

## April 30 Wrap: Five days of plenary begin

*When we all get to heaven, there will only be one question asked of us. It will be, “Did you spend your time on earth making it a better place?”*

— Sierra Leone Bishop John Yambasu

*The complete article appears on p. 2314.*

Donna Pewo (back to camera) is greeted by family and friends after being commissioned as a church and community worker during an April 29 service. Pewo, a Native American, serves in Oklahoma. A UMNS photo by Paul Jeffery.



## Agenda

### Tuesday, May 1

**6:30 A.M.** – Breakfast Meeting  
Committee on Agenda and Calendar (Room 18)

**7:00 A.M.** – Breakfast Meeting  
Committee on Reference (Room 19, if needed)

**8:00 – 10:00 A.M.** *Morning Plenary*  
Morning Prayer (15 minutes)  
Reports:

Committee on Courtesies and Privileges  
Committee on Credentials  
Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision  
Committee on the Journal  
Committee on Reference  
Committee on Agenda and Calendar  
Committee on Presiding Officers  
Calendar Items & Conference Business

**10:00 – 10:20 A.M.** *Morning Break*

**10:20 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.** *Morning Plenary*  
United Methodist Pension Program Presentation  
(1 hour)  
Calendar Items & Conference Business

**12:30 – 2:30 P.M.**

*Lunch Recess*  
– on your own

**12:40 P.M. – 1:10 P.M.**  
Service of Holy Communion (Riverwalk)

**2:30 – 3:35 P.M.** *Afternoon Plenary*  
Calendar Items & Conference Business

**3:35 – 3:55 P.M.** *Afternoon Break*

**3:55 – 5:00 P.M.** *Afternoon Plenary*  
Celebration of Pan-Methodist Full Communion  
(4:30 P.M.)  
Calendar Items & Conference Business

**5:00 P.M.** – Daily Deadline for DCA Printing

**5:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.** *Dinner Recess*  
– on your own

**7:30 – 8:30 P.M.** *Evening Plenary*  
Presentation of Ecumenical Guests & Greetings

**8:30 – 9:30 P.M.** *Evening Worship*

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## Announcements

Thank you to today's snack sponsor  
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**General Conference Guest musical groups performing on the Iliff School of Theology Food Court Stage:**

- **12:30 P.M. - Chancel Choir**, First United Methodist Church, Plymouth, Mich. To "communicate the faith through music" is this choir's mission as they seek opportunities to share the gospel beyond their own community. Also performing at 7:15 P.M. in the East Hall prior to the evening plenary and in worship at 8:30 P.M.
- **1:50 P.M. - The Agape Singers**, Clark Memorial United Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn. Celebrating their 25th anniversary in 2012, the choir's mission is to bring souls to Christ through song as they use their voices as instruments to build God's earthly kingdom. Also performing at 7:45 A.M. in the East Hall prior to Morning Prayer.

### Break bread with Tampa in the park

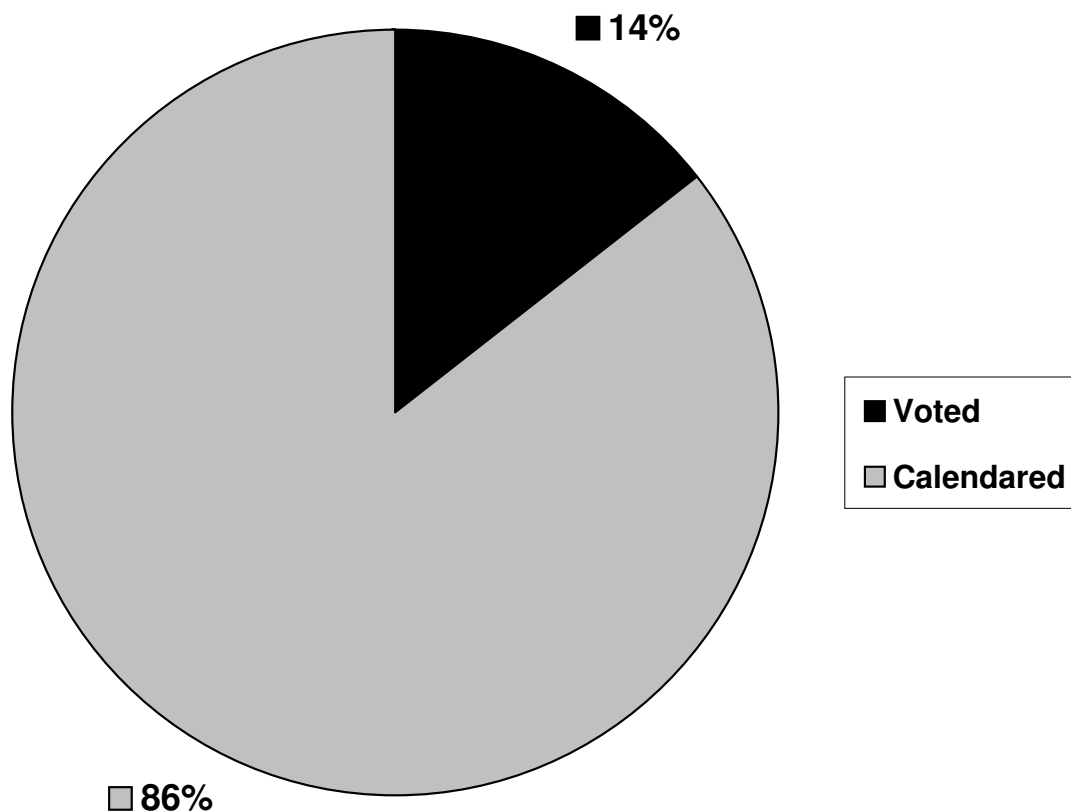
Communities of Shalom will co-host a free outdoor luncheon at Cotanchobee/Fort Brooke Park, featuring local and international musicians, poster making, and exhibitors from various ministries working with the poor; noon to 2:30 P.M. Master of ceremonies will be the Rev. John Edgar, pastor of the Church for All People in Columbus, Ohio. See [www.ministrywith.org](http://www.ministrywith.org) for more information.

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### Notice

The guest choir schedule for Monday was revised after press time for the April 30 DCA (Vol. 4, No. 6, p. 2124). One choir was added: 2:15 p.m. – Psalmodia, Cote d'Ivoire Annual Conference, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. Psalmodia was formed to sing at the Texas Annual Conference in 2008 and now enjoys a committed and talented group of 150 choristers.

# Report of the Coordinator of the Calendar Plenary Action Progress Report



We have completed 14% of our work.

# The United Methodist Church General Conference 2012 Election Results—April 30, 2012

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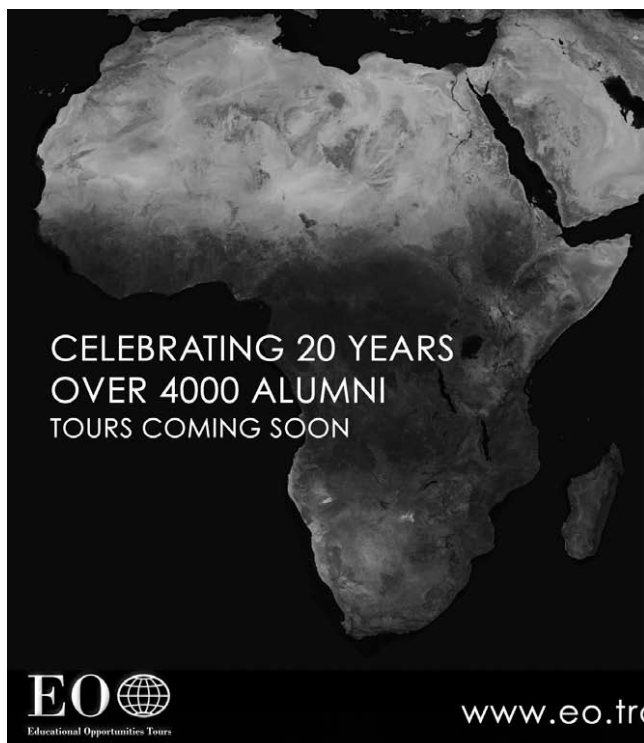
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# Episcopal areas share goals for vital congregations

*During evening worship April 30, Washington Area Bishop John R. Schol and the Rev. Amy Valdez Barker, who served on the Call to Action Steering Team, provided an update on the work of the Vital Congregations initiative.*

*Included in the presentation were Vital Congregation goals for each episcopal area.*

- Alabama-West Florida ... 80,223 disciples in worship
- Arkansas ... 11,328 new disciples
- Baguio, Philippines ... \$7,350,791 for mission
- Baltimore-Washington ... 6,745 small groups
- California-Nevada ... 45,353 disciples in worship
- California-Pacific ... 3,913 serving in mission
- Central Texas ... 9,569 new disciples
- Dakotas ... 1,970 small groups
- Desert Southwest ... \$30,512,000 for mission
- Detroit ... 15,377 new disciples
- Eastern Pennsylvania ... 56,853 disciples in worship
- East Ohio ... 18,800 new disciples
- Florida ... 180,208 disciples in worship
- Greater New Jersey ... 8,244 small groups
- Holston ... 85,189 disciples in worship
- Illinois Great Rivers ... \$79 million for mission
- Indiana ... 122,000 disciples in worship
- Iowa ... 10,790 new disciples
- Kansas East ... 3,418 small groups
- Kansas West ... 11,841 serving in mission
- Kentucky ... \$57,797,613 for mission
- Louisiana ... 42,554 disciples in worship
- Memphis ... 3,180 small groups
- Minnesota ... 8,479 new disciples
- Mississippi ... 33,948 serving in mission
- Missouri ... \$71,086,386 for mission
- Mozambique ... 953 serving in mission
- Nebraska ... 9,660 new disciples
- New England ... 5,500 serving in mission
- New Mexico ... 16,600 disciples in worship
- New York ... 41,684 disciples in worship
- North Alabama ... 9,426 small groups
- North Carolina ... \$111,367,788 for mission
- North Georgia ... 25,523 serving in mission
- North Texas ... 19,000 serving in mission
- Northern Illinois ... 47,663 disciples in worship
- Northwest Texas ... \$27,940,000 for mission
- Oklahoma ... 56,568 disciples in worship
- Oklahoma Indian Missionary ... 610 new disciples
- Oregon-Idaho ... 2,335 new disciples
- Pacific-Northwest ... 10,571 disciples in worship
- Peninsula-Delaware ... 7,608 new disciples
- RedBird Missionary ... 718 disciples in worship
- Rio Grande ... 108 small groups
- Rocky Mountain ... 6,668 new disciples
- South Carolina ... 22,987 new disciples
- South Georgia ... 7,000 small groups
- Susquehanna ... \$111,367,788 for mission
- Tennessee ... 16,702 serving in mission
- Texas ... 29,200 new disciples
- Upper New York ... 3,910 serving in mission
- Virginia ... 16,208 small groups
- West Ohio ... 17,370 new disciples
- West Virginia ... 44,275 disciples in worship
- Western North Carolina ... \$120,232,274 for mission
- Western Pennsylvania ... 68,115 disciples in worship
- Wisconsin ... 8,626 new disciples
- Yellowstone ... 850 small groups
- Zimbabwe East ... 10,583 serving in mission
- Zimbabwe West ... \$275,076 for mission



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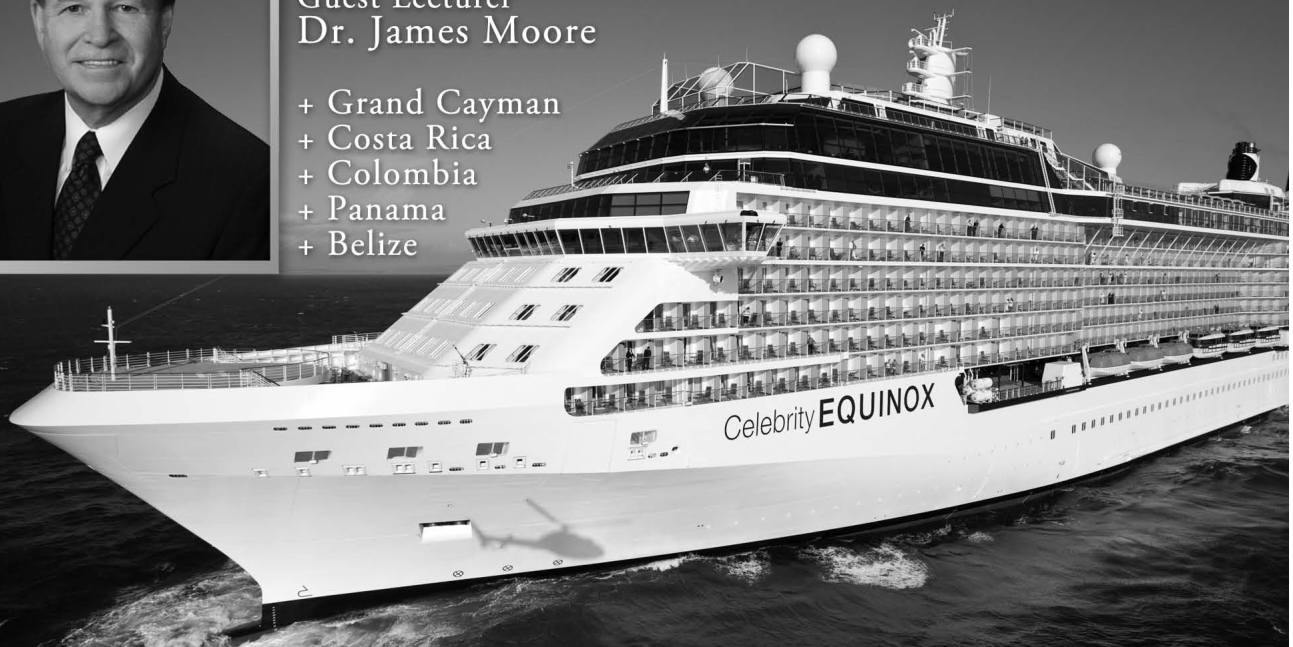
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# Proposed Restructure Alternative Plan

*(Permission to publish granted by April 30, 2012, Plenary Session)*

1 Substitute everything herein following for the existing text of Petition 20980 found in the ADCA  
2 on pages 920 to 950:  
3 606.2 Each annual conference shall send without charge to the General Council on Finance and  
4 Administration, the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits, ~~the General Commission on~~  
5 ~~Archives and History~~ The General Council for Strategy and Oversight, the Central or  
6 Jurisdictional Commission on Archives and History (or the equivalent structure), and the Annual  
7 Conference Commission on Archives and History (or the equivalent structure) two printed copies  
8 and one digital copy of its annual journal, ~~and one to the Connectional Table and to United~~  
9 ~~Methodist Communications. If available, one copy of a digital version of the journal shall be sent~~  
10 ~~to the General Commission on Archives and History.~~

11 ¶613 Responsibilities ~~The council shall~~ An entity designated by the annual conference may have  
12 authority and responsibility to perform the following functions: 1. To recommend to the annual  
13 conference for its action and determination budgets of anticipated income and proposed  
14 expenditures for all funds that provide for annual conference clergy support, annual conference  
15 administrative expenses, and annual conference benevolence and program causes (¶ 614). 5. To  
16 receive, consider, report, and make recommendations to the annual conference regarding the  
17 following prior to final decision by the annual conference: (a) any proposal to raise capital funds  
18 for any purpose; (b) funding considerations related to any proposal that may come before the  
19 conference; (c) any requests to conduct a special conference-wide financial appeal, whether by  
20 special collections, campaigns, or otherwise in the local churches of the conference. 3. To  
21 recommend to the annual conference for its action and decision the methods or formulas by  
22 which apportionments to churches, charges, or districts for duly authorized general,  
23 jurisdictional, conference, and district funds shall be determined (¶ 615.4). 534. To consult and



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24 cooperate with the commission on communication in providing district superintendents, pastors,  
25 and appropriate officers of the local churches and charge conferences with interpretive aids or  
26 other materials to assist in gaining understanding and support of the conference budget and other  
27 approved conference causes. This shall include the theology and discipline of financial giving.5.  
28 To develop policies governing the investment of conference funds (except for pension funds as  
29 provided in 1508), whether in debt or equity, short-term or long-term instruments, with the aim  
30 of maximizing funds available for mission in a manner consistent with the preservation of  
31 capital, the Policies Reltiave to Socially Responsible Investments (§ 716), and the Social  
32 Principles of the Church. A statement of such policies shall be printed in the conference journal  
33 at least once in each quadrennium.6. To recommend to the annual conference procedures for  
34 funding local churches, including the theology of financial giving. 7. To assist local churches in  
35 making their church buildings, facilities, and programs accessible.8. To recommend to the annual  
36 conference for its action procedures for dealing responsibly with situations in which budgeted  
37 funds, as approved by the annual conference, are inadequate to meet emerging missional needs  
38 or unforeseen circumstances. 9. To review at least quarterly and to account to the annual  
39 conference for the disbursement of funds in accordance with budgets approved by the  
40 conference.10. To recommend to the annual conference for its action and determination the  
41 conditions under which it may borrow funds for current expense purposes and the maximum  
42 amount of such borrowing.11. To have authority and supervision over the conference  
43 treasurer/director of administrative services subject to § 619; to establish policies governing the  
44 treasurer/director's work.12. To work in cooperation with other annual conference agencies for  
45 the design and implementation of a plan by which the annual conference may designate the  
46 conference treasury as a central treasury for funds designated for any or all conference agencies

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47 participating in conference funds.13. To establish uniform and equitable policies and practices in  
48 the employment and compensation of personnel, in consultation and cooperation with other  
49 conference agencies that employ staff, unless the annual conference has designated another  
50 agency to carry this responsibility. These policies and practices shall be in accordance with the  
51 Social Principles (§ 162 A, E, F, and I).In addition, the council shall recommend that the annual  
52 conference provide, effective on and after January 1, 2006, 100 percent vested pension benefits  
53 of at least three percent of compensation for lay personnel of the annual conference who work at  
54 least 1040 hours per year, are at least 21 years of age, and have at least one year of permanent  
55 service. The annual conference shall have authority to provide such pension benefits through  
56 either a denominational pension program administered by the General Board of Pension and  
57 Health Benefits or another pension program administered by another pension provider.  
58 14. To cooperate with the General Council on Finance and Administration and with the General  
59 Board of Discipleship in promoting and standardizing the in providing a financial recording and  
60 reporting system in for the local churches of the conference.15. In cooperation with the General  
61 Council on Finance and Administration, related annual conference agencies and institutions, and  
62 local churches, to make recommendations to the annual conference regarding the development,  
63 promotion, and review of a broad general program of insurance protection, except for employee  
64 benefit programs.16. To cooperate with the General Council on Finance and Administration in  
65 order to provide leadership, training, and encouragement in the areas of church business  
66 administration for individuals and organizations of The United Methodist Church by: (1)  
67 distributing information regarding certification as a church business administrator; and (2) listing  
68 in the council's report to the annual conference the names of persons certified as church business

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69 administrators by the General Council on Finance and Administration—who are employed within  
70 the bounds of the annual conference.17. To make recommendations to the annual conference for  
71 its action and determination regarding plans to initiate or cause to be organized a foundation or  
72 similar organization for the purpose of securing, conserving, or expending funds for the direct or  
73 indirect benefit or support of the annual conference, or of any conference agency, or any of its  
74 programs or work. The Council shall have opportunity to make its recommendations regarding  
75 such plans if the foundation or similar organization is: (1) proposed to be organized by the  
76 annual conference itself, whether acting alone or in concert with other annual conferences; (2)  
77 proposed to be organized by any conference council, board, commission, committee, or other  
78 agency; (3) to make use of the name United Methodist in its title or solicitation; or (4) proposed  
79 for the purpose of soliciting gifts primarily from the United Methodist constituency. 18. To  
80 perform such other administrative and fiscal functions and services as the annual conference may  
81 assign.19. To ensure that no apportioned conference funds are expended for the use of alcoholic  
82 beverages. 20. To ensure that no annual conference board, agency, committee, commission, or  
83 council shall give United Methodist funds to any gay caucus or group, or otherwise use such  
84 funds to promote the acceptance of homosexuality or violate the expressed commitment of the  
85 UMC “not to reject or condemn lesbian and gay members and friends” (§ 161.F). The Council  
86 shall have the right to stop such expenditures. This restriction shall not limit the Church’s  
87 ministry in response to the HIV epidemic, nor shall it preclude funding for dialogs or educational  
88 events where the Church’s official position is fairly and equally represented.



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89 ¶629 Conference Board of Church and Society – 1. The annual conference shall may organize a  
 90 board of church and society or other structure to provide for the functions of this ministry and  
 91 maintain the connectional relationship between the ~~General Board of Church and Society~~ The  
 92 General Council for Strategy and Oversight and the conference, district...2...~~and members of the~~  
 93 ~~General Board of Church and Society from the annual conference who shall serve within limits~~  
 94 ~~set by ¶610.6 and 710.5...~~ ¶630 Conference Board of Discipleship. The annual conference shall  
 95 may organize a board of discipleship or other equivalent structure to provide for those functions  
 96 and maintain the connectional relationship between the ~~General Board of Discipleship~~ Center for  
 97 Connectional Mission and Ministry and the conference, district and local church,. . . ~~The person~~  
 98 ~~or persons serving as members(s) of the General Board of Discipleship shall be member(s) of the~~  
 99 ~~conference Board of discipleship and may be granted voting privileges.~~ ¶634 Conference Board of  
 100 Higher Education and Campus Ministry. 1. There may be in each annual conference..2. . shall  
 101 provide for the connectional relationship between the ~~Division of Higher Education of the~~  
 102 ~~General Board of Higher Education and Ministry~~ The General Council for Strategy and  
 103 Oversight and the conference, district and local church. ~~and shall provide for a ministry in~~  
 104 ~~higher education related to the objectives and scope of work of the General Board of Higher~~  
 105 ~~Education and Ministry and the Division of Higher Education. A person serving as a member of~~  
 106 ~~the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry from that annual conference shall, by virtue~~  
 107 ~~of his or her office, be a member of the conference Board of higher education and campus~~  
 108 ~~ministry or equivalent structure.~~ ¶637.4 The annual conference ~~council on finance and~~  
 109 ~~administration~~ shall make provision in its budget for the expenses of this committee.82. See  
 110 Judicial Council Decisions 711, 778. ¶641.1. In each annual conference there shall may be a  
 111 conference commission on archives and history. The number of members of the commission and

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112 their terms of office ~~shall~~may be as the conference may determine and may include an ex officio  
113 representative of each United Methodist heritage landmark in its bounds. It ~~shall~~may be the duty  
114 of the commission to collect, preserve, and make accessible the historically significant records of  
115 the annual conference and its agencies, including data relating to the origin and history of the  
116 conference and its antecedents; to encourage and assist the local churches in preserving their  
117 records, compiling their histories, and celebrating their heritage; to provide for the permanent  
118 safekeeping of the historical records of all abandoned or discontinued churches in the bounds of  
119 the annual conference and its antecedents (see ¶2548.4); to maintain a fire-safe historical and  
120 archival depository and to see that all items that obviously will have value for future history are  
121 properly preserved therein; to provide for the ownership of real property and to receive gifts and  
122 bequests; to nominate to the ~~General Commission on Archives and History~~ General Council on  
123 Finance and Administration buildings, locations, or structures within the annual conference for  
124 designation as historic sites or heritage landmarks; to maintain contact with officially designated  
125 historic sites and heritage landmarks in their bounds; to assist the bishop or the appropriate  
126 conference committee in planning for the historical hour and other appropriate historical  
127 observances at annual conference sessions; to establish retention and disposition schedules for  
128 annual conference and local church records under standards or guidelines developed by the  
129 ~~General Commission on Archives and History~~ General Council for Finance and Administration;  
130 to cooperate with and report, when requested, to the general and jurisdictional commissions on  
131 archives and history; and to engage with other Wesleyan, Methodist, or Evangelical United  
132 Brethren-related denominations in lifting up our joint heritage.<sup>2</sup> The commission may organize  
133 a conference historical society and encourage membership therein for the purpose of promoting  
134 interest in the study and preservation of the history of the conference and its antecedents. The

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135 officers of the conference commission on archives and history may be the officers of the  
136 conference historical society. Membership in the historical society shall be established as the  
137 society may determine. Membership may include the payment of dues as the society may direct,  
138 and in return, members shall receive official publications and publicity materials issued by the  
139 commission and the society and other such benefits as may be deemed suitable.

