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Dear Members & Interested Friends,

The Annual Meeting for The Methodist Cemetery Association will be held on Sunday, August 2, 2009 from 2-4 p.m. at Friendship Terrace, 4201 Butterworth Place N.W., in the 3rd floor lounge. This building is directly behind the cemetery, off 42nd Street.

We wish you could have seen the cemetery on Memorial Day weekend. It was beautiful. The irises were blooming, as were other flowers on the outside of the fence along Murdock Mill Road. The grass was well cut, and the new trees and bushes are flourishing. However, activity at the cemetery during the past year has been minimal. We were unable to obtain a grant from the Columbia Harmony Society this year. Additionally, we lost the lawn-mowing services of John Schwartz for at least this season. This winter John had major surgery on the large artery in his leg which unfortunately was not diagnosed in time to save half of his left foot. His recoveries have been miraculous, but he is once more fighting infection. Meantime, Diane & Fred Tamayo have been laboriously and lovingly caring for the cemetery. A young college Tenleytown neighbor will be able to help with the mowing twice in July and twice in August. Other than that, the Tamayos plan to continue their labor of love for the remainder of this growing season. We ask for your thoughts and ideas with regard to maintenance in the future.

We are committed to maintain and improve the cemetery property; to do so, we must maintain our membership. We need your support and involvement. Additionally, we would encourage all members to make an attempt to locate descendants of those buried at the Methodist Cemetery. As we all continue to age, the interest and involvement of our youth becomes particularly important. Also, please remember that membership dues should be paid before or at the general meeting.

Agenda for the August 2009 Annual Meeting:

- 1. Collection of membership dues
- 2. Old business
 - a. Maintenance
 - b. Treasurer's report
- 3. New business
 - a. Election of Board of Directors
 - c. Ideas for the coming year