

Good morning, my name is Judy Broadwater – Millers UMC, Millers, MD. Thank you to the Members of the State Committee and all the people representing the many Methodist Churches. To begin I truly respect the Methodist roots with John Wesley for the leader that he was for all of us. I respect and thank our many ministers who lead by the Word of God.

I do not know any of the legal aspects of the paper that was signed in 1968. In which, Millers United Brethren Church became Millers United Methodist Church, but I do know the descendants now, George and Ralph Miller. The property was donated by their great-great grandfather Aaron Miller in 1884. Much Love, Songs, and Hard Work has gone into the building and upkeep of our church.

Since the signing of that paper in 1968, not ONE bit of help, money, or inquiry has been offered for any maintenance, additions, or restorations from the Baltimore Washington Conference. The signing was apparently only for the use of the name “Methodist.” And YES, we have inquired for some help especially when it was desperately needed. Only to be turned down!

For that reason, I wonder why the Conference has the nerve or heart to expect over \$400,000 for us to purchase our property from them!!! I also feel that we have already paid plenty to the Conference through our annual apportionments. But I do believe we need to fulfill our obligations of apportionments and paying toward the ministers’ retirements.

I also feel that any amount after that should not be more than 1% of the value of our properties. Other districts have been very understanding and mindful of the hardships on small churches.

We may not have a huge attendance but we do many services and fellowship with many people in our area.

Please know and open your hearts to know how very important our buildings and church are to helping our neighbors to see and know the Love of our God and Savior through us.

Thank you.