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141 ¶643.1 There ~~shall~~ may be in each annual conference a conference commission on religion and  
142 race or other structure to provide for those functions ~~and maintain the connectional relationships~~.  
143 It shall follow the general guidelines ~~and structure of the General Commission on Religion and~~  
144 ~~Race as outlined in ¶¶2002 and 2008, where applicable~~ established by The General Council for  
145 Strategy and Oversight.

146 ¶644. There ~~shall~~ may be in each annual conference, including the central conferences a  
147 conference commission on the status and role of women or other structure to provide for these  
148 functions and maintain the connectional relationships.1. The responsibility of this commission  
149 shall be in harmony with ~~the responsibility of the general commission (see ¶2103)~~, the following  
150 objectives established as guidelines for adaption to the needs of the respective annual  
151 conferences or guidelines provided by the General Council for Strategy and Oversight.

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156 Add a new subparagraph ¶705.3.g) as follows:

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Central Conference Membership—The total central conference membership, including central conference bishops, in general Church bodies shall be allocated as follows: four (4) members on each of the General Board of Church and Society (GBCS) and the General Board of Discipleship (GBOD), eight (8) members on the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM), six (6) members on the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM), seven (7) members on the General Council for Strategy and Oversight (GCSO), three (3) members on the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA), one (1) member on the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits (GBOPHB), and three (3) members on each of the United Methodist Publishing House (UMPH) and the United Methodist Men (UMM).

For each of the following agencies, one of the central conference members shall be a bishop: GBCS, GBOD, GBGM, GBHEM, GBOPHB, UMPH, UMM.

The central conference membership shall be allocated to the central conferences by the Council of Bishops. Europe and the Philippines shall each be allocated five (5) of the thirty-nine (39) members with the remaining twenty-nine (29) members to be distributed among the African central conferences as determined by the Council of Bishops. The thirty-two (32) central conference members who are not bishops shall be assigned to the general agencies as determined by the Council of Bishops.

As allocated to them by the Council of Bishops, Central Conferences shall elect members to general agencies from a pool of candidates supplied by their annual conferences by a method to be determined by each central conference as appropriate to its culture and circumstances.

Amend additional portions of ¶705 as indicated herein following:

¶705 ...Such persons come to this ministry as servants of the whole Church-, entrusted with caring for the missions and legal and fiduciary responsibilities of the agencies.

The basic responsibilities of the boards of the general agencies include, but are not limited to, the following:

a) Determine mission and purpose.

b) Select the general secretary.

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187 c) Support and evaluate the general secretary.

188 d) Ensure effective planning.

189 e) Monitor and strengthen programs and services.

190 f) Ensure adequate financial resources.

191 g) Protect assets and provide proper financial oversight.

192 h) Ensure legal and ethical integrity.

193 i) Enhance the agency's public standing.

194 The following provisions shall govern the nomination...

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196 1. Nominations by Conferences—a) Each annual and missionary conference in the United States,

197 upon recommendation from a committee composed of the bishop and the general and

198 jurisdictional conference delegation, and having allowed opportunity for nominations from the

199 floor, shall elect persons to be submitted to a jurisdictional pool. The jurisdictional nominating

200 committee shall select persons for election to the following general Church bodies: ~~Connectional~~

201 ~~Table~~ General Council for Strategy and Oversight; General Board of Church and Society;

202 General Board of Discipleship; General Board of Global Ministries; General Board of Higher

203 Education and Ministry; General Board of Pension and Health Benefits; and The United

204 Methodist Publishing House; ~~General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious~~

205 ~~Concerns; General Commission on Communication; General Commission on Religion and Race;~~

206 ~~and the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women.~~ Jurisdictional conferences may

207 decide that persons elected by the annual and missionary conferences in the United States for

208 inclusion in the jurisdictional pool shall not serve as members of the jurisdictional nominating

209 committee. Before election, nominated members will be informed of the fiduciary, strategic, and

210 generative responsibilities they will be assuming upon election so that they may clearly

211 understand the time and resource commitment they are making.

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213 4. General Program Board Membership—a) Each general program board shall have the number

214 of members herein specified in ¶¶ 1006, 1105, 1311, ~~and~~ 1407.

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216 b) Jurisdictional Membership—Each jurisdiction shall elect the number of persons herein  
 217 specified listed in the specific legislation for membership on each of the four general program  
 218 boards. In the jurisdictional nominating process for membership on those boards, in the  
 219 aggregate special attention shall be given to the inclusion of clergywomen, youth (§ 256.3),  
 220 young adults, older adults, people with disabilities, and persons from small membership  
 221 churches. In order to ensure adequate representation of racial and ethnic persons (Asian  
 222 Americans, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Pacific Islanders), it is  
 223 recommended that at least 30 percent of a jurisdiction's membership on each these general  
 224 program boards be racial and ethnic persons. It is further recommended that the jurisdiction  
 225 membership on each these program boards incorporate one-third clergy, one-third laymen, and  
 226 one-third laywomen (except as provided in §§ 1104.1, 1311.2; see also §§ 1311.6, 1407). The  
 227 episcopal members shall not be counted in the computation of the clergy membership. For each  
 228 program board , including the General Board of Church and Society, the General Board of  
 229 Discipleship, the General Board of Global Ministries, and the General Board of Higher  
 230 Education and Ministry, clergy, laywomen, and laymen shall be elected to the board by the  
 231 jurisdictional conferences upon nomination from the annual conferences based on the following  
 232 formula:  
 233 General Board of Church and Society: North Central—3, Northeastern—2, South Central—3,  
 234 Southeastern—5, and Western—1.  
 235 General Board of Discipleship: North Central—3, Northeastern—2, South Central—3,  
 236 Southeastern—5, and Western—1.  
 237 General Board of Global Ministries: North Central—2, Northeastern—1, South Central—2,  
 238 Southeastern—4, and Western—1.  
 239 General Board of Higher Education and Ministry: North Central—2, Northeastern—2, South  
 240 Central—3, Southeastern—4, and Western—1.  
 241  
 242 Delete 705.4.c) in its entirety.  
 243



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- 244 d) Episcopal Membership—The episcopal membership of the general program boards shall be  
245 nominated by the Council of Bishops and elected by the General Conference with two (2)  
246 bishops to serve on each of the following agencies, one of whom shall be from a central  
247 conference: (see exception, ¶ 1311.6). At least one of the episcopal members of each general  
248 agency, with the exception of the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits, shall be a  
249 central conference bishop and, in the case of the General Board of Global Ministries, three  
250 central conference bishops (one from each region: Africa, Europe, Philippines): the General  
251 Board of Church and Society, the General Board of Discipleship, the General Board of Global  
252 Ministries, and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.  
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- 254 e) Additional Membership—1) Additional members shall be elected by each general program  
255 board in order to bring into the board persons with special knowledge or background that will aid  
256 in the work of the agency, to consider differing theological perspectives, and to perfect the  
257 representation of racial and ethnic persons, youth (¶ 710.3), young adults (¶ 710.3), older adults,  
258 women and men, people with disabilities, and persons from small-membership churches. After  
259 the election of central conference members as provided in ¶705.3.g) ¶705.4e, the remaining  
260 number of additional members shall be allocated by the secretary of the General Conference so  
261 as to insure to the extent possible that membership of each board reflects the proportionate  
262 membership of the jurisdictions based upon the combined clergy and lay membership, excluding  
263 episcopal members. ~~In the determination of proportionate allocation, minor fractions shall be~~  
264 ~~rounded down and major fractions rounded up to the nearest integer, and~~ In executing this  
265 responsibility the secretary has authority to make adjustments in the allocation of members so  
266 that the total number of members of each church body as provided herein is the prevailing  
267 principle when rounding numbers is required, and there shall be no minimum number of  
268 additional members assigned to any jurisdiction. Insofar as possible, the nominating committee  
269 shall select from the jurisdictional nominating pool for the election of persons to fill the  
270 additional membership positions from their jurisdictions insuring diversity as otherwise provided  
271 in The Book of Discipline (¶ 705.4b). Each of the following general program boards shall elect  
272 six (6) additional members, and there shall be no minimum number of additional members

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273 ~~assigned to any jurisdiction; as specified in general program board membership paragraphs; the~~  
 274 ~~General Board of Church and Society, the General Board of Discipleship, the General Board of~~  
 275 ~~Global Ministries, and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Insofar as possible,~~  
 276 ~~no more than one person shall be elected from each episcopal area.~~ It is recommended that such  
 277 additional membership shall maintain the one-third laymen, one-third laywomen, and one-third  
 278 clergy balance.

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280 Delete ¶705.4.e)2) in its entirety.

281 Delete the existing text of ¶705.4.f) in its entirety and replace it with the following:

282

283 ¶705.4.f) Other Membership—The General Board of Global Ministries shall have five members  
 284 selected by the United Methodist Women.

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286 Add a new subparagraph to follow all that remains in ¶705.4 to read as follows:

287

288 ¶705.4.g) Total Membership—Each of the following general agencies shall have a total  
 289 membership, including jurisdictional members, central conference members, and episcopal  
 290 members, as follows:

291 General Board of Church and Society: twenty-five (25)

292 General Board of Discipleship: twenty-five (25)

293 General Board of Global Ministries: thirty (30)

294 General Board of Higher Education and Ministry: twenty-five (25)

295

296 Delete the existing text of ¶705.5.a) and b) and replace it with the following text:

297

298 5. Other General Agencies—a) From the jurisdictional pool nominated by the annual and  
 299 missionary conferences in the United States the jurisdictional conferences shall elect to each of  
 300 the General Council for Strategy and Oversight, General Board of Pension and Health Benefits,



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301 and the United Methodist Publishing House clergy, laywomen, and laymen as members, based  
302 on the following formula:  
303 General Council for Strategy and Oversight: North Central—3, Northeastern—3, South  
304 Central—3, Southeastern—6, and Western—1.  
305 General Board of Pension and Health Benefits: North Central—3, Northeastern—3, South  
306 Central—5, Southeastern—8, and Western—1.  
307 United Methodist Publishing House: North Central—3, Northeastern—2, South Central—3,  
308 Southeastern—6, and Western—1.  
309  
310 b) Additional members—The number of additional members to be elected by each other agency,  
311 with the exception of the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits, shall be allocated by the  
312 secretary of the General Conference so as to insure to the extent possible that membership of  
313 each agency reflects the proportionate membership of the jurisdictions based upon the combined  
314 clergy and lay membership, excluding episcopal members. In executing this responsibility the  
315 secretary has authority to make adjustments in the allocation of members so that the total number  
316 of members who are not bishops of each agency as specified herein is the prevailing principle  
317 when rounding numbers is required, and there shall be no minimum number of additional  
318 members assigned to any jurisdiction. Insofar as possible the nominating committee shall select  
319 from the jurisdictional nominating pool for the election of persons to fill the additional  
320 membership positions from their jurisdictions insuring diversity as otherwise provided in The  
321 Book of Discipline (§ 705.4b). The agencies shall consider names forwarded to them by the  
322 General Council for Strategy and Oversight as having been nominated by the annual and  
323 missionary conferences in the United States or in the central conferences, but not elected by  
324 these conferences to general agency membership. Additional names may be considered in order  
325 to perfect the representation as provided in § 705.4e. Each of the following general agencies shall  
326 have the following number of additional members:  
327 General Council for Strategy and Oversight: five (5). One of these additional members shall be  
328 named by each of the recognized racial and ethnic caucus groups of The United Methodist  
329 Church, which are Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Methodists Associated Representing

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330 the Cause of Hispanic Americans, Native American International Caucus, National Federation of  
331 Asian American United Methodists, and Pacific Islanders National Caucus United Methodist  
332 General Board of Pension and Health Benefits: eight (8)  
333 United Methodist Publishing House: six (6)  
334  
335 Other paragraphs of the Discipline notwithstanding, membership on the United Methodist  
336 Publishing House shall be by classes based on term of office for one, two, or three quadrennia,  
337 attention being given to the principle of rotation so that, as far as practicable, one third of the  
338 membership shall be elected each quadrennium. The principle of rotation is also applicable to the  
339 executive committee of that agency.

340

341 Add a new ¶705.5.c) as follows:

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343 ¶705.5.c) Episcopal members—The following general agencies shall have the number of  
344 episcopal member as follows:

345 General Board of Pension and Health Benefits: two (2)

346 United Methodist Publishing House: two (2)

347 General Council for Strategy and Oversight: one (1)

348

349 Add a new ¶705.5.d) as follows:

350

351 ¶705.5.d) Other Members—1) The General Council for Strategy and Oversight shall have as  
352 members the Presidents of the following agencies:

353 General Board of Church and Society

354 General Board of Discipleship

355 General Board of Global Ministries

356 General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

357 General Council on Finance and Administration

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358 2) The Council of Bishops shall elect one bishop to serve as a member of the General Council for  
359 Strategy and Oversight.

360 3) The General Council for Strategy and Oversight shall have as nonvoting advisors the general  
361 secretary or other employed chief executive officer of each of the following agencies:

362 General Council for Strategy and Oversight

363 General Board of Church and Society

364 General Board of Discipleship

365 General Board of Global Ministries

366 General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

367 General Council on Finance and Administration

368 United Methodist Communications

369 United Methodist Men

370 United Methodist Women

371 General Board of Pension and Health Benefits

372 United Methodist Publishing House

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374 Add a new ¶705.5.e) as follows:

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376 ¶705.5.e) Total Members— Each of the following general agencies shall have a total  
377 membership, including jurisdictional members, central conference members, episcopal members,  
378 and nonvoting advisors as follows:

379 General Council for Strategy and Oversight: forty-five (45)

380 General Board of Pension and Health Benefits: thirty (30)

381 United Methodist Publishing House: twenty-five (25)

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385 ¶ 713. Election of General Secretaries of ~~Program~~ Agencies—The general secretary of each of  
386 the four general program ~~boards~~ agency that is accountable to the ~~Connectional Table~~ General



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Council for Strategy and Oversight shall be elected quadrennially by ballot of the board of the General Council for Strategy and Oversight following nomination by the board of directors of the program board, and she or he shall be accountable programmatically to the board of the agency which establishes priorities, goals, and objectives for the agency. He or she will report administratively to the Executive General Secretary of the General Council for Strategy and Oversight who, after evaluation and review, which shall be conducted annually, shall make recommendations to the board of the General Council for Strategy and Oversight on the employment and dismissal of each program board's general secretary based in large part on the degree of cooperation and collaboration with other agencies toward the goal of making disciples of Jesus Christ. Since the General Council for Strategy and Oversight is responsible to redirect the flow of attention and energy to an intense concentration on fostering and sustaining an increase in the number of vital congregations effective in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world and for providing strategic guidance to increase understanding and implementation of the vision, mission, and ministries of the global Church, consideration shall be strongly given in this process of evaluation and review as to how successful each agency has been toward this goal.

agency involved. Each general program agency board shall elect quadrennially by ballot its deputy and associate general secretary(ies) and may elect or appoint such other staff as may be necessary. Other general agencies shall elect general secretaries quadrennially by ballot and may appoint such other staff as deemed necessary to the work of the agency.

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¶ 805. Organization—1. Membership—a) The voting members of the council shall be elected quadrennially by the General Conference and shall consist of ~~forty~~ twenty-one (21) persons nominated as follows:

(1) ~~four~~ two bishops from the jurisdictions including one from a central conference, nominated by the Council of Bishops;



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415 (2) ~~thirty~~ eleven persons from the jurisdictions, nominated by the College of Bishops in each  
 416 jurisdiction ~~based upon an allocation by the secretary of the General Conference so as to insure~~  
 417 ~~that membership of the council reflects the proportionate membership of the jurisdictions based~~  
 418 ~~upon the combined clergy and lay membership, according to the following formula:~~  
 419 North Central 2; Northeastern 2; South Central 2; Southeastern 4; Western 1.  
 420 ~~at~~ At least one of whom the members in the aggregate should be a youth between the ages of  
 421 twelve and seventeen, and at least one ~~of whom~~ should be a young adult not over twenty-eight  
 422 years of age at the time of election;  
 423 (3) ~~six~~ five members at large, ~~one member from Africa, one from Europe, one from the~~  
 424 ~~Philippines, and most of whom who~~ shall be elected for special skills. ~~After the above mentioned~~  
 425 ~~election of central conference members, the remaining members at large~~ These at large members  
 426 shall be nominated by the Council of Bishops based upon an allocation by the secretary of the  
 427 General Conference so as to insure, to the extent possible, that the jurisdictional membership of  
 428 the Council, exclusive of the episcopal membership, reflects the proportionate membership of the  
 429 jurisdictions based upon the combined clergy and lay membership insuring diversity as otherwise  
 430 provided in The Book of Discipline ( ¶ 705.4b). ~~This petition shall become effective upon~~  
 431 ~~passage by the General Conference members.~~  
 432 (4) Three (3) Central Conference members as specified in ¶705.3.g).

434 Amend ¶805.4.b) as follows:

436 ¶805.4.b) Committee on Audit and Review—~~The executive committee of the council shall~~  
 437 appoint a Committee on Audit and Review, no members of which shall be officers ~~or members~~  
 438 ~~of the executive committee of the council, and at least half of whom shall not be members of the~~  
 439 ~~council~~ Three (3) of the members shall be members of GCFA, three (3) members shall be  
 440 members of the General Council for Strategy and Oversight, and three (3) members shall be  
 441 professionals in auditing and finance who are members of neither GCFA nor the GCSO. whose  
 442 The duty of the Committee shall be...

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446 Amend ¶905.7 by adding a new subparagraph d) as follows:

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448 ¶905.7.d) To provide, review and evaluate program internal audits of all agencies of the Church  
449 that receive world service or general administration funds in relationship to goals, objectives, and  
450 measurable outcomes established by the General Conference, the governing board, and donor  
451 designations. The General Council for Strategy and Oversight may withhold approval of any  
452 programs or activities that represent unnecessary duplication within an agency or between two or  
453 more agencies, or that otherwise fail to achieve the established outcomes. It may direct the  
454 General Council on Finance and Administration to withhold funding for such programs and  
455 activities until the General Council for Strategy and Oversight determines that the general  
456 agency has achieved, or identified means satisfactorily to achieve, the established outcomes. The  
457 General Council for Strategy and Oversight is responsible to redirect the flow of attention and  
458 energy to an intense concentration on fostering and sustaining an increase in the number of vital  
459 congregations effective in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.  
460 It shall provide strategic guidance to increase understanding and implementation of the vision,  
461 mission, and ministries of the global Church.

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466 Amend ¶901 as follows:

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468 ¶ 901.1. Name—There shall be a ~~Connectional Table~~ General Council for Strategy and  
469 Oversight in The United Methodist Church where ministry and money are brought to the same  
470 table to coordinate the mission, ministries, and resources of The United Methodist Church.  
471 Effective January 1, 2005, the ~~The Connectional Table~~ General Council for Strategy and



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472 Oversight shall be assigned the primary responsibilities, general policies and practices found in  
473 the relevant 700 paragraphs.

474 2. The General Council for Strategy and Oversight (GCSO) shall have oversight responsibility  
475 for all program agencies of The United Methodist Church. The GCSO shall work in partnership  
476 with other agencies and the Council of Bishops to conduct necessary research efforts as needed  
477 to support strategic thinking and planning and the implementation of mission critical ministries.

478 3. In the exercise of its responsibility prescribed in §2 hereof, the General Council for Strategy  
479 and Oversight shall have authority during the 2013 to 2016 quadrennium to guide and work with  
480 all the agencies and connectional bodies, to include the general secretaries, of The United  
481 Methodist Church, program and administrative, to plan for and implement the overall restructure  
482 and reorganization approved by the 2012 General Conference for those agencies and bodies. One  
483 of the goals is the consolidation of program and administrative leadership to eliminate  
484 unnecessary duplication of effort while ensuring that critical and important connectional  
485 ministries are functional and adequately carried forward.

486 4. The General Council for Strategy and Oversight oversight responsibility shall include  
487 authority for the consolidation of administrative services to the extent practicable for all general  
488 church activities into the appropriate agency on a fee for service basis.

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490 Amend ¶905 as indicated:

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492 7. In order to be accountable, along with the General Council on Finance and Administration, to  
493 The United Methodist Church through the General Conference, the ~~Connectional Table~~ General  
494 Council for Strategy and Oversight shall have the authority and responsibility in the following  
495 matters:

496 a) To collaborate with the General Council on Finance and Administration in the preparation of  
497 budgets for the apportioned funds as provided for in ¶¶ 806.1 and 810.1. Primary responsibility  
498 for providing the assessment of the resource potential of the Church rests with the General  
499 Council on Finance and Administration, and primary responsibility for determining the optimum

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500 distribution of those resources among the various needs and opportunities rests with the General  
501 Council for Strategy and Oversight.  
502 8. The General Council for Strategy and Oversight and its Executive General Secretary shall  
503 annually evaluate the strategic planning, goals, objectives and quantitative commitments made  
504 by organizations and staff receiving church funds. This review shall take into account the  
505 utilization of general church funds in achieving the stated mission of the entity as defined by the  
506 General Conference, the governing board, and donor designations. After reviewing the  
507 performance of an agency and evaluating its progress toward established goals, the GCSO may  
508 direct the General Council on Finance and Administration to withhold funding for any programs  
509 and activities until the GCSO determines that the responsible general agency has achieved, or  
510 identified means satisfactorily to achieve, the established outcomes. This process should be an  
511 ongoing, continuing function of the GCSO.  
512 9. During the quadrennium the General Council for Strategy and Oversight shall allocate funds  
513 which have been made available by General Conference as a General Council for Strategy and  
514 Oversight Adaptive Challenge Fund within the World Service budget. The funds shall be  
515 distributed to the various agencies receiving funds from the World Service Fund based on need,  
516 evaluation and review of measurable outcomes, and facilitation of initiatives for the adaptive  
517 challenge of increasing vital congregations.  
518 10. Executive General Secretary—a. The General Council for Strategy and Oversight shall elect  
519 an Executive General Secretary, who shall not be a bishop.  
520 b. The Executive General Secretary shall be limited to a total of 12 years in the same office.  
521 c. The Executive General Secretary shall be an ex officio member of the General Council for  
522 Strategy and Oversight with voice but without vote.  
523 d. The Executive General Secretary shall be reviewed and evaluated by the General Council for  
524 Strategy and Oversight based on measured effectiveness on redirecting the focus toward vital  
525 congregations.

