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7 *Delete all disciplinary references to the Connectional Table and replace with the Coordinating*
8 *Council except when referring to its role or position in historical record or otherwise specified.*
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10 *Delete all references in the Discipline to the General Council on Finance and Administration*
11 *and replace with the Center for Resourcing and Operations except when referring to its role or*
12 *position in historical record or otherwise specified.*
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14 *Delete all references to the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits and replace with*
15 *the Center for Resourcing and Operations except when referring to its role or position in*
16 *historical record or otherwise specified.*
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18 *Delete all references to the General Commission on Communication and replace with the*
19 *Center for Resourcing and Operations except when referring to its role or position in*
20 *historical record or otherwise specified.*
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22 *Delete all references to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry except when*
23 *referring to its role or position in historical record or otherwise specified.*
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25 *Delete all references to the General Board of Discipleship and replace with the Center for*
26 *Congregational Development except when referring to its role or position in historical record*
27 *or otherwise specified.*
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29 *Delete all references to the General Board of Global Ministry and replace with the Center for*
30 *Global Mission except when referring to its role or position in historical record or otherwise*
31 *specified.*
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33 *Delete all references to the General Board of Church and Society and replace with the Center*
34 *for Justice, Reconciliation and Witness except when referring to its role or position in*
35 *historical record or otherwise specified.*
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38 *Amend ¶505 by adding a sub-point 505.1 as follows:*

39 1. Staff of general agencies shall not be eligible to serve as chairs of legislative sections for the
40 agencies at which they are employed.
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42 *Amend ¶¶ 701.1 and 701.2 as follows:*

43 Section I. General Provisions

44 ¶701. ~~Agencies and General Agencies~~ Connectional Structures in the General Church—1.

45 Connectionalism is an important part of our identity as United Methodists. It is a vital web of
46 interactive relationships (¶131) that includes the agencies of the church as defined in ¶¶ 701.2
47 and 701.3, with the purpose of equipping local churches for ministry by providing a connection
48 for ministry throughout the world, all to the glory of God. It provides us with wonderful
49 opportunities to carry out our mission in unity and strength.

50 2. We experience this connection in many ways, including our systems of episcopacy, itinerancy,
51 property, and mutual cooperation and support. Our connectional system performs at least three
52 essential tasks: embracing God’s mission for the Church as making disciples of Jesus Christ for
53 the transformation of the world and ensuring that all components in the connection carry out
54 their appropriate responsibilities in ways that enable the whole United Methodist Church to be
55 faithful in its mission. The term *agency*, wherever it appears in the *Book of Discipline*, is a term
56 used to describe the various centers, councils, boards, commissions, committees, divisions, or
57 other unites constituted within the various levels of Church organization (general, jurisdictional,
58 central, annual, district, and charge conferences) under authority granted by the *Book of*
59 *Discipline*; the term does not and is not meant to imply a master-servant or principal-agent
60 relationship between these bodies and the conference or other body that creates them except
61 where the authority is specifically granted.

62 3. ...The general agencies of The United Methodist Church are the regularly established centers,
63 councils, boards, commissions, committees, or other units with ongoing responsibilities that have
64 been constituted by the General Conference...

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66 *Amend ¶701 by adding at new sub-point following ¶ 701.3 as follows:*

67 4. The connectional system will provide resourcing for organizing our whole Church to enable it,
68 faithfully and fruitfully, to make disciples for Jesus Christ; and ensure that all components in the
69 connection carry out their appropriate responsibilities in ways that enables the whole United
70 Methodist Church to be faithful in its mission. General church structures are important to our
71 common vision, mission, and ministry. They provide essential services beyond the scope of
72 individual local congregations and annual conferences.

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74 *Delete ¶ 702.5 and move to ¶ 716.2., Amend ¶ 702 as follows:*

75 ¶ 702. Amenability and Program Accountability—...2. Between sessions of the General
76 Conference, the following general agencies are accountable to the Coordinating Council for
77 those functions that are outlined in the ~~900~~ 800 ¶ ¶s: ~~the General Board of Church and Society,~~
78 ~~the General Board of Discipleship, the General Board of Global Ministries, The General Board~~
79 ~~of Higher Education and Ministry, the General Commission on Christian Unity and~~
80 ~~Interreligious Concerns,~~ the Center for Congregational Development, the Center for Global
81 Mission, the Center for Justice, Reconciliation and Witness, the General Commission on
82 Religion and Race, the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, the General
83 Commission on Archives and History, United Methodist Women, Inc., the General Commission
84 on United Methodist Men, and the ~~General Commission on Communication~~ Center for
85 Resourcing and Operations in matters pertaining to their program responsibilities.

86 3. The ~~Connectional Table~~ Coordinating Council shall review and evaluate the effectiveness of
87 the general program-related agencies and connectional structures of the church as they

88 collectively seek to aid annual conferences and local churches as they fulfill the mission of The
89 United Methodist Church to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
90 4. Questions and concerns about programs, projects or decisions of a particular agency may be
91 addressed to that agency, with copies to the ~~Connectional Table~~ Coordinating Council. Agencies
92 shall acknowledge receipt of requests for information within ten days and provide information
93 requested within thirty days or as soon thereafter as it is available.

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95 *Amend ¶703.2 as follows:*

96 2. ~~General Board Center~~—A continuing body of the Church created by the General Conference
97 to carry out assigned functions of program, administration, and/or service shall be designated as
98 a ~~general board center~~.

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100 *Amend ¶ ¶ 703.5 and 703.6 as follows:*

101 5. Program-Related General Agencies—The general boards and commissions that have program
102 and/or advocacy functions shall be designated as program-related general agencies. These
103 agencies are amenable to the General Conference, and between sessions of the General
104 Conference are accountable to the ~~Connectional Table~~ Coordinating Council for those functions
105 outlined in the 900 ~~800~~ ¶ ¶s: ~~The General Board of Church and Society, the General Board of~~
106 ~~Discipleship, the General Board of Global Ministries, the General Board of Higher Education~~
107 ~~and Ministry, the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, the~~
108 Center for Congregational Development, the Center for Global Mission, the Center for Justice,
109 Reconciliation and Witness, the General Commission on Religion and Race, United Methodist
110 Women, Inc., the General Commission on United Methodist Men, and the General Commission

111 on the Status and Role of Women. ~~In all matters of accountability, episcopal oversight as~~
112 ~~provided in ¶ 427 is assumed.~~

113 6. Administrative General Agencies—The general boards and commissions that have primarily
114 administrative and service functions shall be designated as administrative general agencies.
115 These agencies are the Center for Resourcing and Operations, ~~General Board of Pension and~~
116 ~~Health Benefits~~, the United Methodist Publishing House, and the General Commission on
117 Archives and History, ~~General Commission on Communication~~, the last two of which also ~~carry~~
118 carries program-related responsibilities for which ~~they are~~ it is accountable to the ~~Connectional~~
119 ~~Table~~ Coordinating Council.

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121 ***Amend ¶ 703.11 as follows:***

122 11. Program—A program is an on-going or special activity designed and implemented to fulfill a
123 basic disciplinary responsibility of a general agency accountable to the ~~Connectional Table~~
124 Coordinating Council.

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126 ***Amend ¶ 704 as follows:***

127 ¶ 704. Financial Accountability of the General Agencies—All general agencies receiving general
128 church funds (see ¶ 910.2) shall account for receipts and expenditures of funds in a format
129 designed by the ~~General Council on Finance and Administration~~ Center for Resourcing and
130 Operations. A quadrennial report of such accounting shall be included in the report of ~~General~~
131 ~~Council on Finance and Administration~~ Center for Resourcing and Operations to the General
132 Conference...

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134 *Amend ¶ 705 as follows:*

135 705. General Agency and ~~Connectional Table~~ Coordinating Council Membership—The people
136 of God are called to faithful discipleship in the name of Jesus Christ...

137 ...Such persons come to this ministry as servants of the whole church, entrusted with caring for
138 the missions and legal and fiduciary responsibilities of the agencies.

139 The basic responsibilities of the boards of the general agencies include the following:

140 a) Determine mission and purpose.

141 b) Select the general secretary.

142 c) Support and evaluate the general secretary.

143 d) Ensure effective planning.

144 e) Monitor and strengthen programs and services.

145 f) Ensure adequate financial resources.

146 g) Protect assets and provide proper financial oversight.

147 h) Ensure legal and ethical integrity.

148 i) Enhance the agency's public standing.

149 The following provisions shall govern the nomination and election of the voting membership of

150 those general Church bodies to which the jurisdictional and central conferences nominate and

151 elect ~~and central conferences nominate~~ members. All lay voting members of general agencies

152 and the ~~Connectional Table~~ Coordinating Council shall be professing members of The United

153 Methodist Church and active in local churches unless otherwise specified by the *Book of*

154 *Discipline*. All provisions pertaining to the nomination and election of general agency and

155 ~~Connectional Table~~ Coordinating Council members shall take effect immediately upon the

156 adjournment of the General Conference that enacts them. The secretary of the General

157 Conference shall coordinate the process pertaining to nominations and elections of general
158 agency and ~~Connectional Table~~ Coordinating Council members.

159 1. *Nominations by Conferences—*~~a) Each annual and missionary conference in the United States,~~
160 ~~upon recommendation from a committee composed of the bishop and the general and~~
161 ~~jurisdictional conference delegation, and having allowed opportunity for nominations from the~~
162 ~~floor, shall elect persons to be submitted to a jurisdictional pool.~~ Each annual and missionary
163 conference shall form a committee composed of the bishop and the general and jurisdictional
164 conference or central conference delegation for the purpose of submitting people to a
165 jurisdictional or central conference pool. The jurisdictional or central conference nominating
166 committee shall select persons for election to the following general church bodies: ~~Connectional~~
167 ~~Table~~ Coordinating Council; ~~General Board of Church and Society~~, ~~General Board of~~
168 ~~Discipleship~~, ~~General Board of Global Ministries~~, ~~General Board of Higher Education and~~
169 ~~Ministry~~, ~~General Board of Pension and Health Benefits~~, Center for Congregational
170 Development; Center for Global Mission; Center for Justice, Reconciliation and Witness; Center
171 for Resourcing and Operations; The United Methodist Publishing House; ~~General Commission~~
172 ~~on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns~~; ~~General Commission on Communication~~;
173 General Commission on Religion and Race; ~~and the~~ General Commission on the Status and Role
174 of Women; and the General Commission on Archives and History. Jurisdictional conferences
175 and central conferences may decide that persons ~~elected~~ submitted by the annual and missionary
176 conferences' committees ~~in the United States~~ for inclusion in the jurisdictional and central
177 conference pools shall not serve as members of the jurisdictional or central conference
178 nominating committee.

179 b) Each annual and missionary conference ~~committee in the United States~~ shall ~~nominate~~
180 submit the names of the persons most recently elected as delegates to the General and
181 Jurisdictional or Central Conferences to the jurisdictional or central conference pool. In
182 addition, it shall ~~nominate at least fifteen and not more than forty-five persons~~ submit additional
183 names to the jurisdictional or central conference pool, ~~including, according to the following~~
184 provisions:

185 In the U.S. jurisdictions, this shall include, where available, at least ~~two~~ three racial and ethnic
186 persons from each of the ethnic groups Asian American, African American, Hispanic American,
187 Native American, Pacific Islanders; ~~and.~~

188 In addition, the annual and missionary conference committees, where available, shall submit the
189 names of at least one and not more than five persons in each of the following seven categories:

190 (1) clergy (including at least one woman), (2) laywomen, (3) laymen, (4) youth (§ 710.3), (5)
191 young adults (§ 710.3), (6) older adults, and (7) persons with disabilities. ~~Elected members of~~

192 ~~general and jurisdictional delegations, and others nominated by their annual conferences~~ All

193 persons whose names are submitted shall list all of the categories for which they qualify, i.e.,

194 nationality, age gender, ethnic origin, etc., and shall be eligible to be nominated by the

195 jurisdictional nominating committee to a general church body in any one of the categories for

196 which a delegate is qualified.

197 ~~e) Each central conference or a body authorized by it shall nominate to each general~~
198 ~~program board membership at least one person from each of the following three categories: (1)~~

199 ~~clergy, (2) laymen, and (3) laywomen to form a pool from which each board is to elect the~~

200 ~~additional members that are to come from the central conferences pursuant to the Connectional~~

201 ~~Table for use by the general agencies in electing additional members.~~

202 c) ~~4~~ ...Names and biographical data of all persons ~~nominated~~ submitted by the annual
203 and missionary conferences committees in the United States or the central conferences but not
204 elected, shall be forwarded by the jurisdictional or central conference secretary to the
205 ~~Connectional Table~~ General Conference Secretary to be used by the general agencies as a pool
206 from which additional members may be elected.

207 2. Additional Nominations—In addition to the foregoing provisions (§ 705.1), the Division on
208 Ministries With Young People of the ~~General Board of Discipleship~~ Center for Congregational
209 Development shall nominate ten youth and ten young adults (§ 710.3) to each jurisdictional pool,
210 inclusive of race, ethnicity, gender, size of church, and persons with disabilities.

211 3. Members of the general agencies and the ~~Connectional Table~~ Coordinating Council (exclusive
212 of the General Commission on United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women, Inc.) shall
213 be elected using the following provisions:

214 a) Each jurisdiction and central conference shall elect members of the general agencies
215 and the ~~Connectional Table~~ Coordinating Council as provided in §§ 705.4, 705.5, and 806.1.
216 ~~Persons within any jurisdiction elected by the Women's Division to the General Board of Global~~
217 ~~Ministries (§ 1325) shall be counted in, and not be additional to, the total number of members~~
218 ~~allocated to each jurisdiction for the purposes of determining proportional distribution, but~~
219 ~~Women's Division members are additional to the membership prescribed in § 1311.1. The~~
220 ~~secretary of the General Conference shall offer to each jurisdiction a suggested fair and equitable~~
221 ~~allocation of members to the annual and missionary conferences within each jurisdiction;~~
222 ~~however, each jurisdiction shall determine for itself how members will be allocated among the~~
223 ~~annual and missionary conferences of the jurisdiction.~~

224 ~~b) Each general agency shall elect at least one, but not more than three, member(s) with~~
225 ~~vote and voice from among the member churches of the Commission on Pan Methodist~~
226 ~~Cooperation and Union. In addition, it is recommended that each general agency may elect at~~
227 ~~least one member without vote from among the other member churches of Churches Uniting in~~
228 ~~Christ. These members would be in addition to those otherwise specified in ¶ 705.3a above. The~~
229 ~~General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns shall assist general agencies~~
230 ~~in their compliance with this provision.~~

231 b)e) It is recommended that to the extent permitted by the state laws applicable to the
232 general agencies, at least 20 percent of the voting membership of each general agencies agency
233 include both youth (¶256.3) and young adults (¶256.3), and that the number of youth be equal to
234 the number of young adults. In any state in which youth and young adults are not permitted to
235 serve as voting members of a general agency incorporated in that state, It is recommended that,
236 wherever possible, at least 10 percent of the membership of each general agency be equally
237 divided between youth and young adults who are elected shall serve as non-director
238 representatives with voice, but not vote, until they reach the legal age to serve as voting
239 members, at which time they shall become voting members. The youth and young adult
240 membership of each general agency should be inclusive (consistent with ¶ 705.3d).

241 c)d) It is recommended that the membership of each of the general agencies be inclusive
242 based on gender, racial and ethnic persons, age, persons with disabilities, and size of church. In
243 order to ensure adequate representation of racial and ethnic persons (Asian American, African
244 Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Pacific Islanders), it is recommended that a
245 jurisdiction's membership on each general agency be at least 30 40 percent racial and ethnic
246 persons and incorporate one-third clergy, one-third laymen, and one-third laywomen (except as

247 provided in ¶ 1105, ¶ 2303.3). The episcopal members shall not be counted in the computation of
248 the clergy membership.

249 ~~e) The membership of the General Commission of United Methodist Men shall be elected~~
250 ~~in accordance with ¶ 537 and ¶ 2303.3. Other paragraphs of the Discipline notwithstanding,~~
251 ~~members of the Commission holding membership by virtue of office may serve a maximum of~~
252 ~~three consecutive terms.~~

253 4. General Program Board Agency Membership—~~a) Each general program board agency shall~~
254 ~~have the number of members specified in ¶¶ 100, 1105, 1311, and 1407~~ 33 members.

255 b) Jurisdictional Membership—~~Each jurisdiction shall elect the number of persons listed~~
256 ~~in the specific legislation for membership on each of the four general program boards.~~ The
257 jurisdictions shall elect twelve (12) members to each general agency. Each jurisdiction shall
258 have no fewer than two (2) members. The distribution of membership shall be as follows:
259 Northeast—2; North Central—2; Southeast—3; South Central—3; Western—2. In the
260 jurisdictional nominating process for membership on those boards, special attention shall be
261 given to the inclusion of clergywomen, youth (¶ 256.3), young adults, older adults, people with
262 disabilities, and persons from small membership churches. In order to ensure adequate
263 representation of racial and ethnic persons (Asian Americans, African Americans, Hispanic
264 Americans, Native Americans, Pacific Islanders), it is recommended that at least ~~30~~ 40 percent
265 of a jurisdiction's membership on each general ~~program board~~ agency be racial and ethnic
266 persons. It is further recommended that the jurisdictional membership on each ~~program board~~
267 general agency incorporate one-third clergy, one-third laymen, and one-third laywomen (~~except~~
268 ~~as provided in ¶¶ 1104.1, 1311.2; see also ¶¶ 1311.6, 1407~~). The episcopal members shall not be

269 counted in the computation of the clergy membership. Total jurisdictional membership across all
270 general agencies shall be considered in seeking to achieve these recommendations.

271 c) Central Conference Membership--~~The total-central conferences membership in shall~~
272 elect 14 members to each general agency agencies shall be 10 percent of the total membership of
273 the general Agencies allocated as follows: at least one from each region (Philippines, Europe,
274 Africa), three each on the General Council on Finance and Administration, the General
275 Commission on Archives and History, the General Commission on Communication, the General
276 Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, the General Commission on
277 Religion and Race, the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, the General
278 Board of United Methodist Men, and The United Methodist Publishing House; five each on the
279 General Board of Church and Society and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry;
280 and seven (one from each Central Conference) on the General Board of Discipleship and the
281 General Board of Global Ministries. It is recommended that the central conference membership
282 on each program Board incorporate one third clergy, one third lay men, and one third lay
283 women. The remainder shall be allocated as determined by the Commission on Central
284 Conferences. GCFA will provide the expenses for the additional central conference members.
285 Each central conference shall elect two members.

286 d) Episcopal Membership—~~The episcopal membership of the general program boards~~
287 agencies shall consist of two members on each agency—one from the U.S. and one from the
288 central conferences outside the U.S.—and shall be nominated by the Council of Bishops and
289 electd by the General Conference (see exception ¶ 1311.6). At least one of the episcopal
290 members of each general agency, with the exception of the General Board of Pension and Health

291 ~~Benefits, shall be a central conference bishop and, in the case of the General Board of Global~~
292 ~~Ministries, three central conference bishops (one from each region: Africa, Europe, Philippines).~~

293 e) Additional Membership—(1) Additional members shall be elected by each general
294 ~~program board~~ agency in order to bring into the board persons with special knowledge or
295 background that will aid in the work of the agency, to consider differing theological perspectives,
296 and to perfect the representation of racial and ethnic persons, youth (§ 710.3), young adults (§
297 710.3), older adults, women and men, people with disabilities, and persons from small-
298 membership churches. ~~After the election of central conference members as provided in § 705.4c,~~
299 ~~the remaining number of additional members shall be allocated by the secretary of the General~~
300 ~~Conference so as to insure to the extent possible that membership of each Board reflects the~~
301 ~~proportionate membership of the jurisdictions based upon the combined clergy and lay~~
302 ~~membership, excluding episcopal members. In the determination of proportionate allocation,~~
303 ~~minor fractions shall be rounded down and major fractions rounded up to the nearest integer, and~~
304 ~~there shall be no minimum number of additional members assigned to any jurisdiction.~~ Insofar as
305 possible, the nominating committee shall select from the jurisdictional and central conference
306 nominating pools for the election of persons to fill the additional membership positions from
307 their jurisdictions ~~insuring~~ ensuring diversity as otherwise provided in The Book of Discipline (§
308 705.4b). ~~Each general program Board shall elect additional members as specified in general~~
309 ~~program Board membership paragraphs.~~ Insofar as possible, no more than one person shall be
310 elected from each episcopal area. It is recommended that such additional membership shall
311 maintain the one-third laymen, one-third laywomen, and one-third clergy balance.

