LUBBOCK METHODIST HOSPITAL SYSTEM (LMHS) NWTX Conference Relationship Information Don Boren, NWTX Conference Director of Connectional Ministry and Board Member

Covenant Hospital in Lubbock was formed out of the 1998 merger of Methodist Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital. The Lubbock Methodist Hospital System (LMHS) was also formed at that time. The LMHS was developed to maintain the Methodist connection to the hospital. There was also an amount of money left over from the sale of the hospital that has been set up to provide funding primarily to benefit hospital projects for the betterment of the hospital and community.

The main responsibilities of the board of LMHS are to:

- Oversee the funds created from the merger maintained
- Seat half of the Covenant Hospital Board of Directors
- Maintain a Methodist connection with the hospital
- Promote endeavors beneficial to the hospital and community

The LMHS board has allowed Methodists to maintain a voice at the table for health care in Lubbock and the surrounding area.

I have served on the LMHS Board for the last seven years as the Lubbock District Superintendent. Bishop Nunn served during his tenure as Lubbock District Superintendent as have several others including Richard Edwards, Earl Blair, and Ken Metzger.

In order to maintain a Board that will best help the hospital and continue our Methodist connection, we feel it would be important to consider the revisions to the bylaws as stated in the supporting documents.

Thank you for your consideration,

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