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## **GBPHB Corporate Relations Director to Retire**

Glenview, IL—The General Board of Pension and Health Benefits (GBPHB) today announced the retirement of Corporate Relations Director <u>Vidette Bullock-Mixon</u>. Ms. Bullock-Mixon announced her retirement following 31 years of service to GBPHB in its Wespath Investment Management division.

Wespath is widely recognized as a leader in socially responsible investing. Ms. Bullock-Mixon led the development of the investment management division's corporate advocacy and engagement program. Among her accomplishments, she was instrumental in successfully advocating for responsible supply chain management at Nike and led the investor engagement effort with Wal-Mart to produce a corporate sustainability report. General Secretary Barbara Boigegrain commented, "Vidette has made a significant contribution during her years of service in building the agency's reputation as a socially responsible investor—the cornerstone of our investment philosophy. We wish her well as she transitions into retirement."

For many years, Ms. Bullock-Mixon has actively participated in the corporate socially responsible investing community as a director of Ceres\*, a past director of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility, and a GBPHB representative to the Council of Institutional Investors' events. She also represented GBPHB on two United Methodist Church initiatives: the National Shalom Zone Committee and the Ministry with the Poor task force. She is an active member of the Sherman United Methodist Church in Evanston, Illinois, has attended the Northern Illinois Annual Conference for many years, and was recently recognized for her 12-year tenure as a director of the United Methodist Foundation of the Northern Illinois Conference.

Wespath will announce a corporate relations leader following a national search of qualified candidates.

## About Wespath

Wespath is the investment management division of the General Board which is recognized as the largest faith-based benefit plans administrator and pension fund/investment asset manager with approximately \$19 billion in assets under management. It is among the top 100 pension fund managers (based on assets under management) in the U.S. This financial services institution, in operation since 1908, invests nearly \$1.5 billion of the assets under management on behalf of institutional investors such as United Methodist annual conferences and foundations, and other United Methodist-affiliated organizations. As a socially responsible investor, Wespath is actively involved in shareholder advocacy, proxy voting, portfolio screening and community investing.

\* Ceres is an advocate for sustainability leadership. It mobilizes a powerful network of investors, companies and public interest groups to accelerate and expand the adoption of sustainable business practices and solutions to build a healthy global economy.