312 f) Liaison Representatives –The Methodist Church of Puerto Rico (Iglesia Metodista
313 Autonomía Afiliada de Puerto Rico) ~~will~~ may have one liaison representative, at its own
314 expense, to each of the general program agencies of The United Methodist Church.

315 (2) *Consultation Membership*-- ~~It is recommended that each general program Board elect at least~~
316 ~~one member without vote from among the member churches of Churches Uniting in Christ, other~~
317 ~~than The United Methodist Church, as an additional member.~~ Each general agency is permitted
318 to elect at least one, but not more than three, member(s) with vote and voice from among the
319 member churches of the Commission on Pan Methodist Cooperation and Union. In addition, it is
320 permitted that each general agency may elect at least one member without vote from among the
321 other member churches of Churches Uniting in Christ. These members would be in addition to
322 those otherwise specified in ¶ 705.4 The Council of Bishops shall assist general agencies with
323 selecting these members.

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325 *Delete ¶ 705.5*

326
327 *Amend ¶ 706 as follows:*

328 ¶ 706. Nomination of Additional Board Members—1. Giving due consideration to inclusiveness
329 (see ¶¶ 124, 139), each jurisdiction and the college of bishops for each central conference region
330 shall designate one clergy, one laywoman, and one layman whom it has elected to a general
331 ~~program~~ agency to nominate the additional members of that ~~program~~ agency (¶ 705.4). The
332 members thus designated by the five jurisdictions and central conference regions in each general
333 ~~program~~-agency shall constitute a committee to nominate additional members for that agency
334 and shall be convened as provided in ¶ 706.2. ~~The number of additional members shall be~~

335 ~~allocated by the secretary of the General Conference so as to insure to the extent possible that~~
336 ~~membership of the program agency reflects the proportionate membership of the jurisdictions~~
337 ~~based upon the combined clergy and lay membership, excluding episcopal members. In the~~
338 ~~determination of proportionate allocation, minor fractions shall be rounded down and major~~
339 ~~fractions rounded up to the nearest integer, and there shall be no minimum number of additional~~
340 ~~members assigned to any jurisdiction.~~ In so far as possible, the nominating committee shall select
341 from the jurisdictional and central conference nominating pools for the election of persons to fill
342 the additional membership positions from their jurisdictions ~~insuring~~ ensuring diversity as
343 otherwise provided in *The Book of Discipline* (§ 705.4b)

344 2. ~~A bishop designated by the president of the Council of Bishops~~ The outgoing chair of the
345 agency shall convene the committee as soon as practical after jurisdictional and central
346 conference elections have been completed. The committee shall, in so far as possible, use the
347 names forwarded to it by the jurisdictions and central conferences as having been nominated by
348 the annual and missionary conferences ~~in the United States~~ to their jurisdictional and central
349 conference pools as well as names from caucuses and other appropriate groups. To aid the
350 committee, biographical data submitted by the annual conferences (§ 705.1d) shall be made
351 available from the jurisdictional and central conference secretaries. In addition, general agencies
352 shall submit to the committee names and biographical data of persons eligible for reelection who
353 are willing to serve...

354

355 ***Amend §707 as follows:***

356 ~~§ 707. Meetings--~~ Organization of agencies and boards --1. In those years in which the General
357 Conference holds its regular session, all general ~~program~~ agencies shall meet, organize, and

358 conduct such business as may properly come before ~~the agency~~ them not later than ninety days
359 after the close of the jurisdictional conferences. Each organizational meeting shall be convened
360 by ~~a bishop designated by the president of the Council of Bishops.~~ the out-going president until a
361 new president can be elected.

362

363 ***Amend ¶ 708.1 as follows:***

364 ¶708. Organization—1. Each ~~program~~ board shall elect a president and one or more vice
365 presidents from the voting membership of the board, and a secretary, treasurer, and other such
366 officers as it deems appropriate, giving consideration to inclusiveness (¶ ¶ 124, 139), provided
367 that all officers shall be members of The United Methodist Church. Presidents are not required
368 to be episcopal members and the office of president may be held by any voting member.

369

370 ***Amend ¶710.3 as follows:***

371 ¶710. Membership Qualifications—

372 3. All youth representatives (¶ 256.3) elected to general agencies shall be at the time of
373 organizational board meetings twelve to sixteen years of age. All young adults (¶ 256.3) elected
374 to general agencies shall be at the time of organizational board meetings seventeen to twenty-
375 eight years of age. If the laws of the state of incorporation of any general agency do not permit a
376 youth representative or young adult representative to serve as a director of that general agency,
377 the disqualified person shall serve as a non-director representative to the board of directors with
378 the right to speak at meetings of the general agency but without the right to vote. All older-adult
379 representatives (¶ 705.1.b(6)) shall be at the time of organizational board meetings at least sixty-
380 five years of age.

381

382 *Delete the last sentence of ¶ 710.4 as follows:*

383 ... A person who has been a voting member of general agencies for four consecutive quadrennia
384 shall be ineligible for election to a general agency in the succeeding quadrennium. ~~The foregoing~~
385 ~~shall not apply to episcopal members.~~

386

387 *Amend ¶710.6 as follows:*

388 6. A voting member of a general agency, by virtue of such membership, shall become an ex
389 officio (voting) member of the corresponding agency or its equivalent structure, if any, in the
390 annual conference in accordance with the provisions of ¶ 610.6; unless such membership would
391 conflict with ¶ 612.2c (2). ~~Elected lay members of the General Board of Higher Education and~~
392 ~~Ministry may serve as ex officio members on both corresponding boards of their annual~~
393 ~~conference: the Board of Ordained Ministry and the board of higher education. They shall be~~
394 ~~voting members, however, only on the conference board of higher education unless nominated~~
395 ~~by their resident bishop to be a voting member of the conference Board of Ordained Ministry~~
396 ~~pursuant to ¶ 635.1a.~~

397

398 *Delete ¶710.11.*

399

400 *Amend ¶714.3 as follows:*

401 Normal retirement for all general agency staff personnel shall be at age sixty-five or the
402 completion of forty years of service to The United Methodist Church in an elective, appointive,
403 or employed capacity. Mandatory retirement for elective and appointive staff shall be at age

404 seventy. There shall be no mandatory retirement age for other employed staff. All general agency
405 staff personnel may elect to retire from the employing general agency at any time in accordance
406 with the policy in place at the general agency or, ~~if the general agency has a voting representative~~
407 ~~on the Committee on Personnel Policies and Practices of the General Council on Finance and~~
408 ~~Administration,~~ with the policy established by the ~~General Council on Finance and~~
409 ~~Administration upon recommendation of the Committee on Personnel Policies and Practices~~
410 Center for Resourcing and Operations.

411

412 ***Amend ¶714.4a as follows:***

413 a) Each general agency shall sponsor or participate in a group health care plan that covers
414 the agency's full-time clergy and full-time lay employees in the United States. For the purpose of
415 this paragraph, group health care plan shall mean a health insurance plan, group health care plan,
416 or multiple-employer health care plan that provides benefits for major medical and
417 hospitalization expenses. The sponsoring general agency may determine additional eligibility for
418 the group health care plan in its discretion. In addition, general agencies shall develop and
419 maintain health and wellness programs for their full-time clergy and full-time lay employees.
420 Moreover, each general agency shall annually submit its health plan data, de-identified as
421 necessary, including, but not limited to, financial soundness, claims experience and other cost
422 drivers, plan designs and coverage, and eligibility to the ~~General Board of Pension and Health~~
423 ~~Benefits~~ Center for Resourcing and Operations.

424

425 ***Delete ¶¶ 901-907. Insert new ¶¶ renumbered beginning with ¶ 801 as follows:***

426 Section II. Coordinating Council

427 ¶ 801. Name—There shall be a Coordinating Council in The United Methodist Church.

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429 ¶ 802. Incorporation—The Coordinating Council shall be incorporated in such state or states as
430 the Coordinating Council shall determine. This corporation shall be the successor corporation
431 and organization to the Connectional Table, the General Council on Ministries of The United
432 Methodist Church, an Ohio corporation, and the Program Council of The United Methodist
433 Church.

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435 ¶ 803. Amenability—The Coordinating Council shall report to and be amenable to the General
436 Conference.

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438 ¶ 804. Purpose—The purpose of the Coordinating Council (CC) shall be to serve as a forum for
439 coordination of the mission, ministries and resources of The United Methodist Church.

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441 ¶ 805. Responsibilities—The essential functions of the Coordinating Council are:

442 1. To provide a forum for the understanding and implementation of the vision, mission, and
443 ministries of the global church as determined by the actions of the General Conference and in

444 consultation with the Council of Bishops.

445 2. To provide a forum for inter-agency conversation.

446 3. To enable the flow of information and communication among annual conferences,

447 jurisdictions, central conferences, general agencies, and the Council of Bishops.

448 4. To review and evaluate the missional effectiveness of general agencies and connectional

449 structures of the church, in collaboration with their respective oversight boards and boards of

450 directors, as they collectively seek to aid annual conferences and local churches as they fulfill the
451 mission of The United Methodist Church.

452 5. To recommend to the General Conference such changes and implementing legislation as may
453 be appropriate to ensure effectiveness of the general agencies.

454 6. To provide leadership in planning and research, including through the commissioning of
455 studies, assisting all levels of the church to evaluate needs and plan strategies to carry out the
456 mission of the church.

457 7. In order to be accountable, along with the Center for Resourcing and Operations, to The
458 United Methodist Church through the General Conference, the Coordinating Council shall have
459 authority and responsibility in the following matters:

460 a) To collaborate with the Center for Resourcing and Operations in the preparation of
461 budgets for the apportioned funds as provided in ¶¶ 906.1 and 910.1 and relate the budget
462 requests of the program agencies to one another in such a way as to implement the program and
463 mission of the church.

464 b) To receive from the Center for Resourcing and Operations and approve all general
465 agency budget reviews.

466 c) To review and approve special offerings and church-wide appeals.

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468 ¶ 806. Organization of the Coordinating Council—1. Membership—The members of the
469 Coordinating Council shall consist of 43 voting members and 24 non-voting members as
470 follows:

471 a) 33 persons selected through the procedures described in ¶ 705. It is recommended that
472 50% of the lay members be persons not employed through The United Methodist Church at any
473 level.

474 b) Three members from each of the centers—the general secretary, a deputy general
475 secretary or treasurer and the president of the board—for a total of 12 people (4 voting). Only
476 the board presidents will have vote; the staff will be non-voting members.

477 c) Two members from each of the remaining general agencies and commissions—the
478 general secretary and president of the board—for a total of 12 people (6 voting). Only the board
479 presidents will have vote; the staff will be non-voting members.

480 d) One member, without vote, from each of the racial ethnic caucuses as appointed from
481 Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Methodists Associated to Represent Hispanic Americans,
482 Native American International Caucus, National Federation of Asian American United
483 Methodists and Pacific Islanders National Caucus United Methodist.

484 e) One member, without vote, as appointed from each of the following caucuses: the
485 Confessing Movement Within The United Methodist Church, Forum for Scriptural Christianity
486 Within The United Methodist Church (Good News), the Methodist Federation for Social Action,
487 Reconciling Ministries Network, and the United Methodist Rural Fellowship.

488 f) Vacancies of members elected from central and jurisdictional conferences occurring
489 between sessions of the general conference shall be filled by the College of Bishops where the
490 vacancy occurred, in so far as possible from the same annual conference.

491 2. Meetings—The Coordinating Council shall meet at least semi-annually and at such other times
492 as are necessary on the call of the president or on written request of one-fifth of the members.
493 Fifty percent plus one of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.

494 3. Officers—The officers of the Coordinating Council, including the chair, shall be elected from
495 the Coordinating Council and shall serve for a quadrennium or until their successors are duly
496 elected.

497 4. Internal Structure—The Coordinating Council shall determine its own internal structure as it
498 deems appropriate for the performance of its duties.

499 5. Staff—The Coordinating Council shall determine the support staff that it deems appropriate to
500 facilitate its work.

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502 ¶ 807. Effective Date—The organizational plan for the Coordinating Council shall be effective
503 January 1, 2013.

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505 ***Renumber ¶¶ 801-823, 1501-1509, 1801-1809 to ¶¶ 901-938 and edit as follows:***

506 Section III. Center for Resourcing and Operations

507 ¶ 901¶804. The work of the Church requires the support of our people at all stages of life and
508 ministry. Participation through service and gifts is a Christian duty, a means of grace, and an
509 expression of our love to God. In order that all members of The United Methodist Church may
510 share in its manifold ministries at home and abroad and that the work committed to us may
511 prosper, the Center for Resourcing and Operations is established, hereafter referred to as the
512 CRO, the purpose of which is to provide leadership, stewardship and guidance in the
513 administration and use of the resources of the United Methodist Church; particularly in the areas
514 of finances, pensions, health benefits and communications. ~~the following financial plan has been~~
515 duly approved and adopted.

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517 ~~¶ 902¶ 802.~~ Responsibilities—All the responsibilities assigned to the units and divisions within
518 the CRO shall be considered to be the responsibilities of the CRO.

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520 ~~¶ 903¶ 803.~~ Incorporation—The CRO council shall be incorporated in such state or states as the
521 council shall determine. This corporation shall be the successor corporation and organization to
522 the General Council on Finance and Administration of The United Methodist Church, the
523 General Board of Pension and Health Benefits of The United Methodist Church, the General
524 Commission on Communication, the Council on World Service and Finance (including the
525 Council on World Service and Finance of The United Methodist Church, an Illinois
526 corporation;...

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528 ~~¶ 904¶ 804.~~ Amenability—The CRO council shall report to and be amenable to the General
529 Conference, and it shall cooperate with the Coordinating Council~~Connectional Table~~ in the
530 compilation of budgets for program agencies participating in World Service Funds, as defined in
531 ~~¶ 907.1¶ 806.1.~~

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533 ~~¶ 905¶ 805.~~ Organization—1. There shall be a CRO Oversight Board which shall provide such
534 bylaws as necessary to facilitate the work of the CRO, which shall not violate any provisions of
535 the Discipline and which may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and
536 voting thereon at a regular or special meeting; provided that written notice to such amendment
537 has been given to the members and the vote thereon shall be delayed at least one day. The CRO
538 Oversight Board shall have the power and right to do any and all things that shall be authorized
539 by its charter(s) and by The Book of Discipline. It shall have authority to develop and carry out

540 its responsibilities, to buy, acquire, or receive by gift, devise, or bequest property—real,
541 personal, and mixed; to hold, mortgage, sell, and dispose of property; to sue and be sued; to
542 borrow money in case of necessity in a manner harmonious with ¶¶ 907; to develop and maintain
543 ecumenical relations to carry out its responsibilities; and to administer its affairs through the
544 CRO and its various units, divisions and committees.

545 2. The CRO shall have thirty-three members, constituted in accordance with ¶ 705.4, and shall be
546 organized as specified in its bylaws and in accordance with ¶¶ 702-710 of the General
547 Provisions.

548 3. The CRO Oversight Board may elect an executive committee and establish such rules as
549 necessary for the carrying out of its duties.

550 4. The CRO Oversight Board shall determine and establish the appropriate organization of the
551 CRO and its staff, and it may create or discontinue as deemed necessary units, divisions,
552 sections, committees, task forces, and consultations in order to carry out the regular or special
553 duties of the CRO.

554 5. Adequate provisions shall be made in its organizational structure for all responsibilities
555 assigned to the CRO. All organizational units or divisions shall be amenable to and report
556 regularly to the CRO Oversight Board and its executive committee.

557 6. Meetings of the CRO Oversight Board will be carried out in the most effective and efficient
558 manner possible. While recognizing that the growing worldwide nature of our denomination
559 makes face-to-face meetings more financially problematic, we also recognize that the bonds of
560 our connectional nature and fellowship also flourish best when we are together in time and
561 location. Therefore, the CRO Oversight Board in consultation with the Center for Resourcing
562 and Operations will think creatively to ensure that we hold at least one face-to-face meeting

563 annually and utilize our creativity and the latest in technology and communications resources to
564 meet in ways and at times that are caring and inclusive toward all of its members.

565 7. Staff—The CRO shall elect a general secretary as provided in § 4 above. On nomination of the
566 general secretary, the CRO may elect deputy and/or associate general secretaries, who shall work
567 under the direction of the general secretary. The general secretary shall be the chief
568 administrative officer of the CRO.

569 8. Committees—The CRO shall elect or appoint any such committees and task forces as needed
570 for the performance of its duties.

571 9. Financial Support—a) Financial support from general church funds for the work of the CRO
572 shall be from the following sources: (1) an on-ratio allocation from the General Administration
573 Fund, in an amount determined by the General Conference; (2) fixed charges against the World
574 Service Fund, the Episcopal Fund, the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, and such other
575 general funds as the General Conference may authorize, on recommendation of the CRO. Fixed
576 charges shall be in proportion to the funds' receipts.

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578 Division on Finance and Administration

579 ~~¶ 906¶ 806.~~ There shall be a Division on Finance and Administration of the Center for
580 Resourcing and Operations to help with the work of the following standing committees and
581 tasks:

582 1. Committee on Audit and Review—The CRO shall appoint a Committee on Audit and Review,
583 no members of which shall serve on the executive committee of the CRO, and at least half of
584 whom shall not be members of the CRO, whose duty it shall be to review audits of all treasuries
585 receiving general Church funds (see ¶ 910.2) in accordance with all established auditing

586 standards, including the funds of the CRO, related policies with financial implications, and the
587 utilization of financial assets in achieving the stated mission of the entity as defined by the
588 General Conference, the governing board, and donor designations. Not included are the audits of
589 The United Methodist Publishing House. In any matter of possible or potential financial
590 impropriety reported to the committee by the auditors, the committee chair shall immediately
591 inform the president and general secretary of the Center for Resourcing and Operations and the
592 president and general secretary of the applicable center, agency or commission. The committee
593 shall report its findings to the annual meeting of the CRO.

594 2. Committee on Official Forms and Records—The CRO shall maintain and supervise under the
595 direction of its general secretary a Committee on Official Forms and Records, which shall have
596 the duty of preparing and editing all official statistical forms, record forms, and record books for
597 use in the Church. Through these forms, the CRO shall collect statistical and financial
598 information from all annual conferences of The United Methodist Church. The committee shall
599 consist of one bishop elected by the Council of Bishops and nine persons elected by the CRO, as
600 follows: five members of the CRO, one conference secretary, one conference treasurer, one
601 conference statistician, and one district superintendent. At least one member shall represent the
602 central conferences. The members shall be from the qualifying area or serving in the qualifying
603 position at the time of their election. The following persons shall be consultants to this
604 committee ex officio, without vote: two staff representatives of the CRO, a representative of The
605 United Methodist Publishing House, and representatives of other general centers, agencies and
606 commissions when their programs are directly involved. All official record forms, record books,
607 and certificates designed by the committee for use in The United Methodist Church and available
608 for sale shall be printed and published through The United Methodist Publishing House.

609 3. Committee on Personnel Policies and Practices—The CRO shall organize a committee
610 consisting of three representatives from the Center for Resourcing and Operations, one of whom
611 shall serve as chairperson, and one representative of each of the following centers, commissions
612 and groups: Center for Justice, Reconciliation and Witness; Center for Global Mission; Center
613 for Congregational Development; General Commission on Archives and History, General
614 Commission on Religion and Race, the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women,
615 United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men. Each of the aforementioned
616 representatives shall be selected by the CRO, center, commission, or group represented from its
617 membership. The committee shall have duties and responsibilities as defined in ¶ 907.13b.

618 4. Committee on Legal Responsibilities—The CRO shall organize a committee composed of six
619 persons, three of whom shall be members of the CRO. The committee shall be amenable to the
620 CRO and shall make recommendations to the council regarding the fulfillment of the
621 responsibilities defined in ¶ 907.9.