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527 Amend ¶906 as indicated:

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- 529 1.Membership – Members of the General Council for Strategy and Oversight should be effective,  
530 informed leaders who take responsibility for the good of the whole by advocating for the various  
531 parts of the Church as it seeks to respond to the demands of the gospel. The voting and  
532 nonvoting members of the Connectional Table General Council for Strategy and Oversight shall  
533 consist of 47 persons as follows: be selected as provided in ¶705.3.g) and ¶705.5. Consideration  
534 should be given to ethnic, gender, and age inclusivity.
- 535 ~~a) Twenty-eight persons elected through jurisdictional and central conferences, one from each of~~  
536 ~~the central conferences by their own nomination processes and 21 from the jurisdictional~~  
537 ~~conferences elected by the jurisdictional nomination process. Jurisdictional membership shall~~  
538 ~~include one person from each jurisdiction and the balance of the jurisdictional members shall be~~  
539 ~~allocated by the Secretary of the General Conference so as to insure to the extent possible that~~  
540 ~~the members represent the proportionate membership of the jurisdictions based upon the~~  
541 ~~combined clergy and lay membership. Advisory members shall serve without vote. The~~  
542 ~~participation on the General Council for Strategy and Oversight of nonvoting advisory members~~  
543 ~~shall be at the expense of the agencies they represent.~~
- 544 b) An effective bishop, selected by the Council of Bishops, shall represent the Council, serve as a  
545 member with right of voice and vote, and shall convene an organizational meeting of the General  
546 Council for Strategy and Oversight within two months of the last jurisdictional conference serves  
547 as the chair of the Connectional Table.
- 548 c) The following officers of the General Council for Strategy and Oversight shall be elected from  
549 the jurisdictional and central conference members: chair, vice chair, secretary, and treasurer.
- 550 ~~e) The presidents of the following agencies: General Board of Church and Society, General~~  
551 ~~Board of Discipleship, General Board of Global Ministries, and General Board of Higher~~  
552 ~~Education and Ministry, General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns,~~  
553 ~~General Commission of Religion and Race, General Commission on Status and Role of Women,~~  
554 ~~General Commission on United Methodist Men, General Commission on Communications, and~~  
555 ~~General Commission on Archives and History, program-related agencies that are accountable to~~  
556 ~~the Connectional Table (as expressed in ¶ 702.2), and the president of the General Council on~~  
557 ~~Finance and Administration shall also sit with voice and vote on the Connectional Table.~~

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559 Delete ¶906.1.d), ¶906.1.e), and ¶906.1.f) in their entirety.

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561 i) Members shall meet all the membership qualifications as expressed in ¶ 710 and shall possess

562 knowledge of the operations of the general church.

563 ...

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565 5. Staff – The ~~Connectional Table~~ General Council for Strategy and Oversight shall elect an

566 Executive General Secretary with knowledge of The United Methodist Church operations and

567 with executive management experience in church and/or not-for-profit organization who shall

568 provide leadership to the table in performing the duties assigned to the General Council for

569 Strategy and Oversight in accordance with directives of the General Conference and policies set

570 by the General Council for Strategy and Oversight. The General Council for Strategy and

571 Oversight shall determine the support staff that it deems appropriate to facilitate its work. The

572 Executive General Secretary shall be responsible for the staff and the operations of the General

573 Council for Strategy and Oversight.

574

575 Delete the existing text of ¶907 and replace it with the following text:

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577 ¶907 There shall be a committee of the general secretaries of agencies specified herein following

578 which shall be called the General Secretaries Committee. It shall report to the General Council

579 for Strategy and Oversight for purposes of agency collaboration and alignment. It shall not be

580 considered to be a general agency of the Church.

581 1. The members of the General Secretaries Committee (GSC) shall be the general secretary or

582 other employed chief executive officer of each of the following agencies:

583 General Council for Strategy and Oversight

584 General Board of Church and Society

585 General Board of Discipleship

586 General Board of Global Ministries



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587 General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

588 General Council on Finance and Administration

589 United Methodist Communications

590 United Methodist Men

591 United Methodist Women

592 2. The GSC shall have other duties as approved by the General Council for Strategy and  
593 Oversight.

594 3. If at any time there should be a conflict between guidance to a general secretary or other chief  
595 executive officer provided by the GSC and direction provided by the board of directors of the  
596 agency she or he represents, then the affected officer should follow the direction provided by her  
597 or his board and advise the GSC of the conflict.

598 4. The GSC shall be chaired by the Executive General Secretary of the General Council for  
599 Strategy and Oversight.

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601 Delete ¶¶1006 and 1007 in their entirety.

602 Delete ¶1105.1 in its entirety.

603 Delete ¶1302.5 to transfer the ecumenical functions of the General Board of Global Ministries to  
604 another body of the Church as authorized by General Conference.

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606 Amend ¶1311 as follows:

607 ¶ 1311. Membership—The policies, plans of work, management, business, and all affairs of the  
608 General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church shall be governed and  
609 administered by the board, ~~which shall be composed according to the following conditions:~~

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611 Delete ¶¶1311.1 through 1311.8 in their entirety.

612 Delete ¶1407 in its entirety.

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614 Amend ¶1502.1 as follows:

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616 1502.1. Membership – a) ~~The membership of the general board shall be composed of two~~  
617 ~~bishops, elected by the Council of Bishops; sixteen members elected by the jurisdictional~~  
618 ~~conferences from the annual conference nominations on a ratio providing for an equitable~~  
619 ~~distribution among the various jurisdictions, based on the combined clergy and laity membership~~  
620 ~~thereof, as determined by the secretary of the General Conference; six members, with not more~~  
621 ~~than two from the same jurisdiction, elected by the General Conference on nomination of the~~  
622 ~~Council of Bishops; and eight additional members of the general board as provided in ¶705.5 for~~  
623 ~~the purpose of bringing to the general board special knowledge or background; not more than~~  
624 ~~two from the same jurisdiction; shall be nominated and elected by the general board in such~~  
625 ~~manner as it shall provide in its bylaws, other provisions of the Book of Discipline~~  
626 ~~notwithstanding.~~

627 ~~b) The aforementioned electing bodies shall give consideration during the nominating process to~~  
628 ~~equitable representation on the basis of race, color, age, gender and people with disabilities.~~

629 ~~eb) The general secretary of the general board shall be an ex officio member of the general~~  
630 ~~board, without vote.~~

631 ~~d c) The terms of all members so elected shall be four years, to take effect at the first meeting of~~  
632 ~~the general board following the General Conference, hereinafter referred to as the organizational~~  
633 ~~meeting.~~

634 ~~(1) Members shall serve during the terms for which they are elected and until their~~  
635 ~~successors shall have been elected and qualified.~~

636 ~~(2) Other paragraphs of the Discipline notwithstanding, members of the general board~~  
637 ~~may serve a maximum of three consecutive terms.~~

638 ~~(3) In case a vacancy occurs between regular sessions of the jurisdictional conferences~~  
639 ~~for any cause, the general board shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term from that~~  
640 ~~jurisdiction in the representation of which the vacancy occurs, except in the case of members~~  
641 ~~elected by the General Conference or the general board where such vacancies would be filled by~~  
642 ~~the general board in the manner prescribed by its bylaws without regard to geographic or~~  
643 ~~jurisdictional representation.~~

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645 Delete all the existing text of ¶1602 except subparagraph ¶1602.1.i, so that ¶1602 shall read as  
646 follows:

647 ¶1602 The publisher of The United Methodist Church (¶ 1614) shall be an ex officio member of  
648 the board without vote.

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652 Delete ¶¶1701-1712 in their entirety.

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654 Amend ¶264 as follows:

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656 ¶264.1. Heritage Sunday—Heritage Sunday shall be observed on Aldersgate Day (May 24), or  
657 the Sunday preceding that date (see Historical Statement, page 10). The day provides an  
658 opportunity for reflection on heritage, celebration of where the Church has been, how it  
659 understands itself as it shapes us today, and the meaning of Christian conferencing. Heritage  
660 Sunday calls the Church to remember the past by committing itself to the continuing call of God.  
661 The observance of Heritage Sunday shall be under the general supervision of the General  
662 Council on Finance and Administration ~~Commission on Archives and History~~. Any general  
663 agency of the Church which desires to recommend a theme for a given year for this Sunday may  
664 do so one year prior to the observance for which the recommendation is made. This  
665 recommendation is to be made to the General Council on Finance and Administration  
666 ~~Commission on Archives and History~~, and the decision of the annual theme of this Sunday shall  
667 be made by the voting members of the General Council on Finance and Administration  
668 ~~Commission on Archives and History~~.

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670 Amend ¶510 as follows:

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672 ¶510.1. Corrections to the Daily Christian Advocate. The editor will then file with the General  
673 Council on Finance and Administration ~~Commission on Archives and History~~ two bound copies



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674 of the Daily Christian Advocate and corrections as the official record of General Conference.

675 Bound copies shall also be made available at cost by The United Methodist Publishing House.

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677 ¶510.4. All original documents of a General Conference shall be filed with the General Council

678 on Finance and Administration ~~Commission on Archives and History~~.

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680 Amend ¶532 as follows:

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682 ¶532. Archives and History—1. There shall be a jurisdictional commission on archives and

683 history, ~~auxiliary to the general commission,~~

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685 Amend ¶545 as follows:

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687 ¶ 545. Records and Archives—1. The journal of the proceedings of a central conference, duly

688 signed by the president and secretary, shall be sent for examination to the General Conference

689 through its secretary. Two paper copies in every translation shall be sent without charge to the

690 ~~General Commission on Archives and History and the~~ General Council on Finance and

691 Administration,...

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693 3. The secretary of each central conference shall submit a hardcopy of every translation and

694 adaptation of the general Discipline or portion thereof in use in that central conference to the

695 ~~General Commission on Archives and History and the~~ General Council on Finance and

696 Administration.

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698 Amend ¶606 as follows:

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700 ¶606.2. Each annual conference shall send without charge to the General Council on Finance and

701 Administration, the General Board of Pensions and Health Benefits, ~~the General Commission on~~

702 ~~Archives and History,~~ the Central or Jurisdictional Commission on Archives and History, and the

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703 Annual Conference Commission on Archives and History two printed copies of its annual  
704 journal and one printed copy to the ~~Connectional Table~~ General Council for Strategy and  
705 Oversight and to United Methodist Communications. If available, one copy of a digital version  
706 of the journal shall be sent to the General Council on Finance and Administration ~~General~~  
707 ~~Commission on Archives and History~~.

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709 3..h) Memoirs as ordered by the annual conference following the guidelines of the General  
710 Council on Finance and Administration ~~Commission on Archives and History~~,

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712 Amend ¶641 as follows:

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714 ¶ 641. 1. In each annual conference there shall be a conference commission on archives and  
715 history. The number of members of the commission and their terms of office shall be as the  
716 conference may determine and may include an ex officio representative of each United  
717 Methodist heritage landmark in its bounds. It shall be the duty of the commission to collect,  
718 preserve, and make accessible the historically significant records of the annual conference and its  
719 agencies, including data relating to the origin and history of the conference and its antecedents;  
720 to encourage and assist the local churches in preserving their records, compiling their histories,  
721 and celebrating their heritage; to provide for the permanent safekeeping of the historical records  
722 of all abandoned or discontinued churches in the bounds of the annual conference and its  
723 antecedents (see ¶ 2548.3); to maintain a fire-safe historical and archival depository and to see  
724 that all items that obviously will have value for future history are properly preserved therein; to  
725 provide for the ownership of real property and to receive gifts and bequests; to nominate to the  
726 General Council on Finance and Administration ~~Commission on Archives and History~~ buildings,  
727 locations, or structures within the annual conference for designation as historic sites or heritage  
728 landmarks; to maintain contact with officially designated historic sites and heritage landmarks in  
729 their bounds; to assist the bishop or the appropriate conference committee in planning for the  
730 historical hour and other appropriate historical observances at annual conference sessions; to  
731 establish retention and disposition schedules for annual conference and local church records

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under standards or guidelines developed by the General Council on Finance and Administration  
~~Commission on Archives and History~~; to cooperate with and report, when requested, to the  
general and jurisdictional commissions on archives and history; and to engage with other  
Wesleyan, Methodist, or Evangelical United Brethren-related denominations in lifting up our  
joint heritage.

Amend ¶702 as follows:

¶702.2. Between sessions of the General Conference, the following general agencies are  
accountable to the ~~Connectional Table~~ General Council for Strategy and Oversight for those  
functions that are outlined in the 900 ¶¶s: the General Board of Church and Society, the General  
Board of Discipleship, the General Board of Global Ministries, and the General Board of Higher  
Education and Ministry, ~~the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious~~  
~~Concerns, the General Commission on Religion and Race, the General Commission on the Status~~  
~~and Role of Women, the General Commission on Archives and History, the General~~  
~~Commission on United Methodist Men, and the General Commission on Communication in~~  
matters pertaining to their program responsibilities.

Amend ¶703 as follows:

¶703.6. Administrative General Agencies—The general boards and ~~commissions~~ that have  
primarily administrative and service functions shall be designated as administrative general  
agencies. These agencies are the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits, and The United  
Methodist Publishing House, ~~and the General Commission on Archives and History and General~~  
~~Commission on Communication, the last two of which also carry program-related~~  
~~responsibilities for which they are accountable to the Connectional Table.~~

Amend ¶805 as follows:



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762 ¶805.4.d) Committee on Personnel Policies and Practices—The council shall organize a  
763 committee consisting of three representatives from the General Council on Finance and  
764 Administration, one of whom shall serve as chairperson, and one representative of each of the  
765 following agencies: the General Board of Church and Society, the General Board of  
766 Discipleship, the General Board of Global Ministries, and the General Board of Higher  
767 Education and Ministry, ~~the General Commission on Archives and History, , the General~~  
768 ~~Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, the General Commission on~~  
769 ~~Communication, the General Commission on Religion and Race, the General Commission on the~~  
770 ~~Status and Role of Women, and the General Commission on United Methodist Men.~~ Each of the  
771 aforementioned representatives shall be selected by the council, or board, ~~or commission~~  
772 represented from its membership. The committee shall have duties and responsibilities as defined  
773 in ¶ 807.13b.

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775 Amend ¶1122 as follows:

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777 ¶1122.4.b) Opportunity for timely review shall be offered to teachers, leaders, and pastors in  
778 local churches of various sizes, locations, and racial, ethnic, and cultural constituencies; general  
779 secretaries of the General Boards of Discipleship, Global Ministries, Church and Society, and  
780 Higher Education and Ministry, ~~and the General Commissions on History and Archives,~~  
781 ~~Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, the Status and Role of Women, United Methodist~~  
782 ~~Men, and Religion and Race;~~ professors of educational ministries in United Methodist colleges  
783 and seminaries; professional Christian educators; and others who may have interest, experience,  
784 and skills to aid the perfection of the plans.

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786 Create a new ¶805.4.f) as follows, renumbering succeeding paragraphs:

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788 ¶805.4.f) Committee on Archives and History—There shall be a Committee on Archives and  
789 History that shall serve as the official historical agency of The United Methodist Church. It may

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790 be separately incorporated, as determined by the Council, and it shall be the successor in effect  
791 and in law of the General Commission on Archives and History of The United Methodist  
792 Church. In so far as practical changes required by the discontinuation of the General  
793 Commission on Archives and History (GCAH) and the creation of the Committee on Archives  
794 and History in this section shall be accomplished no later than June 30, 2013 under the guidance  
795 of the General Council for Strategy and Oversight and the General Council on Finance and  
796 Administration. Funds budgeted in the 2013 to 2016 quadrennium to carry out the operations  
797 and programs of GCAH shall follow the function.  
798 (1) Purpose—(a). The purpose of the Committee shall be to promote and care for the historical  
799 interests of The United Methodist Church at every level. It shall gather, preserve, and hold title  
800 to library and archival materials, and it shall disseminate interpretive materials on the history of  
801 The United Methodist Church and its antecedents. It shall cooperate with other bodies, especially  
802 the Historical Society of The United Methodist Church, the World Methodist Historical Society,  
803 and the World Methodist Council in areas of mutual concern. It shall maintain archives and  
804 libraries in which shall be preserved historical records and materials of every kind relating to The  
805 United Methodist Church and shall see that such holdings are available for responsible public  
806 and scholarly use. It shall provide guidance for the proper creation, maintenance, and disposition  
807 of documentary record material at all levels of The United Methodist Church (see §(8)(a)ii)). It  
808 shall provide support, direction, and encouragement for the work of annual conference and  
809 jurisdictional historical agencies and organizations by developing and making available  
810 historical, interpretive, and training media. It shall develop policies and resources for the  
811 designated United Methodist Historic Sites and United Methodist Heritage Landmarks. It shall  
812 provide general supervision for the observance of Heritage Sunday (see ¶ 264.1). It shall engage  
813 with other Wesleyan, Methodist, or Evangelical United Brethren-related denominations in lifting  
814 up our joint heritage.  
815 (b). The Committee shall have responsibility for and supervision of its archives and historical  
816 libraries and other depositories of similar character, if any, established by The United Methodist  
817 Church.



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- 818 (c). The Committee shall promote collection and dissemination of information and materials  
819 concerning the historic witness made individually and collectively by women, racial and ethnic  
820 peoples, and other constituencies not covered extensively in traditional historical documentation  
821 in the worldwide life of The United Methodist Church and its antecedents.
- 822 (d). The Committee shall develop and make available interpretive materials such as handbooks,  
823 services of worship and celebrations of historical events, training films, and other media helpful  
824 to annual conferences and local churches.
- 825 (e). Once each quadrennium, the Committee may hold a historical convocation, to which may be  
826 invited members of jurisdictional and annual conference historical agencies and organizations;  
827 appropriate faculty and students in institutions of higher education related to The United  
828 Methodist Church; members of the Historical Society of The United Methodist Church; members  
829 of other Wesleyan, Methodist, and Evangelical United Brethren-related historical organizations;  
830 and such other persons, groups, or organizations as may be interested.
- 831 (2) Membership—(a). The Committee shall be constituted quadrennially, and its members and  
832 all officers elected by it shall hold office until their successors have been chosen. Interim  
833 vacancies during a quadrennium where not otherwise provided by the Discipline may be filled by  
834 the Council as it may determine.
- 835 (b). The Committee shall be composed of ten members chosen by the Council, five of whom  
836 shall be members of the Council. It is recommended that careful consideration be given to  
837 selecting the other five members to be persons with special interests and skills in the history of  
838 United Methodism.
- 839 (3). Meetings—The Committee shall meet annually at such time and place as it may determine,  
840 subject to the provisions of the act of incorporation, if the committee chooses to be incorporated.  
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- 842 (4). Officers—The Committee shall elect from its membership a chairperson and such other  
843 officers as may be needed.
- 844 (5). Staff—The Council shall choose a general director of the Committee, who shall be an  
845 associate general secretary of the General Council on Finance and Administration, and such  
846 other staff personnel as may be needed. The general director shall be the executive and



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847 administrative officer and shall carry on the work of the Committee, keep the records and  
848 minutes, serve as editor of official publications of the Committee, supervise the depositories,  
849 make an annual report to the Council, and furnish such reports as are required. The general  
850 director shall attend meetings of the Committee and shall have the privilege of the floor without  
851 vote. Archivists, curators, and librarians employed by the Committee shall be responsible to the  
852 general director. They shall attend meetings of the Committee when it is deemed necessary by  
853 the general director. When in attendance, they shall have the privilege of the floor without vote.  
854 (6). Finances—The Committee shall be financed by appropriations of the General Conference;  
855 the sale of literature and historical materials; subscriptions to the Committee's official  
856 publications; dues from associate members; and gifts, grants, and bequests of interested  
857 individuals and organizations.  
858 (7). Historical Society of The United Methodist Church—(a). The Committee shall endorse and  
859 encourage the Historical Society of The United Methodist Church and encourage membership  
860 therein for the purpose of promoting interest in the study, preservation, and dissemination of the  
861 history and heritage of The United Methodist Church and its antecedents. The Historical Society  
862 shall be encouraged to enlist the support and cooperation of Committee on archives and history  
863 (or equivalent) at the annual conference, jurisdictional conference, and general Church levels as  
864 well as other interested agencies and organizations in the promotion of the historical interests of  
865 the Church. The society shall be financially self-supporting through dues and other sources,  
866 except for such services as may be provided by the General Conference Committee on Archives  
867 and History.  
868 (b). Membership in the Historical Society shall be established as the society may determine.  
869 Membership shall entail the payment of such dues as the society may direct, in return for which  
870 members shall receive publications and other benefits as are deemed suitable.  
871 (8). (a). Archival Definitions—i) Archives, as distinguished from libraries, house not primarily  
872 books, but documentary record material.  
873 ii) Documentary record material shall mean all documents, minutes, journals, diaries, reports,  
874 pamphlets, letters, papers, manuscripts, maps, photographs, books, audiovisuals, sound  
875 recordings, magnetic or other tapes, electronic data processing records, artifacts, or any other

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876 documentary material, regardless of physical form or characteristics, made or received pursuant  
877 to any provisions of The Discipline in connection with the transaction of Church business by any  
878 general agency of The United Methodist Church or of any of its constituent predecessors.  
879 iii) General agency of The United Methodist Church or of its constituent predecessors shall, in  
880 turn, mean and include every Church office, Church officer, or official (elected or appointed)—  
881 including bishop, institution, board, Committee, bureau, council, or conference—at the national  
882 level.  
883 (b). Custodianship of Records—The church official in charge of an office having documentary  
884 record material shall be the custodian thereof, unless otherwise provided.  
885 (c). Procedures—i) The Committee shall establish a central archives of The United Methodist  
886 Church and such regional archives and record centers as in its judgment may be needed.  
887 ii) The bishops, General Conference officers, the Judicial Council, general boards, committees,  
888 and agencies of The United Methodist Church shall deposit official minutes or journals, or  
889 copies of the same, in the archives quadrennially and shall transfer correspondence, records,  
890 papers, and other archival materials described above from their offices when they no longer have  
891 operational usefulness. No records shall be destroyed until a disposal schedule has been agreed  
892 upon by the Committee and the agency. When the custodian of any official documentary record  
893 material of a general agency certifies to the Committee that such records have no further use or  
894 value for official and administrative purposes and when the Committee certifies that such records  
895 appear to have no further use or value for research or reference, then such records may be  
896 destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the agency or official having custody of them. A record of  
897 such certification and authorization shall be entered in the minutes or records of both the  
898 Committee and the agency. The Committee is hereby authorized and empowered to make such  
899 provisions as may be necessary and proper to carry this paragraph into effect.  
900 iii) The Committee shall have the right to examine the condition of documentary record material  
901 and shall, subject to the availability of staff and funds, give advice and assistance to Church  
902 officials and agencies in regard to preserving and disposing of documentary record material in  
903 their custody. Officials of general agencies shall assist the Committee in the preparation of an  
904 inventory of records in their custody. To this inventory shall be attached a schedule, approved by



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905 the head of the agency having custody of the records and the Committee, establishing a time  
906 period for the retention and disposal of each series of records. So long as such approved schedule  
907 remains in effect, destruction or disposal of documentary record material in accordance with its  
908 provisions shall be deemed to have met the requirements of ¶ 1711.3b.  
909 iv) The Committee is authorized and directed to conduct a program of inventorying, repairing,  
910 and microfilming among all general agencies of The United Methodist Church for security  
911 purposes that documentary record material which the Committee determines has permanent  
912 value and to provide safe storage for microfilm copies of such material. Subject to the  
913 availability of funds, such program may be extended to material of permanent value of all  
914 agencies of The United Methodist Church.  
915 v) The general boards, committees, and agencies of The United Methodist Church shall place  
916 two copies, as they are issued, of all their publications, of whatever kind, in the archives or in  
917 lieu thereof shall file a statement with the archivist affirming that they are preserving copies of  
918 all such items in their own libraries or depositories.  
919 vi) Official documents, or copies thereof, such as articles of incorporation, constitutions, bylaws,  
920 and other official papers of the boards and agencies of The United Methodist Church shall be  
921 deposited in the archives.  
922 vii) Whoever has the custody of any general agency records shall, at the expiration of the term of  
923 office, deliver to the successor, custodian, or, if there be none, to the Committee all records,  
924 books, writings, letters, and documents kept or received in the transaction of official general  
925 agency business. This will also apply to the papers of temporary and special general Church  
926 committees.  
927 viii) The bishops, General Conference officers, and the general boards, committees, and agencies  
928 of The United Methodist Church are urged to counsel with the central archivist concerning the  
929 preservation of all materials.  
930 ix) Jurisdictional, central, and annual conference secretaries shall deposit, without charge, two  
931 paper copies of their respective conference journals quadrennially or annually, as the case may  
932 be, with the Committee and in the archives of the central, jurisdictional, and annual conference  
933 as appropriate. One copy of a digital version of the journal will be sent to the Committee.



