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Dear Lifewatch Friend:

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

For over 40 years, the Lord of Life has been reforming The United Methodist Church on life and abortion. Each General Conference has moved United Methodism in the direction of protecting the unborn child and mother from abortion. For the first time, the 2008 General Conference named "the unborn child," favored "responsible adult notification and consent," and urged "the Church to assist crisis pregnancy centers" (Paragraph 161J, The Book of Discipline [2008]).

Because of our Lord's grace and your support, Lifewatch has been honored and challenged to play a part in this gradual reformation. Year after year, quarter after quarter, Lifewatch has kept life and abortion in front of The United Methodist Church -- even when most prefer avoidance.

But now Lifewatch is in serious financial difficulty. Lifewatch's bank account has dropped to its lowest point in years. There is just enough -- or almost enough -- to print and mail the September 1, 2010 issue of the newsletter. (Mrs. Cindy Evans, our administrator, has recently received a reduced stipend a couple of times [her regular monthly stipend is \$1,000]; and I have promised to cover any debt, that arises from printing and mailing this newsletter, with family funds.)

Lifewatch needs your help. Today.

If you are a regular contributor, please give an extraordinarily generous gift.

If you have never contributed, please give a gift of \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1,000, or more.

Even if you have disagreed with Lifewatch over the years, but you know the importance of serious and civil theological-moral deliberation in Church life, please give \$10 to cover the annual cost of a few subscriptions.

If you are laity or clergy, please encourage your church to give a 2010 gift to Lifewatch, or propose that Lifewatch be listed in your church's 2011 missions budget.

Many, many thanks to you, in advance, for your prayers and your support. You are helping to advance the one witness, dedicated exclusively to ministry for life, in The United Methodist Church today. There remains much to do for the Gospel of Life.

By God's grace may we continue faithful.

In Christ,

(The Rev.) Paul T. Stallsworth
Pastor and President/Editor of Lifewatch

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