622 5. Quadrennial Budget Preparations—The Division on Finance and Administration of the CRO
623 shall prepare for submission to each quadrennial session of the General Conference budgets of
624 estimated income and expense for the four years of the ensuing quadrennium. Prior to the
625 beginning of each fiscal year, the CRO shall approve a budget for its operation for the following
626 year. In the event of unanticipated circumstances, the CRO may, by a two-thirds vote, amend a
627 budget it had previously approved for its own operation.

628 6. Financial Reporting to General Conference—The CRO, with guidance from the Division on
629 Finance and Administration shall report to each quadrennial session of the General Conference
630 the amounts of its actual income and expenditures for the four preceding years.

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632 ¶ 907¶ 807. Fiscal Responsibilities—All monies contributed by a local church to any of the
633 general funds of the Church, as listed or defined in ¶ 910.1, and such other funds as may have
634 been authorized by the General Conference shall be held in trust by the CRO and distributed only
635 in support of the ministries of the respective funds. The CRO shall be accountable to The United
636 Methodist Church through the General Conference and in collaboration with the Coordinating
637 Council in all matters relating to the receiving, disbursing, and reporting of such funds, and
638 agencies receiving such funds shall be fiscally accountable to the CRO. In the exercise of its
639 fiscal accountability role, the CRO shall have the authority and responsibility to perform the
640 following functions:

641 1. It shall submit to each quadrennial session of the General Conference, for its action and
642 determination, budgets of expense for each of the general funds of the Church, as listed or
643 defined in ¶ 910.1, and such other general funds as the General Conference may establish. It
644 shall also make recommendations regarding all other funding considerations to come before
645 General Conference. Actual receipts for each fund for the quadrennium then ending shall be the
646 basis for all budgeting procedures and comparisons for the coming quadrennium.

647 a) The CRO, with the guidance of Division on Finance and Administration, shall make
648 recommendations to the General Conference as to the amount and distribution of the Episcopal
649 Fund and General Administration Fund, and, in consultation with the Coordinating Council, other
650 apportioned general funds.

651 b) In the case of the World Service Fund, the CRO, with guidance from the Division on
652 Finance and Administration, and the Coordinating Council shall proceed in the following
653 manner in developing budget recommendations as they relate to allocations to the general
654 program agencies of the Church:

655 (1) The Coordinating Council shall, in consultation with the Division on Finance and
656 Administration, develop recommendations to the CRO on needs of the general program centers,
657 agencies and commissions for the programs, missional priorities, and special programs.

658 (2) The CRO shall then establish the estimated amount available for distribution from
659 the World Service Fund among the general program agencies.

660 (3) The Coordinating Council in consultation with the Division on Finance and
661 Administration, will review both the program priorities and the estimated amount available to the
662 general program centers, agencies and commissions, and then establish the amounts to be
663 distributed to those bodies from the annual World Service allocation.

664 (4) Only when the Division on Finance and Administration and the Coordinating
665 Council agree on the allocations to the several general program agencies and on the total sum of
666 the World Service Fund budget will these allocations and total sum be included in the World
667 Service budget to be recommended to the General Conference by the CRO.

668 c) In the case of the Ministerial Education Fund, Black College Fund, Africa University
669 Fund, and Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, the Division on Finance and Administration
670 and the Coordinating Council shall proceed in the following manner to develop funding level
671 recommendations.

672 (1) The Coordinating Council shall, in consultation with the Division on Finance and
673 Administration, develop funding level recommendations to the CRO for these funds.

674 (2) The Division on Finance and Administration shall then establish the estimated
675 amount available for distribution through those funds.

676 (3) The Coordinating Council, in consultation with the Division on Finance and
677 Administration, will review both the funding priorities and the estimated amount available to the
678 funds and then establish the amounts to be distributed to each.

679 (4) Only when the Division on Finance and Administration and the Coordinating
680 Council agree on the funding levels for each fund will these be recommended to the General
681 Conference by the CRO.

682 d) It shall recommend the formulas by which all apportionments to the annual conferences
683 shall be determined, subject to the approval of the General Conference.

684 e) Before the beginning of each year, the CRO, with the guidance of its Division on
685 Finance and Administration, shall estimate and communicate to the Coordinating Council the
686 sum available at that time from World Service contingency funds to meet requests for additional
687 funding from the general program agencies. The Coordinating Council shall be authorized to
688 approve allocations to the general program agencies for additional program funding up to the
689 limit so established. No money shall be allocated by the Coordinating Council from this source
690 for general administrative costs, fixed charges, or capital outlay without approval by the CRO.

691 f) The Coordinating Council shall receive from the CRO copies of the proposed annual
692 budgets of the general program agencies, in order that it may review such budgets in relation to
693 the program proposals made by those agencies in their quadrennial budget requests.

694 2. It shall receive and disburse in accordance with budgets and/or directives approved by the
695 General Conference all funds raised throughout the Church for any of the general funds of the
696 Church, as listed or defined in ¶ 910.1, and for any other fund or funds, as directed by the proper
697 authority.

698 3. Accounting and Reporting—It shall require all agencies receiving general Church funds (see ¶
699 910.2) to follow uniform accounting classifications and procedures for reporting. It shall include
700 in its quadrennial report to the General Conference a fiscal report for each such agency receiving
701 general Church funds.

702 4. General Agency Budget Review—It shall require annually one month in advance of its annual
703 meeting, or as is deemed necessary, and in such form as the CRO may require, statements of
704 proposed budgets of all treasuries or agencies receiving general Church funds (see ¶ 910.2). It
705 shall review the budget of each agency receiving general Church funds in accordance with
706 guidelines that it shall establish and communicate to the agencies, including the relationship
707 between administration, service, and promotion. In the interest of sound fiscal management, the
708 CRO will ensure that expenditures of agencies receiving general Church funds do not exceed
709 receipts and available reserves, and this within a budget approved by the CRO.

710 5. General Agency Audits—It shall require an annual audit of all treasuries receiving general
711 Church funds (see ¶ 910.2), following such auditing procedures as it may specify. It shall select
712 the auditing firm for these annual audits based on a recommendation by the Committee on Audit
713 and Review.

714 6. Internal Audit Functions—It shall establish and conduct the internal auditing functions for all
715 agencies receiving general Church funds (see ¶ 910.2).

716 7. It shall establish policy governing the functions of banking, payroll, accounting, budget
717 control, and internal auditing for all agencies receiving general Church funds (see ¶ 910.2). The
718 CRO may, upon mutual consent of the agencies involved, perform the functions of banking,
719 check preparation, and payroll on behalf of an agency in order to maximize efficiency of
720 operation.

721 8. It shall review for approval plans for financing all international or national conferences and
722 convocations to be held under the auspices of any general agency receiving general Church funds
723 (see ¶ 910.2).

724 9. It shall be responsible for ensuring that no center, agency, committee, commission, or council
725 shall give United Methodist funds to any group, or otherwise use such funds in a manner that
726 violates the expressed commitments of The United Methodist Church in its Social Principles of
727 the Book of Discipline.

728 10. It shall develop general investment policies and guidelines for all centers, agencies and
729 commissions receiving general Church funds (see ¶ 910.2), following consultation with those
730 groups. The CRO, in its oversight capacity, shall review those organizations' compliance with
731 the general investment policies and guidelines. Upon their review, the CRO may recommend that
732 a center, agency or commission take certain actions to conform with these policies and
733 guidelines. These guidelines are recommended for all Church organizations. If requested by an
734 agency, the CRO shall provide consultation and assistance on the development of specific
735 investment policies and the selection of investment counselors and managers. The CRO shall
736 review, on at least an annual basis, the performance of all invested funds of all agencies
737 receiving general Church funds. The CRO shall have complete authority to manage any portfolio
738 of less than \$5,000,000 and may, upon request by the center, agency or commission, manage
739 larger portfolios. The CRO and general centers, agencies or commissions are encouraged to
740 invest in institutions, companies, corporations, or funds that make a positive contribution toward
741 the realization of the goals outlined in the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church (¶¶
742 160-166).

743 11. The Committee on Audit and Review (§ 906.1), on behalf of the CRO, shall monitor the
744 compliance of agencies, centers and commissions receiving general Church funds (see § 910.2)
745 with the fiscal accountability policies and practices set forth in § 906, the personnel policies and
746 procedures set forth in § 907.13j, and the general policies set forth in §§ 911.1-3, .6, 918, and
747 with recommendations made by the independent and/or internal auditors under § 906.1, with
748 respect to matters of possible or potential financial impropriety or violation of policies and
749 procedures. The CRO shall have authority to implement actions which it may approve based on
750 recommendations from the committee.

751 a) If the committee finds that there are violations of such policies, practices, or
752 recommendations, it shall first notify the president and general secretary of the agency, center or
753 commission involved and the president and general secretary of the COR of its findings, in
754 writing. It shall also request from the agency, center or commission, within a specified timeline,
755 a written response to the committee's findings, with the written response to include additional
756 information and/or proposed corrective action.

757 b) After receiving the organization's response, the committee may take one or more of the
758 following actions:

759 (1) It may determine that the response and any additional information supplied by the
760 agency, center or commission is sufficient to explain the issue or situation that occasioned the
761 initial finding, and that no further action is needed.

762 (2) It may determine that the corrective action proposed by the agency, center or
763 commission is sufficiently responsive to the issue or situation, and that, when implemented, no
764 further action will be needed.

765 (3) It may determine that the organization's response is insufficient to address the issue
766 or situation. In that case, it may recommend to the agency, center or commission, for the
767 agency's consideration, the type of corrective actions that it believes necessary to address the
768 issue or situation adequately, along with a timeline for reporting corrective action taken.

769 (4) It may prepare an informational report on the matter for those members of the CRO
770 who have been assigned responsibility for reviewing the annual budget of the agency, center or
771 commission in question.

772 c) It may recommend to the CRO for its action, with notice of the recommendation given
773 to the president and general secretary of the agency, center or commission involved, one or more
774 of the following steps:

775 (1) Continuing monitoring by the CRO's internal audit department, at the expense of the
776 agency, center or commission involved, until the committee finds that the issue has been
777 satisfactorily resolved.

778 (2) Withholding of an appropriate amount of funding from general fund receipts that
779 would otherwise be payable to the agency, center or commission, until the CRO, on
780 recommendation of the committee, finds that the issue has been satisfactorily resolved.

781 (3) Reporting of any unresolved issues to the next session of the General Conference,
782 along with recommendations for General Conference action.

783 12. Other Fiscal Responsibilities—The Division on Finance and Administration of the Center for
784 Resourcing and Operations shall have the following additional fiscal responsibilities:

785 a). To receive, collect, and hold in trust for the benefit of The United Methodist Church,
786 its general funds, or its general agencies any and all donations, bequests, and devises of any kind,
787 real or personal, that may be given, devised, bequeathed, or conveyed to The United Methodist

788 Church as such or to any general fund, agency, center, or commission of The United Methodist
789 Church for any benevolent, charitable, or religious purposes, and to administer the same and the
790 income there from in accordance with the directions of the donor, trustor, or testator.

791 b) To take such action, in cooperation with the other agencies, centers and commissions
792 of the church, as is necessary to encourage United Methodists to provide for their continued
793 participation in World Service, in one or more of the World Service agencies, or in other general
794 Church benevolence funds or interests, through current and planned giving, including wills and
795 trusts.

796 c) When the use to be made of any such donation, bequest, or devise is not otherwise
797 designated, the same shall be added to and become a part of the “Permanent Fund” of The United
798 Methodist Church. This fund shall be held and administered by the CRO, as the General
799 Conference shall direct.

800 d) Where annual conferences, individually or in groups, have established United
801 Methodist foundations, the Division on Finance and Administration of the CRO may provide
802 staff leadership on request to advise in matters of financial management, to the end that
803 foundation assets shall be wisely managed on behalf of the Church.

804 e) To make recommendations to the General Conference, in consultation with the
805 Coordinating Council and the Council of Bishops, regarding any offerings to be received in
806 connection with special days observed on a churchwide basis. These recommendations shall
807 include the number and timing of such special days with offerings, the amount, if any, to be
808 established as a goal for each such offering, the causes to be benefited by each, the method by
809 which the receipts on each such offering shall be distributed among the causes benefiting from it,

810 and the method by which such receipts shall be remitted and reported by local churches. All such
811 recommendations are subject to the approval of the General Conference.

812 f) To establish general policy governing the ownership, sale, rental, renovation, or
813 purchase of property by a general agency, center or commission. The CRO shall consider the
814 plans of any general agency, center or commission proposing to acquire or sell real estate or
815 erect a building or enter into a lease and determine whether the proposed action is in the best
816 interest of The United Methodist Church. In the case of such proposed action by a general
817 program agency, center or commission, it shall solicit and consider the recommendation of the
818 Coordinating Council. If either the CRO or the Coordinating Council disapproves, the agency,
819 center or commission shall delay the project until it can be considered by the next General
820 Conference. Nothing in the foregoing shall include the operational requirements of The United
821 Methodist Publishing House.

822 g) To act in concert with the Coordinating Council to establish a procedure for making a
823 quadrennial review, initiating proposals and/or responding to proposals by the general agencies
824 regarding the location of headquarters and staff and reporting the same to the General
825 Conference.

826 h) To exercise on behalf of the General Conference a property reporting function by
827 receiving reports annually from general agencies of the Church concerning property titles,
828 values, debts, general maintenance, lease or rental costs, space usage, and such other information
829 as the CRO may deem relevant. The CRO may consult and advise with the general agencies,
830 centers or commissions concerning any property problems that may arise. A summary of the
831 property data shall be reported to each quadrennial General Conference. This provision shall
832 apply to headquarters buildings but not to properties that are part of the program responsibilities

833 of the Center for Global Mission or to any of the properties of The United Methodist Publishing
834 House. Titles to historic sites and heritage landmarks, and such historical properties as may be
835 acquired in the future, shall be held by the CRO on behalf of the General Commission on
836 Archives and History.

837 i) To take all necessary legal steps to safeguard and protect the interests and rights of the
838 denomination; to maintain a file of legal briefs related to cases involving the denominational
839 interests of The United Methodist Church, and to make provisions for legal counsel where
840 necessary to protect the interests and rights of the denomination. The CRO, with guidance from
841 the Division on Finance and Administration, shall recommend to each general agency, center and
842 commission (and unit thereof) and to each annual conference council on finance and
843 administration a uniform procedure to be followed by the aforesaid agencies and, where
844 applicable, local churches, relative to the certification and payment of ordained ministers’
845 housing allowances in accordance with provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of the United
846 States. The CRO shall have the authority to pursue policies and procedures necessary to preserve
847 the tax-exempt status of the denomination and its affiliated organizations {See Judicial Council
848 Decision 458}.

849 j) The CRO shall: (1) require each general agency, center and commission as listed in ¶
850 905.4d, including itself, to follow uniform policies and practices in the employment and
851 remuneration of personnel, recognizing differences in local employment conditions (these
852 policies and practices shall be consistent with the Social Principles and resolutions of The United
853 Methodist Church); and (2) be authorized to gather from all general agencies, at such intervals
854 and in such format as it may determine, information regarding salary remuneration and pay

855 equity and the number of agency employees and staff. Information related to the remuneration of
856 specific employees may be released only by the employing agency or employee.

857 k) The Committee on Personnel Policies and Practices (§ 906.3) shall: (1) prepare
858 quadrennially, review annually, and recommend to the CRO an appropriate salary schedule,
859 based upon responsibilities, for personnel of the councils, boards, and commissions represented
860 on the committee; (2) develop and recommend to the council a schedule of benefits for an
861 employee benefit program for personnel of agencies represented on the committee and any
862 changes required thereto from time to time; (3) receive from agencies and institutions receiving
863 general Church funds (see § 910.2) statements regarding their compliance with the policy stated
864 in § 911.1; and (4) receive from all general agencies information necessary to evaluate pay
865 equity. Based on these statements, and in consultation with and upon the advice of the General
866 Commission on Religion and Race and the General Commission on the Status and Role of
867 Women, the committee shall prepare for the CRO reports and recommendations deemed
868 appropriate by the committee. (5) In the event it is determined by the CRO that an agency,
869 center, commission or institution receiving general Church funds is not in compliance with the
870 equal employment opportunity policies and the salary and employee benefit schedules
871 established by the committee, the CRO shall notify in writing the organization so named and
872 suspend, after a three-month period of grace, an appropriate amount of future funding until the
873 agency, center, commission or institution complies.

874 l) To maintain a consultative service to assist general agencies in planning and making
875 arrangements for national meetings, conferences, and convocations.

876 m) To maintain an accurate record of the mail addresses of all bishops; ordained and
877 consecrated ministers in effective relation; local pastors, including retired ordained ministers

878 servicing charges; charges, local churches, parishes, fellowships, and new church starts; and such
879 lists of general, jurisdictional, and conference boards, commissions, and committees, and officers
880 of same, and of such other officers as the CRO may determine necessary. No one other than
881 authorized bodies or officers of the Church shall be permitted to use these records.

882 n) To collect, prepare and analyze the important statistics relating to The United Methodist
883 Church for the General Minutes or such other publications and releases as may be approved by
884 the CRO. It shall provide for the distribution of statistical information to annual conferences, the
885 general planning and research agencies of the Church, and other interested parties. The CRO
886 may establish an appropriate schedule of fees and charges to defray the cost of such information
887 distribution services.

888 o) To assist and advise the central conferences, jurisdictions, annual conferences, districts,
889 and local churches in all matters relating to the work of the CRO. These matters shall include,
890 but shall not be limited to, business administration, investment and property management,
891 information technology, and auditing. Matters related to resourcing the development and
892 implementation of financial programs within the local church committee on finance shall be the
893 responsibility of the Center for Congregational Development. The CRO may perform certain
894 functions for the central conferences, jurisdictions, annual conferences, districts, or local
895 churches if the particular organization so elects and a suitable plan of operation can be
896 determined.

897 p) To provide guidance and consultation in the area of local church business
898 administration, including establishment of professional standards, a training program,
899 certification of church business administrators and associate church business administrators; and
900 to provide assistance to the United Methodist Association of Church Business Administrators.

901 q) To provide guidance and consultation for continuing education of church secretaries,
902 including establishment of training and certification programs, and to provide assistance to the
903 Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries.

904 r) To provide guidance and consultation to the National Association of Commissions on
905 Equitable Compensation of The United Methodist Church. The association shall provide
906 guidance and counsel to annual conference commissions on equitable compensation in their
907 areas of responsibility (§ 625) by means of consultations, workshops, development of
908 educational materials and informational resources, and other appropriate means. The CRO may
909 provide such staff and in-kind services to the association as it deems appropriate.

910 s) To institute, manage, and maintain an insurance program available, where approved by
911 regulatory agencies, to all United Methodist local churches in the United States and, where
912 acceptable on an underwriting basis, to all United Methodist annual conferences, agencies, and
913 institutions in the United States .

914 t) To designate a staff member who, in cooperation with the general secretary, will fulfill
915 such responsibilities as may be needed to assist the Commission on the General Conference with
916 preparation for sessions of the General Conference. In fulfilling this role, the staff member will
917 function as the commission's business manager and shall be related operationally to the
918 Commission.

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920 ¶ 908¶ 808. Conference Payments of Apportioned Funds—1. The treasurer of the Center for
921 Resourcing and Operations ~~General Council on Finance and Administration~~ shall, not less than
922 ninety days prior to the session of each annual conference or as soon thereafter as practical,
923 transmit to the presiding bishop thereof, to the president of the conference council on finance and

924 administration, and to the conference treasurer a statement of the apportionments to the
925 conference for the World Service Fund, the General Administration Fund, the Episcopal Fund,
926 the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, the Ministerial Education Fund, the Black College
927 Fund, the Africa University Fund, and such other funds as may have been apportioned by the
928 General Conference.

929 2. The treasurer shall keep an account of all amounts remitted by the conference treasurers and
930 from other sources intended for the funds listed in ¶ ~~910.1~~ ~~810.1~~ and any other fund so directed
931 by the proper authority, and shall disburse the same as authorized by the General Conference and
932 directed by the CRO~~ouncil~~. A separate account shall be kept of each such fund, and none of
933 them shall be drawn on for the benefit of another fund.

