 in each of the four languages (French, Korean, Portuguese, and Spanish). Twenty of the proposed 80 participants were to be from central conferences.

Because the General Conference petition was approved without funding, the Task Force requested GCOM to prepare a proposal to request funding through the General Council on Finance and Administration for contingency funds. This funding proposal was presented to GCFA but was not approved.

The Multi-Language Writers Workshop was not held due to the unavailability of any funding source. The GCOM Conference Relationship Work Area requested that funding for this workshop be included in GCOM's 2005-2008 quadrennial budget request. If the budget request is approved, the proposed workshop will be held in the 2005-2008 quadrennium.

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