

1 Amend paragraph ¶212.2 by addition as follows:

2 212.2. In communities in transition, the local church shall be regarded as a principal base of
3 mission from which structures of society shall be confronted, evangelization shall occur, and a
4 principal witness to the changing community **including ministry with the poor** shall be
5 realized.

6 ***Rationale:***

7 This addition gives us a strong reminder that we need to be intentional about ministry with the
8 poor which is one of our Four Areas of Ministry Focus. Ministry with the Poor is fundamental to
9 our Wesleyan and pietistic roots and integral to the Church's mission "to make disciples of Jesus
10 Christ for the transformation of the world by proclaiming the good news of God's grace and by
11 exemplifying Jesus' command to love God and neighbor, thus seeking the fulfillment of God's
12 reign and realm in this world" (The United Methodist Book of Discipline 2008, par. 121).

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