934 3. If more than the amount approved by the General Conference for a fund total, or for a line
935 item within a fund total, is received in any given year, the excess funds shall be held in trust by
936 the CRO~~ouncil~~ in an apportionment stabilization fund. All monies placed in such a fund shall be
937 considered as fund balances restricted by the General Conference to the fund(s) or line item(s) in
938 which the surplus occurred. They shall be held by the CRO~~ouncil~~ until such time as shortfalls in
939 such receipts occur during the same quadrennium, at which time they shall be released to
940 compensate for the shortfalls. If undistributed funds remain in an apportionment stabilization
941 fund at the end of the quadrennium, the CRO~~ouncil~~ shall recommend, for action by the next
942 General Conference, the disposition of any remaining fund balances, provided that those
943 recommendations shall be consistent with the purposes for which the funds were raised.

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945 ¶ ~~909~~ ~~809~~. Annual Reports by the General Treasurer to the Annual Conferences of All General
946 Church Expenditures—The treasurer shall report annually to the CRO~~ouncil~~ and to the

947 respective conference councils as to all amounts received and disbursed during the year. The
948 treasurer shall also make to each quadrennial session of the General Conference a full report of
949 the financial transactions of the CRO~~ouncil~~ for the previous four fiscal years. The treasurer
950 shall be bonded for such an amount as may be determined by the CRO~~ouncil~~. The books of the
951 treasurer shall be audited annually by a certified public accountant selected by the CRO~~General~~
952 ~~Council on Finance and Administration~~ upon recommendation by the Committee on Audit and
953 Review (¶ 905.4b ~~¶ 805.4b~~).

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955 ¶ 910~~¶ 810~~. Definition of General Funds—1. ... They are restricted assets and are not funds of
956 local churches, annual or jurisdictional conferences, or other units of the denomination. Such
957 general funds are to be disbursed for the purpose or purposes set forth in ¶¶ 912-923~~¶¶ 812-823~~
958 and budgets or similar directives adopted for the respective funds by the General Conference.
959 The Center for Resourcing and Operations~~General Council on Finance and Administration~~, in
960 the fulfillment of its fiscal responsibilities pursuant to ¶ 907~~¶ 806~~, shall only have authority to
961 disburse monies contributed to any of these funds in a manner specifically authorized by the
962 Book of Discipline or for a purpose set forth in the budget or directives adopted by the preceding
963 General Conference for that particular fund.

964 2. The terms agency(ies), center(s) and commission(s) receiving general Church funds and
965 treasury(ies) receiving general Church funds, as used in ¶¶ 701-823 of the Book of Discipline,
966 refer to agencies, centers and commissions whose operational or administrative budgets are
967 directly supported, in whole or in part, by allocations from one or more general Church funds.
968 For the purposes of ¶¶ 701-9823, ~~the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits and The~~
969 United Methodist Publishing House shall be deemed not to be agencies or treasuries whose

970 operational or administrative budgets are directly supported, in whole or in part, by allocations
971 from one or more general Church funds.

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973 ¶ 911~~¶ 811~~. General Policies—1. The Center for Resourcing and Operations~~General Council on~~
974 ~~Finance and Administration~~ is authorized to withhold approval of a portion or all of the budget of
975 any agency, center or commission or any Church-related institution receiving general Church
976 funds (see ¶ 9810.2) until such agency or Church-related institution certifies to the council in
977 writing that it has established and complied with a policy of:...

978 ... (c) insofar as possible, purchasing goods and services from vendors who are in compliance
979 with such policies as are described in sections (a) and (b) of this paragraph. In the fulfillment of
980 this directive, the CORE~~council~~ shall take the following steps to ensure that concerns of the
981 General Commission on Religion and Race and the General Commission on the Status and Role
982 of Women are represented:...

983 ...2. It may withhold approval of any item or items in the budget or budgets receiving general
984 Church funds (see ¶ 9810.2) that in its judgment represent unnecessary duplication of
985 administrative function; in cooperation with and on recommendation of the Coordinating
986 Council~~Connectional Table~~, it may withhold approval of any such item that represents
987 unnecessary duplication of program within an agency or between two or more agencies. If the
988 CRO~~council~~ finds that there is such duplication in existing activities, it shall promptly direct the
989 attention of the agencies, centers or commissions involved to the situation and shall cooperate
990 with them in correcting the same, and it may decline to supply from general fund receipts money
991 to continue activities that have been held to duplicate each other unnecessarily or plainly violate
992 the principle of correlation as applied to the total benevolence program of the Church.

993 3. An agency, center or commission of The United Methodist Church receiving general Church
994 funds (see ¶ 9810.2) proposing to borrow funds for a period in excess of twelve months or in an
995 amount in excess of 25 percent of its annual budget or five hundred thousand dollars, whichever
996 amount is smaller, whether for building or current expense purposes, shall submit such proposal,
997 accompanied by a plan for amortization, to the CRO~~council~~ for approval. If the CRO~~council~~
998 disapproves, the agency shall delay such borrowing until it can be considered by the next
999 General Conference...

1000 ...5. Individual donors or local churches may make contributions to the support of any cause or
1001 project that is a part of the work of any general Church agency, center or commission. Such
1002 miscellaneous gifts shall be sent to the Center for Resourcing and Operations~~General Council on~~
1003 ~~Finance and Administration~~, which shall then forward the gift to the agency for which it is
1004 intended. Agencies, centers or commissions receiving miscellaneous gifts shall acknowledge
1005 receipt of the gift to the donor. No agency, center or commission shall solicit or cultivate gifts for
1006 any cause or project that has not been approved for support through World Service Special Gifts
1007 (¶ 9819), general Advance Special Gifts (¶ 9821), or a special appeal (¶ 9818).

1008 6. No general council, center~~board~~, commission, or committee receiving general Church funds
1009 (see ¶ 9810.2) shall initiate or cause to be organized without approval of the CRO~~General~~
1010 ~~Council on Finance and Administration~~ a foundation, endowment fund, or similar organization
1011 for the purpose of securing, conserving, or expending funds for the direct or indirect benefit or
1012 support of any general agency, center, commission or any of its programs or work. Foundations,
1013 endowment funds, and similar organizations related directly or indirectly to any general Church
1014 agency, center or commission receiving general Church funds shall report annually to the
1015 CRO~~council~~ in a manner determined by the CRO~~council~~.

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¶ 912¶ 812. The World Service Fund—The World Service Fund is basic in the financial program of The United Methodist Church. World Service on apportionment represents the minimum needs of the general agencies, centers and commissions of the Church. Payment in full of these apportionments by local churches and annual conferences is the first benevolent responsibility of the Church.

1. The ~~CRO~~council shall recommend to each quadrennial session of the General Conference the amount of the annual World Service budget for the ensuing quadrennium and the method by which it shall be apportioned to the annual conferences. In cooperation with the ~~Coordinating Council~~Connectional Table, it shall prepare and recommend a plan of distribution of World Service receipts among the World Service agencies, in accordance with the procedures described in ¶ 9806.1b. In the planning of the World Service budget, it shall be the role of the ~~CRO~~General Council on Finance and Administration to facilitate sound fiscal and administrative policies and practices within and among the general agencies, centers and commissions of the Church. It shall be the role of the Coordinating Council~~Connectional Table~~ to relate the budget requests of the program agencies, centers and commissions to one another in such a way as to implement the program and mission of the Church.

2. The general secretary or other duly authorized representative of each agency, center or commission of The United Methodist Church seeking support from the World Service Fund and the authorized representative of any other agency for which requests are authorized by the General Conference shall have the right to appear before the ~~CRO~~council at a designated time

1038 and place to represent the cause for which each is responsible, provided such representation has
1039 been previously made to the Coordinating Council~~Connectional Table~~.

1040 3. The World Service agencies, centers or commissions shall not solicit additional or special gifts
1041 from individual donors or special groups, other than foundations, unless approval for such
1042 solicitation is first secured from the CRO~~council~~.

1043 4. The Division on Communication of the CRO~~General Commission on Communication~~ shall
1044 promote the World Service Fund.

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1046 ¶ 913¶ 813. General Administration Fund—1. The General Administration Fund shall provide
1047 for the expenses of the sessions of the General Conference, the Judicial Council, special
1048 commissions and committees constituted by the General Conference, and other administrative
1049 agencies and activities recommended for inclusion in the general administration budget by the
1050 Center for Resourcing and Operations~~General Council on Finance and Administration~~ and
1051 approved by the General Conference. Any agency or institution requiring or desiring support
1052 from the General Administration Fund shall present its case to the council at a time and place
1053 indicated by CRO~~council~~ officers. The CRO~~council~~, having heard such requests, shall report the
1054 same to the General Conference with recommendations for its action and determination.

1055 2. The treasurer of the CRO~~council~~ shall disburse the General Administration Fund as authorized
1056 by the General Conference and as directed by the CRO~~council~~. Where the General Conference
1057 has not allocated definite sums to agencies receiving money from the General Administration
1058 Fund, the CRO~~council~~ or its executive committee shall have authority to determine the amount
1059 to be allocated to each.

1060 3. The expenses of the Judicial Council shall be paid from the General Administration Fund,
1061 within a budget submitted annually by the Judicial Council to the ~~CRO General Council on~~
1062 ~~Finance and Administration~~ for its approval and subject to the requirement of ¶ 9813.4.

1063 4. The General Administration Fund, and all payments made from this fund, shall be subject to
1064 the financial, accounting, and auditing requirements of ¶ 9806.

1065 5. The Division on Communication of the CRO~~General Commission on Communication~~ shall
1066 promote the General Administration Fund.

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1068 ¶ 914~~¶ 814~~. Interdenominational Cooperation Fund—1. This fund shall provide United
1069 Methodist support of the basic budgets of those organizations that relate to the ecumenical
1070 responsibilities of the Council of Bishops ~~and of the General Commission on Christian Unity and~~
1071 ~~Interreligious Concerns~~. Those organizations are described in Section XVIII—Ecumenical
1072 Organizations in ¶¶ 2401-2406.

1073 2. The Coordinating Council~~General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious~~
1074 ~~Concerns, in consultation with, upon recommendation of the~~ Council of Bishops, shall
1075 recommend to the ~~CRO General Council on Finance and Administration~~ the amounts of the
1076 several annual allocations from the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund budget. The
1077 ~~CRO council~~ shall recommend to the General Conference the amounts to be included in the
1078 annual Interdenominational Cooperation Fund budget.

1079 3. The Coordinating Council~~General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious~~
1080 ~~Concerns~~ shall determine annually, upon recommendation of ~~in consultation with~~ the Council of
1081 Bishops, the designations of all funds for ecumenical agencies to be paid from the following
1082 year's Interdenominational Cooperation Fund budget that have not been specifically designated

1083 by the prior General Conference. The Coordinating Council~~General Commission on Christian~~
1084 ~~Unity and Interreligious Concerns~~ shall communicate such designations to the CRO~~General~~
1085 ~~Council on Finance and Administration~~ prior to the beginning of the fiscal year made the subject
1086 of such designations. The CRO~~General Council on Finance and Administration~~ shall then
1087 disburse funds to each recipient in accordance with such designations during that fiscal year to
1088 the extent funds are available.

1089 4. The fund shall also provide for the expenses of representatives chosen by the Council of
1090 Bishops or by the Coordinating Council~~General Commission on Christian Unity and~~
1091 ~~Interreligious Concerns~~ to attend meetings and committees of such ecumenical agencies. The
1092 CRO~~General Council on Finance and Administration~~ shall reimburse such expenses from
1093 vouchers approved by persons designated by the Coordinating Council~~general secretary of the~~
1094 ~~General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns~~ or by the general secretary
1095 of the CRO~~General Council on Finance and Administration~~.

1096 5. Disbursement of Funds to Ecumenical Organizations—
1097 a) The CRO~~General Council on~~
1098 ~~Finance and Administration~~ shall remit monthly to each organization included in the approved
1099 Interdenominational Cooperation Fund budget an on-ratio share of the fund's net receipts, after
the payment of any fixed charges.

1100 b) In the interim between sessions of the General Conference, exceptions to this directive
1101 may occur under one of the following circumstances:

1102 (1) If the organization is unable to fulfill, or ceases to fulfill, the purpose or purposes
1103 which were the basis for the Coordinating Council and Council of Bishops~~General Commission~~
1104 ~~on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns~~' original recommendation for funding.

1105 (2) If the organization ceases to exist.

1106 c) If the Coordinating Council~~Commission~~, in consultation with the Council of Bishops,
1107 determines that such circumstances warrant, it may recommend to the CRO~~General Council on~~
1108 ~~Finance and Administration~~ that funding for the organization be suspended or reduced, either
1109 indefinitely or for a specified period of time. The CRO~~Council~~ shall then reduce or suspend
1110 remittance of fund receipts to the organization until such time as the Coordinating
1111 Council~~Commission~~, in consultation with the Council of Bishops, determines that the
1112 circumstances which led to reduction or suspension of payments no longer exist. The
1113 Coordinating Council~~Commission~~ shall then recommend to the CRO~~General Council on Finance~~
1114 ~~and Administration~~ whether remittances to the organization are to be resumed in amounts based
1115 on current Interdenominational Cooperation Fund receipts only, or whether amounts previously
1116 withheld should be disbursed along with the amounts payable from current receipts.

1117 d) If funding to an organization is reduced or suspended, the funds which otherwise would
1118 have been disbursed shall be held by the CRO~~General Council on Finance and Administration~~
1119 until the Coordinating Council~~Commission~~, in consultation with the Council of Bishops,
1120 recommends that they be restored to the organization or used to support a similar ecumenical
1121 organization. If the funds are not expended prior to the next session of the General Conference,
1122 the CRO~~General Council on Finance and Administration~~, after consultation with the
1123 Coordinating Council~~Commission~~, shall report to the General Conference the amount of funds
1124 being held and may recommend, for General Conference action, the disposition of the funds.

1125 6. Before the beginning of each calendar year, the CRO~~General Council on Finance and~~
1126 ~~Administration~~ shall determine and communicate to the Coordinating Council~~General~~
1127 ~~Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns~~ the sum available from the

1128 Interdenominational Cooperation Fund Contingency Reserve to be allocated by the commission
1129 to meet emerging needs of ecumenical agencies.

1130 7. The Division on Communication of the CRO~~General Commission on Communication~~ shall
1131 promote the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund.

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1133 ¶ 915¶ 815. Black College Fund—The CRO~~General Council on Finance and Administration~~
1134 shall recommend to the General Conference the sum that the Church shall undertake for the
1135 Black colleges and the method by which it shall be apportioned to the annual conferences. The
1136 purpose of the fund is to provide financial support for current operating budgets and capital
1137 improvements of the Black colleges related administratively to the Church.

1138 1. The treasurer of the CRO~~General Council on Finance and Administration~~ shall remit monthly
1139 receipts for this fund to the Center for Global Mission~~General Board of Higher Education and~~
1140 ~~Ministry~~ for distribution to those Black colleges whose eligibility under adopted guidelines of
1141 management, educational quality, and measurement by announced objectives shall be the
1142 precondition of participation. These guidelines and a formula for distribution shall be revised and
1143 administered by the Center for Global Mission~~Division of Higher Education of the General~~
1144 ~~Board of Higher Education and Ministry~~, in consultation with the Council of Presidents of the
1145 Black Colleges...

1146 ...b) One-sixth of the fund receipts shall be set aside for capital improvements, to be
1147 distributed by the Center for Global Mission~~General Board of Higher Education and Ministry~~ on
1148 the basis of need and matching funds.

1149 2. In the interim between sessions of the General Conference, the guidelines for support and
1150 formula for distribution may be changed as necessary upon recommendation of the Council of

1151 Presidents of the Black Colleges and the Center for Global Mission~~General Board of Higher~~
1152 ~~Education and Ministry~~ and with the consent of the CRO~~General Council on Finance and~~
1153 ~~Administration~~.

1154 3. Promotion of the Black College Fund shall be by the Center for Global Mission~~Division of~~
1155 ~~Higher Education~~ and in consultation with the Council of Presidents of the Black Colleges, in
1156 cooperation with and with the assistance of the Division on Communication of the CRO~~General~~
1157 ~~Commission on Communication~~, the cost being a charge against the Black College Fund receipts
1158 and within a budget approved by the Center for Global Mission~~Division of Higher Education~~ and
1159 the CRO~~General Council on Finance and Administration~~.

1160 4. An annual conference may make direct and/or designated gifts for current expense or capital
1161 funds purposes to one or more of these colleges, but only after it has met its full Black College
1162 Fund apportionment. There may be reasonable exceptions to this restriction, but such exceptions
1163 shall be negotiated with the Center for Global Mission~~General Board of Higher Education and~~
1164 ~~Ministry~~ prior to implementation.

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1166 ¶ 916¶ 816. The Ministerial Education Fund—The CRO~~council~~ shall recommend to the General
1167 Conference the sum that the Church shall undertake for the Ministerial Education Fund and the
1168 method by which it shall be apportioned to the annual conferences, in accordance with the
1169 provisions adopted by the 1968 General Conference in establishing the Ministerial Education
1170 Fund...

1171 ...2. Of the total money raised in each annual conference for the Ministerial Education Fund, 75
1172 percent shall be remitted by the conference treasurer to the treasurer of the CRO~~council~~ for
1173 distribution to the Center for Global Mission~~General Board of Higher Education and Ministry~~ for

1174 support of ministerial education and shall be administered by that board. It shall be distributed as
1175 follows:

1176 a) At least 75 percent of the amount received by the divisions shall be distributed to the
1177 theological schools of The United Methodist Church on a formula established by the Center for
1178 Global Mission~~General Board of Higher Education and Ministry~~ after consultation with the
1179 theological schools. All money allocated to the theological schools shall be used for current
1180 operations, not for physical expansion. Ministerial Education funds allocated to United
1181 Methodist theological schools for current operations shall only be used for:

1182 —United Methodist student scholarships

1183 —Faculty and staff salaries and benefits for those who prepare United Methodist students
1184 (implementing the curriculum required in ¶ 324.4) for ordained ministry or service as local
1185 pastors through the Course of Study program.

1186 All United Methodist theological schools receiving Ministerial Education Fund allocations shall
1187 submit annual reports to the Center for Global Mission~~General Board of Higher Education and~~
1188 ~~Ministry~~ detailing how the Ministerial Education Fund allocations were spent.

1189 b) The remaining portion of the amount received shall be used for supplemental
1190 distributions to the theological schools and for board use in its program of ministerial enlistment
1191 and development. The Center for Global Mission~~General Board of Higher Education and~~
1192 ~~Ministry~~ will recommend to the general secretary of the Center for Global Mission~~General Board~~
1193 ~~of Higher Education and Ministry~~ appropriate funding for divisional programs of ministerial
1194 enlistment and development.

1195 c) Beginning in the 2009-2012 quadrennium, the Center for Global Mission~~General Board~~
1196 ~~of Higher Education and Ministry~~ shall facilitate the ~~creation of~~ United Methodist Ministerial

1197 Education Funds in the central conferences, including the development and provision of funds
1198 for this new initiative. The purpose of this initiative is to improve and strengthen the existing
1199 indigenous structures for theological education in order to create a sustainable system of
1200 education for central conference clergy.

1201 3. Annual conferences shall regard this fund as a priority to be met before any additional
1202 benevolences, grants, or funds are allocated to a theological school or school of religion.

1203 4. The Division on Communication of the CRO~~General Commission on Communication~~ shall
1204 promote the Ministerial Education Fund.

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1206 THE EPISCOPAL FUND

1207 ¶ ~~917.3~~ 817. Purpose—1. The Episcopal Fund, raised in accordance with ¶ ~~917.3~~ 817.3, shall
1208 provide for the salary and expenses of effective bishops {See Judicial Council Decision 781 }
1209 from the date of their consecration and for the support of retired bishops and surviving spouses
1210 and minor children of deceased bishops. Subject to the approval of the CRO~~General Council on~~
1211 ~~Finance and Administration~~, the treasurer shall have authority to borrow for the benefit of the
1212 Episcopal Fund such amounts as may be necessary for the proper execution of the orders of the
1213 General Conference. The Division on Communication of the CRO~~General Commission on~~
1214 ~~Communication~~ shall promote the Episcopal Fund.

1215 2. Requirements—The CRO~~council~~ shall recommend to each quadrennial session of the General
1216 Conference for its action and determination...

