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## United Methodists to Receive Discounts at Staples

*Nashville, TN* – The General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) has entered into an agreement with Staples, one of the world's largest office products companies to provide preferred



pricing and discounts on purchases. Staples<sup>®</sup> Advantage is the business-to-business purchasing program available to churches, district offices, annual conferences, jurisdictions, general agencies, and other United Methodist related institutions. Given the rising costs of copies, office/cleaning supplies and other services, this can be a substantial savings.

Rev. Alan J. Morrison, Director of Support Services for GCFA, states "while GCFA does not typically endorse commercial enterprises, we are excited that we were able to enter into a purchasing agreement to gain some competitive pricing in a way that extends the pricing availability to the whole connection."

Through this program United Methodists will receive preferred pricing on an established list of office and cleaning supplies as well as on a custom list of supplies particular to the individual congregation, office, or agency's needs; a 15% discount on all other items; the ability to order online and receive next day delivery; and an annual 1-3% volume-based rebate. The total of all sales to United Methodist organizations will result in a 1% annual rebate to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

To start the process, visit <u>www.StaplesAdvantage.com/UnitedMethodists</u>. By completing the online form with basic contact information, a Staples sales representative in your area will contact you to answer questions about the program and sign you up.

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