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- 934 x) Secretaries of jurisdictional and annual conference boards, committees, and agencies shall  
935 deposit annually, or as often as they meet, copies of their minutes (as distinguished from reports  
936 that are printed separately or in the jurisdictional and annual conference journals) in the central  
937 archives or in the appropriate regional archives.
- 938 xi) Bishops, General Conference officers, general agency staff personnel, missionaries, and those  
939 ordained ministers and laypersons in positions of leadership and influence at any level of the  
940 Church are urged to deposit or bequeath their personal papers to the archives of the Committee.
- 941 xii) Organizations and individuals may negotiate appropriate restrictions on the use of materials  
942 that they deposit in the archives.
- 943 xiii) The Committee may authorize the transfer of materials to an organization, agency, or  
944 family.
- 945 xiv) All materials in the archives shall be available for research and exhibition, subject to such  
946 restrictions as may be placed on them.
- 947 (9). Historic Sites and Heritage Landmarks—(a). i) Historic Sites—Historic sites are buildings,  
948 locations, or structures that are specifically related to a significant event, development, or  
949 personality in the history of an annual, central, or jurisdictional conference (or its antecedents).  
950 Historic sites are designated by formal action of the annual, central, or jurisdictional conference  
951 within whose regions the site is located. Such designation shall first be considered and reviewed  
952 by the respective committee on archives and history (or equivalent). After action by the annual,  
953 central, or jurisdictional conference to designate a building, structure, or location as a historic  
954 site, the president or chairperson of the committee on archives and history (or equivalent) shall  
955 advise the Committee of the action taken and provide such documentation as may be required.  
956 The Committee in turn shall provide an official historic site marker, keep a register of all historic  
957 sites, and maintain an ongoing file of pertinent information concerning them.
- 958 ii) Heritage Landmarks—Heritage landmarks of The United Methodist Church are buildings,  
959 locations, or structures that are specifically related to significant events, developments, or  
960 personalities in the overall history of The United Methodist Church or its antecedents. They must  
961 have distinctive historic interest and value for the denomination as a whole, as contrasted with  
962 local or regional historic significance. Ordinarily, buildings, locations, or structures that have

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963 achieved historic significance within the preceding fifty years shall not be considered for  
964 designation as a heritage landmark.  
965 iii) Designation of Heritage Landmarks—All nominations for the designation of buildings,  
966 locations, and structures as United Methodist heritage landmarks shall be made by the annual,  
967 central, or jurisdictional conference committee on archives and history (or equivalent) within  
968 whose regions they are located. Such nominations shall be referred for consideration to the  
969 Committee, in accord with guidelines established by the Committee. Through its Committee on  
970 Heritage Landmarks, the Committee shall consider the merits of each nomination and shall make  
971 such recommendation as it deems appropriate to the ensuing General Conference for its action  
972 and determination.  
973 The Committee shall recommend only a building, location, or structure for designation as a  
974 heritage landmark that has been registered as a historic site by an annual, central, or  
975 jurisdictional conference and has met the requirements established by the Committee. The  
976 Committee shall keep a register of all duly designated heritage landmarks and maintain an  
977 ongoing file of pertinent information concerning them.  
978 iv) Quadrennial Review—The Committee shall be responsible for making a quadrennial review  
979 of the existing duly designated heritage landmarks, according to the criteria that it shall prepare  
980 and which shall be compatible with The Book of Discipline. The Committee shall further be  
981 responsible for recommending to the General Conference the redesignation or reclassification of  
982 the designated heritage landmarks as such action may be appropriate in keeping with such  
983 criteria.  
984 (b). Present Heritage Landmarks—The present heritage landmarks of The United Methodist  
985 Church (and the year of their designation by General Conference) are: Acuff's Chapel, between  
986 Blountville and Kingsport, TN (1968); Albright Memorial Chapel, Kleinfeltersville, PA (1968);  
987 Asbury Manual Labor School and Mission, Ft. Mitchell, AL (1984); Barratt's Chapel, near  
988 Frederica, DE (1968); Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, FL (1984); Bishop John  
989 Seybert/Flat Rock Cluster, Flat Rock and Bellevue, OH (1992); Boehm's Chapel, Willow Street,  
990 PA (1984); Cokesbury College, Abingdon, MD (1984); Cox Memorial United Methodist  
991 Church, Hallowell, ME (1992); Deadwood Cluster, Deadwood, SD (1984); Edward Cox House,



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992 near Bluff City, TN (1968); First Evangelical Association Church Building and Publishing  
 993 House, New Berlin, PA (1988); First United Methodist Church, Johnstown, PA (1996); Green  
 994 Hill House, Louisburg, NC (1968); Hanby House, Westerville, OH (1988); John Street Church,  
 995 New York City (1968); John Wesley's American Parish, Savannah, GA (1976); Keywood  
 996 Marker, Glade Spring, VA (1988); Isaac Long's Barn, Landis Valley, Lititz, PA (2008); Lovely  
 997 Lane Chapel, Baltimore, MD (1972); McMahan's Chapel, Bronson, TX (1972); Methodist  
 998 Hospital, Brooklyn, NY (1972); Old McKendree Chapel, Jackson, MO (1968); Old Otterbein  
 999 Church, Baltimore, MD (1968); Old Stone Church Cemetery and Site, Leesburg, VA (1968);  
 1000 Organization of The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Louisville, KY (1984); Peter  
 1001 Cartwright United Methodist Church, Pleasant Plains, IL (1976); Rehobeth Church, near Union,  
 1002 WV (1968); Robert Strawbridge's Log House, near New Windsor, MD (1968); Ruttersville  
 1003 Cluster, Ruttersville, TX (1988); St. George's Church, Philadelphia, PA (1968); St. Simon's  
 1004 Island, Brunswick, GA (1968); Wesley Foundation, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL  
 1005 (1996); Town of Oxford, GA (1972); United Brethren Founding Sites Cluster, Frederick,  
 1006 Keedysville, and Beaver Creek, MD (2000); Wesleyan College Cluster, Macon, GA (1992);  
 1007 Whitaker's Chapel, near Enfield, Halifax County, NC (1972); Willamette Mission, near Salem,  
 1008 OR (1992); Women's Foreign Missionary Society founding site, Boston, MA (2004) Wyandot  
 1009 Indian Mission, Upper Sandusky, OH (1968); and Zoar United Methodist Church, Philadelphia,  
 1010 PA (1984).

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1014 Delete ¶¶1801-1808 in their entirety.

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1016 Amend ¶263 as follows:

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1018 ¶ 263. Six churchwide special Sundays with offerings shall be celebrated in each United

1019 Methodist Church.



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1020 Purpose—General Conference shall determine the purpose of the churchwide offerings upon  
 1021 recommendation of the General Council on Finance and Administration, after consultation with  
 1022 the Council of Bishops and the ~~Connectional Table~~ General Council for Strategy and Oversight.  
 1023 The purpose of these offerings shall remain constant for the quadrennium, and the net receipts  
 1024 shall be distributed on ratio to the administering agencies by the treasurer of the General Council  
 1025 on Finance and Administration (see ¶ 823.7 and ¶ 805.6). ~~The General Commission on~~  
 1026 ~~Communication~~ United Methodist Communications shall promote these offerings in cooperation  
 1027 with the agencies responsible for the administration of these funds. (See ¶ 1806.12.) Each  
 1028 offering shall be promptly remitted in full by the local church treasurer to the annual conference  
 1029 treasurer, who shall transmit the funds in full, except where noted differently below, to the  
 1030 General Council on Finance and Administration within thirty days of receipt in the office of the  
 1031 annual conference treasurer.

1032 ¶263.1... In connection with Human Relations Day ~~the General Commission on Communication~~  
 1033 United Methodist Communications shall conduct a churchwide appeal. Net receipts, after  
 1034 payment of promotional expenses, shall be allocated on ratio by the treasurer of the General  
 1035 Council on Finance and Administration, to the administering agencies:

1036 ¶263.2. One Great Hour of Sharing—Historically, One Great Hour of Sharing has been  
 1037 celebrated with an offering on the Fourth Sunday in Lent. Congregations are to observe One  
 1038 Great Hour of Sharing on this date or on another date appropriate to the local church. Lent is the  
 1039 season of repentance, self-examination, and awareness of the hurts of the peoples of the world.  
 1040 One Great Hour of Sharing calls the Church to share the goodness of life with those who hurt. In  
 1041 connection with One Great Hour of Sharing, ~~the General Commission on Communication~~ United  
 1042 Methodist Communications shall conduct a churchwide appeal....

1043 ¶263.3. World Communion Sunday—Historically, World Communion Sunday has been  
 1044 celebrated with an offering on the first Sunday of October. Congregations are to observe World  
 1045 Communion Sunday on this date or on another date appropriate to the local church. World  
 1046 Communion Sunday calls the church to be the catholic inclusive church. In connection with  
 1047 World Communion Sunday ~~the General Commission on Communication~~ United Methodist  
 1048 Communications shall conduct a churchwide appeal.

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- 1049 ¶263.4. United Methodist Student Day—Historically, United Methodist Student Day has been  
1050 celebrated with an offering on the last Sunday in November. Congregations are to observe  
1051 United Methodist Student Day on this date or on another date appropriate to the local church.  
1052 United Methodist Student Day calls the Church to support students as they prepare for life in  
1053 uniting faith with knowledge. The offering supports United Methodist scholarships and the  
1054 United Methodist Student Loan Fund. In connection with United Methodist Student Day, ~~the~~  
1055 ~~General Commission on Communication~~ United Methodist Communications shall conduct a  
1056 churchwide appeal.
- 1057 ¶263.5. Peace with Justice Sunday—Historically, Peace with Justice Sunday has been celebrated  
1058 with an offering on the First Sunday After Pentecost. Congregations are to observe Peace with  
1059 Justice Sunday on this date or on another date appropriate to the local church. Pentecost  
1060 celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit calling for God’s shalom. Peace with Justice  
1061 witnesses to God’s demand for a faithful, just, disarmed, and secure world. In connection with  
1062 Peace with Justice Sunday, ~~the General Commission on Communication~~ United Methodist  
1063 Communications shall conduct a churchwide appeal.
- 1064 ¶263. 6. Native American Ministries Sunday—Historically, Native American Ministries Sunday  
1065 has been celebrated with an offering on the Third Sunday of Easter. United States congregations  
1066 are to observe Native American Ministries Sunday on this date or on another date appropriate to  
1067 the local church. This Sunday serves to remind the Church of the gifts and contributions made by  
1068 Native Americans to our society. In connection with Native American Ministries Sunday, ~~the~~  
1069 ~~General Commission on Communication~~ United Methodist Communications shall conduct a  
1070 churchwide appeal.
- 1071
- 1072 Amend ¶633 as follows:
- 1073
- 1074 ¶(633.4.b)(22) To appoint annual conference disaster response coordinators to assist the United  
1075 Methodist Committee on Relief by encouraging the formation of an annual conference disaster  
1076 response committee that relates to the annual conference board of global ministries and includes,  
1077 when possible, members of the General Board of Global Ministries from the annual conference.



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1078 The membership of the Disaster Response Committee may include district disaster response  
1079 coordinators and the conference director of communications or member of United Methodist  
1080 Communications ~~the commission on communications~~.

1081

1082 Amend ¶807 as follows:

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1084 ¶807.10. To supervise the use of the official United Methodist insignia and preserve the integrity  
1085 of its design, in cooperation with United Methodist Communications ~~the General Commission~~  
1086 ~~on Communication~~.

1087

1088 Add a new §810.3 as follows:

1089

1090 ¶810.3 United Methodist Communications shall promote all general Church funds in cooperation  
1091 with other Church bodies affected by each fund.

1092

1093 Amend ¶812.4 as follows:

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1095 ¶812.4. The General Commission on Communication United Methodist Communications shall  
1096 promote the World Service Fund.

1097

1098 Amend ¶813.5 as follows:

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1100 ¶813.5 The General Commission on Communication United Methodist Communications shall  
1101 promote the General Administration Fund.

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1103 Amend ¶814.7 as follows:

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1105 ¶814.7 The General Commission on Communication United Methodist Communications shall  
1106 promote the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund.



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1107

1108 Amend ¶815 as follows:

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1110 ¶815.3. Promotion of the Black College Fund shall be by the Division of Higher Education and

1111 in consultation with the Council of Presidents of the Black Colleges, in cooperation with and

1112 with the assistance of United Methodist Communications ~~the General Commission on~~

1113 ~~Communication,~~

1114

1115 Delete §816.4 in its entirety.

1116

1117 Amend ¶817 as follows:

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1119 ¶ 817. Purpose—1. The Episcopal Fund, raised in accordance with ¶ 817.3, shall provide for the

1120 salary and expenses of effective bishops<sup>24</sup> from the date of their consecration and for the support

1121 of retired bishops and surviving spouses and minor children of deceased bishops. Subject to the

1122 approval of the General Council on Finance and Administration, the treasurer shall have

1123 authority to borrow for the benefit of the Episcopal Fund such amounts as may be necessary for

1124 the proper execution of the orders of the General Conference. ~~The General Commission on~~

1125 ~~Communication~~ United Methodist Communications shall promote the Episcopal Fund.

1126

1127 Amend ¶819.7 as follows:

1128

1129 ¶819.7. General promotion of this program, for purposes of name identification and visibility,

1130 shall be the responsibility of United Methodist Communications ~~the General Commission on~~

1131 ~~Communication.~~

1132

1133 Amend ¶820 as follows:

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1135 ¶820.3. Promotional expenses for World Service Specials shall be borne by the respective  
1136 participating agencies in proportion to the amount received by each in World Service Specials.  
1137 The causes of World Service Specials shall be coordinated with other financial appeals and shall  
1138 be promoted by United Methodist Communications ~~the General Commission on~~  
1139 ~~Communication.~~

1140

1141 ¶820.4. The appeals for World Service Specials shall be channeled through bishops, district  
1142 superintendents, and pastors. Details of the procedure shall be determined by ~~the General~~  
1143 ~~Commission on Communication~~ United Methodist Communications in consultation with  
1144 representatives of the recipient agencies or entities.

1145

1146 ¶820.5. In each annual conference, World Service Specials and One Great Hour of Sharing shall  
1147 be promoted by the appropriate conference agency with the appropriate general agency and  
1148 United Methodist Communications ~~the General Commission on Communication.~~

1149

1150 Amend ¶822 as follows:

1151

1152 ¶822.3. Promotional expenses for Advance Specials shall be borne by the respective participating  
1153 units in proportion to the amount received by each in Advance Specials. The causes of the  
1154 Advance shall be coordinated with other financial appeals and shall be promoted by United  
1155 Methodist Communications ~~the General Commission on Communication.~~

1156

1157 ¶822.4. The appeal for Advance Specials shall be channeled through bishops, district  
1158 superintendents, and pastors. Details of the procedure shall be determined by United Methodist  
1159 Communications ~~the General Commission on Communication~~ in consultation with the  
1160 designated unit of the General Board of Global Ministries and the Advance Committee.

1161

1162 Amend ¶823 as follows:

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- 1164 ¶823.1...In connection with Human Relations Day, United Methodist Communications ~~the~~  
 1165 ~~General Commission on Communication~~ shall conduct a churchwide appeal.
- 1166 ¶823.2.b)... In connection with One Great Hour of Sharing, United Methodist Communications  
 1167 ~~the General Commission on Communication~~ shall conduct a churchwide appeal.
- 1168 ¶823.3...In connection with United Methodist Student Day, United Methodist Communications  
 1169 ~~the General Commission on Communication~~ shall conduct a churchwide appeal.
- 1170 ¶823.4...In connection with World Communion Sunday, United Methodist Communications ~~the~~  
 1171 ~~General Commission on Communication~~ shall conduct a churchwide appeal...
- 1172 ¶823.5...In connection with Peace with Justice Sunday, United Methodist Communications ~~the~~  
 1173 ~~General Commission on Communication~~ shall conduct a churchwide appeal.
- 1174 ¶823.6...In connection with Native American Ministries Sunday, United Methodist  
 1175 Communications ~~the General Commission on Communication~~ shall conduct a churchwide  
 1176 appeal.
- 1177 ¶823.7. ~~The General Commission on Communication~~ United Methodist Communications shall  
 1178 promote all authorized churchwide special Sundays with offerings in consultation with  
 1179 participating agencies. Promotional expenses for each offering shall be a prior claim against the  
 1180 receipts of the offering promoted. In each case, such expenses shall be within a budget approved  
 1181 by the General Council on Finance and Administration upon recommendation of United  
 1182 Methodist Communications ~~the General Commission on Communication~~ after consultation with  
 1183 participating agencies. In the promotion of these offerings, the spiritual implications of Christian  
 1184 stewardship shall be emphasized.
- 1185
- 1186 Amend ¶1121 as follows:
- 1187
- 1188 ¶1121.4. Membership—The committee shall be composed of one board member and one staff  
 1189 member from each of the following agencies: the General Board of Discipleship, the General  
 1190 Board of Global Ministries, the General Board of Church and Society, the General Board of  
 1191 Higher Education and Ministry, and the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits; one  
 1192 member (board or staff) from each of the following: ~~the Commission on the Status and Role of~~



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1193 ~~Women, the Commission on Religion and Race, the General Commission on United Methodist~~  
 1194 ~~Men, the United Methodist Men; The United Methodist Publishing House, the General~~  
 1195 ~~Commission on Communication, the Women's Division of the General Board of Global~~  
 1196 ~~Ministries~~ United Methodist Women; one active or retired bishop representing the Council of  
 1197 Bishops, and one central conference representative; five older adults, one to be selected by each  
 1198 jurisdictional College of Bishops; and no more than three members to be selected by the  
 1199 committee for expertise and/or professional qualifications, and no more than three additional  
 1200 members to be selected by the committee for inclusiveness (racial/ethnic, disability, age, gender,  
 1201 laity, clergy, or geographic distribution). Staff and/or board members will provide appropriate  
 1202 liaison and reports to their respective agencies. Board members and central conference and  
 1203 jurisdiction representatives shall serve no more than two consecutive terms (one term equals four  
 1204 years). Each board and agency will be responsible for travel, lodging, and other expenses  
 1205 incurred by representatives attending meetings of the Committee on Older Adult Ministries.  
 1206  
 1207 Delete §1207.2.k) in its entirety.  
 1208  
 1209 Amend ¶1327 as follows:  
 1210  
 1211 ¶1327.2.a)(5) To work cooperatively with United Methodist Communications ~~The General~~  
 1212 ~~Commission on Communication~~ in promotion of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.  
 1213  
 1214 Amend ¶1405 as follows:  
 1215  
 1216 ¶1405.21. To promote, in cooperation with United Methodist Communications ~~the General~~  
 1217 ~~Commission on Communication~~, churchwide special Sundays and funds:...  
 1218  
 1219 Amend ¶1637 as follows:  
 1220

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1221 ¶ 1637. Service of the Entire United Methodist Church—There shall be one complete,  
 1222 coordinated system of literature published by the board for the entire United Methodist Church.  
 1223 This literature is to be of such type and variety as to meet the needs of all groups of our people.  
 1224 The board president and publisher shall consult with the general program agencies, United  
 1225 Methodist Communications ~~the General Commission on Communication~~, and the ~~Connectional~~  
 1226 ~~Table~~ General Council for Strategy and Oversight with regard to their publishing needs in order  
 1227 to avoid unnecessary overlapping and duplication.

1228

1229 Amend the existing text of ¶¶ 1801-1808 as follows:

1230

1231 ¶ 1801. As United Methodists, our theological understanding obligates us, as members of the  
 1232 body of Christ, to communicate our faith by speaking and listening to persons both within and  
 1233 outside the Church throughout the world, and to utilize all appropriate means of communication.  
 1234 The responsibility to communicate is laid upon every church member, every pastor, every  
 1235 congregation, every annual conference, every institution, and every agency of the Church.  
 1236 Within this total responsibility, there are certain functions that the General Conference has  
 1237 assigned to the ~~General Commission on Communication~~ United Methodist Communications, to  
 1238 be performed in behalf of all through the talents and resources at its command.

1239

1240 ¶ 1802. Name—There shall be a ~~General Commission on Communication~~ an organization of  
 1241 The United Methodist Church, ~~which for communication and public relations purposes may be~~  
 1242 ~~designated as~~ to be designated as United Methodist Communications (UMCom) which shall be a  
 1243 general agency of the Church.

1244

1245 ¶ 1803. Incorporation—UMCom is successor to The General Commission on Communication, is  
 1246 ~~successor to~~ the Joint Committee on Communications, incorporated in the State of Ohio, and  
 1247 shall be authorized to do business as United Methodist Communications (UMCom). It is  
 1248 authorized to create such other corporate substructures as ~~the commission~~ UMCom deems  
 1249 appropriate to carry out its functions.



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1251 ¶ 1804. Amenability and Accountability—~~The General Commission on Communication~~

1252 UMCom shall be amenable to the General Conference. As an administrative general agency that

1253 carries significant program functions in addition to its many service and support responsibilities,

1254 ~~the commission~~ UMCom shall be accountable to, report to, and be evaluated by the ~~Connectional~~

1255 ~~Table~~ General Council for Strategy and Oversight in program matters and shall be accountable to

1256 and report to the General Council on Finance and Administration in financial matters.

1257

1258 ¶ 1805. Purpose—~~The General Commission on Communication~~ UMCom shall lead the Church

1259 in communication. It shall meet the communication, public relations, and marketing needs of the

1260 entire Church, reflecting the cultural and racial diversity within The United Methodist Church. It

1261 shall provide communication resources and services to local churches and annual conferences. It

1262 shall have a consultative relationship with all general agencies of the Church and with any

1263 structures for communication and public relations at the jurisdictional, episcopal area, annual

1264 conference, district, or local church level.

1265

1266 ¶ 1806. Responsibilities—Specific responsibilities and functions of ~~the General Commission on~~

1267 ~~Communication~~ UMCom and its staff are as follows:

1268 ...

1269 3. It shall give special attention to television, including broadcast television, cable, videotape,

1270 videodisc, and satellite. It shall provide counsel and resources to annual conferences—and

1271 through conferences, to districts and local churches—to develop and strengthen their television

1272 ministries. Responsibilities of ~~the commission~~ UMCom shall include program production and

1273 placement, and relationships to commercial broadcasters at the national level in the United

1274 States.

1275 ...