1217 ... (6) provisions for allowance for the surviving spouses and for the support of minor children of
1218 deceased bishops. From the facts in hand, the CRO~~council~~ shall estimate the approximate total
1219 amount required annually during the ensuing quadrennium to provide for the items of episcopal

1220 support mentioned above and shall report the same to the General Conference. This amount as
1221 finally determined shall be the estimated episcopal budget. The administration of the Episcopal
1222 Fund budget as determined by the General Conference shall be under the direction and authority
1223 of the ~~CRO General Council on Finance and Administration~~, including annual fiscal statements
1224 and audits. Nothing in this paragraph shall preclude the annual conference or conferences of an
1225 episcopal area from including in their budgets amounts for an area expense fund...

1226 ...4. Bishops' Salaries—The treasurer of the ~~CRO General Council on Finance and~~
1227 ~~Administration~~ shall remit monthly to each effective bishop one-twelfth of the annual salary as
1228 determined by the General Conference, less such deductions or reductions from the salary as
1229 each bishop may authorize. Allowances for retired bishops and for the surviving spouses and
1230 minor children of deceased bishops shall be paid in equal monthly installments.

1231 5. Housing Expenses—The ~~CRO General Council on Finance and Administration~~ shall provide
1232 an annual grant from the Episcopal Fund to share in the costs of providing an episcopal
1233 residence, the amount of such grant to be approved by the General Conference on
1234 recommendation of the council. The treasurer of the ~~CRO General Council on Finance and~~
1235 ~~Administration~~ shall remit the annual grant to the office designated by the episcopal residence
1236 committee to receive such housing payments. The treasurer shall also remit periodic installments
1237 of the amount approved by the ~~CRO Council~~ as office expenses to each bishop, or to the office
1238 designated by the bishop to receive such payments.

1239 6. Episcopal Expense Reimbursement and Honoraria Policies—The treasurer of the ~~CRO Council~~
1240 shall pay monthly the claim for the official travel of each bishop upon presentation of an
1241 itemized voucher with such supporting data as may be required by the ~~CRO General Council on~~
1242 ~~Finance and Administration~~...

1243 ...7. Audit of Episcopal Area Offices—Fiscal reporting and audit procedures of each area office
1244 shall be determined according to a schedule as set forth by the CRO~~ouncil~~ upon
1245 recommendation of the Committee on Episcopal Services.

1246 8. Episcopal Pensions—The pensions for the support of retired bishops elected by general,
1247 jurisdictional, or central conferences and the surviving spouses and minor dependent children of
1248 such deceased bishops shall be administered by the CRO~~General Council on Finance and~~
1249 ~~Administration with guidance from~~~~in consultation with the~~ Division on~~General Board of Pension~~
1250 and Health Benefits of the CRO and in accordance with such program and procedures as may
1251 from time to time be determined by the CRO~~General Council on Finance and Administration~~
1252 with the approval of the General Conference. For service years beginning January 1, 1982, and
1253 thereafter, the pensions for the support of bishops elected by jurisdictional conferences and those
1254 of their surviving spouses and dependent children shall include the benefits provided by the
1255 Ministerial Pension Plan, amended and restated effective January 1, 2007, as the Clergy
1256 Retirement Security Program, and the Comprehensive Protection Plan of the Division on~~General~~
1257 ~~Board of Pension and Health Benefits of the CRO~~...

1258 ...9. Episcopal Group Health Care Plan— CRO~~General Council on Finance and Administration~~
1259 shall sponsor or participate in a group health care plan that covers bishops elected by
1260 jurisdictional conferences, in the United States. For the purpose of this paragraph, group health
1261 care plan shall mean a health insurance plan, group health care plan, or multiple-employer health
1262 care plan that provides benefits for major medical and hospitalization expenses. The
1263 CRO~~General Council on Finance and Administration~~ may recommend additional eligibility for
1264 the group health care plan in its discretion. In addition, the Council of Bishops shall develop and
1265 maintain health and wellness programs for bishops. Moreover, annually, the CRO~~General~~

1266 ~~Council on Finance and Administration~~ shall ensure that~~submit~~ Episcopal health plan data is
1267 submitted, de-identified as necessary, including, but not limited to, financial soundness, claims
1268 experience and other cost drivers, plan designs and coverage, and eligibility criteria to the
1269 Division on~~General Board of~~ Pension and Health Benefits of the CRO.

1270 10. Episcopal Retiree Health Care Access—The CRO~~General Council on Finance and~~
1271 ~~Administration~~ shall respect the health and wholeness of retired bishops in the United States and
1272 their spouses by facilitating access to Medicare supplement plans and prescription drug coverage
1273 plans. Access for retirees and their spouses may include, but shall not be limited to...

1274 ... (vi) providing fixed dollar retiree health benefits. On or before December 31, 2008, the
1275 CRO~~General Council on Finance and Administration~~ must file~~submit~~ a generally accepted
1276 financial valuation, such as in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No.

1277 106, as amended, of its projected medical liabilities for the retired population covered by the
1278 Episcopal Group Health Care Plan with ~~to~~ the Division on~~General Board of~~ Pension and Health
1279 Benefits of the CRO, and must submit a similar report biennially thereafter. CRO must have on

1280 file~~On or before December 31, 2010, the General Council on Finance and Administration must~~
1281 ~~create~~ a plan to address the funding requirements of its projected future medical liabilities for the
1282 population covered by the Episcopal Group Health Care Plan. CRO must also have on record

1283 documentation of~~On or before December 31, 2008, the General Council on Finance and~~
1284 ~~Administration shall document in writing~~ its policy regarding the portability of retiree health care
1285 eligibility, coverage, cost-sharing, and benefits and communicate the policy to new and current

1286 bishops in the United States...

1287 ... 11. Bishops Whose Service Is Interrupted—...

1288 ... Beginning ninety days after such notification, the said bishop shall receive at least the
1289 minimum regular pension allowance of a retired bishop; the amount of such benefit for which the
1290 Episcopal Fund is responsible shall be reduced by the amount of any disability benefit payable
1291 from the Comprehensive Protection Plan of the ~~Division on General Board~~ of Pension and Health
1292 Benefits of the CRO. Such pension allowance shall continue until the regular duties of an
1293 effective bishop are resumed or until the bishop's status shall have been determined by the
1294 jurisdictional conference...

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1296 FINANCIAL APPEALS BEYOND THE GENERAL FUNDS

1297 ¶ ~~918~~ 818. Special Churchwide Financial Appeals—...

1298 ...2. Any general center, commission, cause, agency, or institution or any organization, group,
1299 officer, or individual of The United Methodist Church or to which The United Methodist Church
1300 contributes financial support desiring or proposing to make a special churchwide financial appeal
1301 during the quadrennium shall present a request for authorization to make such appeal to the
1302 ~~Center for Resourcing and Operations~~ General Council on Finance and Administration at the time
1303 budgets for the ensuing quadrennium are being considered. All such appeals shall be reviewed
1304 by the ~~Coordinating Council~~ Connectional Table, and its actions shall be reported to the
1305 ~~CRO~~ General Council on Finance and Administration. The ~~CRO~~ council shall then report such
1306 request to the General Conference with a recommendation for its action thereon.

1307 3. In the interim between the quadrennial sessions of the General Conference, such proposed
1308 churchwide financial appeal shall require the approval of the ~~CRO~~ General Council on Finance
1309 ~~and Administration~~, the Coordinating Council ~~Connectional Table~~ and the Council of Bishops. In

1310 case of emergency, the executive committee of these bodies may act in such matter for the body
1311 itself, but only by a three-fourths vote...

1312 ...5. Any individual or agency authorized to make a churchwide appeal for funds shall channel
1313 all gifts through the CRO~~General Council on Finance and Administration~~.

1314 6. The CRO~~General Council on Finance and Administration~~ may withhold payment of the
1315 allocation from any general fund to any agency or institution that it finds to be in violation of the
1316 provisions of this paragraph.

1317

1318 ¶ ~~919~~ ¶ 849. World Service Specials—1. World Service Specials are official programs within The
1319 United Methodist Church through which support may be designated for projects approved by the
1320 General Conference and in the interim by the Center for Resourcing and Operations~~General~~
1321 ~~Council on Finance and Administration~~ and the Coordinating Council~~Connectional Table~~.

1322 2. A World Service Special donation is a designated financial contribution made by an
1323 individual, local church, organization, district, or annual conference to a project authorized as a
1324 World Service Special project. All general agencies, centers~~boards~~ and commissions (see ¶ 910.2
1325 ¶ ~~810.2~~) except those units of the Center for Global Mission~~General Board of Global Ministries~~
1326 authorized to receive general Advance Specials are authorized to recommend World Service
1327 Special projects for approval, provided the project is specifically related to one or more of the
1328 Disciplinary functions of the recommending agency.

1329 3. General guidelines governing the types of projects that may be recommended as World
1330 Service Special projects shall be approved by the General Conference on recommendation of the
1331 Coordinating Council~~Connectional Table~~ and the CRO~~General Council on Finance and~~
1332 ~~Administration~~.

1333 4. The World Service Specials program shall be under the administrative supervision of the
1334 ~~CRO General Council on Finance and Administration~~, and programmatic supervision of the
1335 ~~Coordinating Council~~~~Connectional Table~~, which jointly shall...

1336 ...6. Local church treasurers shall remit World Service Special donations in full to annual
1337 conference treasurers, who shall remit each month to the ~~CRO General Council on Finance and~~
1338 ~~Administration~~ the total amounts received during the month as World Service Specials. The
1339 ~~CRO Council~~ shall remit such funds in full to the administering agencies, which shall
1340 acknowledge the receipt of every donation to the donor or the local church.

1341 7. General promotion of this program, for purposes of name identification and visibility, shall be
1342 the responsibility of the ~~Division on Communication of the CRO General Commission on~~
1343 ~~Communication~~.

1344 8. Specific cultivation of approved projects shall be done by the administering agencies to
1345 specific audiences that have demonstrated their interest and concern for the ministry contained in
1346 the approved project. Expenses for specific cultivation shall be borne by the administering
1347 agencies. No promotional or cultivation expenses shall be paid from World Service Special
1348 receipts. Such expenses shall not exceed amounts approved by the ~~CRO General Council on~~
1349 ~~Finance and Administration~~ under guidelines approved by the General Conference.

1350
1351 ¶ 920 ¶ 820 General Directives, World Service Specials, and One Great Hour of Sharing—...

1352 ...2. The treasurer of the ~~CRO General Council on Finance and Administration~~ shall be treasurer
1353 of World Service Specials and One Great Hour of Sharing.

1354 3. Promotional expenses for World Service Specials shall be borne by the respective
1355 participating agencies in proportion to the amount received by each in World Service Specials.

1356 The causes of World Service Specials shall be coordinated with other financial appeals and shall
1357 be promoted by the Division on Communication of the CRO~~General Commission on~~
1358 ~~Communication~~.

1359 4. The appeals for World Service Specials shall be channeled through bishops, district
1360 superintendents, and pastors. Details of the procedure shall be determined by the Division on
1361 Communication of the CRO~~General Commission on Communication~~ in consultation with
1362 representatives of the recipient agencies or entities.

1363 5. In each annual conference, World Service Specials and One Great Hour of Sharing shall be
1364 promoted by the appropriate conference agency with the appropriate general agency and the
1365 Division on Communication of the CRO~~General Commission on Communication~~.

1366 6. Should a clear emergency arise or an appropriate outreach opportunity emerge requiring
1367 urgent response between sessions of the General Conference, any feature of the structure and
1368 administration of World Service Specials may be altered on the approval of a majority of the
1369 Council of Bishops and of the CRO~~General Council on Finance and Administration~~ in
1370 consultation with the Coordinating Council~~Connectional Table~~. The executive committee of each
1371 of these bodies may act in such matter for the body itself, but only by a three-fourths vote.

1372

1373 ¶ 921¶821. The Advance—...

1374 ...2.c) Rather than being given to a specific project, an Advance Special Gift will~~may~~ be given
1375 to ~~the following designated program units of the~~ Center for Global Mission for distribution
1376 ~~General Board of Global Ministries: Evangelization and Church Growth Program Area,~~
1377 ~~Community and Institutional Ministries Program Area, Mission Contexts and Relationships~~
1378 ~~Program Area, Mission Personnel Program Area, and United Methodist Committee on Relief...~~

1379 ...3.b) Funds shall be solicited or received only for authorized projects. Programs and
1380 institutions having general Advance Special projects shall promote only the projects approved
1381 and shall ask that gifts be remitted in the manner described in ¶ ~~921.4~~ 821.4 below...

1382 ...4. Receipts for general Advance Specials shall be remitted by the local church treasurer to the
1383 conference treasurer, who shall make remittance each month to the participating agencies in a
1384 manner determined by the treasurer of the CRO~~General Council on Finance and Administration~~.
1385 Individuals may remit directly to respective program units in a manner determined by the
1386 treasurer of the CRO~~General Council on Finance and Administration~~, with these remittances
1387 reported to the annual conference treasurer by the respective program units.

1388

1389 ¶ ~~922~~ 822. General Directives, Advance Specials—...

1390 ...2. The treasurer of the CRO~~General Council on Finance and Administration~~ shall be treasurer
1391 of the Advance. The treasury function for the Advance is performed by the treasurer of the
1392 Center for Global Mission~~General Board of Global Ministries~~ on behalf of the CRO~~General~~
1393 ~~Council on Finance and Administration~~.

1394 3. Promotional expenses for Advance Specials shall be borne by the respective participating units
1395 in proportion to the amount received by each in Advance Specials. The causes of the Advance
1396 shall be coordinated with other financial appeals and shall be promoted by the Division on
1397 Communication of the CRO~~General Commission on Communication~~.

1398 4. The appeal for Advance Specials shall be channeled through bishops, district superintendents,
1399 and pastors. Details of the procedure shall be determined by the Division on Communication of
1400 the CRO~~General Commission on Communication~~ in consultation with the designated unit of the
1401 Center for Global Mission~~General Board of Global Ministries~~ and the Advance Committee.

1402 5. In each annual conference the conference board of global ministries (if any; see ¶ 633), in
1403 cooperation with the Center for Global Mission ~~General Board of Global Ministries~~, shall promote
1404 Advance Specials through conference and district secretaries of global ministries, conference and
1405 district mission events, and other effective means as it may determine.

1406 6. Should a clear emergency arise, any feature of the structure and administration of the Advance
1407 may be altered on the approval of a majority of the Council of Bishops and of the CRO ~~General
1408 Council on Finance and Administration~~ in consultation with the Advance Committee.

1409
1410 ¶ 923 ~~¶ 823~~ General Church Special Sunday Offerings—...

1411 ...1. Human Relations Day— ...The observance shall be under the general supervision of the
1412 Center for Global Mission ~~General Board of Global Ministries~~ and the Center for Justice,
1413 Reconciliation and Witness ~~General Board of Church and Society~~. In connection with Human
1414 Relations Day, the Division on Communication of the CRO ~~General Commission on
1415 Communication~~ shall conduct a churchwide appeal. The treasurer of the CRO ~~General Council on
1416 Finance and Administration~~ shall allocate net receipts, after payment of promotional expenses
1417 (see ¶ 263.1). Funds shall be administered by the agencies under which approved programs are
1418 lodged.

1419 2. One Great Hour of Sharing— ...The observance shall be under the general supervision of the
1420 United Methodist Committee on Relief, Center for Global Mission ~~General Board of Global
1421 Ministries (¶ 1327.2)~~, in accordance with the following directives:

1422 a) All local churches shall be fully informed and encouraged to receive a freewill offering
1423 in behalf of the relief program.

1424 b) Insofar as possible, planning and promotion of One Great Hour of Sharing shall be done
1425 cooperatively with other denominations through the National Council of the Churches of Christ
1426 in the U.S.A. Offering receipts shall be administered by The United Methodist Church. In
1427 connection with One Great Hour of Sharing, the Division on Communication of the CRO~~General~~
1428 ~~Commission on Communication~~ shall conduct a churchwide appeal. The treasurer of the
1429 CRO~~General Council on Finance and Administration~~ shall allocate net receipts after payment of
1430 promotional expenses. Funds shall be administered by the agency under which approved
1431 programs are lodged.

1432 3. United Methodist Student Day— ... The observance shall be under the general supervision of
1433 the Center for Global Mission~~General Board of Higher Education and Ministry~~. In connection
1434 with United Methodist Student Day, the Division on Communication of the CRO~~General~~
1435 ~~Commission on Communication~~ shall conduct a churchwide appeal. The treasurer of the
1436 CRO~~General Council on Finance and Administration~~ shall allocate net receipts, after payment of
1437 promotional expenses. Funds shall be administered by the agency under which approved
1438 programs are lodged.

1439 4. World Communion Sunday— ... In connection with World Communion Sunday, the Division
1440 on Communication of the CRO~~General Commission on Communication~~ shall conduct a
1441 churchwide appeal according to the following directives:

1442 a) Each local church shall be requested to remit as provided in ¶ 923.8~~823.8~~ all of the
1443 communion offering received on World Communion Sunday and such portion of the communion
1444 offering received at other observances of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper as the local church
1445 may designate.

1446 b) The treasurer of the ~~CRO~~General Council on Finance and Administration shall allocate
1447 net receipts, after payment of promotional expenses, to be divided as follows: 50 percent Crusade
1448 Scholarships; 35 percent Ethnic Scholarship Program, and 15 percent Ethnic In-Service Training
1449 Program. Funds shall be administered by the Center for Global Mission~~General Board of Global~~
1450 ~~Ministries and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry~~, in consultation with various
1451 ethnic groups (§ 263.3).

1452 5. Peace with Justice Sunday— ...The observance shall be under the general supervision of the
1453 Center for Justice, Reconciliation and Witness~~General Board of Church and Society~~. In
1454 connection with Peace with Justice Sunday, the Division on Communication of the CRO~~General~~
1455 ~~Commission on Communication~~ shall conduct a churchwide appeal...

1456 ...b) The annual conference treasurer shall remit the remaining 50 percent of the monies to
1457 the ~~CRO~~General Council on Finance and Administration.

1458 c) The treasurer of the ~~CRO~~General Council on Finance and Administration shall allocate
1459 net receipts, after payment of the promotional expenses, to the Center for Justice, Reconciliation
1460 and Witness~~General Board of Church and Society~~ under which approved programs are lodged.

1461 6. Native American Ministries Sunday— ...The purpose shall be to develop and strengthen
1462 Native American ministries in the annual conferences and in target cities of the Native American
1463 Urban Initiative of the Center for Global Mission~~General Board of Global Ministries~~, and to
1464 provide scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology (§
1465 263.6). The observance shall be under the general supervision of the Center for Global
1466 Mission~~General Board of Global Ministries and the General Board of Higher Education and~~
1467 ~~Ministry~~. In connection with Native American Ministries Sunday, the Division on
1468 Communication of the CRO~~General Commission on Communication~~ shall conduct a churchwide

1469 appeal. The treasurer of the ~~CROGeneral Council on Finance and Administration~~ shall allocate
1470 net receipts, after payment of promotional expenses. Funds shall be administered by the agencies
1471 under which approved projects are lodged.

1472 7. The Division on Communication of the CRO~~General Commission on Communication~~ shall
1473 promote all authorized churchwide special Sundays with offerings in consultation with
1474 participating agencies, centers and commissions. Promotional expenses for each offering shall be
1475 a prior claim against the receipts of the offering promoted. In each case, such expenses shall be
1476 within a budget approved by the ~~CROGeneral Council on Finance and Administration~~ upon
1477 recommendation of the Division on Communication of the CRO~~General Commission on~~
1478 ~~Communication~~ after consultation with participating agencies. In the promotion of these
1479 offerings, the spiritual implications of Christian stewardship shall be emphasized.

1480 8. Receipts from all authorized churchwide special Sunday offerings shall be remitted promptly
1481 by the local church treasurer to the annual conference treasurer, who shall remit monthly to the
1482 treasurer of the ~~CROGeneral Council on Finance and Administration~~. A special-gift voucher for
1483 contributions to the offerings will be issued when appropriate. Local churches shall report the
1484 amount of the offerings in the manner indicated on the annual conference report form.

