



Annual Conference 2006

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An update on our Annual Conference

In a spirit of joy and unity and with the main theme "METHODIST CHURCH; LOVE, SERVE, NOW IT'S THE TIME" the LXXXIII session of our Annual Conference came to an end.

It took place at Camp Cannan, Santa Clara, from June the 15th through the 17th..



Ordination of 30 pastors as Elders.

The camp location was too small of a place for the number of people present at the event, there were more than 600 among the delegates and guests.. We also had the blessing of having with us, as our guest and speaker, the Rev. Jorge Ochoa Superintendent of the Federal District of the Methodist Church in Mexico.

30 of our pastors were

ordained as Elders, being this the largest ordination in the history of the Methodist Church in Cuba.

In spite of all the challenges we faced on this year, where even the weather harmed many of our sanctuaries, we received joyfully the news that we grew 9.3 % in our membership in relation to last year.

Many wonderful and interesting things happened at this great celebration of the Methodists of Cuba. At the same time we heard refreshing and updated news of what God is doing in the midst of our churches. We will try to summarize on this paper some of the most relevant moments we experienced there.

THE CONFERENCE STAND REGARDING THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF MATANZAS.

In one of the sessions the Conference decided to vote regarding our relationship with the Theological Seminary of Matanzas and which would be our stand as a church. Almost unanimously, only 10 voted against and 8 abstained themselves, the Annual Conference voted in favor of the breaking of the Covenant signed in 1946 by the Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church and the Episcopalian Church, which joined them later. This was the year that the Methodists and the Presbyterians started the project at the Seminary. The Conference acknowledged that the Board of the Institution did not respect our rights as Founding Church.



Outpouring of the Holy Spirit over the lay and clergy.



Brother. Zoilo Martínez ,deaf missionary, member of the Ministry "Free from Silence " shares the Word of God with the Conference.