

1 Amend ¶ 2548 by adding a new .8 as follows:

2 **¶ 2548.8 Upon the discontinuance or abandonment of a local church, the gift of said**
3 **property may be made to an organization that is a non-profit and has values consistent**
4 **with the United Methodist Church's values and consistent with our Wesleyan heritage,**
5 **theology, and United Methodist polity that will begin, enhance or continue the work and**
6 **vision of ministry with the poor in that community.**

7 ***Rationale:***

8 Donating discontinued or abandoned local church property is one way to facilitate John Wesley's
9 vision to minister to the poor as the cost of land and/or building is one of the largest barriers for
10 non-profit organizations in helping those in poverty to attain sustainable lifestyles.

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