1485

1486 Division on Pension and Health Benefits

1487 ¶ 924¶ 1504. Establishment—1. a) There shall be a Division of General Board of Pension and
1488 Health Benefits of the Center for Resourcing and Operations of The United Methodist Church,
1489 ~~hereinafter called the general board~~, having the general supervision and administration of the
1490 support, relief, and assistance and pensioning of clergy of this denomination, lay workers of the
1491 various units of the Church, and their families.

1492 b) The Division of Pension and Health Benefits~~general board~~ shall be the successor to the
1493 General Board of Pensions and the General Board of Pensions and Health Benefits of The United
1494 Methodist Church, the Board of Pensions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, and the
1495 General Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church.

1496 2. The Division of Pension and Health Benefits~~general board~~ shall report to the CRO, which has
1497 the~~have~~ authority to establish, maintain, and discontinue the location of its headquarters office
1498 and such auxiliary offices as it shall deem proper and advisable.

1499 3. All issues related to pension and health benefits~~The general board~~ shall report by the CRO to
1500 ~~and be amenable to~~ the General Conference.

1501

1502 ¶ 925¶ 1502¶ The Division on Pension and Health Benefits of the Center for Resourcing and
1503 Operations shall provide the facilitate the goals and responsibilities of the CRO through the work
1504 of the following committees:

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1506 *Delete ¶ 1502.1-1502.4a and edit as follows:*

1507 a)b) Committee on Audit and Review—A committee on audit and review shall be elected
1508 by the CRO~~general board~~. At least one half of the members of this committee shall not be
1509 members of the CRO~~general board~~. The committee on audit and review shall be responsible for
1510 reviewing the financial audits and related policies of the CRO~~general board~~ and its constituent
1511 legal entities.

1512 b)e) Committee on Appeals—A committee on appeals shall be elected by the CRO~~general~~
1513 ~~board~~. The committee on appeals shall hear appeals from participants in the funds, plans, and

1514 programs administered by the CRO~~general board~~. Decisions of the committee on appeals shall be
1515 final and not reviewed by the full CRO~~general board~~.

1516 c)d) Other Committees—The CRO~~general board~~ shall have the authority to establish, from
1517 time to time, such other standing committees or special committees as provided in its bylaws.

1518 d)e) Committee Membership—The CRO~~general board~~ shall elect the membership of its
1519 standing committees in accordance with its bylaws. The membership of any special committees
1520 shall be selected in accordance with the resolution establishing such special committee.

1521 f) Committee Members at Large—~~The general board shall have the authority to elect~~
1522 ~~additional members to its committees, not to exceed one half of the committee membership, for~~
1523 ~~the purpose of bringing to those committees special knowledge or background. These committee~~
1524 ~~members at large shall have full voice and vote on the committee, but they shall have voice, but~~
1525 ~~not voting privileges, on the general board.~~

1526

1527 ¶ ~~926~~ ¶ 1503. Legal Entities—1. Subject to the continuing control and direction of the General
1528 Conference of The United Methodist Church as set forth from time to time in the Discipline and
1529 the CRO, the Division on Pension and Health Benefits of the Center for Resourcing and
1530 Operations ~~general board~~ is authorized and empowered to cause the operations of the General
1531 Board of Pension and Health Benefits to be carried on and the general authorizations defined in ¶
1532 ~~927~~ ¶ 1504 to be achieved in such manner, through or by means of such agencies or
1533 instrumentalities, and by use of such procedures as the CRO~~general board~~ may from time to time
1534 determine to be necessary, advisable, or appropriate, with full power and authority in the
1535 premises to take all such action and to do all such other acts and things as may be required or

1536 found to be advisable. In particular, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the
1537 general board is authorized and empowered, for the purposes of this paragraph:

1538 a) Upon permission of the CRO and on its behalf, ~~To~~ use, manage, operate, and otherwise
1539 utilize all property and assets of every kind, character, and description of any corporation(s)
1540 created by the general board pursuant to ~~¶ 926.2¶ 1503.2~~ below, as well as all income from such
1541 property and assets and the avails thereof, all with liability or obligation to account for such
1542 property and assets, the use thereof, the income there from, and avails thereof only to the General
1543 Conference of The United Methodist Church.

1544 b) To cause a corporation(s) created by the ~~CROgeneral board~~ pursuant to ~~¶ 926.2¶ 1503.2~~
1545 to take all such action and to do all such things as the ~~CROgeneral board~~ may deem necessary or
1546 advisable to carry out the intent and purposes of this paragraph. The governing body of said
1547 corporation(s) from time to time shall take all action that the ~~CROgeneral board~~ deems necessary
1548 or advisable to carry out the intent and purpose of this paragraph, unless local law would require
1549 such governing bodies to make independent decisions with respect to particular actions.

1550 2. The ~~CROgeneral board~~ is authorized and empowered in its discretion at any time it may deem
1551 such action to be desirable or convenient to create corporations or other legal entities through
1552 which it shall fulfill its responsibilities described hereunder.

1553 a) The ~~CROgeneral board~~ is authorized and empowered in its discretion to cause its
1554 general operations regarding pension and health benefits to be conducted through The Division
1555 of Pensions and Health Benefits~~a corporation, the name of which shall be the General Board of~~
1556 ~~Pension and Health Benefits of The United Methodist Church, Incorporated in Illinois.~~

1557 b) ~~The general board is authorized and empowered in its discretion to cause its general~~
1558 ~~trust operations to be conducted through a corporation, the name of which shall be the General~~

1559 ~~Board of Pension and Health Benefits of The United Methodist Church, Incorporated in~~
1560 ~~Missouri.~~

1561 b)e) If the CROgeneral board creates and directs more than one legal entity to do the work
1562 of meeting its fiduciary responsibilities in relation to pension and health benefits of the United
1563 Methodist Church, it is authorized and empowered at its discretion at any time it may deem such
1564 action desirable or convenient to take action in the name of said legal entities to surrender the
1565 charter or charters of one or several or all of said legal entities or to merge, consolidate, or
1566 affiliate such corporations, or any of them, in compliance with appropriate state or federal laws.

1567 c)d) The governing bodies of such legal entities shall be determined by the CROgeneral
1568 board in conformance with applicable local law. A majority of the members of the governing
1569 bodies shall be elected from the membership of the general board.

1570 d)e) The legal entities created under this paragraph are agencies or instrumentalities
1571 through which the denomination known as The United Methodist Church provides benefits,
1572 investment services, and other services outlined in ¶ 927¶ 1504 below in the name of the
1573 Division on General Board of Pension and Health Benefits.

1574

1575 ¶ 927¶ 1504. Authorizations—The Division on Pension and Health Benefits of the Center for
1576 Resourcing and OperationsGeneral Board of Pension and Health Benefits is authorized and
1577 empowered, on the CRO's behalf, to provide administrative, trust, and investment support to The
1578 United Methodist Church and its constituent ~~boards,~~ agencies, centers, commissions,
1579 conferences, organizations, and other institutions in their efforts to provide support, relief, and
1580 assistance, and pension, welfare, and other benefits for clergy of this denomination, lay workers
1581 of the various units of the Church, and their families. Subject to the provisions of ¶ 2506 herein

1582 the ~~CROgeneral board~~ shall perform its duties and responsibilities in the spirit of the Church's
1583 mandate for inclusiveness and racial and social justice. In particular, and without limiting the
1584 generality of the foregoing, the ~~CROgeneral board~~, directly or through any entity created by it, is
1585 authorized and empowered:

1586 1. ... (b) the Staff Retirement Benefits Program, amended and restated effective January 1, 2007,
1587 as the Retirement Security Program for General Agencies, Centers and Commissions of The
1588 United Methodist Church; and (c) the Comprehensive Protection Plan. The provisions of these
1589 mandatory benefit programs shall be incorporated by reference into the Discipline and shall have
1590 the full force of law as if printed in the Discipline. No proposal shall be made to the General
1591 Conference that changes a benefit presently in effect without first securing through the
1592 ~~CROGeneral Board of Pension and Health Benefits~~ an actuarial opinion concerning the cost and
1593 other related aspects of the proposed change.

1594 2. To create, amend, operate, manage, administer, and terminate nonmandatory relief, assistance,
1595 and benefit funds, plans, products, and programs for interested members, conferences, local
1596 churches, ~~boards~~, agencies, centers, commissions, institutions, and other affiliated units of The
1597 United Methodist Church...

1598 ... 8.b) The ~~CROgeneral board~~ shall have authority to determine the pension responsibility of
1599 each annual conference, in accordance with the principle of divided annuity responsibility, and to
1600 collect from each annual conference, as determined on the basis of their respective pension
1601 programs, the amount required by the clearinghouse to provide the pension benefits related
1602 thereto...

1603 c) The ~~CROgeneral board~~ is authorized and empowered to make all the rules concerning
1604 details that may be necessary for the operation of the clearinghouse...

1605 9. ...The ~~CROgeneral board~~ shall report annually the details of transactions under this provision.
1606 The ~~CROgeneral board~~ shall be entitled to recover the cost of performing such services...
1607 ...11. To order and direct that the income from the General Endowment Fund for Conference
1608 Claimants (formerly known as the General Endowment Fund for Superannuates of The
1609 Methodist Episcopal Church, South) held by the ~~CROGeneral Board of Pension and Health~~
1610 ~~Benefits~~ of The United Methodist Church, Incorporated in Missouri, shall be distributed on
1611 account of service of conference claimants rendered in an annual conference of The United
1612 Methodist Church; provided, however, that such distribution shall be restricted to annual
1613 conferences that, directly or through their predecessor annual conferences, participated in raising
1614 this fund, in proportion to the number of approved years of annuity responsibility of each annual
1615 conference as shall be determined by the ~~CROGeneral Board of Pension and Health Benefits~~...
1616 ...15. To receive, hold, manage, merge, consolidate, administer, invest, and reinvest all
1617 connectional relief, support, and benefit funds. The ~~CROgeneral board~~ is encouraged to invest in
1618 institutions, companies, corporations, or funds that make a positive contribution toward the
1619 realization of the goals outlined in the Social Principles of the Church, subject to other provisions
1620 of the Discipline, and with due regard to any and all special contracts, agreements, and laws
1621 applicable thereto...
1622 ...16. ...The ~~CROgeneral board~~ is encouraged to invest in institutions, companies, corporations,
1623 or funds that make a positive contribution toward the realization of the goals outlined in the
1624 Social Principles of the Church; provided, however, that at no time shall any part of the principal
1625 of the endowment funds be appropriated by the general board for any other purpose...
1626 ...18. To collect, receive, and administer such gifts, devises, and bequests, and other funds as
1627 may be specifically designated for the ~~CROgeneral board~~ or any constituent corporation of the

1628 ~~CROgeneral board~~ by donors, subject to the rules, regulations, and policies of the ~~CROgeneral~~
1629 ~~board~~ with respect thereto. All undesignated gifts, devises, bequests, and donations shall be
1630 collected, received, and administered under the direction of the ~~CROgeneral board~~.

1631 19. To charge the various trusts, funds, plans, and programs for which it is responsible an
1632 administrative fee for its general services and to charge reasonable and appropriate transactional
1633 fees for specific services provided to a unit of the Church or to a participant or beneficiary. The
1634 ~~CROgeneral board~~ shall not use for operational or administrative purposes moneys allocated
1635 from any of the general Church funds of The United Methodist Church...

1636 ...21. To support the health as wholeness of the clergy and lay workers of the denomination, and
1637 thereby mitigate the frequency and duration of disability and incapacity, by collecting, analyzing,
1638 and disseminating the group health care plan data and health and wellness program information
1639 submitted by annual conferences, the General Council on Finance and Administration for
1640 bishops, and general agencies, centers and commissions. The ~~CROGeneral Board of Pension and~~
1641 ~~Health Benefits~~ shall use the collected group health care plan data and health and wellness
1642 program information to (a) establish denomination-wide benchmarks and standards;...

1643 ... (f) recommend health and wellness strategies and guidelines for annual conferences, the
1644 ~~CROGeneral Council on Finance and Administration~~ for bishops in the United States, and
1645 general agencies, centers and commissions.

1646 22. To cause its operations to be carried on and the objectives defined above to be achieved in
1647 such manner by use of such procedures as the ~~CROgeneral board~~ may from time to time
1648 determine to be necessary, advisable, or appropriate, with full power and authority in the
1649 premises to take all such action and to do all such other acts and things as may be required or
1650 found to be advisable.

1651
1652 ¶ ~~928~~ 1505. General Agency, Center and Commission Pension Credit—Pension for service
1653 approved for pension credit by an agency of The United Methodist Church receiving financial
1654 support from the general Church funds shall be provided by the employing agency, center or
1655 commission in uniformity with that provided by other agencies under one of the pension funds,
1656 plans, or programs administered by the CRO~~General Board of Pension and Health Benefits~~ of
1657 The United Methodist Church; provided, however, that where service has been rendered in two
1658 or more agencies, the total pension benefit shall be calculated as if all such service had been with
1659 one agency, and the final agency shall provide any additional pension benefits necessary to
1660 accomplish this; furthermore...

1661

1662 ANNUAL CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATION

1663 ¶ ~~929~~ 1506. Powers, Duties, and Responsibilities of Annual Conferences—
1664 ...3. a) (3) under appointment beyond the local church to an institution, organization, or
1665 agency that in the judgment of the annual conference rendered to it some form of service, direct
1666 or indirect, sufficient to warrant pension credit, or to a community church, or as a conference-
1667 approved evangelist; provided, however, that such institution, organization, agency, community
1668 church, or evangelist accepts and pays such apportionments as the conference may require, with
1669 the recommendation that this apportionment shall be not less than twelve times the annuity rate
1670 of the conference; and provided further, that pension related to such service may be arranged
1671 through one of the pension funds or plans administered by the CRO~~General Board of Pension~~
1672 ~~and Health Benefits~~;

1673 ...4. a) (2) That this person not be attending school as a regular student except as
1674 provided in ~~¶ 929.3a~~ ~~¶ 1506.3a(4)~~;...

1675 ...4. i) (2) one-half percent per month for each month of difference between the assumed
1676 date at which forty years of service under appointment would have been completed and the
1677 actual date the actuarially reduced pension or annuity rate increase is to commence under ¶
1678 358.2b. Effective at the close of the 1988 General Conference, if retirement is granted in
1679 accordance with ¶ 358.2e, the actuarially reduced pension shall be calculated from the deferred
1680 retirement date. Such actuarially reduced pension shall be calculated by the ~~CRO General Board~~
1681 ~~of Pension and Health Benefits~~ and allocated pro rata to the annual conference or conferences
1682 that are charged with the pension responsibility. {See Judicial Council Decision 428.}...

1683 ...7. The annual conference shall review annually the annuity rate for service rendered in the
1684 annual conference prior to January 1, 1982, for the purpose of adjusting the rate as appropriate,
1685 taking into account changes in economic conditions. Such annuity rate may remain the same or
1686 be increased without restriction. It is recommended that such rate be not less than 1 percent of
1687 the average compensation of the conference as computed by the ~~CRO General Board of Pension~~
1688 ~~and Health Benefits~~. However, for plan years beginning after December 31, 1998, in no case
1689 may the annuity rate be less than eight-tenths of one percent of the average compensation of the
1690 conference. The annuity rate for approved service of local pastors shall also be determined by the
1691 conference each year and shall be the same as the rate for service of clergy members in full
1692 connection, provisional members, and associate members...

1693 ...8. b) be approved annually by the annual conference, following the receipt and
1694 inclusion of a written opinion from the ~~CRO General Board of Pension and Health Benefits~~, and

1695 c) be published along with the written opinion of the ~~CROGeneral Board of Pension and~~
1696 ~~Health Benefits~~ in the journal of the annual conference. In addition, the ~~CROGeneral Board of~~
1697 ~~Pension and Health Benefits~~ shall present a quadrennial report to General Conference concerning
1698 the long-term pension and retiree medical liability of the denomination. In order to assist the
1699 ~~CROGeneral Board of Pension and Health Benefits~~ in the preparation of this report, each annual
1700 conference shall provide to the ~~CROGeneral Board of Pension and Health Benefits~~ information
1701 periodically requested by the ~~CROGeneral Board of Pension and Health Benefits~~ concerning the
1702 long-term pension and retiree medical obligations of the particular annual conference.

1703 9. Persons who have served full-time appointments beyond the local church under endorsement
1704 by the Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries are eligible for pension support for those
1705 years of service so served for which no other pension is provided. Such pension support shall be
1706 in accordance with the Chaplains Supplemental Pension Grant Fund or the Ministerial Pension
1707 Plan, amended and restated effective January 1, 2007, as the Clergy Retirement Security
1708 Program, under arrangements agreed to by the ~~Center for Global MissionGeneral Board of~~
1709 ~~Higher Education and Ministry~~ through its Division on Chaplains and Related Ministries and the
1710 ~~CROGeneral Board of Pension and Health Benefits~~...

1711 ...11. Pension for service approved for pension credit by an annual conference shall be provided
1712 by the annual conference under one of the pension funds, plans, or programs administered by the
1713 ~~CROGeneral Board of Pension and Health Benefits~~ of The United Methodist Church...

1714 ...13. c) It shall not be permissible for any conference or permanent fund organization
1715 thereof to deprive its beneficiaries who are beneficiaries in other conferences of the privilege of
1716 sharing in the distribution of the earned income of such funds through the clearinghouse
1717 administered by the ~~CROGeneral Board of Pension and Health Benefits~~...

1718 ...d) (2) If a clergyperson is participating in one of the pension funds, plans, or programs
1719 administered by the ~~CRO General Board of Pension and Health Benefits~~, that individual shall not
1720 be required by the conference or by an organization thereof related to the support of beneficiaries
1721 to make any other contribution for pension purposes...

1722 ...15. a) ... If pension begins prior to the age at which retirement under ¶ 358.2c could have
1723 occurred, then the provisions of ~~¶ 929.4i~~ ~~¶ 1506.4i~~ shall apply.

1724 b) ...If pension begins prior to the age at which retirement under ¶ 356.2c could have
1725 occurred, then the provisions of ~~¶ 929.4i~~ ~~¶ 1506.4i~~ shall apply...

1726 ...d) ...If pension begins prior to the age at which retirement under ¶ 356.2c could have
1727 occurred, then the provisions of ~~¶ 929.4i~~ ~~¶ 1506.4i~~ shall apply.

1728 16. The responsibility for providing pension on account of service rendered prior to January 1,
1729 1982, in a missionary conference, provisional annual conference, or former mission within the
1730 United States or Puerto Rico that has been approved for pension credit shall rest jointly with: (a)
1731 the missionary conference, provisional annual conference, or former mission concerned, (b) ~~the~~
1732 ~~General Board of Pension and Health Benefits~~ with funds provided by the ~~CRO General Council~~
1733 ~~on Finance and Administration~~, and (c) the ~~Center for Global Mission~~ ~~General Board of Global~~
1734 ~~Ministries~~. The revenue for pension purposes covering such service shall be provided by the
1735 aforesaid parties in accordance with such plan or plans as may be mutually agreed to by them.

1736 17. A clergyperson who has been granted the retired relation in a central conference or an
1737 affiliated autonomous church shall be entitled to a pension from a conference or conferences in
1738 the United States or Puerto Rico for the years of approved service rendered therein upon
1739 attainment of the required age or the completion of the required years of approved service. Such
1740 clergyperson shall notify the ~~CRO General Board of Pension and Health Benefits~~ upon his or her

1741 retirement. The ~~CRO~~General Board of Pension and Health Benefits shall certify the years of
1742 approved service to each annual conference concerned. Payments due thereunder shall be
1743 collected from the conference concerned and forwarded to the claimant by the ~~CRO~~General
1744 Board of Pension and Health Benefits in such manner as it may deem most expedient and
1745 economical.

1746 18. ... Nothing in this paragraph shall be understood as preventing an annual, missionary, or
1747 provisional conference from raising part or all of the annual contributions for the pension
1748 program of its pastors or the Comprehensive Protection Plan by an apportionment to the
1749 churches of the conference and remitting payments to the ~~CRO~~General Board of Pension and
1750 Health Benefits on behalf of all the pastors covered; there is no time limit on this provision...

1751 ...21. The annual conference board of pensions, in consultation with the ~~CRO~~General Board of
1752 Pension and Health Benefits, shall have the responsibility to enroll clergy of the annual
1753 conference in the Ministerial Pension Plan and the Comprehensive Protection Plan in accordance
1754 with the provisions of such plans...