1276 12. It shall be the central agency marketing throughout the Church the following general Church

1277 funds: World Service Fund (¶ 812.1), Africa University Fund (¶ 806.2), Black College Fund (¶

1278 815), Episcopal Fund (¶ 817.1), General Administration Fund (¶ 813), Interdenominational



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- 1279 Cooperation Fund (§ 818), Ministerial Education Fund (§ 816), Human Relations Day (§§ 823.1  
1280 and 263.1), One Great Hour of Sharing (§§ 820, 823.2 and 263.2), Native American Ministries  
1281 Sunday (§§ 823.6 and 263.6), Peace with Justice Sunday (§§ 823.5 and 263.5), World  
1282 Communion Sunday (§§ 823.4 and 263.3), United Methodist Student Day (§§ 823.3 and 263.4),  
1283 the Advance for Christ and His Church (§§ 821 and 822), World Service Special Gifts (§ 819),  
1284 Christian Education Sunday (§ 265.1), Golden Cross Sunday (§ 265.2), Rural Life Sunday (§  
1285 265.3), Disability Awareness Sunday (§ 265.4), Youth Service Fund (§ 1208), and all other  
1286 general Church funds approved by the General Conference, as well as any emergency appeals  
1287 authorized by the Council of Bishops and the General Council on Finance and Administration (§  
1288 818). In the marketing of these causes, this agency shall consult with and is encouraged to use  
1289 content material provided by the program agency responsible for the area and with the agency  
1290 responsible for the administration of the funds. Budgets for the above funds shall be developed in  
1291 cooperation with the General Council on Finance and Administration. In cases where the General  
1292 Conference assigns a portion of the marketing responsibility to some other agency, such  
1293 marketing work shall be subject to coordination by ~~the General Commission on Communication~~  
1294 UMCom. The cost of marketing the funds, as set in the approved marketing budget, shall be a  
1295 charge against receipts, except that the cost of marketing general Advance Specials shall be  
1296 billed to the recipient agencies in proportion to the amount of general Advance Special funds  
1297 received by each (§ 822.3), and the cost of marketing World Service Special Gifts shall be borne  
1298 by administering agencies (§ 819.6). The administration of the money thus set aside for  
1299 marketing shall be the responsibility of ~~the General Commission on Communication~~ UMCom.  
1300 ...
- 1301 14. Appeals for giving that are made to United Methodists shall be consistent with the aims of  
1302 Christian stewardship. ~~The General Commission on Communication~~ UMCom and the General  
1303 Board of Discipleship will cooperate in order that programs and resource materials of the two  
1304 agencies may be in harmony in their presentation of Christian stewardship.
- 1305 ...
- 1306 21. ~~The General Commission on Communication~~ UMCom shall be charged with planning and  
1307 implementation of the official United Methodist presence on and use of the Internet, the World

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1308 Wide Web, or other computer services that can connect United Methodist conferences, agencies,  
1309 and local churches with one another and with the larger world.

1310

1311 ¶ 1807. Organization—1. Membership—The membership of ~~the General Commission on~~

1312 ~~Communication~~ UMCom shall be composed of twenty-eight members as follows:

1313 a) Three bishops, including at least one from the central conferences, named by the Council of  
1314 Bishops.

1315 b) Sixteen members elected by the jurisdictional conferences based on the following formula:

1316 North Central—3, Northeastern—3, South Central—4, Southeastern—4, and Western—2. It is  
1317 recommended that at least one of the persons elected by the jurisdictional conferences be a racial  
1318 or ethnic person.

1319 c) Two members of the central conferences named by the Council of Bishops.

1320 d) Seven additional members elected by ~~the commission~~ UMCom to ensure membership of  
1321 persons with expertise in communication.

1322 e) The additional members shall be nominated by a committee composed of one ~~commission~~  
1323 UMCom member designated from each jurisdiction and one of the member bishops.

1324 f) In order to ensure inclusiveness, the composition of ~~the commission~~ UMCom shall reflect the  
1325 major recognized categories of Church members (see ¶ 705.3h).

1326 2. Meetings—~~The commission~~ UMCom shall hold at least one meeting in each calendar year.  
1327 Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum.

1328 3. Officers—~~The commission~~ UMCom shall elect a president, at least one vice president, a  
1329 recording secretary, and such other officers as it determines.

1330 There may be an executive committee comprised of not more than one-third of the total  
1331 membership of ~~the commission~~ UMCom and elected by ~~the commission~~ UMCom. The  
1332 membership of the executive committee shall be representative of the composition of ~~the~~  
1333 ~~commission~~ UMCom.

1334 4. Internal Organization—~~The General Commission on Communication~~ UMCom is empowered  
1335 to create internal structures as it deems appropriate for effective operation.



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1336 5. Staff—~~The commission~~ UMCom shall elect annually a general secretary upon nomination by  
1337 the executive committee or a nominating committee and shall elect such deputy general  
1338 secretaries as needed, and it shall provide for election or appointment of other staff. The general  
1339 secretary shall cooperate with the ~~Connectional Table~~ General Council for Strategy and  
1340 Oversight for program services and with the general secretary of the General Council on Finance  
1341 and Administration for financial services.

1342

1343 ¶ 1808. Finance—The General Conference shall provide for the financial needs of ~~the General~~  
1344 ~~Commission on Communication~~ UMCom upon recommendation by the General Council on  
1345 Finance and Administration. ~~The commission~~ UMCom shall consult with the ~~Connectional Table~~  
1346 General Council for Strategy and Oversight in the area of program matters in development of an  
1347 annual budget, which shall be reported to the General Council on Finance and Administration for  
1348 approval.

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1352 Delete ¶¶1901-1912, the entirety of Section XIII of Chapter Five of Part V of the *Book of*  
1353 *Discipline*.

1354

1355 Modify all paragraphs of the *Book of Discipline* in which there are references to the General  
1356 Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns as follows:

1357

1358 ¶347.2.a)...~~The General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns~~ Council of  
1359 Bishops shall provide the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry with a list of  
1360 denominations that meet this definition.

1361

1362 ¶504.3...After consultation with the Council of Bishops ~~and the General Commission on~~  
1363 ~~Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns~~, the secretary shall issue invitations to ecumenical  
1364 representatives.



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1365

1366 ¶573.1.c) For The United Methodist Church, oversight of the covenantal relationships is the  
1367 responsibility of the Council of Bishops, ~~with the assistance of the General Commission on~~  
1368 ~~Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns~~, while participation in specific projects is the  
1369 responsibility of the appropriate general agency or agencies.

1370

1371 ¶ 642. 1. Each annual conference shall create appropriate structures related to a conference  
1372 ~~commission or committee on~~ Christian unity and Interreligious relationships ~~concerns or other~~  
1373 ~~structure~~ to provide for these functions and maintain the connectional relationships with the  
1374 Council of Bishops ~~General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns~~.

1375

1376 ¶642.2...Ex officio members of the annual conference structures for Christian unity and  
1377 interreligious relationships ~~concerns~~ shall include the conference ecumenical officer(s), if  
1378 elected, and any United Methodists residing within the conference bounds who are members of  
1379 the following: the Office of Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships of the Council of  
1380 Bishops ~~General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns~~,

1381

1382 ¶642.4. The duties of the annual conference structure ~~commission or committee~~ shall be to act in  
1383 cooperation with the annual conference council on ministries, ~~in coordination with the duties of~~  
1384 ~~the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns~~, as outlined in ¶¶ 1902-  
1385 1903,

1386

1387 ¶643.3.k) Coordinating, ~~in consultation with the General Commission on Christian Unity and~~  
1388 ~~Interreligious Concerns~~, the conference programs of cooperation with African American and  
1389 other racial and ethnic denominations, especially those of the Methodist family.

1390

1391 ¶703.5 ...These agencies are amenable to the General Conference, and between sessions of the  
1392 General Conference are accountable to the ~~Connectional Table~~ General Council for Strategy and  
1393 Oversight for those functions outlined in the 900 ¶¶s: the General Board of Church and Society,

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1394 the General Board of Discipleship, the General Board of Global Ministries, and the General  
 1395 Board of Higher Education and Ministry, ~~the General Commission on Christian Unity and~~  
 1396 ~~Interreligious Concerns, the General Commission on Religion and Race, the General~~  
 1397 ~~Commission on United Methodist Men, and the General Commission on the Status and Role of~~  
 1398 ~~Women.~~ In all matters of accountability, episcopal oversight as provided in ¶ 427 is assumed.  
 1399  
 1400  
 1401 ¶705.3.b) ...The Council of Bishops ~~General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious~~  
 1402 ~~Concerns~~ shall assist general agencies in their compliance with this provision.  
 1403  
 1404 ¶ 814. Interdenominational Cooperation Fund—1. This fund shall provide United Methodist  
 1405 support of the basic budgets of those organizations that relate to the ecumenical responsibilities  
 1406 of the Council of Bishops ~~and of the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious~~  
 1407 ~~Concerns.~~  
 1408  
 1409 ¶814.2 The ~~General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, in consultation~~  
 1410 ~~with the~~ Council of Bishops, shall recommend to the General Council on Finance and  
 1411 Administration the amounts of the several annual allocations from the Interdenominational  
 1412 Cooperation Fund budget.  
 1413  
 1414 ¶814.3. The Council of Bishops ~~General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious~~  
 1415 ~~Concerns~~ shall determine annually, ~~in consultation with the Council of Bishops,~~ the designations  
 1416 of all funds for ecumenical agencies to be paid from the following year's Interdenominational  
 1417 Cooperation Fund budget that have not been specifically designated by the prior General  
 1418 Conference. The Council of Bishops ~~General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious~~  
 1419 ~~Concerns~~ shall communicate such designations to the General Council on Finance and  
 1420 Administration prior to the beginning of the fiscal year made the subject of such designations.  
 1421



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1422 ¶814.4. The fund shall also provide for the expenses of representatives chosen by the Council of  
 1423 Bishops ~~or by the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns~~ to attend  
 1424 meetings and committees of such ecumenical agencies. The General Council on Finance and  
 1425 Administration shall reimburse such expenses from vouchers approved by persons designated by  
 1426 the Ecumenical Officer of the Council of Bishops ~~general secretary of the General Commission~~  
 1427 ~~on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns~~ or by the general secretary of the General  
 1428 Council on Finance and Administration.

1429 5. Disbursement of Funds to Ecumenical Organizations—a) The General Council on Finance and  
 1430 Administration shall remit monthly to each organization included in the approved  
 1431 Interdenominational Cooperation Fund budget an on-ratio share of the fund's net receipts, after  
 1432 the payment of any fixed charges.

1433 b) In the interim between sessions of the General Conference, exceptions to this directive may  
 1434 occur under one of the following circumstances:

1435 (1) If the organization is unable to fulfill, or ceases to fulfill, the purpose or purposes which were  
 1436 the basis for the Council of Bishops's ~~General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious~~  
 1437 ~~Concerns'~~ original recommendation for funding.

1438 (2) If the organization ceases to exist.

1439 c) If the ~~Commission, in consultation with the~~ Council of Bishops, determines that such  
 1440 circumstances warrant, it may recommend to the General Council on Finance and Administration  
 1441 that funding for the organization be suspended or reduced, either indefinitely or for a specified  
 1442 period of time. The Council shall then reduce or suspend remittance of fund receipts to the  
 1443 organization until such time as the ~~Commission, in consultation with the~~ Council of Bishops,  
 1444 determines that the circumstances which led to reduction or suspension of payments no longer  
 1445 exist. The ~~Commission~~ Council of Bishops shall then recommend to the General Council on  
 1446 Finance and Administration whether remittances to the organization are to be resumed in  
 1447 amounts based on current Interdenominational Cooperation Fund receipts only, or whether  
 1448 amounts previously withheld should be disbursed along with the amounts payable from current  
 1449 receipts.



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- 1450 d) If funding to an organization is reduced or suspended, the funds which otherwise would have  
 1451 been disbursed shall be held by the General Council on Finance and Administration until the  
 1452 ~~Commission, in consultation with the~~ Council of Bishops; recommends that they be restored to  
 1453 the organization or used to support a similar ecumenical organization. If the funds are not  
 1454 expended prior to the next session of the General Conference, the General Council on Finance  
 1455 and Administration, after consultation with the Council of Bishops ~~Commission~~, shall report to  
 1456 the General Conference the amount of funds being held and may recommend, for General  
 1457 Conference action, the disposition of the funds.
- 1458 6. Before the beginning of each calendar year, the General Council on Finance and  
 1459 Administration shall determine and communicate to the Council of Bishops ~~General Commission~~  
 1460 ~~on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns~~ the sum available from the Interdenominational  
 1461 Cooperation Fund Contingency Reserve to be allocated by ~~the commission~~ to meet emerging  
 1462 needs of ecumenical agencies.
- 1463
- 1464 1207.2 Resource People—The division shall be responsible for connecting and highlighting the  
 1465 work of general agencies and other United Methodist entities in youth and young-adult ministry.  
 1466 In order to effectively carry out that charge, one staff person (or board member when staff are  
 1467 not available) from the following entities shall be present (with voice but not vote) at meetings of  
 1468 the division. These representatives shall attend at the expense of the sending agency and shall  
 1469 relate the priorities of the division to their agency and serve as resource people to the division:
- 1470 a) General Board of Church and Society  
 1471 b) General Board of Discipleship  
 1472 c) General Board of Global Ministries  
 1473 d) General Board of Higher Education and Ministry  
 1474 ~~e) General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns~~  
 1475 ~~f) General Commission on Religion and Race~~  
 1476 ~~g) General Commission on the Status and Role of Women~~  
 1477 ~~h) General Commission on United Methodist Men~~ United Methodist Men  
 1478 i) General Council on Finance and Administration

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1479 j) ~~Connectional Table~~ General Council for Strategy and Oversight

1480 k) ~~United Methodist Communications~~

1481 l) United Methodist Publishing House

1482 m) ~~Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries~~ United Methodist Women

1483

1484 ¶ 2401. Liaison Role of the Council of Bishops—1. In formal relations with other churches  
1485 and/or ecclesial bodies, the Council of Bishops shall be the primary liaison for The United  
1486 Methodist Church. The ecumenical officer of the Council of Bishops shall be responsible for  
1487 these relationships ~~and shall work in cooperation with the General Commission on Christian~~  
1488 ~~Unity and Interreligious Concerns in the fulfillment of these functions.~~

1489

1490 ¶ 2401.2. a) The Council of Bishops shall have the authority to enter into interim and provisional  
1491 ecumenical agreements with other Christian bodies, ~~following consultation with and the~~  
1492 ~~concurrence of the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious concerns.~~  
1493 However, all agreements of full communion and permanent membership in ecumenical  
1494 organizations shall be ratified by General Conference, before they become effective.

1495

1496 ¶ 2401.3. ~~The General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns shall consult~~  
1497 ~~with the Council of Bishops in establishing the guide lines for the administration of the~~  
1498 ~~Interdenominational Cooperation Fund (see ¶¶ 814 and 1903.17).~~

1499 4 The United Methodist representatives to ecumenical organizations in the following paragraphs  
1500 shall be selected by the Council of Bishops ~~from nominations reviewed by the General~~  
1501 ~~Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns.~~ Such representatives shall be  
1502 inclusive in terms of gender, race and ethnicity, age, persons with disabilities, and region.  
1503 Representatives shall reflect consideration of balances required both by The United Methodist  
1504 Church and the respective ecumenical organization. Consideration shall be given to persons  
1505 named to jurisdictional and central conference pools (see ¶ 705.1.b, c).

1506 When proxies are needed to substitute for United Methodist representatives to a specific  
1507 ecumenical organization, ~~the general secretary of the General Commission on Christian Unity~~



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1508 ~~and Interreligious Concerns, in consultation with~~ the ecumenical officer of the Council of  
1509 Bishops, is authorized to name such proxies. Consideration shall be given to United Methodists  
1510 residing in the area of the ecumenical organization's meeting, and to the inclusivity of the  
1511 delegation. The names of proxies shall be reported at the next meeting of the Council of Bishops.  
1512 Representatives and proxies from The United Methodist Church to various working groups of  
1513 any of the ecumenical organizations in the following paragraphs shall be named by ~~the general~~  
1514 ~~secretary of the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, in~~  
1515 ~~consultation with~~ the ecumenical officer of the Council of Bishops.

1516 5. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, should structural changes be voted  
1517 between sessions of the General Conference by any of the ecumenical organizations in the  
1518 following paragraphs, necessitating election of a new group of United Methodist delegates, the  
1519 Council of Bishops is authorized to elect, ~~based on recommendations from the General~~  
1520 ~~Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns~~, such delegates as may be required.  
1521

1522 ¶ 2402. Financial Support—United Methodist financial support of the ecumenical organizations  
1523 in the following paragraphs shall be remitted from the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund  
1524 through the General Council on Finance and Administration in accordance with ¶ 814. The  
1525 general agencies of the Church may make such payments to these ecumenical organizations as  
1526 they deem to be their responsibility and proportionate share in the cooperative programs. Such  
1527 payments shall be reported to the General Council on Finance and Administration, and that  
1528 Council shall include a summary report of United Methodist financial support in its annual  
1529 financial report to the Church. United Methodist financial support of ecumenical dialogues and  
1530 multilateral conversations, approved by the Council of Bishops ~~General Commission on~~  
1531 ~~Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns~~, shall also be remitted from the Interdenominational  
1532 Cooperation Fund in the same manner.

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1534 2404.2.b) Other National or Regional Ecumenical Organizations—~~The General Commission on~~  
1535 ~~Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, in consultation with the~~ Council of Bishops, shall  
1536 be in dialogue with United Methodists in whatever countries they may reside, and shall

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1537 coordinate, explore, and advocate United Methodist participation in regional ecumenical and  
1538 interfaith organizations and shall address the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund funding of  
1539 ~~committee of the GCCUIC on~~ financial needs and the advisability of support of these  
1540 organizations.

1541 c) The United Methodist Church shall seek observer status in the National Association of  
1542 Evangelicals. United Methodist observers to these bodies shall be appointed by the Council of  
1543 Bishops.

1544 3. The World Council of Churches and Other International Ecumenical Organizations—a) World  
1545 Council of Churches-The United Methodist Church is a member of the World Council of  
1546 Churches, its predecessor Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren churches having been  
1547 charter members of such body.

1548 b) Other International Ecumenical Organizations—~~The General Commission on Christian Unity~~  
1549 ~~and Interreligious Concerns, in consultation with the~~ Council of Bishops, shall be in dialogue  
1550 with United Methodists in whatever countries they may reside, and shall coordinate, explore, and  
1551 advocate United Methodist participation in international ecumenical and interfaith organizations  
1552 and shall address the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund funding of ~~committee of the~~  
1553 ~~GCCUIC on~~ financial needs and the advisability of support of these organizations.

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1555 Add a new Section IX to Chapter Three of Part V of the *Book of Discipline*, ¶¶441-447 as  
1556 follows:

1557  
1558 Section IX. Ecumenical and Interreligious Ministries

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1560 ¶441. As provided in ¶2401, “In formal relations with other churches and/or ecclesial bodies, the  
1561 Council of Bishops shall be the primary liaison for The United Methodist Church.” Further, as  
1562 provided in ¶403.1.e), “The role of the bishop is to be the shepherd of the whole flock.”  
1563 Therefore, the bishops of The United Methodist Church are called to lead the Church in its  
1564 ecumenical and interreligious ministries.



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- 1565 ¶442. In pursuit of its ecumenical and interreligious responsibilities the Council of Bishops shall  
1566 create an Office of Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships (OCUIR) effective upon  
1567 adjournment of General Conference 2012. In so far as practical changes required by the  
1568 discontinuation of the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns  
1569 (GCCUIC) and the creation of the Office of Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships  
1570 (OCUIR) in this section shall be accomplished no later than June 30, 2013 as directed by the  
1571 Council of Bishops. Funds budgeted in the 2013 to 2016 quadrennium to carry out the  
1572 operations and programs of GCCUIC shall follow the function.
- 1573 ¶443. *Membership*—Members of the OCUIR shall be elected by the Council of Bishops as  
1574 follows:
- 1575 1. The OCUIR shall be composed of episcopal members as determined by the Council of  
1576 Bishops, and it shall be chaired by the Ecumenical Officer of the Council of Bishops.
- 1577 2. In addition the following twenty-one (21) persons shall be members of the OCUIR:
- 1578 a) Members from each jurisdiction, based on the following formula: North Central—2,  
1579 Northeastern—2, South Central—3, Southeastern—5, and Western—1. Each jurisdictional  
1580 conference will nominate three times the number candidates as it has members allocated, and the  
1581 Council of Bishops will elect these members from this pool of candidates.
- 1582 b) Seven (7) members who are not bishops from the central conferences. Europe and the  
1583 Philippines shall together be allocated one (1) member which shall alternate between the two  
1584 areas from quadrennium to quadrennium with the remainder of six (6) members to be allocated  
1585 among the three (3) African central conferences on a rotating basis as determined by the Council  
1586 of Bishops.
- 1587 c) One (1) member from one of the other churches in Churches Uniting in Christ.
- 1588 d) At least 50% of the members of OCUIR who are not bishops shall be lay, and other  
1589 recommendations for inclusivity as provided in ¶705.3.d) shall apply to the selection of  
1590 members.
- 1591 ¶444. *Staff*—1. There shall be an Ecumenical Staff Officer of The United Methodist Church to  
1592 be selected by the Council of Bishops. The work of the OCUIR shall be facilitated by the

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1593 Ecumenical Staff Officer who shall be in charge of the day to day work of the OCUIR. The  
1594 Ecumenical Staff Officer shall be the OCUIR's principal administrative and executive officer.  
1595 2. Additional staff shall be selected in number and responsibility as determined by the Council of  
1596 Bishops.  
1597 3. The Ecumenical Staff Officer shall report to the Ecumenical Officer of the Council of  
1598 Bishops. All other staff members shall report to and serve at the pleasure of the Ecumenical  
1599 Staff Officer.  
1600 4. The staff of the OCUIR shall be positioned in locations to be determined by the Council of  
1601 Bishops.  
1602 ¶445. *Funding*—Funding for the ecumenical and interreligious ministry of the Church shall be  
1603 provided by the Council of Bishops in one or more line items of the Episcopal Fund to be clearly  
1604 identified in its budget request to General Conference.  
1605 ¶446. *Responsibilities and powers*—Responsibilities and powers of the OCUIR shall be as  
1606 assigned by the Council of Bishops.  
1607 ¶447. To fulfill the vision of full communion between The United Methodist Church and the  
1608 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, there shall be a Joint Commission on ELCA/UMC  
1609 Full Communion. The commission shall serve the following functions:  
1610 a) Coordinate the implementation of action taken by the two churches to achieve full  
1611 communion.  
1612 b) Assist joint planning for mission.  
1613 c) Facilitate consultation and common decision making through appropriate channels in  
1614 fundamental matters that the churches may face together in the future.  
1615 d) Report regularly and appropriately to each church.  
1616 The United Methodist membership of this commission shall be the Ecumenical Officer of the  
1617 Council of Bishops and one lay and one clergy member of OCUIR elected by OCUIR.  
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1621 For purposes of locating the Committee on Faith and Order in the life of the Church, the  
1622 following action shall be taken:

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1624 ¶ ~~1907. 436.~~ There shall be a Committee on Faith and Order that, while functioning with the  
1625 authority of an independent committee (¶ 701.2, ~~2004 Book of Discipline~~), shall, ~~for purposes of~~  
1626 ~~staffing, budgeting, and financial affairs, reside under the auspices of the General Commission~~  
1627 ~~on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns~~ be amenable to the Council of Bishops.

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1629 ¶ ~~1908. 437.~~ Purpose—The Committee on Faith and Order shall give leadership to The United  
1630 Methodist Church in reflecting upon, discerning and living out matters of faith, doctrinal  
1631 teaching, order, and discipline in the midst of mission and ministry in the church and the world.  
1632 The committee shall be a visible expression of the commitment of The United Methodist Church  
1633 to carry on informed theological reflection for the current time in dynamic continuity with the  
1634 historic Christian faith, our common heritage as Christians grounded in the apostolic witness,  
1635 and our distinctive Wesleyan heritage. The committee shall be charged with three broad  
1636 responsibilities:

1637 1. To lead and coordinate studies commissioned by the General Conference in matters related to  
1638 the faith, doctrine, order and discipline of the church.

1639 2. ~~To~~ Upon request of the Council of Bishops, to support and provide resources ~~upon request to~~  
1640 ~~the Council of Bishops in its their~~ responsibility to “guard, transmit, teach, and proclaim,  
1641 corporately and individually the apostolic faith as it is expressed in Scripture and tradition, and  
1642 as they are led and endowed by the Spirit, to interpret that faith evangelically and prophetically.”

