

## UMMA Gathering — Day Three

On the final morning of the UMMA Gathering the Rev. Patrick Watkins, GBGM missionary for a Renewed Creation, spoke about this new program of Global Ministries, answered questions and engaged with those present about their own work related to environment around the world.

In the last business of the meeting, a decision was reached to raise dues effective January 1, 2016. This decision was made in the light of the fact that UMMA has been significantly involved in the process of gaining improvements in both the “defined benefit” and “defined contribution” pension plans as well as the efforts to establish a new, higher and more just salary scale.

In response to input from a number of single missionaries (or missionaries whose spouse is not a missionary), the separate dues structure for couples and singles has been changed.

The new rate schedule appears below. Any dues paid for 2016 before January 1 can be paid at the old rate. That makes this an excellent time to consider paying early or paying for a lifetime membership.

### Old Rates vs. New Dues Rates:

Singles before January 1, 2016:		\$ 30
Singles after January 1, 2016:		\$ 36 (= \$3 / month)
Couples before January 1, 2016:		\$ 50
Couples after January 1, 2016:	2 x	\$ 36 (= \$72 = \$6 / month)
Affiliates before January 1, 2016		\$ 20
Affiliates after January 1, 2016		\$ 25

### Lifetime members paying before January 1, 2016

Over 75	\$450 for singles; \$750 for couples;
Under 75	\$300 for singles; \$500 for couples;
Affiliates	\$300

### Lifetime members paying after January 1, 2015

Over 75	\$360 each (\$720 for couples)
Under 75	\$540 each (\$1080 for couples)
Affiliates	\$375

To end our official session together Hugh and Fritzi Johnson led in a closing worship service.

After lunch, eleven members of the group traveled by bus to Madison, NJ, for a visit to the General Commission on Archives and History and Drew University Archives where General Secretary Fred Day and staff members Dale Patterson, Cassie Brand, and Christopher Anderson gave the group a tour of interesting items on display, including several rare and ancient books.

After a shared meal in Meade Hall at Drew, the group returned to the Marriott Newark International Airport Hotel for the night before dispersing for various destinations around the world.