1755 ...23. Each annual conference's board of pensions or other agency authorized by the annual
1756 conference shall submit, annually, its group health care plan data, de-identified as necessary,
1757 including, but not limited to, financial soundness, claims experience and other cost drivers, plan
1758 designs and coverage, and eligibility criteria to the ~~CRO~~General Board of Pension and Health
1759 Benefits.

1760 24. On or before December 31, 2008, each annual conference's board of pensions or other
1761 agency authorized by the annual conference must submit a generally accepted financial
1762 valuation, such as in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 106, as
1763 amended, of its projected medical liabilities for its population covered by its employer retiree

1764 health care plan to the ~~CRO~~General Board of Pension and Health Benefits, and must submit a
1765 similar report biennially thereafter...

1766 ...26. On or before December 31, 2008, each annual conference shall document in writing its
1767 policy regarding the portability of retiree health care eligibility, coverage, cost-sharing, and
1768 benefits and communicate the policy to its clergy and lay employees and incoming clergy and
1769 lay employees from other annual conferences, ~~or~~ general agencies, centers or commissions...

1770

1771 ¶ ~~930~~ ~~1507~~. Financing Pension and Benefit Programs—...

1772 ...1. The conference board of pensions shall compute the amount to be apportioned annually to
1773 meet the requirements of the pension and benefit programs of the conference.

1774 2. After consultation with the conference board of pensions, the conference council on finance
1775 and administration shall report to the annual conference the amounts computed by the conference
1776 board of pensions that are required to meet the needs of the pension, benefit, and relief programs
1777 of the conference...

1778 ...4. The conference board of pensions may accumulate a fund from the income for pension
1779 purposes in order to stabilize the pension program of the conference. {See Judicial Council
1780 Decision 50.}

1781

1782 ¶ ~~931~~ ~~1508~~. Policies Related to Conflict of Interest and Investment Management—...

1783 ...1. A member of the conference board of pensions connected or interested in any way with the
1784 securities, real estate, or other forms of investment sold to or purchased from such funds, or with
1785 an insurance program or a contract under consideration by the conference board of pensions,

1786 shall be ineligible to participate in the deliberation of the investment committee or of the
1787 conference board of pensions or to vote in connection therewith.

1788 2. ...No investment shall be purchased from or sold to any member of the conference board of
1789 pensions or any member of the family of a member of the conference board of pensions...

1790 ...6. An annual conference agency handling such funds shall not offer higher rates of annuity
1791 than those listed in the annuity schedule approved by the CRO~~General Board of Pension and~~
1792 ~~Health Benefits~~...

1793 ...9. b) The conference board of pensions, through the conference council on finance and
1794 administration, shall provide a fidelity bond in suitable amount for all persons handling its funds.

1795
1796 ¶ ~~932~~ ¶ 1509. Joint Distributing Committees—1. Authorizations—Whenever two or more annual
1797 or provisional annual conferences are to be merged... such distribution to be made within twelve
1798 months of the date of the dissolution of the committee as provided in ¶ ~~932.3d~~ ¶ ~~1509.3d~~; (c) to
1799 the extent not otherwise previously provided for by the conference or conferences involved, to
1800 apportion or distribute equitably any other assets or property and any other liabilities or
1801 obligations...

1802 ...2. Organization—The committee shall be convened by the general secretary of the
1803 CRO~~General Board of Pension and Health Benefits~~, or by some other officer of the CRO~~at board~~
1804 designated by the general secretary in writing, and shall elect from its membership a chairperson,
1805 a vice chairperson, and a secretary.

1806 3. Powers, Duties, and Responsibilities— ...b) The committee shall keep complete minutes of its
1807 transactions, and a copy thereof shall be filed with the secretary of each annual conference
1808 involved and with the CRO~~General Board of Pension and Health Benefits~~...

1809 ...d) The committee, having completed its work in connection with the merger or mergers
1810 for which it was organized and having filed copies of its findings and actions with the secretaries
1811 of the conferences involved for publication in the respective conference journals, and with the
1812 ~~CRO General Board of Pension and Health Benefits~~, shall be dissolved; subject, however, to
1813 recall by the general secretary of the ~~CRO General Board of Pension and Health Benefits~~ in the
1814 event of the discovery and presentation to the ~~CRO general board~~ of data substantially at variance
1815 with those previously submitted, for the purpose of reviewing such data and possible revision of
1816 its previous actions.

1817 4. Whenever a single annual conference or provisional annual conference is to be divided into
1818 two or more conferences, the provisions of ~~¶ 932¶ 1509~~ shall be applied, provided the
1819 distributing committee members of each resulting conference shall be named subsequent to the
1820 effective date of the division and no later than the first regular annual session of such
1821 conferences.

1822

1823 Division on Communication

1824 ~~¶ 933¶ 1804~~. As United Methodists, our theological understanding obligates us, as members of
1825 the body of Christ, to communicate our faith by speaking and listening to persons both within
1826 and outside the Church throughout the world, and to utilize all appropriate means of
1827 communication.

1828 The responsibility to communicate is laid upon every church member, every pastor, every
1829 congregation, every annual conference, every institution, and every agency, center and
1830 commission of the Church. Within this total responsibility, there are certain functions that the
1831 General Conference has assigned to the Division on~~General Commission on~~ Communication of

1832 the Center for Resourcing and Operations, to be performed in behalf of all through the talents
1833 and resources at its command.

1834

1835 ¶ 934¶ 1802. Name—There shall be a Division~~General Commission~~ on Communication of the
1836 Center for Resourcing and Operations of The United Methodist Church, which for
1837 communication and public relations purposes may be designated as United Methodist
1838 Communications (UMCom).

1839

1840 ¶ 935¶ 1803. Incorporation—The Division~~General Commission~~ on Communication of the CRO
1841 is successor to the Joint Committee on Communications, incorporated in the State of Ohio, and
1842 shall be authorized to do business as United Methodist Communications (UMCom). It is
1843 authorized to create such other corporate substructures as the commission deems appropriate to
1844 carry out its functions.

1845

1846 ¶ 936¶ 1804. Amenability and Accountability—The Division~~General Commission~~ on
1847 Communication shall be amenable to the CRO and to General Conference. As an
1848 ~~administrative part of one of the general program agency centers, that~~ is division carries
1849 significant program functions in addition to its many service and support responsibilities, the
1850 Diivision on Communication~~seommission~~ shall be accountable to, report to, and be evaluated by
1851 the CRO and shall coordinate with the Coordinating Council~~Connectional Table~~ in program
1852 matters ~~and shall be accountable to and report to the General Council on Finance and~~
1853 ~~Administration in financial matters.~~

1854

1855 ¶ 937¶ 1805. Purpose— The ~~Division~~General Commission on Communication shall lead the
1856 Church in communication. It shall meet the communication, public relations, and marketing
1857 needs of the entire Church, reflecting the cultural and racial diversity within The United
1858 Methodist Church. It shall provide communication resources and services to local churches and
1859 annual conferences. It shall have a consultative relationship with all general agencies, centers
1860 and commissions of the Church and with any structures for communication and public relations
1861 at the central conference, jurisdictional, episcopal area, annual conference, district, or local
1862 church level.

1863
1864 ¶ 938¶ 1806. Responsibilities—Specific responsibilities and functions of the ~~Division~~General
1865 Commission on Communication and its staff are as follows:

1866 1. It shall be the official newsgathering and distributing agency for The United Methodist Church
1867 and its general agencies, centers and commissions. In discharging its responsibilities, in keeping
1868 with the historic freedom of the press, it shall operate with editorial freedom as an independent
1869 news bureau serving all segments of church life and society, making available to both religious
1870 and public news media information concerning the Church at large.

1871 2. It shall have major responsibility on behalf of The United Methodist Church in the United
1872 States to relate to the public media in presenting the Christian faith and work of the Church to the
1873 general public through broadcast, the press, and multimedia. It may develop such structures for
1874 broadcast and multimedia communication purposes as are deemed helpful to the Church in its
1875 witness through the media. It shall unify and coordinate public media messages and programs of
1876 United Methodist general agencies, centers and commissions.

1877 3. It shall give special attention to television, including broadcast television, cable, videotape,
1878 videodisc, and satellite. It shall provide counsel and resources to annual conferences—and
1879 through conferences, to districts and local churches—to develop and strengthen their television
1880 ministries. Responsibilities of the ~~division~~commission shall include program production and
1881 placement, and relationships to commercial broadcasters at the national level in the United
1882 States...

1883 ...8. It shall oversee a comprehensive communication system for the Church, providing a total
1884 view of communication structure and practices, including telecommunications. It shall create
1885 networks of communicators at all levels, including local church, district, conference, jurisdiction,
1886 and general church. These networks may include periodic consultations for such purposes as idea
1887 exchange, information sharing, joint planning, and monitoring and evaluating the total Church's
1888 communication enterprises. With respect to the use of computers for communication purposes,
1889 the agency shall ~~answer to~~cooperate with the ~~CRO~~General Council on Finance and
1890 ~~Administration~~...

1891 ...10. (c) training experiences for bishops, personnel of general Church agencies, centers,
1892 commissions and other groups on request; (d) providing and facilitating apprenticeship,
1893 internship, and scholarship programs for church communicators; and (e) counseling schools of
1894 theology and other institutions of higher education about the training of faculty, candidates for
1895 the ordained ministry, and laypersons in the principles and skills of communication, media
1896 resource development, and media evaluation.

1897 11. It shall determine and implement, after ~~approval~~consultation with ~~by~~ the ~~CRO~~General
1898 ~~Council on Finance and Administration~~, policy for the marketing of all financial causes
1899 demanding churchwide promotion or publicity...

1900 12. It shall be the central agency marketing throughout the Church the following general Church
1901 funds: ...In the marketing of these causes, this agency shall consult with and is encouraged to
1902 use content material provided by the program agency responsible for the area and with the
1903 agency responsible for the administration of the funds. Budgets for the above funds shall be
1904 developed ~~through~~in cooperation with the CRO~~General Council on Finance and Administration.~~
1905 In cases where the General Conference assigns a portion of the marketing responsibility to some
1906 other agency, center or commission, such marketing work shall be subject to coordination by the
1907 Division~~General Commission~~ on Communication. The cost of marketing the funds, as set in the
1908 approved marketing budget, shall be a charge against receipts, except that the cost of marketing
1909 general Advance Specials shall be billed to the recipient agencies in proportion to the amount of
1910 general Advance Special funds received by each (§ 922.3), and the cost of marketing World
1911 Service Special Gifts shall be borne by administering agencies (§ 919.6). The administration of
1912 the money thus set aside for marketing shall be the responsibility of the CRO~~General~~
1913 ~~Commission on Communication.~~
1914 13. It shall undertake the marketing of any cause or undertaking, financial or otherwise, not
1915 herein mentioned demanding churchwide promotion or publicity, provided such action is
1916 approved by the Council of Bishops, the Coordinating Council and the CRO~~General Council on~~
1917 ~~Finance and Administration~~, or their respective executive committees. The CRO~~General Council~~
1918 ~~on Finance and Administration~~ shall determine the source of the funding for any such authorized
1919 promotions.
1920 14. Appeals for giving that are made to United Methodists shall be consistent with the aims of
1921 Christian stewardship. The CRO~~General Commission on Communication~~ and the Center for
1922 congregational Development~~General Board of Discipleship~~ will cooperate in order that programs

1923 and resource materials of the two program agencies Centers may be in harmony in their
1924 presentation of Chris-tian stewardship...

1925 ...20. It shall produce materials for program interpretation in cooperation with the Coordinating
1926 Council~~Connectional Table~~ and the general program ~~boards~~agencies, centers and commissions,
1927 including the official program calendar of the denomination.

1928 21. ~~The General Commission on Communication~~ shall be charged with planning and
1929 implementation of the official United Methodist presence on and use of the Internet, the World
1930 Wide Web, or other computer services that can connect United Methodist conferences, agencies,
1931 and local churches with one another and with the larger world.

1932 22. It shall supervise the use of the official United Methodist insignia and preserve the integrity
1933 of its design, in cooperation with the Division on Communication of the CRO. It shall maintain
1934 appropriate registration to protect the insignia on behalf of the denomination. The insignia may
1935 be used by any official United Methodist agency, including local churches, to identify United
1936 Methodist work, programs, and materials. In order to preserve the integrity of its design, the
1937 insignia should not be altered or modified by those official United Methodist organizations that
1938 use it. Any commercial use of the design must be explicitly authorized in writing by an
1939 appropriate officer of the CRO.

1940 23. It shall supervise the use of the name “United Methodist” and maintain the appropriate
1941 registrations of this name on behalf of the denomination.

1942 24. It shall, under the guidance of the CRO, provide direction and coordination in the design and
1943 implementation of operating systems in order to maximize the efficiency of operating personnel,
1944 equipment, and resources between and within agencies, centers and commissions. During the
1945 quadrennium, these agencies shall study their respective responsibilities, programs, and internal

1946 operations and institute such improvements and economies in their work as they find to be
1947 feasible and practicable. They shall cooperate with the CRO in working out, in advance of these
1948 studies, the general areas to be included and methods of carrying out this objective. They shall
1949 report their accomplishments in improvements and economies to the CRO before the close of the
1950 third fiscal year of each quadrennium, at a time determined by the CRO, which shall prepare
1951 from this information a combined report for the General Conference.

1952 25. It shall provide guidance and consultation and to encourage general agency participation in
1953 the United Methodist Information Technology Association. The CRO may provide such staff and
1954 in-kind services to the association as it deems appropriate.

1955

1956 ***Delete ¶ 1807.1 to 1807.4, Renumber and Amend ¶ 1807.5 as follows:***

1957 ~~¶ 939~~ ¶ 1807.5. Staff—The Center for Resourcing and Operationseommission shall oversee all of
1958 the staffing needs of its Division on Communicationselect annually a general secretary upon
1959 nomination by the executive committee or a nominating committee and shall elect such deputy
1960 general secretaries as needed, and it shall provide for election or appointment of other staff. The
1961 general secretary of the CRO shall cooperate with the Coordinating CouncilConnectional Table
1962 for program services and with the general secretary of the General Council on Finance and
1963 Administration for financial services.

1964

1965 ***Delete ¶ 1808***

1966 ***Renumber ¶¶ 1101-1127, ¶¶ 1201-1212 to ¶¶ 1001-1042, delete ¶ 1421 and edit as follows:***

1967 Section IV. Center for Congregational Development

1968

1969 ¶ 1001-101. Purpose—1. There shall be a Center for Congregational Development, hereafter
1970 referred to as the CCD General Board of Discipleship, the purpose of which is found within the
1971 expression of the total mission of the Church. Its primary purpose shall be to assist ~~annual~~
1972 ~~conferences, districts, and~~ local churches of all membership sizes, districts and annual
1973 conferences in their efforts in making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the
1974 world. to win persons to Jesus Christ as his disciples and to Recognizing that the basic unit of
1975 strength and vitality within the annual conference is the local congregation, the CCD's primary
1976 focus is to help congregational participants these persons to grow in their understandings of
1977 God, so that they may respond in faith and love to God's call of discipleship in their lives. To
1978 this end, the CCD will help in the development of cooperative and connectional patterns of
1979 ministry so that the unified strength and vitality of local congregations and other units of the
1980 church can respond effectively to the needs of their community, region and world with ministries
1981 of compassion, nurture, advocacy and justice. , to the end that they may know who they are and
1982 what their human situation means, increasingly identifying themselves as children of God and
1983 members of the Christian community, to live in the Spirit of God in every relationship, to fulfill
1984 their common discipleship in the world, and to abide in the Christian hope.

1985 2. The CCD board shall use its resources to enhance the meaning of membership as defined in ¶¶
1986 216-220, which emphasizes the importance of the identification of church membership with
1987 discipleship to Jesus Christ. The CCD board shall seek to enable congregations to carry out the
1988 their primary mission of the church task and shall provide resources that support growth in
1989 Christian discipleship and leadership. In doing its work, the CCD board shall listen to the needs
1990 and requests of the Church, conduct research, design and produce resources, offer training, and
1991 deliver resources. All of this is to support congregations in their primary task of reaching out and

1992 welcoming ~~receiving~~ all who will respond, encouraging people in their relationship with God and
1993 inviting them to commitment to God's love made known in Jesus Christ, providing opportunities
1994 for them to be nurtured and formed in the Christian faith, and supporting them to live lovingly
1995 and justly in the power of the Holy Spirit as faithful disciples. The CCD-board, through all
1996 activities, shall lead and assist congregations in becoming inclusive communities of growing
1997 Christians, celebrating and communicating to persons of every age, racial and ethnic
1998 background, and social condition the redeeming and reconciling love of God as revealed in Jesus
1999 Christ.

2000

2001 ¶ ~~1002-1102~~. Responsibilities—All the responsibilities assigned to the units and divisions within
2002 the CCD board shall be considered to be the responsibilities of the CCD board. In addition to
2003 these, the CCD board shall have authority to:

2004 1. Provide for special publications directed toward the local church nurture, outreach, witness
2005 ministries, age-level and family ministries, ministry group representatives, the ministry group
2006 chairpersons, the pastor, and the other local church officers for whom the CCD board has
2007 primary responsibility...

2008 ...3. Provide systems of resources and support to users of resources that will assist people in the
2009 historic disciplines of the Church, i.e., Christian education, evangelism, lay ministries, spiritual
2010 growth, stewardship, outreach and worship. These resources will address ministry concerns
2011 across children, youth, and adult ages and family groupings and across programmatic and
2012 administrative functions of the congregation in order to improve ministry and the quality of
2013 Christian leadership for the future ministry of the Church.

2014 4. Develop and provide programs, resources, training and consultation for annual conferences
2015 and their Boards of Ordained Ministry. These programs and resources will be designed to
2016 provide and facilitate leadership development and growth for potential candidates for the
2017 ordained ministry, diaconal ministry and local pastorate.

2018 5.4. Develop and provide resources, training, and consultation for pastors of congregations. These
2019 resources will that focus on equipping pastors for their spiritual and visioning leadership role
2020 with their congregations and their role as partners with the laity.

2021 6. Develop and provide programs, resources, training and consultation for annual conferences
2022 and their Boards of Laity and/or lay leadership/ministry programs. These programs and resources
2023 will be designed to provide and facilitate leadership development and growth for laity leadership
2024 programs that include, but are not limited to lay speaking and service on annual conference and
2025 general church boards, agencies, centers and commissions. Any resources developed to facilitate
2026 lay leadership on another general church board, agency, center or commission will be done in
2027 consultation with that appropriate group.

2028 7.5. Develop and provide resources, training, and consultation for pastors and congregational
2029 leaders as they enhance and evaluate the ministries of the laity and initiate new forms of ministry
2030 that nurture faith, build Christian community, and equip people for ministry in daily life.

2031 8.6. Provide resources and training that will assist annual conference leaders in building,
2032 improving, and sustaining systems that develop spiritual leaders for congregations.

2033 9.7. Provide resources and training that will assist leaders in planning and administering
2034 comprehensive children, youth, young-adult, adult, and older-adult ministries that encourage
2035 lifelong learning and growth in faith, that strengthen understanding of God and relationship with
2036 God and other people, and that lead to spiritual growthmaturity in faith and in practice.

2037 ~~10.8~~. Provide representation in ecumenical and interdenominational agencies as they relate to the
2038 work of the board.

2039 ~~11.9~~. Respond to requests and needs for ministries throughout the world, in consultation with
2040 conferences and appropriate agencies.

2041 ~~12.10~~. Engage in research, experimentation, innovation, and the testing and evaluation of
2042 programs, resources, and methods to discover more effective ways to help persons achieve the
2043 purpose set forth in ¶~~1001-1101~~. This responsibility will include authority for experimentation
2044 and research in all areas of ministry assigned to the Center for Congregational Development
2045 ~~General Board of Discipleship~~ and will encourage cooperation with other agencies in the conduct
2046 of such research and experimentation. This research and experimentation may be assigned to
2047 appropriate units within the CCD board.

2048 ~~13.11~~. Ensure that ethnic local church concerns shall be an integral part of the total life of the
2049 board, providing guidance, resourcing, and training so that these concerns are incorporated in all
2050 areas of discipleship in the local church.

