

MEREDITH CORP  
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September 25, 2008

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

**SCHEDULE 14A**

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COMPANY #

**MEREDITH CORPORATION**

**ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**

**Wednesday, November 5, 2008**

**10:00 a.m.**

**1716 Locust Street**

**Des Moines, Iowa 50309**

Directions to the Meredith Corporation 2008 Annual Meeting are available on our website and can be viewed at [www.meredith.com/meredith\\_corporate/findus.html](http://www.meredith.com/meredith_corporate/findus.html).

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting to be Held on November 5, 2008**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Meredith Corporation will be held at 1716 Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

The Proxy Statement and Annual Report are available at [www.idelivercommunications.com/proxy/mdp](http://www.idelivercommunications.com/proxy/mdp).

If you want to receive a paper copy or an e-mail with links to the electronic materials, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed on the reverse side of this Notice on or before October 27, 2008 to facilitate timely delivery.

**Matters intended to be acted upon at the meeting are listed below.**

**The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR each of the nominees for directors, FOR proposals 2 and 3 and AGAINST proposal 4.**

Proposal 1: To elect four Class I directors for terms expiring in 2011

Proposal 2: To ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending June 30, 2009

Proposal 3: To vote upon a proposed amendment to the Meredith Corporation Employee Stock Purchase Plan of 2002 to authorize an additional 500,000 shares for issuance and sale to employees

Proposal 4: To vote on shareholder proposals, if properly presented at the meeting

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Proxy Statement and Annual Report, please contact us via:

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**\*\* IMPORTANT NOTICE \*\***

**Regarding the Availability of Proxy Material**

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the above company, and the material you should review before you cast your vote is now available.

**This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy material that is available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy material before voting.**

**Shareholder Meeting to be held on Nov 5, 2008**

**Proxy Material Available**

- 1 Annual Report
- 2 Notice & Proxy Statement

**PROXY MATERIAL - VIEW OR RECEIVE**

**You can choose to view the material online or receive a paper or e-mail copy. There is NO charge for requesting a copy. Requests, instructions and other inquiries will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor.**

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**Meeting Information**

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting  
Meeting Date: November 05, 2008  
Meeting Time: 10:00 AM CST  
For holders as of: September 11, 2008  
**Meeting Location:**

Meredith Corporation  
1716 Locust Street  
Des Moines, IA 50309-3023

**How To Vote**

**Vote In Person**

Should you choose to vote these shares in person at the meeting you must request a legal proxy. To request a legal proxy please follow the instructions at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or request a paper copy of the material. Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting material for any special requirements for meeting attendance.

**Vote By Internet**

To vote *now* by Internet, go to

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**Voting items**

**The Board of Directors recommends that you vote For the following.**

**1. Election of Directors**

**Nominees**

01 Alfred H. Drewes      02 David J. Londoner    03 Philip A. Marineau    04 Elizabeth E. Tallett

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposal(s).**

- 2. To ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending June 30, 2009.
- 3. To vote upon the proposed Amendment to the Meredith Corporation Employee Stock Purchase Plan of 2002 to authorize an additional 500,000 shares for issuance and sale to employees.

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**The Board of Directors recommends you vote AGAINST the following proposal(s).**

- 4. To vote on shareholder proposals, if properly presented at the meeting.

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