1643 (¶414.3)

1644 3. To prepare and provide resources and study materials to the General Church as deemed  
1645 appropriate ~~upon request from the General Conference, or the Council of Bishops, or~~  
1646 ~~Connectional Table.~~

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1648 ¶ ~~1909. 438.~~ Responsibilities—The responsibilities of the Committee on Faith and Order shall  
1649 be:

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- 1650 1. To provide a venue and context for ongoing conversation on matters of faith, doctrine, order  
1651 and discipline.
- 1652 2. To draw upon scholars and scholarship in biblical studies, biblical theology, systematic  
1653 theology, historical theology, Christian ethics, Wesleyan studies, practical theology, missiology,  
1654 and other areas thereby providing expertise and knowledge to lead and assist the church in  
1655 addressing matters of faith and order critical to the life, ministry and mission of the church.
- 1656 3. To receive and administer mandates from General Conference for studies on matters that  
1657 require significant inquiry into and application of the faith and order of the church.
- 1658 a) The committee shall nominate from its own membership and from others those who are to  
1659 serve on various study committees and teams, ~~and present these nominations to the Council of~~  
1660 ~~Bishops for approval.~~
- 1661 b) The committee may, with approval of the Council of Bishops, carry out ~~the~~ any mandated  
1662 study internally or may create such committees and teams using members from within the  
1663 committee and others from beyond the committee as may be required by the volume and  
1664 complexity of work.
- 1665 c) The committee itself and all committees and teams empowered by the committee shall include  
1666 racial/ethnic and gender diversity, and regional representation, and it shall model effective  
1667 representation of the theological diversity of The United Methodist Church.
- 1668 4. To coordinate and provide for effective interaction and communication among various study  
1669 committees, commissions and teams when multiple studies have been mandated.
- 1670 5. Upon request to provide research and resourcing for the Council in Bishops in matters related  
1671 to faith, doctrine, order and discipline.
- 1672 6. To make provision for the preparation and dissemination of study documents and materials for  
1673 the church upon request of the General Conference, or the Council of Bishops ~~or Connectional~~  
1674 ~~Table.~~
- 1675 7. To bring all studies, materials or publications as appropriate to the Council of Bishops or the  
1676 General Conference as directed by the Council of Bishops for approval and action.  
1677



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1678 ¶ ~~1910, 439.~~ Authorities and Powers—The Committee on Faith and Order shall have the  
1679 authority and power to fulfill all the responsibilities noted in ¶¶ 437 and 438 ~~1908 and 1909.~~ The  
1680 Committee on Faith and Order shall be amenable to the Council of Bishops General Conference  
1681 of ~~the~~ The United Methodist Church. ~~Between sessions of the General Conference, the Committee~~  
1682 ~~shall be accountable to the Connectional Table by reporting and interpreting activities designed~~  
1683 ~~to fulfill the purpose of the Committee and by cooperating with the Connectional Table in~~  
1684 ~~fulfillment of its legislated responsibilities.~~  
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1686 ¶ ~~1911, 440.~~ Membership—The Committee on Faith and Order shall be organized each  
1687 quadrennium and shall be composed of twenty-four persons chosen as follows:  
1688 1. Six bishops shall serve as members including the ecumenical officer of the Council of Bishops  
1689 of The United Methodist Church and five other bishops assigned by the Council of Bishops. At  
1690 least one of the bishops shall be from a central conference.  
1691 2. Six members shall be nominated by the Association of United Methodist Theological Schools  
1692 chosen from the faculties of seminaries affiliated with The United Methodist Church. The  
1693 Association of United Methodist Theological Schools shall rotate nominations from among the  
1694 seminaries on a basis established by itself.  
1695 3. Twelve members who are not bishops shall be chosen by the Council of Bishops upon  
1696 nomination by the ~~General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns and The~~  
1697 ~~General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Six of the twelve chosen by the Council of~~  
1698 ~~Bishops shall come from the nominations of the General Commission on Christian Unity and~~  
1699 ~~Interreligious Concerns, and six shall be chosen from those nominated by the General Board of~~  
1700 ~~Higher Education and Ministry.~~ Three of the members nominated by the General Board of  
1701 Higher Education and Ministry shall be nominated from the faculties of seminaries affiliated  
1702 with The United Methodist Church in the Central Conferences. ~~Funding for this will be provided~~  
1703 ~~within the regular budgets for the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious~~  
1704 ~~Concerns and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. The budget for the~~  
1705 Committee on Faith and Order shall be proposed by the Council of Bishops, and it shall be part  
1706 of the General Administration Fund.

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1707 4. All twenty-four members of the committee shall be ~~approved and~~ elected by the Council of  
 1708 Bishops at its fall meeting following the General Conference each quadrennium. Election shall  
 1709 be for a term of eight (8) years, and no person shall serve as a member of the Committee on Faith  
 1710 and Order for more than sixteen (16) years in succession. The classes of membership established  
 1711 upon the initial organizational meeting of the Committee shall be maintained so that the terms of  
 1712 service of 50% of the membership expire when their successors are seated at the organizational  
 1713 meeting of the Committee following each General Conference.

1714 5. At least three (3) of the members of the committee shall be clergy actively serving full-time in  
 1715 the local church and at least three (3) shall be laity. ~~One~~ It is recommended that one third of the  
 1716 membership ~~shall~~ be persons of minority racial/ethnic identity.

1717 6. In its capacity of providing spiritual and doctrinal leadership, the Council of Bishops shall  
 1718 exercise oversight in the nomination and election of members with regard to Central Conference  
 1719 inclusion, geographic diversity, and age representation; it shall also ensure that the committee  
 1720 ~~models effective representation of the theological diversity of The United Methodist Church~~  
 1721 complies with the inclusivity guidelines of ¶438.3.c).

1722 7. Membership on the board of directors of any other general agency does not make one  
 1723 ineligible to serve as a member of this committee, ¶¶ 710.5 and 714.6 to the contrary  
 1724 notwithstanding, and the limitations specified in ¶710.4 for membership on general agencies  
 1725 shall not apply to anyone as a result of membership on this committee.

1727 ¶ ~~1912.~~ 441. Organization—The Committee on Faith and Order shall be organized as follows:

1728 1. The committee shall elect from its episcopal membership a chairperson and from its total  
 1729 membership other officers as it may determine.

1730 2. There shall be an executive committee of the committee with powers as determined by the  
 1731 committee.

1732 ~~3. The initial election of members for the Committee on Faith and Order shall include twelve~~  
 1733 ~~persons elected for four years and twelve persons elected for eight years. Thereafter, all persons~~  
 1734 ~~elected to the Committee on Faith and Order shall be elected to eight year terms.~~



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1735 4. 3. The committee shall meet for organizational purposes each quadrennium prior to the end of  
1736 the first quarter of the year following the year in which the General Conference is held.

1737 ~~5~~ 4. The committee shall meet at least annually and at such other times as it shall deem  
1738 necessary. A majority of members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. The committee  
1739 may conduct meetings by telephone conference or video conference, or make decisions by mail  
1740 ballot or other method, provided that notification of all members is ensured and the provision of  
1741 quorum is met.

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1743 ¶442 Staffing—Staff for the work of the Committee on Faith and Order shall be provided as  
1744 determined by the Council of Bishops in consultation with the Executive Committee of the  
1745 Committee on Faith and Order. The Council of Bishops shall have authority to request staff  
1746 assistance and consultation from agencies and other bodies of the Church, such as, but not  
1747 limited to, the Office for Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships and the General Board  
1748 of Higher Education and Ministry.

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1750 ¶443 . The Committee on Faith and Order shall not be considered to be a general agency of The  
1751 United Methodist Church.

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1755 For the purpose of merging the General Commission on Religion and Race and the General  
1756 Commission on the Status and Role of Women, and moving those monitoring functions into  
1757 becoming a committee of the ~~Connectional Table~~ General Council for Strategy and Oversight,  
1758 the following action is taken:

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1760 Delete ¶¶2001-2008 and 2101-2109 in their entirety.

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1762 Amend ¶643 as follows:

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1764 ¶ 643. 1. There shall be in each annual conference a conference commission on religion and race  
 1765 or other structure to provide for these functions and maintain the connectional relationships. It  
 1766 shall follow the general guidelines and structure of the ~~General Commission on Religion and~~  
 1767 ~~Race as outlined in ¶¶ 2002 and 2008, where applicable.~~ of the United Methodist Committee on  
 1768 Inclusiveness.

1769 ¶643.2... Members of the ~~General Commission on Religion and Race~~ of the United Methodist  
 1770 Committee on Inclusiveness residing in the annual conference shall be ex officio members of the  
 1771 annual conference commission on religion and race with vote.

1772 ¶643.3.p) Maintaining a close relationship with the ~~General~~ United Methodist Committee on  
 1773 Inclusiveness. ~~Commission on Religion and Race~~, seeking its guidance, utilizing its training and  
 1774 resources, and interpreting to the annual conference the programs, plans, and policies of the  
 1775 ~~General~~ United Methodist Committee on Inclusiveness. ~~Commission on Religion and Race.~~

1776

1777 Amend ¶644 as follows:

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1779 ¶644.2...In an annual conference where there is not a sufficient number of clergywomen to meet  
 1780 the recommended balance, additional laywomen shall be elected beyond the one-third proportion  
 1781 to bring the total membership to a majority of women. A person or persons serving as member(s)  
 1782 of the ~~General Commission on the Status and Role of Women~~ the United Methodist Committee  
 1783 on Inclusiveness from that annual conference shall, by virtue of their office, be member(s) of the  
 1784 conference commission on the status and role of women (see ¶¶ 609.6 and 710.5).

1785

1786 Amend ¶807 as follows:

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1788 ¶807.13.b) The Committee on Personnel Policies and Practices (¶ 805.4d) shall: (1) prepare  
 1789 quadrennially, review annually, and recommend to the council an appropriate salary schedule,  
 1790 based upon responsibilities, for personnel of the councils, boards, and commissions represented  
 1791 on the committee; (2) develop and recommend to the council a schedule of benefits for an  
 1792 employee benefit program for personnel of agencies represented on the committee and any



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1793 changes required thereto from time to time; (3) receive from agencies and institutions receiving  
1794 general Church funds (see ¶ 810.2) statements regarding their compliance with the policy stated  
1795 in ¶ 811.1; and (4) receive from all general agencies information necessary to evaluate pay  
1796 equity. Based on these statements, and in consultation with and upon the advice of the ~~General~~  
1797 ~~Commission on Religion and Race and the General Commission on the Status and Role of~~  
1798 ~~Women~~, United Methodist Committee on Inclusiveness, the committee shall prepare for the  
1799 General Council on Finance and Administration reports and recommendations deemed  
1800 appropriate by the committee.

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1802 Amend ¶811 as follows:

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1804 ¶ 811. General Policies—1. The General Council on Finance and Administration is authorized to  
1805 withhold approval of a portion or all of the budget of any agency or any Church-related  
1806 institution receiving general Church funds (see ¶ 810.2) until such agency or Church-related  
1807 institution certifies to the council in writing that it has established and complied with a policy of:  
1808 (a) recruiting, employing, utilizing, recompensing, and promoting professional staff and other  
1809 personnel without regard to race, color, age, or sex; (b) fulfilling its duties and responsibilities in  
1810 a manner that does not involve segregation or discrimination on the basis of race, age, or sex;  
1811 and (c) insofar as possible, purchasing goods and services from vendors who are in compliance  
1812 with such policies as are described in sections (a) and (b) of this paragraph. In the fulfillment of  
1813 this directive, the council shall take the following steps to ensure that inclusiveness concerns of  
1814 the ~~General Commission on Religion and Race and the General Commission on the Status and~~  
1815 ~~Role of Women~~ United Methodist Committee on Inclusiveness are represented: (1) consult with  
1816 the committee ~~two commissions~~ in the development of a certification form to be submitted to the  
1817 council by agencies and institutions receiving general Church funds; (2) share copies of such  
1818 certifications with the committee ~~two commissions~~; (3) receive and consider recommendations  
1819 from the committee ~~either of the two commissions~~ regarding possible noncompliance with these  
1820 policies by agencies and institutions receiving general Church funds; and (4) when

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1821 recommendations for withholding funds are received from the committee ~~one or the two~~  
1822 ~~commissions~~, consult further with it ~~them~~ in order to jointly determine final resolution.

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1824 Amend ¶1004 as follows:

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1826 ¶1004. The board shall maintain close relationships with ~~the General Commission on Religion~~  
1827 ~~and Race, the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, and~~ the United Methodist  
1828 Committee on Inclusiveness, the Appalachian Development Committee as it seeks ~~they seek~~ to  
1829 coordinate denominational support and cooperation with various movements for racial, sexual,  
1830 and social justice, according to guidelines stated in the Book of Discipline. In cooperation with  
1831 ecumenical agencies and other appropriate boards and agencies, the board shall encourage and  
1832 promote ministries and models of mediation and conflict resolution, both ecumenically and  
1833 within the agencies and institutions of The United Methodist Church.

1834

1835 Add a new ¶908 as follows:

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1837 ¶908. In order to fulfill the monitoring roles previously performed by the General Commission  
1838 on Religion and Race and the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, there shall  
1839 be a United Methodist Committee on Inclusiveness, reporting to the General Council for Strategy  
1840 and Oversight. The GCSO shall establish effective structures and processes with sufficient  
1841 independence to ensure accurate monitoring across the church. In performing such monitoring  
1842 functions, these structures shall have a direct reporting relationship to the General Council for  
1843 Strategy and Oversight and General Conference. The monitoring structures and processes shall  
1844 be designed to monitor the entire church, with specific attention given to the General  
1845 Conference, the Council of Bishops, all general church agencies (including the General Council  
1846 for Strategy and Oversight), annual conferences, and other connectional structures.

1847

1848 ¶909.1. It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to challenge and equip the general  
1849 agencies, institutions, and connectional structures of The United Methodist Church to a full and



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1850 equal participation of its racial and ethnic constituency in the total life and mission of the Church  
1851 through teaching, advocacy and by reviewing and monitoring the practices of the entire church  
1852 so as to further ensure racial inclusiveness as we make disciples for Jesus Christ for the  
1853 transformation of the world.

1854 2. Further it shall be the responsibility of the Committee to challenge The United Methodist  
1855 Church, including its general agencies, institutions, and connectional structures, to a continuing  
1856 commitment to the full and equal responsibility and participation of women in the total life and  
1857 mission of the Church, sharing fully in the power and in the policy-making at all levels of the  
1858 Church's life.

1859 Such commitment will confirm anew recognition of the fact that The United Methodist Church is  
1860 part of the universal church, rooted in the liberating message of Jesus Christ, that recognizes  
1861 every person, woman or man, as a full and equal part of God's human family.

1862 The Committee shall function as an advocate with and on behalf of women individually and  
1863 collectively within The United Methodist Church; as a catalyst for the initiation of creative  
1864 methods to redress inequities of the past and to prevent further inequities against women within  
1865 The United Methodist Church; and as a monitor to ensure inclusiveness in the programmatic and  
1866 administrative functioning of The United Methodist Church.

1867 3. In so far as practical changes required by the discontinuation of the General Commission on  
1868 Religion and Race (GCORR) and of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women  
1869 (GCOSROW) and the accompanying relocation of the monitoring function of those agencies to  
1870 the Committee on Inclusiveness in this section shall be accomplished no later than June 30, 2013  
1871 under the guidance of the General Council for Strategy and Oversight and the General Council  
1872 on Finance and Administration. Funds budgeted in the 2013 to 2016 quadrennium to carry out  
1873 the operations and programs of GCORR and GCOSROW shall follow the functions.

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1875 ¶910. The United Methodist Committee on Inclusiveness shall have staff as determined by the  
1876 General Council for Strategy and Oversight and shall be located in offices as directed by the  
1877 General Council for Strategy and Oversight.

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1881 For the purpose of establishing United Methodist Men as an independent agency of the Church

1882 which is not a general commission, the following action is taken:

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1884 Amend ¶256.6 as follows:

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1886 ¶256.6. United Methodist Men—Each church or charge shall have an organized unit of United

1887 Methodist Men chartered and annually renewed through ~~the General Commission on~~ United

1888 Methodist Men. Other organized men's ministry groups in a local United Methodist Church shall

1889 annually report to the charge conference and be resourced through ~~the General Commission on~~

1890 United Methodist Men.

1891 ...

1892 a) Local church resource material for supporting effective men's ministries shall be provided by

1893 the district, conference, and jurisdictional organizations of United Methodist Men and ~~the~~

1894 ~~General Commission on~~ United Methodist Men (¶ 2302).

1895

1896 Amend ¶537 as follows:

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1898 ¶537. Committee on United Methodist Men—In each jurisdiction there shall be a Jurisdictional

1899 Committee on United Methodist Men, auxiliary to ~~the General Commission on~~ United Methodist

1900 Men (¶ 2301).

1901 The membership of the Jurisdictional Committee on United Methodist Men shall be composed of

1902 the elected officers, committee chairpersons, and ministry coordinators as defined by the

1903 organizations' bylaws as well as the conference president of United Methodist Men of each

1904 annual conference organization within the boundary of the jurisdiction.

1905 Each Jurisdictional Committee on United Methodist Men shall have authority to promote its

1906 work in accordance with the policies and programs of ~~the General Commission on~~ United

1907 Methodist Men.



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- 1908 The Jurisdictional Committee on United Methodist Men shall elect the jurisdictional president  
1909 during the last year of the quadrennium. The jurisdictional president shall serve on ~~the General~~  
1910 ~~Commission on~~ United Methodist Men (§2303.1.b).
- 1911 Amend §648 as follows:  
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- 1913 § 648. United Methodist Men—Constitution of United Methodist Men in the Conference—  
1914 Article 1. Name—In each annual conference there shall be a conference organization named  
1915 United Methodist Men, auxiliary to the jurisdictional committee on United Methodist Men and to  
1916 ~~the General Commission on~~ United Methodist Men (§2301).
- 1917 Article 2. Function—The function of the conference organization of United Methodist Men shall  
1918 be to build and support the district organizations of United Methodist Men in developing  
1919 resources to meet the needs and interests of men and the responsibilities of discipleship; to  
1920 empower personal witness and evangelism; to enable outreach in individual and group mission  
1921 and ministry; to encourage and support spiritual growth and faith development; and to promote  
1922 the objectives and responsibilities of ~~the General Commission on~~ United Methodist Men. In the  
1923 absence of a district organization, the conference organization, in consultation with the district  
1924 superintendent, shall fulfill the district responsibilities (§ 671).
- 1925 Article 3. Authority—Each conference organization of United Methodist Men shall have the  
1926 authority to promote its work in accordance with the plans, responsibilities, and policies of ~~the~~  
1927 ~~General Commission on~~ United Methodist Men.
- 1928 ...
- 1929 Article 5....
- 1930 d) Additional officers (including civic youth-serving agencies/scouting coordinator) and  
1931 committees shall be elected or appointed in accordance with the guidelines of ~~the General~~  
1932 ~~Commission on~~ United Methodist Men and/or the bylaws of the conference organization of  
1933 United Methodist Men.
- 1934 Article 6. Meetings and Elections—a) There shall be an annual meeting of the conference  
1935 organization of United Methodist Men, at which time there shall be presented an annual report

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- 1936 and a program plan designed to meet the needs of the men of the conference. Officers and  
1937 committees shall be elected in accordance with the requirements of the organization's bylaws.
- 1938 b) The voting body of the annual meeting of the conference shall be determined by the  
1939 organization's bylaws but shall include conference and district officers and committee  
1940 chairpersons as determined, members of ~~the General Commission on~~ United Methodist Men, and  
1941 members of the jurisdictional committee on United Methodist Men residing within the bounds of  
1942 the conference.
- 1943 ...
- 1944 Article 9. Amendments—Proposed amendments to this constitution may be sent to the recording  
1945 secretary of ~~the General Commission on~~ United Methodist Men prior to the last annual meeting  
1946 of the commission in the third year of the quadrennium.
- 1947 Article 10. Connectional Reporting and Accountability—a) Each annual conference United  
1948 Methodist Men shall have on file a current copy of their constitution and bylaws with ~~the~~  
1949 ~~General Commission on~~ United Methodist Men.
- 1950 b) Each annual conference shall submit an annual report to ~~the General Commission on~~ United  
1951 Methodist Men. This report will be presented by the conference president at the spring meeting  
1952 of the National Association of Conference Presidents and shall include but not be restricted to:
- 1953 1. Annual goals and progress towards those goals in the last 12 months.
- 1954 2. A review of the work in evangelism, mission and spiritual growth within the annual  
1955 conference or beyond.
- 1956 3. A listing of training events conducted at a conference, district and local church level to  
1957 expand men's ministry in the all levels of the church.
- 1958 4. An assessment of ~~the general commission on~~ United Methodist Men to include the annual  
1959 conference UMM's appraisal of the commission's goals and the commission's progress toward  
1960 those goals in the last 12 months.
- 1961 5. A report of the significant challenges to men's ministry and the significant successes of  
1962 men's ministry to be shared with other conference organizations of UMM.



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- 1963 These reports will become part of the internal review process of ~~the general commission on~~  
 1964 United Methodist Men and each conference report shall be shared with the annual conference  
 1965 leadership by the Conference President.  
 1966  
 1967 Amend ¶670 as follows:  
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 1969 ¶ 670. United Methodist Men—Constitution of United Methodist Men in the District—Article 1.  
 1970 Name—In each district there shall be a district organization named United Methodist Men,  
 1971 auxiliary to the conference organization of United Methodist Men and ~~the general commission~~  
 1972 ~~on~~ United Methodist Men (¶ 2301).  
 1973 Article 2. Responsibilities—The responsibilities of the district organization of United Methodist  
 1974 Men shall be to work with local units of United Methodist Men in developing resources to meet  
 1975 the needs and interests of men and the responsibilities of discipleship; to empower personal  
 1976 witness and evangelism; to enable outreach in individual and group mission and ministry; to  
 1977 encourage and support spiritual growth and faith development; and to promote the objectives and  
 1978 responsibilities of the conference organization and ~~the general commission on~~ United Methodist  
 1979 Men. The district organization shall also encourage and promote the chartering and annual  
 1980 recertification of local units through ~~the general commission on~~ United Methodist Men (¶¶ 2302  
 1981 and 256.6).  
 1982 Article 3. Authority—Each district organization of United Methodist Men shall have the  
 1983 authority to promote its work in accordance with the plans, responsibilities, and policies of the  
 1984 conference organization and ~~the general commission on~~ United Methodist Men.  
 1985 Article 4. Membership—All men and clergy of local churches or charges (chartered and  
 1986 unchartered) of the district shall be considered members of the district organization.  
 1987 Article 5. Officers and Committees—a) The district organization shall elect a president, at least  
 1988 one vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer.  
 1989 b) additional officers (including civic youth-serving agencies/scouting coordinator) and  
 1990 committees shall be elected or appointed in accordance with the guidelines of ~~the general~~

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1991 ~~commission on~~ United Methodist Men and/or the bylaws of the district organization of United

1992 Methodist Men.

1993 ...

1994 Article 9. Amendments—Proposed amendments to this constitution may be sent to the recording

1995 secretary of the ~~general commission on~~ United Methodist Men prior to the last annual meeting of

1996 the commission in the third year of the quadrennium.

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1998 Amend ¶705 as follows:

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2000 ¶705.3.e) The membership of the ~~general commission on~~ United Methodist Men shall be elected

2001 in accordance with ¶ 537 and ¶ 2303.3. Other paragraphs of the Discipline notwithstanding,

2002 members of the ~~Commission~~ United Methodist Men holding membership by virtue of office may

2003 serve a maximum of three consecutive terms.

