

Recommendations and Comparisons of the UMC Plan B and the Connectional Table Legislation

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UMC Plan B - Overview	Connectional Table Legislation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain General Council on Finance and Administration, General Board of Discipleship, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, General Board of Global Ministries and General Board of Church and Society with direct reporting relationship to General Conference and oversight and evaluation by the Connectional Table. • General Board of Pension and Health Benefits, United Methodist Publishing House, United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men report to General Conference. • General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns and Committee of Faith and Order come under the Council of Bishops. • General Commission on Religion and Race and General Commission on the Status and Role of Women become offices of General Board of Church and Society. • General Commission on Archives and History becomes an office of General Council on Finance and Administration. • United Methodist Communications has direct oversight in the Connectional Table. • Shared services may include accounting and reporting, legal, travel, human resources, investing, insurance, real-estate management, IT and database management. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminates General Council on Finance and Administration, General Board of Discipleship, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, General Board of Global Ministries, United Methodist Communications and General Board of Church and Society • Places all agencies except Pensions and Publishing under a 15-member board • The Center for Connectional Mission and Ministry, with a 15-member board, controls current agency functions through Office of Shared Services, Office of Congregational Development, Office of Leadership Excellence, Office of Missional Engagement and Office of Justice and Reconciliation. • Transfers General Conference directed agency mandates and all authority to determine agency activities to the 15-member board
UMC Plan B - Provisions	Connectional Table Legislation - CCMM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No additional layer of bureaucracy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15-member board not selected by jurisdictional and central conferences • No inclusiveness requirements
UMC Plan B - Structure	Connectional Table Legislation - GCSO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connectional Table chair elected by members. • 23 members selected by jurisdictions and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Council chaired by set-aside bishop, appointed by Council of Bishops.

<p>central conferences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Bishop selected by the Council of Bishops plus 5 agency presidents (usually bishops). • 30 percent inclusiveness requirement, as outlined in the Book of Discipline, is maintained. • 10 percent youth requirement, as outlined in the Book of Discipline, is maintained. • Central conference representation proportionally based on membership • 4 non-voting associated voices <p>33 Total Members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 members selected by jurisdictions and central conferences. • 5 bishops selected by Council of Bishops (including set-aside bishop) • 5 members selected from Racial ethnic caucuses • 3 members are selected from Advisory Committee on Ministries with Young People • 4 members with voice only are selected from General Board of Pension and Health Benefits, United Methodist Publishing House, United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women. <p>45 Total Members</p>
<p>UMC Plan B - Best Financial Practices</p>	<p>Connectional Table Legislation</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint responsibilities with General Council on Finance and Administration to set budgets and apportionments. • Professional management oversight to be managed by Connectional Table Chief Coordinating Officer. • Maintain coordination and evaluation of agencies and allocation of contingency funds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15-member board of the Center for Connectional Mission and Ministry has budget and governance authority. • The historical balance of power would be lost through the provisions that place direct and indirect approval authority in the Council of Bishops for budget reallocation.
<p>UMC Plan B - Risk Management</p>	<p>Connectional Table Legislation</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeps assets in separate entities, trusts and designated funds. • Reduces risks of church-wide liability. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Places all assets of agencies under the control of 15 people. • Is subject to common liability risks.