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2005 Amend ¶1207 as follows:

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2007 ¶1207.2. h) ~~General Commission on~~ United Methodist Men

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2009 Amend ¶¶2301-2303 as follows:

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2011 ¶ 2301. There shall be a ~~General Commission on~~ United Methodist Men in The United

2012 Methodist Church, and it shall be a general agency of the Church.

2013 ~~The general commission~~ United Methodist Men shall be amenable to the General Conference of

2014 The United Methodist Church. ~~Between sessions of the General Conference, the general~~

2015 ~~commission shall be accountable to the Connectional Table by reporting and interpreting~~

2016 ~~activities in its purpose (¶ 702.2).~~

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- 2018 ¶ 2302. Purpose—~~The general commission on~~ United Methodist Men shall have primary  
 2019 oversight for the coordination and resourcing of men’s ministry within The United Methodist  
 2020 Church.  
 2021  
 2022 ...3.c) promote the annual certification of local church men’s ministry and the chartering/annual  
 2023 renewal of local church men’s units (¶ 256.6) with ~~the general commission on~~ United Methodist  
 2024 Men.  
 2025  
 2026 ...5. ~~The general commission~~ United Methodist Men will provide resources and support for the  
 2027 office of Civic Youth-Serving Agencies/Scouting Ministries:  
 2028  
 2029 ¶ 2303. Membership—1. ~~The commission~~ United Methodist Men shall consist of ~~twenty-five~~  
 2030 ~~(25) twenty-three (23)~~ voting members as defined in ¶ 705.3 in the General Provisions and ¶ 537.  
 2031 Other paragraphs of the Discipline notwithstanding, members of ~~the commission~~ United  
 2032 Methodist Men holding membership by office or organization, may serve a maximum of three  
 2033 consecutive terms. The membership shall be composed of:  
 2034 a) three bishops, including ~~at least~~ one from the central conferences, named by the Council of  
 2035 Bishops;  
 2036 b) the five (5) jurisdictional presidents of United Methodist Men;  
 2037 ~~e) six members elected by the National Association of Conference Presidents of United~~  
 2038 ~~Methodist Men, including the national president and five members at large (including at least~~  
 2039 ~~two members of the Commission from the previous quadrennium, for continuity) chosen for~~  
 2040 ~~expertise and jurisdictional balance if possible;~~  
 2041 d) two central conference members, who are not bishops, named by the Council of Bishops;  
 2042 e) the president of the United Methodist Men Foundation; —  
 2043 ~~f) the president of the National Association of United Methodist Scouters;~~  
 2044 g) six members at large elected by ~~the commission~~ United Methodist Men for inclusiveness,  
 2045 expertise, and balance, which should include at least one young person under the age of 30, the  
 2046 national president of United Methodist Men, the president of the United Methodist Men

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2047 Foundation, and at least two members of the national organization from the previous  
2048 quadrennium;  
2049 ~~(h) one representative from a men's ministry from a Pan-Methodist church.~~  
2050 ~~This legislation shall take effect upon the adjournment of the 2008 General Conference. Each~~  
2051 Jurisdictional Committee on United Methodist Men (§537) shall elect, from among the United  
2052 Methodist men of the jurisdiction, members, including the jurisdictional presidents as specified  
2053 in subparagraph b) above, according to the following formula:  
2054 North Central—2; Northeastern—2; South Central—3; Southeastern—4; Western—1.  
2055 2. Vacancies—~~Vacancies in the general commission membership shall be filled by procedures~~  
2056 defined in ¶ 712 of the General Provisions United Methodist Men in a manner that preserves the  
2057 representational requirements of the membership provisions herein specified, by a process to be  
2058 defined by United Methodist Men, other provisions of the *Book of Discipline* notwithstanding.  
2059 3. Officers—~~The general commission on~~ United Methodist Men shall elect as its officers a  
2060 president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and other such officers as it shall deem necessary.  
2061 In addition, the president of the National Association of Conference Presidents of United  
2062 Methodist Men shall also be considered an officer.  
2063 4. Staff—~~The general commission on~~ United Methodist Men shall elect annually by ballot its  
2064 general secretary, who shall provide executive, administrative, and programmatic leadership (¶  
2065 713). ~~The commission~~ United Methodist Men shall elect such other staff members as needs  
2066 require within the General Conference mandates and the authority vested in ~~the commission~~  
2067 United Methodist Men to develop policies and programs directed toward the realization of its  
2068 purpose.  
2069 5. Meetings—~~The general commission~~ United Methodist Men shall meet annually, with such  
2070 additional meetings as needs demand.  
2071 6. Funding—The General Council on Finance and Administration shall make provision for the  
2072 necessary support of the work of ~~the commission~~ United Methodist Men by providing World  
2073 Service Funds to complement the direct revenue and contributions from United Methodist men  
2074 Men. This shall include meeting and related expenses for ~~the~~ central conference representatives.



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2075 7. Advisory Panel—United Methodist Men may create an advisory panel consisting of  
2076 representatives of affiliated organizations.

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2080 For purposes of promoting cooperation in the promotion and awarding of higher education  
2081 scholarship programs among the agencies of the Church, the following action is taken:

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2083 Modify existing ¶¶823.4.b), 1111.3, 1313.3.i), 1408.2, 1419, 1421.2.h) as follows:

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2085 ¶823.4.b) The treasurer of the General Council on Finance and Administration shall allocate net  
2086 receipts, after payment of promotional expenses, to be divided as follows: 50 percent ~~Crusade~~  
2087 World Communion Scholarships; 35 percent Ethnic Scholarship Program, and 15 percent Ethnic  
2088 In- Service Training Program.

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2090 ¶1111.3. The board shall have authority to cooperate with other agencies of the Church, with  
2091 defined organizations, and with ecumenical agencies to promote the ministry of Christian  
2092 education. The agency shall collaborate with other United Methodist scholarship giving  
2093 agencies and foundations to develop and maintain a common web portal which will include links  
2094 to each agency and foundation scholarship programs, with information about general criteria and  
2095 guidelines for applications..

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2097 ¶1313.3.i) To resource leadership training programs and administer scholarships, including the  
2098 World Communion Scholarship Program. The agency collaborates with other United Methodist  
2099 scholarship giving agencies and foundations to develop and maintain a common web portal  
2100 which will include links to each agency and foundation scholarship programs, with information  
2101 about general criteria and guidelines for applications

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2103 ¶1408.2. Offices—The board, in implementing the objectives (¶¶ 1403, 1405), shall have  
 2104 authority to establish and maintain the following offices: (a) Interpretation; and (b) Loans and  
 2105 Scholarships. The agency collaborates with other United Methodist scholarship giving agencies  
 2106 and foundations to develop and maintain a common web portal which will include links to each  
 2107 agency and foundation scholarship programs, with information about general criteria and  
 2108 guidelines for applications.

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2110 ¶ 1419. The United Methodist Higher Education Foundation is incorporated in the State of  
 2111 Tennessee as a nonprofit, charitable organization with permanent ties to the Division of Higher  
 2112 Education, which elects its board of trustees. The general purpose of the foundation is to foster  
 2113 the growth and development of institutions of higher education by encouraging persons and  
 2114 corporations to provide financial support and by acting as a foundation for such support. The  
 2115 foundation is also authorized to serve as a trustee and administrator of gifts and bequests  
 2116 designated by donors to specific institutions. The foundation collaborates with other United  
 2117 Methodist scholarship giving agencies and foundations to develop and maintain a common web  
 2118 portal which will include links to each agency and foundation scholarship programs, with  
 2119 information about general criteria and guidelines for applications.

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2121 ¶1421.2.h) Cooperate with the Office of Loans and Scholarships, the Higher Education  
 2122 Foundation, the ~~Crusade~~ World Communion Scholarship Program, and other funding agencies in  
 2123 regard to scholarship assistance for racial and ethnic students preparing for ordained ministry.

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2127 Amend ¶701 as follows:

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2129 ¶701.2. We experience this connection in many ways, including our systems of episcopacy,  
 2130 itineracy, property, and mutual cooperation and support. Our connectional system performs at  
 2131 least three essential tasks: embracing God's mission for the church as making disciples for Jesus



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2132 Christ; organizing our whole Church to enable local congregations, the primary arena for  
2133 mission, faithfully and fruitfully to make disciples for Jesus Christ; and ensuring that all  
2134 components in the connection carry out their appropriate responsibilities in ways that enable the  
2135 whole United Methodist Church to be faithful in its mission. The term agency, wherever it  
2136 appears in the Book of Discipline, is a term used to describe the various councils, boards,  
2137 commissions, committees, divisions, tables, or other units constituted within the various levels of  
2138 Church organization (general, jurisdictional, central, annual, district, and charge conferences)  
2139 under authority granted by the Book of Discipline;...

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2141 ¶701.3. General agencies, in particular, are important to our common vision, mission, and  
2142 ministry. They provide essential services and ministries beyond the scope of individual local  
2143 congregations and annual conferences through services and ministries that are highly focused,  
2144 flexible, and capable of rapid response. The general agencies of The United Methodist Church  
2145 are the regularly established councils, boards, commissions, committees, tables, or other units  
2146 with ongoing responsibilities that have been constituted by the General Conference and which  
2147 report directly to General Conference. Not included are such commissions and committees as are  
2148 created by the General Conference to fulfill a special function within the ensuing quadrennium,  
2149 ecumenical groups on which The United Methodist Church is represented, or committees related  
2150 to the quadrennial sessions of the General Conference....

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2154 To move the provision for liaison representatives to a more appropriate place in the *Discipline*  
2155 without changing any of the language, which language is lifted directly from the concordat  
2156 between the UMC and the MCPR, take the following action:

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2158 Add a new subparagraph ¶705.3.f) as follows:

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2160 f) Liaison Representatives—The Methodist Church of Puerto Rico (Iglesia Metodista Autónoma  
2161 Affiliada de Puerto Rico) will have one liaison representative, at its own expense, to each of the  
2162 general program agencies of The United Methodist Church.

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2166 This legislation or any portion of it approved by General Conference shall take effect at the close  
2167 of General Conference 2012.

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## APPENDIX

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### STUDY AND REPORT ON VITAL CONGREGATIONS FOR MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD

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WHEREAS The United Methodist Church in Africa continues to make disciples at a rate that is an inspiration to United Methodists all over the world, and

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WHEREAS the expertise in the response to the call to create vital congregations as the primary place in the Church where disciples are made abides in the United Methodist Church in Africa as well as in vital congregations, wherever they are located, and

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WHEREAS there are vital congregations in Europe, North America, and Southeast Asia, and

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WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the general agencies of the Church to resource local churches and annual conferences in fulfilling their mission to make disciples, and

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WHEREAS the Church needs to understand more clearly the link between the mandates that General Conference gives to each general agency and the mission of the Church to make disciples for the transformation of the world,

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THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the 2012 General Conference directs the General Council for Strategy and Oversight to undertake a study of what makes for vital congregations, to identify which congregations are vital as measured by those standards, and how vital congregations, wherever they are located, go about making disciples and how such expertise might be shared with United Methodist churches in the whole world, and

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IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the study include the relationship between the General Conference agency mandates and the Church's mission, and

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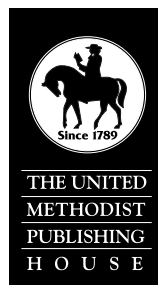
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# April 30 wrap: No set-aside bishop

By Rich Peck

TAMPA, Fla. (UMNS)—After a day of non-legislative activities, delegates to the United Methodist General Conference returned to the Tampa Convention Center April 30 to begin five days of processing some of the 1,200 petitions that wove their way through legislative committees.

A proposal to add a paragraph to the Constitution that would enable the Council of Bishops to elect a full-time president without residential responsibilities did not receive the necessary two-thirds majority (490 in favor, 399 opposed).

Delegates voted down a call for a four-year study on the matter, and they voted against a plan whereby General Conference would elect the set-aside bishop before voting on the proposal recommended by the Superintendency Legislative Committee.

UMNS asked Bishop Larry Goodpaster if the council had any backup plan. “We’ve been functioning like this since 1968,” Goodpaster said. “We will continue in the same manner.”

## Judicial Council

The Rev. Dennis Blackwell, Beth Capen, the Rev. Kabamba Kiboko, and Oswald Tweh were elected to Judicial Council.

Blackwell, a New Jersey pastor, and Capen, an attorney, were re-elected to the nine-member council, which serves as the denomination’s supreme court.

Kiboko, the first clergywoman ordained in the Southern Congo Conference, holds a doctorate in Old Testament from Iliff School of Theology at the University of Denver.

Tweh is an attorney from Liberia and former president of the Liberian National Bar Association.

## University Senate

The Rev. William Abraham, the Rev. Bill Arnold, Jan Love, and the Rev. Kasap Owan were elected to the University Senate.

Abraham is a professor at Perkins School of Theology, Arnold is former provost of Asbury Theological Seminary, Love is dean of Candler School of Theology, and Owan is president of Katanga United Methodist University.

## Sunday activities

On April 29, delegates, staff and visitors worshipped at neighboring churches, and hundreds attended a convention center service celebrating 40 years of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women.

Delegates and visitors also gathered during the evening of April 29 for an Africana Dinner sponsored by Black Methodists for Church Renewal. In an address, Sierra Leone Bishop John Yambasu said, “When we all get to heaven, there will only be one question asked of us. It will be, ‘Did you spend your time on earth making it a better place?’”

After the dinner, delegates returned to the convention center for a three-hour celebration of a variety of United Methodist ministries, including the 20th anniversary of Communities of Shalom, the 40th anniversary of the Commission on the Status and Role of Women and the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts.

Bishop Thomas Bickerton, leader of The United Methodist Church’s Imagine No Malaria effort, told the assembly that bed nets and other measures have decreased the number of malaria-related deaths from one every 30 seconds to one every 60 seconds. He also announced two new partners in the war on malaria, *Variety* magazine and retired basketball star Shaquille O’Neal.

Bickerton introduced two Ohio youngsters who sold lemonade to raise money for bed nets. Logan Martins, 11, applauded the reduction by half of the worldwide malaria death rate, but asked, “Why can’t it be never?”

The evening also included a report on the Four Areas of Focus.

During a discussion on ministry with the poor, the Rev. Lorenza Andrade-Smith, San Antonio, said she sold her possessions to live in solidarity with the homeless. She told of being refused entrance to a homeless shelter “because they said my communion set could be used as a weapon. ... My communion set is a different type of weapon, more of a force. It witnesses to the very presence of Christ, who calls us to be in ministry with the poor. Ministry with the poor simply means following Jesus.”

In a presentation on new places for worship, Bishop Mike Lowry reported that 612 churches have been started since the last General Conference, more than half racial/ethnic congregations. Lowry said he expects the total will increase to 650 by the end of the 2012.



The Rev. Robert Williams, top staff executive for the General Commission on Archives and History, noted that it was 200 years ago that lay members first gathered with bishops and pastors for the first quadrennial General Conference, May 1, 1812. Williams donned early American Methodist leader Francis Asbury's eyeglasses to see how the church looks through the glasses of one of the founders of the American church. He announced the view was "pretty blurry."

Two Boy Scouts received the Good Samaritan Award. Justin Jackson, 17, of Seffner, Fla., received the award from United Methodist Men for pulling a woman out of a burning car. Ryan Wilson, a 29-year-old with Down syndrome who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, also was honored.

After the evening plenary, some 100 people gathered in the park across from the convention center for a vigil to remember victims of violence. The event was sponsored by the General Board of Church and Society and the General Commission on Religion and Race.

### Missionaries and deaconesses

More than 500 people attended an April 29 service to commission 23 missionaries and 17 deaconesses and home missionaries at nearby Palma Ceia United Methodist Church.

Bishop Hope Morgan Ward of Mississippi, vice president of the board, led conference delegates and friends in blessing the new missionaries, deaconesses, and home missionaries.

### Structure to be considered midweek

While questions about consolidating United Methodist general agencies have occupied most of the hallway conversations, it appears the matter will not be considered until May 2 to provide time for the printing of a proposed alternate structure in the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

Delegates were told that the proposed plan to be printed is a compromise between members of the Connectional Table and authors of "Plan B." Authors of the new proposal will be included in the DCA to be delivered the morning of May 1.

It is conceivable that delegates could decide to suspend the rules to vote on the plan on May 1, but most delegates think it will require the normal 24 hours for study.

During April 25-28 meetings, the General Administration Legislative Committee considered plans proposed by the Connectional Table and a structure proposed by the Methodist Federation for Social Ac-

tion. They then decided they would perfect "Plan B," a proposal introduced to the committee at Tampa.

The committee subsequently defeated all plans, leaving no recommended plan for the conference to consider. However, it only takes 20 people to bring any of the proposals to the plenary floor. It is conceivable that the MFSA plan and the Connectional Table plan could be considered along with the compromise proposal to be printed in the May 1 DCA.

In other action April 30, the assembly:

- Re-elected the Rev. Fitzgerald "Gere" Reist as secretary of General Conference.
- Took the first step in adopting a new constitutional amendment that calls United Methodists to join other Christians to pray, seek, and work for unity with other Methodist churches and united churches related to the Methodist church.
- Agreed to ask the Commission on Religion and Race and the Commission on the Status and Role of Women to partner with the Council on Finance and Administration to determine fair and just recommendations for withholding funds from agencies accused of engaging in discriminatory practices.
- Defeated an effort to amend the Constitution to limit the terms of bishops to eight years with the possibility of one re-election; a motion to refer this for study was also defeated.
- Approved a resolution calling for the recognition of the Northern Cheyenne tribe of Montana, the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma, and the Northern Arapaho tribe of Wyoming as federally recognized tribes as stated in an 1865 treaty.
- Increased the number of youth, young adults, and persons from central conferences on the 25-member Commission on General Conference.
- Agreed to call for translation of the *Advance Daily Christian Advocate* into Kiswahili, French, and Portuguese. Delegates were informed the cost for a Kiswahili edition is \$800,000.

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# Intersections . . . How Do We Move from 'Us/Them' to We?

## *A Joint Witness of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women (GCOSROW) and the General Commission on Religion and Race (GCROR)*

*"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other." —Mother Teresa*

*"I am because we are and, since we are, therefore I am!"  
—John S. Mbiti of Kenya, theologian and Anglican priest*

*"We are all interconnected. We are all One." —Chief Arvol Looking Horse, Lakota Nation*

After a relaxing yet busy weekend, delegates of the 2012 General Conference are becoming more comfortable with one another. Yet, there still are those among us who say they feel they are invisible.

A differently-abled monitor reflected on her time at this General Conference, her first experience using a mobility aid at a churchwide convention. She said as she moved through various crowds, she felt she was unseen by other United Methodists here. For example, while preparing to cross the street two delegates came alongside of her, looked at her, but did not speak or acknowledge her presence.

Our ongoing prayer is that all persons are honored and respected as created in God's image.

During Sunday evening's celebration of United Methodist ministries, some delegates and attendees from Africa walked out of the service because they did see not their own contributions to United Methodist ministries being celebrated. One person shared, "We have faith heroes, too."

The stories of Africans in mission, ministry and outreach are still too rarely reflected in history, media and promotional materials distributed by The United Methodist Church, the woman asserted.

Rather, she said, African people are still disproportionately portrayed as recipients and objects of mission, rather than vibrant, vital leaders in the faith and ministry of the church. Two examples from the Sunday evening service: Presenters for the "No More Malaria" ministry called on an African woman only to emphasize how great the U.S. mission project was going in her country.

And an Asian woman tweeted: "I went and spoke

with a COSROW [representative] about not having an Asian woman recognized or being a part of the presentation, and she said they realized that as they were monitoring last night, which totally did not make sense to me if they themselves put the presentation" together.

To be "we" means we cannot address someone else as "those people," as if there is a conglomerate marginalized identity.

### Observations and challenges

We still are not fully addressing the issue of translation, which does affect becoming "we." For instance, a 76-page document distributed in one legislative committee was printed in English only. When a non-English-speaker asked for time for translation so that central conference delegates could review the document, only 90 minutes were allotted to accomplish translation.

In addition, one delegate suggested that "foreign" non-English speaking delegates should give up their breaks to "learn" the motion that was printed in English only.

**There is no "foreign" in "we."** Another troubling trend at this General Conference is the exclusion and disparaging of certain groups of people, most notably gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, intersexed, queer, questioning people and their allies. In one committee, a member declared that non-heterosexuals were doomed to hell.

Over the course of the week of legislative committee work, males dominated the discussion in General Administration (82 percent) and Financial Administration (83 percent). We celebrate that 46 percent of the speakers in General Administration were U.S. racial ethnic and central conference delegates (see chart).

During and after its worship celebration, GCSRW staff noted that their bulletin and video presentation were printed only in English. One of the banners used during worship privileged "whiteness." Some worship participants used gender-exclusive language, and GCSRW failed to provide gluten-free communion elements.

## SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE WORK

### GCORR/GCSRW Monitoring Report

#### Legislative Committees 2012

	Female % of group	Avg Female Participation	Racial/Ethnic % of Groups	Average Racial Ethnic persons participation %	Central Conf % of Group	Central Conf delegates participation %
Church and Society 1	44%	34%	14%	15%	37%	34%
Church and Society 2	47%	43%	13%	16%	29%	20%
Conferences	26%	6%	19%	15%	45%	25%
Discipleship	35%	19%	22%	29%	42%	24%
Faith and Order	29%	49%	23%	31%	11%	11%
Financial						
Administration	30%	17%	36%	11%	31%	16%
General Administration	28%	18%	20%	22%	27%	24%
Global Ministries	51%	52%	42%	28%	18%	15%
Independent						
Commissions	38%	30%	23%	31%	33%	15%
Judicial Administration	23%	29%	10%	7%	34%	15%
Local Church	41%	43%	13%	26%	35%	26%
Ministry and Higher Ed	37%	39%	21%	14%	36%	21%
Superintendency	36%	48%	11%	10%	35%	18%

In at least one legislative committee, exclusionary and offensive language a problem. Several delegates used terms such as “those people” or “you people,” “Bible Belt,” and “colored.” We celebrate that the committee chair called attention to the perjorative language and urged delegates to change their tone.

Behaviors that exclude and demean are barriers that keep us from becoming a “we.” One committee chairperson warmly acknowledged U.S. delegates by name as they approached the microphone, but was stiff and formal with central conference delegates. Some U.S. delegates were visibly frustrated and impatient when central conference delegates spoke from the microphone, particularly if they spoke through translators.

The over-use of U.S. idiomatic expressions (e.g., “I have a monkey on my back.”) caused difficulties and delays in translating.

Monitors also note that not all committee chairpersons share leadership with vice-chairpersons.

The above challenges illustrate the systemic nature which continues to maintain the status quo of particular kinds of leadership. For example, all four bishops in charge of the church’s Four Areas of Focus leadership tables are male and from the United States.

One dilemma of white privilege is that one may not know the complexity of their own intersectionality. For example, one U.S. white male delegate prefaced his

comments by saying: “As a legitimate lay person with no affiliation with any particular group.”

We would assert that white U.S. males are members of congregations, annual conferences, cultural groups, ideological groups, etc., so that their identities and influences are more complex than we may understand or acknowledge.

Because all U.S. racial-ethnic-sponsored worship services were scheduled on the same day at the same time, we did not have the opportunity to experience the richness of our diversity. We had to choose. That does not honor the reality of our intersectionality.

### Celebrations and best practices

After joking about a petition writer the day before, a delegate asked forgiveness of the committee and confessed that his words were not in the spirit of holy conferencing. We bless him for that.

A U.S. white male committee chair mentored a first-time male delegate from the central conferences who was elected to serve as vice chair. The chair offered support to the vice chair when he administered the committee’s processes.

Committee delegates encouraged each other not to make disrespectful or negative statements about each other.

A committee chairperson used the language of “he



or she” even though a translator kept using “he” for an ordination candidate.

### **Becoming community at the intersection**

At Sunday night’s Africana dinner Bishop John K. Yambasu from Sierra Leone affirmed the many community ties that bind us – family, friendship, social, sexual orientation, racial, and other – but observed that the greatest that we share is the love of God. This is what Jesus Christ refers to John 17: “I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who will believe in

me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”

Therefore, there no room should be made to feel left out, invisible, or unrecognized. We are all one in one accord. We are one. Let us wear the lenses of Christ’s love so that we will see, recognize, and acknowledge each other and everyone.

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## **Compromise at what cost to women, central conference members?**

Once again, women—particularly central conference women, U.S. women of color, and young women—are being ask to compromise our interests for the “good of the church,” and we’re told that saving money and “reducing bureaucracy” requires doing away with the only agency specifically focused on eradicating sexism and discrimination against women and clergy sexual misconduct.

The General Commission on the Status and Role of Women exists to challenge and move the church toward full and equal participation of all women at all levels of our denominational life. Further, it is the only United Methodist general agency with staff designated solely to help with the prevention and bring healing in the aftermath of sexual misconduct and abuse.

The proposal to merge GCSRW’s work and mandates under another agency is a mistake, and it is a step backward in our call to open doors to laywomen and clergywomen around the world. Further, it leaves the denomination with no independent office to support and resources for victims of ministerial sexual misconduct and those local congregations whose ministries and integrity are compromised when sexual abuse or misconduct happens.

We urge delegates to vote NO to proposals from the Interim Operations Team (IOT), the Connectional Table or the Plan B team because these plans do not include a freestanding, independent monitoring and advocacy agency focused on countering discrimination against women and addressing ministerial misconduct of a sexual nature.

### **Talking points**

1. Discrimination against and marginalization of women—particularly, young women, central conference women and U.S. women of color—in and by The United Methodist Church is still a reality. According to Bishop Joaquina Nhanala of Mozambique, the work of bringing justice for women and addressing discrimination against women in Africa “is just beginning. We need to stay the course.”

2. Holding the church accountable for eradicating sexism requires a freestanding, independent agency with the power, independence, accountability, and authority to challenge bishops and cabinets, seminaries, general agencies, and other entities to tear down barriers to the full participation of women.

3. Women are still marginalized in terms of leadership and decision-making at the highest levels in both congregational and connectional life. It has been true at this General Conference, particularly with regard to young women, central conference women and U.S. women of color. Not one central conference woman or U.S. woman of color was among the presenters and architects of the restructure plans presented to the General Administration legislative committee. In fact, men comprised 83 percent of those who spoke in General Administration throughout last week. The same was true in Financial Administration.

4. Combining GCSRW with another agency will NOT save the denomination money. GCSRW’s quadrennial budget is less than \$4 million, which is less than 1 percent of the World Service Fund. One sexual misconduct lawsuit alone is currently asking for more than \$4 million. Research by the FaithTrust Institute, a stan-

dard-bearer on clergy sexual misconduct, proves that complainant/victims of sexual misconduct are less likely to sue the denomination if they have a safe, independent advocacy group with whom to confer.

5. GCSRW fields at least 25 calls per year from victim/survivors of ministerial sexual abuse and from bishops and superintendents seeking council on adjudicating abuse complaints. GCSRW is also working with annual conferences and seminaries to expand education, prevention and healing for individuals and congregations.

6. Central conference women say that GCSRW's work is important and needed in their contexts. Since 2004, in particular, the commission has expanded our work to help create ministries of justice for women in the central conferences. The first sexual ethics training for African United Methodists was led by the Rev. Kabamba Kiboko in 2011 in North Katanga and the Democratic Republic of Congo, and bishops, laity and pastors say much more is needed.

7. Any attempt to merge GCSRW and GCORR pits U.S. racial-ethnic persons against women for the

same limited funds. These two agencies currently receive the least funding of all agencies who receive their primary funding from the World Service Fund.

#### Recommended actions (one or all):

1. Vote down any attempt to "restructure" that eliminates a freestanding, independent monitoring and advocacy agency focused on countering discrimination against women and addressing ministerial misconduct of a sexual nature.

2. Amend any restructure proposal by moving to retain ¶¶2101 – 2109, keeping the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women as a separate, freestanding commission.

3. Refer any restructure proposal to a committee to be established by General Conference and which is comprised of 60% U.S., 40% central conference, 50% women, 50% men, 30% U.S. people of color, and 25% persons under 35.

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# Taking pressure at General Conference

By Linda Unger\*

Thirty-five parish nurses from the Tampa area are taking the pressure off hundreds of delegates, observers, and staff attending the 2012 General Conference. They can be found in the exhibit hall in daily groups of three or four, busily screening for high blood pressure, tracking participants' progress, and sending serious cases—13 so far—for further testing.

Nigeria Conference delegate Solomon Olusiya, the owner of a gas station, said he is accustomed to taking his blood pressure every day. "Before, I neglected it," even after his doctor's explicit instructions, he said Friday at the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits booth, where the screening is done.

"Friends told me it is very important to check it," he continued. "It can kill more than any other sickness. Now I have cultivated the culture to check it."

When Olusiya first came to the blood-pressure screening booth, his reading was a little high, said Sharon Hinton, a parish nurse and advisor to the recently formed United Methodist Church Health Ministry Network. By Friday, he was managing his pressure and tracking it on a card Hinton gave him.

Delegates and other travelers to General Conference face particular challenges when it comes to keeping their pressure under control. Those who cross multiple time zones to get here may find themselves off schedule and forget to take prescribed blood-pressure medicine.

Others don't drink enough water and become dehydrated. And then there's jet lag plus the dynamic of late meetings or conversations, resulting in little sleep. "I can tell by a person's face if there's a problem," Hinton said. "I'll ask, 'Did you rest last night? Do you have a headache?'"



Parish nurse Susie Maridon-Crites (left) talks with Deaconess Claris Skerritt during a health screening at the 2012 United Methodist General Conference in Tampa, Fla. A UMNS photo by Mike DuBose



In the first three days of General Conference, 10 parish nurses had already screened 372 participants for high blood pressure, encouraging each to return to the booth daily to repeat the readings. “One blood pressure doesn’t mean anything,” Hinton said. “Being able to see the trend—that’s important.”

Tracking the information on cards allows the nurses to detect a serious problem or one that simply needs watching. “The tracking card provides valuable information that the person can bring back to their doctor,” Hinton said, and thus permit a more precise evaluation of the person’s health.

### Faith community nurses

Parish nurses—or faith community nurses, as they are also known—are an important part of The United Methodist Church Health Ministry and are supported both by the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits and the United Methodist Committee on Relief. They also are part of an international, interfaith network of health ministry workers.

The United Methodist Church’s Health Ministry Network includes at least 850 parish nurses—registered nurses with current licenses, even when many take on this ministry after retirement. All but two of the 850 are

located in the United States. The others are in Canada and Saudi Arabia, Hinton said.

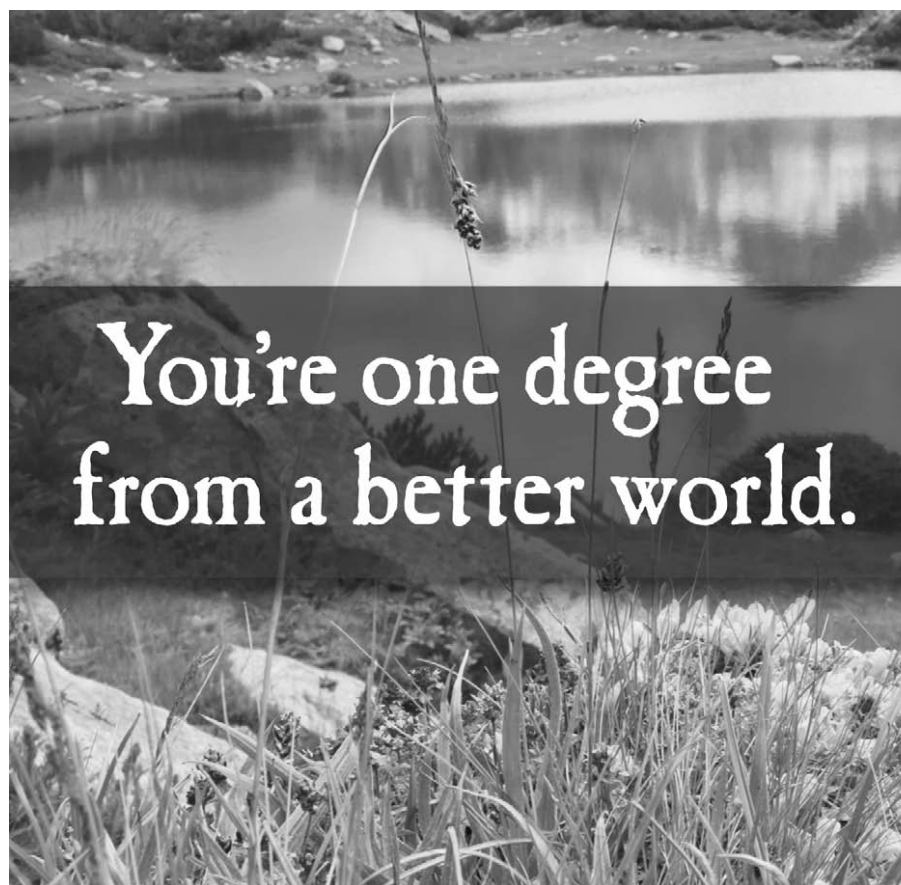
“Parish/faith community nurses provide intentional care of the spirit along with expert nursing knowledge to promote ‘holistic’ health and prevent or minimize illness,” according to the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits UMC Health Ministry website.

“Parish/faith community nurses work with individuals, groups, congregations, and communities” to provide customized care, it indicates. Parish/faith community nurses offer an astonishing array of services, depending on need.

Barbara Bardon, a parish nurse at General Conference, said she provides blood-pressure screening at her local church and ministry center in Plant City, Fla. She also offers a prayer shawl ministry, food resources, Get Into Fitness Today (GIFT) classes, health assessments, health classes, and one-on-one counseling.

“It’s very interesting having a boss who is 24/7,” she said looking heavenward between blood-pressure screenings.

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## Errata

*The following remarks were omitted from the Friday evening proceedings (DCA, Vol. 4, No. 6, p. 2162, middle of column 3), where copy reads “(video)”:*

GLADYS MANGIDUYOS (Philippines): When the colonizers came, they insisted that their culture is better than “their” culture, so the tendency was to insist this and to—and for—the indigenous peoples to embrace whatever is imposed on them. Then they were made to believe that the key to progress is embracing other culture—forget your own culture. Indigenous peoples are in the midst of several problems. To a large extent, they have been forgotten by the government. Why? In the dimensions of education; social services; health services; the road to, from home to market, you know, they have to trek the mountains; they have been neglected of what they are supposed to have. To a certain degree, we, the church, also has

culpability of what the indigenous people are going through right now. If the entire church is really unified in upholding the dignity of other human beings, then I would say the church has really done its role. But the church has not done it. This apology will really make a difference because apology leads to emancipation. Apology will lead us to value that will bring us together in harmony, peace, and justice. I am inviting every person called Methodist and everyone who is embracing this, this faith. Let us always go back to what Jesus has told us. Let us love God with all our might, with all our strength. Let us love our neighbors as we love ourselves. The way we love ourselves, the way we give respect, the way we look at ourselves as a person who also deserves dignity and life and freedom. Let us give this to others. Let us afford this to our brother and sisters, the indigenous peoples.

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Learn the basics of faith-inspired and asset-based community development designed to help congregations and community overcome the influences of crime, poverty, racism, and apathy and to achieve a vision of peace, wholeness, harmony, and prosperity; from 4 to 5:30 P.M. at Hyde Park UMC. Continuing Education Units will be offered! Register in advance: [www.ministrywith.org/about/contact.html](http://www.ministrywith.org/about/contact.html)

**Come one, come all! Produce drop for the hungry**

A Special General Conference Event, Tuesday, May 1, 6-10 a.m. Front of Convention Center off Franklin Avenue. Stop by to bag some veggies for the hungry! Press conference at 7:30 a.m. (next to the produce) Special guest speakers: Bishop Hope Morgan Ward and Gil Hanke. Event hosted by Society of St. Andrew—Gleaning America's Fields, Feeding America's Hungry. [www.endhunger.org](http://www.endhunger.org)

**Poverty simulations at General Conference**

General Conference participants, especially guests, can take part in "poverty simulations" on four mornings, May 1-4, in Ballroom D. Also known as the Cost of Poverty Experience, or C.O.P.E., these are guided encounters with the same kind of struggles that confront those living in poverty. Sessions last from 9 a.m. until noon and are limited to 120 people each. Sponsors include the General Board of Global Ministries, the Rural/Urban Network, and the United Methodist Rural Fellowship. The learning experience is related to the Ministry with the Poor focus area and to Circles, an anti-poverty strategy operative in 70 communities in the United States. United Methodists were instrumental in starting half of these programs and are involved in almost all of them. To take part, show up a little before

9 a.m. at Ballroom D on one of the four mornings, or get a ticket for a particular day from members of the Rural Fellowship, who can be found handing out daily news sheets around entrances to the convention center each morning.

**UMW events**

Noon-2:30 P.M.: Break Bread with Tampa

5:30 P.M.: UMW MeetUp

Riverwalk Stairs

9:35 P.M.: Close-of-Day Prayer

Column in front of West Hall

**Gammon Theological Seminary dinner**

You are cordially invited to join the Gammon Board of Trustees, Alumni, Students and Friends at its Gammon Alumni Dinner, May 1, 5:30—7:30 P.M., at Palma Ceia United Methodist Church (10 minutes from the Tampa Convention Center), 3723 Bay to Bay Boulevard, Tampa, Fla. 33629; 813-837-1541. \$25 per person—please make check/money order payable to: Palma Ceia UMC. Transportation will be available beginning at 5 P.M. from the drop-off of Tampa Convention Center facing the Westin Harbor Island.

**How do you experience naming?**

At the Last Supper, Jesus named what he knew in the room—"one of you will betray me"—and he did so not to give a stone or punishment, but to give bread. How can we name our views and the views of others in ways that offer bread? See also Guidelines for Holy Conferencing, p. 23, *Daily Christian Advocate*. The JustPeace Conversation Room is open for all to use for additional conversation (Marriott Waterside, Room 12, Third Floor). Contact us: Phone/text: 202-507-3994; email: [justpeace@justpeaceumc.org](mailto:justpeace@justpeaceumc.org); Twitter: @justpeaceumc.

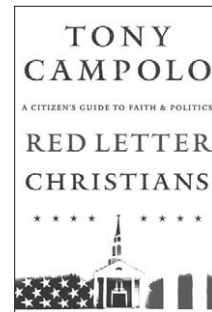
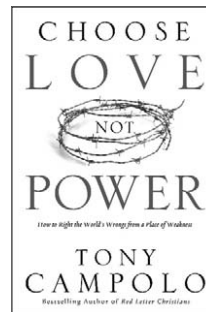
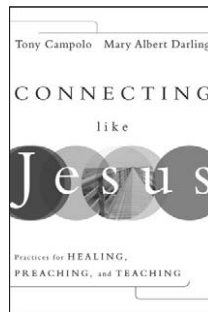
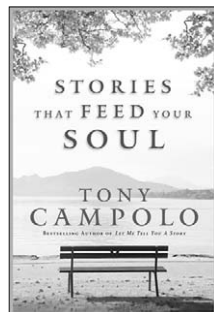
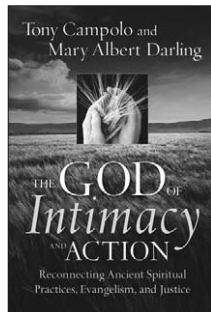


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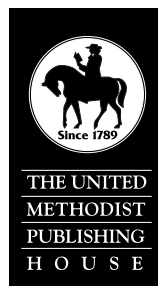
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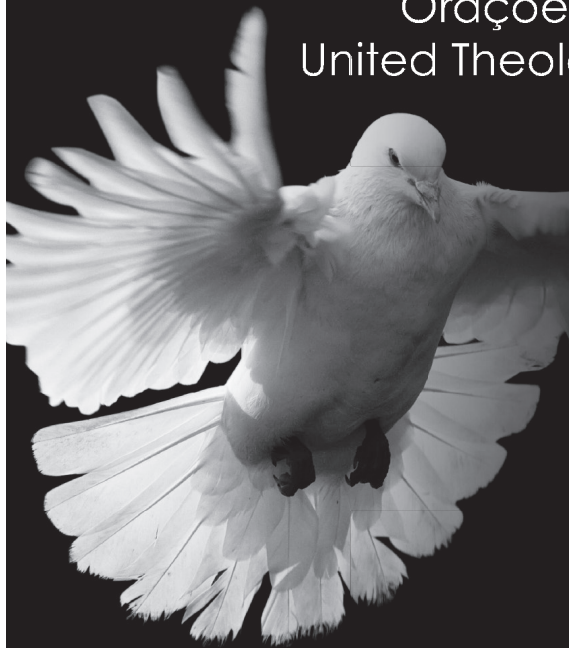
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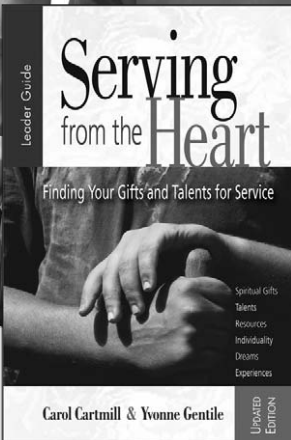
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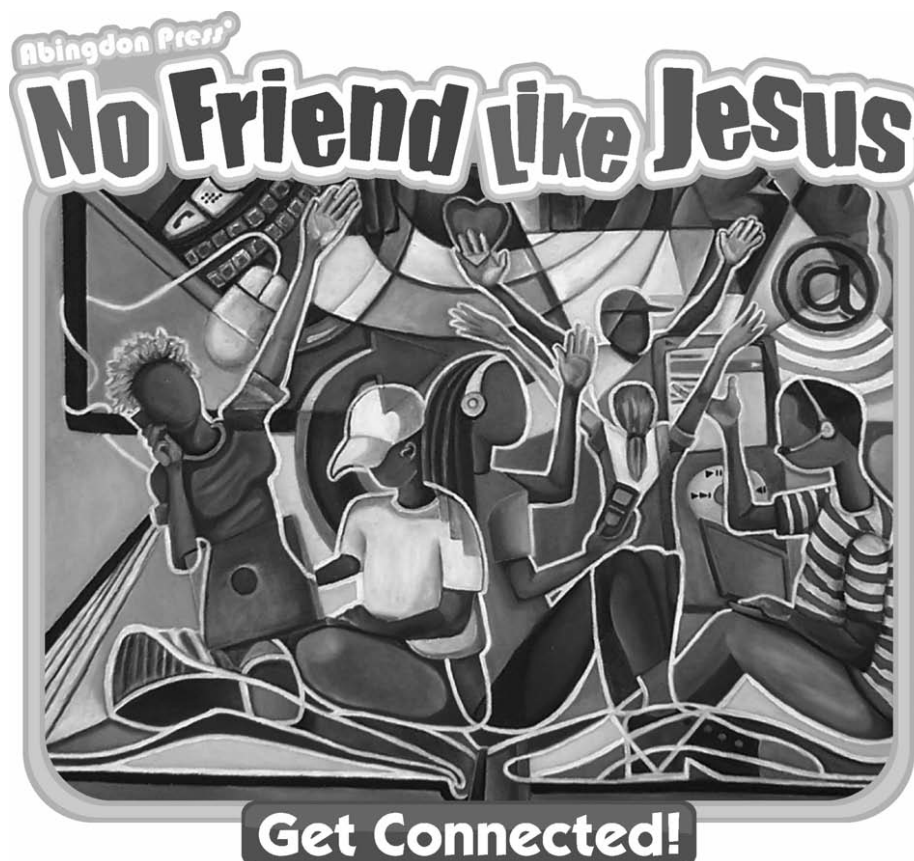
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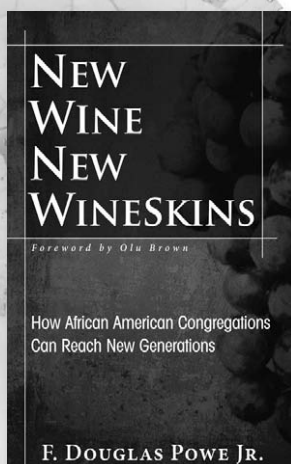


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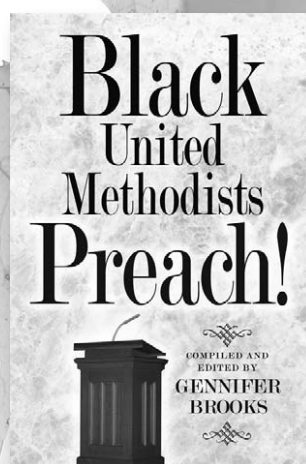
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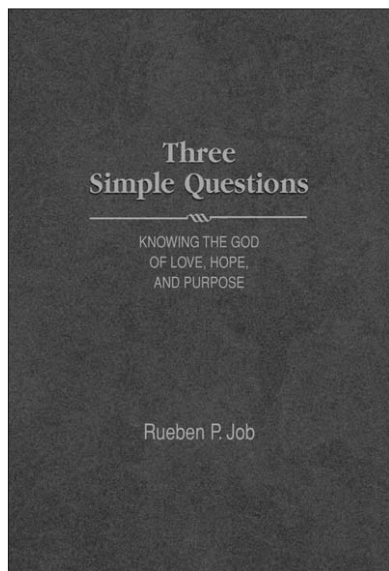
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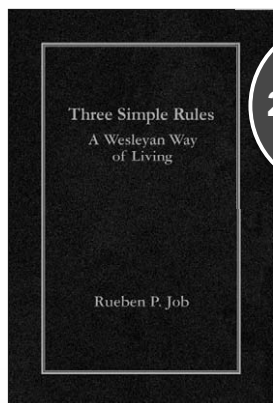
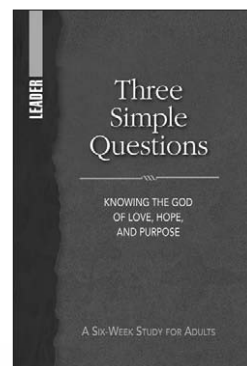
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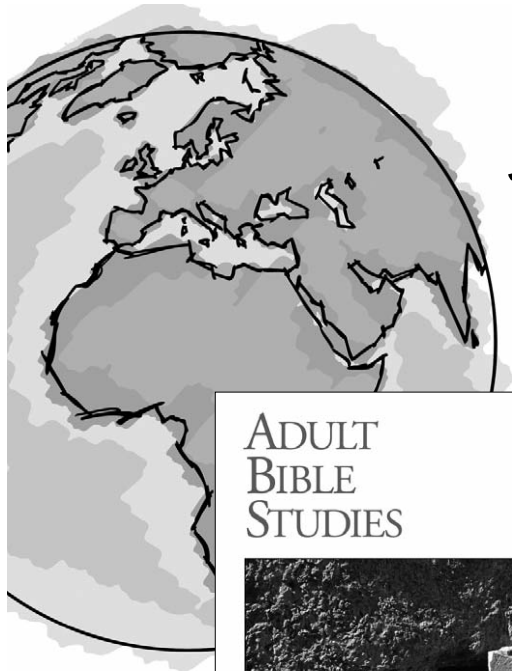
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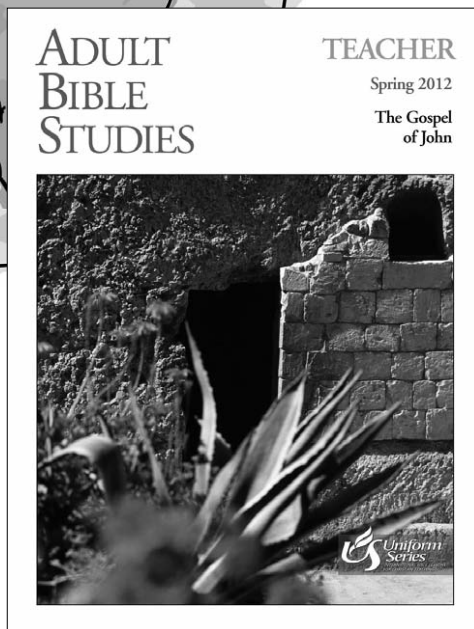
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