2051
2052 ¶~~1003-1103~~. The CCD Oversight Board board shall provide such bylaws as necessary to
2053 facilitate the work of the CCD board, which shall not violate any provisions of the Discipline and
2054 which may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting thereon at a
2055 regular or special meeting; provided that written notice to such amendment has been given to the
2056 members and the vote thereon shall be delayed at least one day. The CCD Oversight Board board
2057 shall have the power and right to do any and all things that shall be authorized by its charter(s)
2058 and by The Book of Discipline. It shall have authority to develop and carry out its
2059 responsibilities as described in ¶~~1002-1102~~; to buy, acquire, or receive by gift, devise, or bequest

2060 property—real, personal, and mixed; to hold, mortgage, sell, and dispose of property; to sue and
2061 be sued; to borrow money in case of necessity in a manner harmonious with ¶¶ 806-807; to
2062 develop and maintain ecumenical relations to carry out its responsibilities; and to administer its
2063 affairs through the board and its various units, divisions and committees.

2064

2065 ¶1004 ~~1104~~. Incorporation—1. The Center for Congregational Development ~~General Board of~~
2066 ~~Discipleship~~ shall be a corporation existing under the laws of Tennessee and shall be the legal
2067 successor and successor in trust of the corporations known as the General Board of Evangelism
2068 of The United Methodist Church and the General Board of Laity of The United Methodist
2069 Church, The General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church and it shall further
2070 be responsible for the performance of the functions previously conducted by the Commission on
2071 Worship of The United Methodist Church, the Division of the Local Church, the Division of
2072 Curriculum Resources of the General Board of Education of The United Methodist Church, and
2073 the Division of Ordained Ministry of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

2074 2. The Center for Congregational Development ~~General Board of Discipleship~~ is authorized to
2075 take such action as is appropriate under the corporation laws of Tennessee so as to accomplish
2076 the end result stated above, and under which the Center for Congregational Development
2077 ~~General Board of Discipleship~~ shall be one legal entity.

2078 3. The divisions of the General Board of Education were not incorporated separately; it is the
2079 intent, however, that responsibility for the functions delegated to the divisions by prior
2080 legislative action be transferred consistent with the separation of the divisions between the
2081 Center for Congregational Development ~~General Board of Discipleship~~ and the Center for
2082 Global Mission ~~General Board of Higher Education and Ministry~~. In the division of the assets of

2083 the General Board of Education and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, it is
2084 the intent that all assets be used in keeping with the original intent and purpose for which they
2085 were established or acquired, and so be assigned as appropriate to the Center for Congregational
2086 Development ~~General Board of Discipleship~~ and the Center for Global Mission ~~Higher~~
2087 ~~Education and Ministry~~, respectively. It is further intended that the annuities, bequests, trusts,
2088 and estates formerly held by the General Board of Education and the General Board of Higher
2089 Education and Ministry be used for the benefit and use of the Center for Congregational
2090 Development ~~General Board of Discipleship~~ and the Center for Global Mission ~~Higher~~
2091 ~~Education and Ministry~~, (in accord with their purposes as defined in the Discipline), respectively,
2092 as their interests may appear, and that real estate titles be authorized to be conveyed as
2093 appropriate and apportioned where indicated.

2094 4. In the event that the intent of the original donor of existing annuities, bequests, trusts, and
2095 estates cannot clearly be determined in relation to the interests of the two boards, such assets
2096 shall be divided equally between the two centers ~~boards~~.

2097 5. It is further intended that should additional assets accrue to the former General Board of
2098 Education and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry by reason of annuities,
2099 bequests, trusts, and estates not now known and where the intent of the donor can be clearly
2100 ascertained, the assets shall be used in keeping with the original intent and purpose for which
2101 they were established or acquired and so be assigned as appropriate to the Center for
2102 Congregational Development ~~General Board of Discipleship~~ and the Center for Global Mission
2103 ~~Higher Education and Ministry~~, respectively.

2104 6. It is further intended that should additional assets accrue to the former General Board of
2105 Education and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry by reason of annuities,

2106 bequests, trusts, and estates not now known and where the intent of the original donor cannot be
2107 clearly determined in relation to the interests of the two centers boards, such assets shall be
2108 divided equally between the two centers boards.

2109 7. The spiritual formation responsibilities of the CCD general board as described in ¶1015 ~~445~~
2110 may be carried out primarily by its subsidiary The Upper Room, incorporated in the State of
2111 Tennessee as a nonprofit, charitable organization that relates to the CCD GBOD and whose
2112 board members are elected by the CCD GBOD. The Upper Room is authorized, subject to ¶1008
2113 ~~448~~, to establish long-range investments and engage in fundraising that shall guarantee, insofar
2114 as possible, a continuous flow of financial resources for the development of devotional literature,
2115 programs, and experiences.

2116 8. The president of the CCD Oversight Board, the general secretary, and the treasurer shall have
2117 the power to execute on behalf of the CCD board legal paper such as conveyances of real estate,
2118 releases on mortgages, transfer of securities, contracts, and all other legal documents.

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2120 ¶1005 ~~445~~. Organization—1. The CCD Oversight Board shall consist of thirty three ~~fifty eight~~
2121 members constituted in accordance with ¶ 705.4 ~~¶705.3~~ and shall be organized as specified in its
2122 bylaws and in accord with ¶¶ 702-710 of the General Provisions. ~~It shall be organized to~~
2123 ~~accomplish its work through elected officers as prescribed in ¶ 708.~~

2124 a) ~~Jurisdictional members, clergy, laywomen, and laymen shall be elected to the board by~~
2125 ~~the jurisdictional and central conferences upon nomination from the annual conference in~~
2126 ~~accordance with ¶ 705.3a based on the following formula: North Central—6, Northeastern—7,~~
2127 ~~South Central—10, Southeastern—11, and Western—2.~~

2128 ~~b) Central Conference Members—A members from each central conference shall be~~
2129 ~~elected to the board on nomination by the Council of Bishops, according to the provisions in ¶~~
2130 ~~705.4c.~~

2131 ~~e) Episcopal Members—Six episcopal members, including at least one from the central~~
2132 ~~conferences, shall be named by the Council of Bishops.~~

2133 ~~d) Division on Ministries With Young People—Three members selected by the Division~~
2134 ~~on Ministries With Young People.~~

2135 ~~e) Additional Members—(1) United Methodist—Additional members are nominated by a~~
2136 ~~committee composed of three persons from each jurisdiction (one clergy, one laywoman, and~~
2137 ~~one layman) elected by the jurisdictional conference. They shall elect up to three six additional~~
2138 ~~members to ensure inclusivity and expertise. (2) It is recommended that the board elect at least~~
2139 ~~one of the additional members without vote, from among the other churches of the Churches~~
2140 ~~Uniting in Christ.~~

2141 2. The CCD Oversight Bboard may elect an executive committee and establish such rules as
2142 necessary for the carrying out of its duties. At least oOne of the executive committee members
2143 shall be from the Division on Ministries With Young People and at least two of its members
2144 shall be from the Central Conferences.

2145 3. The CCD Oversight Bboard shall determine and establish the appropriate organization of the
2146 CCD board and its staff, and it may create or discontinue as deemed necessary divisions,
2147 sections, committees, task forces, and consultations in order to carry out the regular or special
2148 duties of the CCD board.

2149 4. Adequate provisions shall be made in its organizational structure for all responsibilities
2150 assigned to the CCD~~board~~. These organizational units or divisions shall be amenable to and
2151 report regularly to the CCD Oversight B~~board~~ and its executive committee.

2152 5. Meetings of the CCD Oversight Board will be carried out in the most effective and efficient
2153 manner possible. While recognizing that the growing worldwide nature of our denomination
2154 makes face-to-face meetings more financially problematic, we also recognize that the bonds of
2155 our connectional nature and fellowship also flourish best when we are together in time and
2156 location. Therefore, the CCD Oversight Board in consultation with the Center for Resourcing
2157 and Operations will think creatively to ensure that we hold at least one face-to-face meeting
2158 annually and utilize our creativity and the latest in technology and communications resources to
2159 meet in ways and at times that are caring and inclusive toward all of its members.

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2161 ¶~~1006~~ 1006. Organizational Units—The organizational units or divisions shall be organized by
2162 the CCD Oversight B~~board~~ so as to fulfill the objectives and the responsibilities assigned to them
2163 within the mandate of the board (see ¶~~1004.3~~ 1004.3). The basic organization of these units shall
2164 be as follows:

2165 1. Membership—The units shall be composed of CCD Oversight B~~board~~ members as provided
2166 in ¶ 705. In order to provide for unit members with special knowledge and experience, the CCD
2167 Oversight B~~board~~ shall have authority to invite special guests or consultants to come and/or
2168 participate in specific meetings ~~elect members at large to the units on nomination of the units and~~
2169 ~~in accord with ¶ 705.~~

2170 2. Meetings—The units or divisions shall meet in conjunction with the meetings of the CCD
2171 Oversight B~~board~~, when possible. Special meetings may be called in a manner prescribed by the

2172 CCD Oversight Board. The presence of one-third of the members of a unit or division shall
2173 constitute a quorum.

2174 3. Officers—Each unit or division shall have a chairperson, elected by the CCD Oversight
2175 Board; such vice chairpersons as necessary; and a recording secretary, elected by the unit.

2176 4. Executive Committee—Each unit or division may elect an executive committee and establish
2177 such rules as necessary for the carrying out of its duties.

2178 5. Unit or Division Staff—The administrative officer of each unit shall be elected by the CCD
2179 Oversight Board and shall sit with the unit and all its regular committees. In all of these
2180 relationships, he or she shall have the right of the floor without the power to vote. All other staff
2181 persons are to be elected or appointed in a manner prescribed by the CCD Oversight Board (§
2182 714).

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2184 ~~§1107~~ 4407. Financial Support—1. The financial support of the CCD and its Oversight Board
2185 shall be determined as follows: the General Conference shall determine and provide the budget
2186 for the CCD board in accord with procedures defined in ~~§ 907~~ § 806.

2187 2. The CCD Oversight Board shall have authority to receive and administer funds, gifts, or
2188 bequests that may be committed to it for any portion of its work and to solicit, establish, and
2189 administer any special funds that may be found necessary for the carrying out of its plans and
2190 policies in accordance with ~~§ 912.3~~ § 811.3. In the investment of any funds, the CCD Oversight
2191 Board shall adhere to the specific investment guidelines adopted by the General Conference.

2192 3. When special missions are conducted or special projects are undertaken by the CCD board,
2193 offerings and contributions may be received toward defraying expenses.

2194 4. In the discharge of its responsibility for Christian education in The United Methodist Church,
2195 the CCD board may establish and provide for participation by church school groups in a fund (or
2196 funds) for missions and Christian education for use throughout our worldwide church in the
2197 ~~United States and overseas~~. Plans for the allocation of, administration of, and education for this
2198 fund(s) shall be developed cooperatively by such means as the board shall determine in
2199 consultation with the Center for Global Mission~~General Board of Global Ministries~~.

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2201 ¶~~1008~~ 4108. Financial Relationship of The Upper Room to the Center for Congregational
2202 Development~~General Board of Discipleship~~—1. The funds for the fulfillment of the
2203 responsibilities of The Upper Room shall be derived from sales of resources, gifts, devises,
2204 bequests, annuities, events, and funds raised from subscribers, customers, foundations, and other
2205 limited groups of faithful subscribers, supporters, and interested parties (as defined in ¶918.1~~¶~~
2206 ~~818.1~~).

2207 2. No funds, property, or other investments either now in hand or hereafter accumulated by The
2208 Upper Room or other devotional and related literature hereafter produced by The Upper Room
2209 shall be used for the support of other features of the ~~CCD board~~'s work, but all funds from the
2210 sale of such publications shall be conserved by the board for the purpose of preparing and
2211 circulating such literature and cultivating the devotional life; provided, however, that this shall
2212 not prevent the setting up of a reserve fund out of such income as a protection against unforeseen
2213 emergencies.

2214 3. Administrative support services are provided to The Upper Room by the CCDGBOD on a
2215 reimbursable basis. As a subsidiary of the CCDGBOD, The Upper Room participates in the
2216 general church pension and benefits programs and receives administrative, financial, and

2217 personnel-related services from the Center for Resourcing and Operations~~GCFA~~ to the same
2218 extent as the CCDGBOD.

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2220 ¶~~1009~~ ~~1109~~. Christian Education—1. The CCD Oversight B~~b~~oard shall have general oversight of
2221 the educational interests of the Church as directed by the General Conference. The CCD
2222 Oversight B~~b~~oard shall be responsible for the development of a clear statement of the biblical
2223 and theological foundations of Christian education, consistent with the doctrines of The United
2224 Methodist Church, its mission and the mission of the CCD~~b~~oard. The CCD Oversight B~~b~~oard
2225 shall devote itself to strengthening and extending the teaching ministry of the Church through
2226 research; testing new approaches, methods, and resources; evaluation; and consultation.

2227 2. Through the ministry of Christian education, United Methodist congregations shall reach out
2228 to people of all ages as they are, encourage them to commit themselves to Christ and
2229 membership in his church, provide opportunities for them to grow in faith and to connect that
2230 faith with their daily lives, and equip them to live as God's people in love and service to the
2231 world. Opportunities for Christian education shall include educational aspects of all the general
2232 areas and interests of the denomination, such as evangelism, stewardship, missions, Christian
2233 social action, and Bible instruction. The ministry of Christian education shall be developed as a
2234 comprehensive, unified, and coordinated program for children, youth, adults, and families in
2235 local churches. It shall be promoted and administered by the CCD Oversight B~~b~~oard in
2236 cooperation with those agencies responsible for Christian education in jurisdictions, annual
2237 conferences, districts, and local churches. It shall give careful consideration to the needs of all
2238 churches, such as small and large membership churches, rural and urban settings, and ethnic
2239 populations.

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2241 ¶1010 ~~HHH~~. Education Responsibilities and Standards—The CCD~~board~~ shall organize as may
2242 be necessary for carrying on the educational ministry throughout the whole life span of persons.

2243 The CCD~~board~~ shall:

2244 1. Formulate and interpret the philosophy of Christian education based on biblical, theological,
2245 and educational foundations (consistent with the Doctrinal Standards, ~~and~~ General Rules, and
2246 Social Principles of The United Methodist Church, ¶ 103) as they relate to the church school and
2247 related activities;...

2248 ...2. Develop educational approaches in a variety of settings that appeal to persons of different
2249 ages, abilities, lifestyles, learning needs, and theological perspectives...

2250 ...11. ~~Cooperate with the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry as they d~~Develop
2251 standards for certifying professional ministry careers as provided in ¶ 1421.2c and promote the
2252 continuing growth of local church staff related to educational ministries...

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2254 ¶1011 ~~HHH~~. Cooperation—1. The CCD~~board~~ shall cooperate with other ~~general boards, and~~
2255 centers, agencies and commissions in the promotion of stewardship, evangelism, worship,
2256 missions, education, and social action, and in the evaluation of these ministries from the
2257 perspective of sound educational procedures.

2258 2. The CCD and its Oversight B~~board~~, in cooperation with the Center for Global Mission~~General~~
2259 ~~Board of Global Ministries~~, shall be responsible for developing a unified program of mission
2260 education for all age groups in the local church. The mission education program shall include
2261 provisions for the following:

2262 a) Linking emerging philosophies of mission and of education through information flow
2263 and cooperative work of the respective staffs and centers~~boards~~;

2264 ...i) Cooperating with the Center for Global Mission~~General Board of Higher Education~~
2265 ~~and Ministry and the General Board of Global Ministries~~ in providing an emphasis on mission
2266 education in the schools of theology through United Methodist courses on history, polity, and
2267 doctrine now required for candidates considering ordination or consecration.

2268 3. The board shall have authority to cooperate with other agencies, centers and commissions of
2269 the Church, with defined organizations, and with ecumenical agencies to promote the ministry of
2270 Christian education.

2271 4. The board is authorized to cooperate with the Center for Global Mission~~General Board of~~
2272 ~~Global Ministries~~ in the planning and execution of programs for the strengthening and
2273 development of the town and country, urban, and ethnic local church ministries of The United
2274 Methodist Church and of interdenominational cooperation in these fields.

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2276 ¶1012 ~~442~~. Evangelism— CCD and its Oversight Bboard understands that shall have general
2277 ~~oversight of the evangelism ministries are an integral part of all of the ministries of The United~~
2278 Methodist Church and . ~~of the Church as directed by the General Conference. Evangelism is~~
2279 central to its ~~the mission. of the Church.~~ Evangelism is defined in the Book of Discipline, ¶ 630.1
2280 and as such, the CCD will strive to always keep our public witness and evangelistic nature at the
2281 forefront of our work.

2282 The CCD~~board~~ shall share the blessing of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ with people of all
2283 age groupings and the various racial and ethnic cultures by the ~~development~~, promotion, and
2284 support of all phases of evangelism throughout The United Methodist Church.

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¶1013 443. Evangelism Responsibilities—In response to God’s love in Jesus Christ, the ~~CCD~~board shall participate in the ~~have~~ general ~~oversight of the~~ evangelism ministries of The United Methodist Church by the envisioning and developing of resources and by training and consultation in various settings. The ~~CCD~~board shall:

1. Set forth an adequate biblical and theological basis and understanding for the personal, corporate, and social holiness aspects of evangelism, consistent with the doctrine, mission and tradition of The United Methodist Church, and it shall communicate and interpret the same to the membership of the Church through its focus areas, materials and resources...
- ...4. Cooperate with other program agencies, centers and commissions of the Church in supporting and equipping both clergy and laity at all levels in involvement in evangelism, church growth, and new congregational development...
- ...7. Set standards for elders desiring to serve as general evangelists. The ~~CCD~~board shall send copies of these standards quadrennially to the bishops, district superintendents, conference boards of discipleship, and general evangelists. An elder who feels called by God to be a general evangelist should prepare definitely for such service under the guidance of the annual conference to which that person belongs...
- ~~...9. Seek mutual cooperation among and with the seminaries of the Church and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry in the training and nurturing of persons for ministry and in continuing education where the responsibilities intersect...~~
- ...11. Participate in and cooperate with the work of the Curriculum Resources Committee of the ~~CCD~~board for the inclusion of evangelism concepts and resources in local church study curriculum...

2308 ...13. Work with the Center for Global Mission~~General Board of Global Ministries~~ for the
2309 extension of the Church. To this end there shall be a Joint Committee on Congregational
2310 Development with equal representation of members from the CCD~~General Board of Discipleship~~
2311 and the Center for Global Mission~~General Board of Global Ministries~~, which shall meet
2312 regularly for mutual learning, developing strategies for Church extension, and providing
2313 resources and assistance to conferences and districts in the field of new congregational
2314 development and congregational revitalization.

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2316 ¶1014 ~~1114~~. Worship Responsibilities—The CCD~~board~~ shall: 1. Set forth and interpret the
2317 biblical and theological basis for corporate worship with people of all age groupings, abilities
2318 and the various racial and ethnic cultures through resources, programs, and training materials
2319 consistent with the doctrines and mission of The United Methodist Church, and cultivate the
2320 fullest possible meaning in the corporate worship celebrations of the Church to the glory of God,
2321 including liturgy, preaching, the sacraments, music, related arts, and the observance of the
2322 liturgical seasons of the Christian Year...

2323 ...5. Work with other ~~North American~~ Christian denominations through the Consultation on
2324 Common Texts in the continuing development of a common calendar and lectionary, and
2325 encourage the voluntary use of the Revised Common Lectionary and resources based upon it...

2326 ...10. Participate in and cooperate with the Curriculum Resources Committee of the CCD~~board~~
2327 for the inclusion of worship concepts and resources in local church study curriculum...

2328 ...15. Develop performance standards for associates, directors, and ministers of music ~~in~~
2329 ~~cooperation with the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, and cooperate with the~~
2330 ~~General Board of Higher Education and Ministry in the development of standards and~~

2331 requirements for their certification of directors, associates, and ministers of music as provided in
2332 ¶ 1405.6.

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2334 ¶1015 ~~1115~~. Stewardship Responsibilities—1. To interpret the biblical and theological basis for
2335 stewardship through programs, resources, and training materials for people of all ages consistent
2336 with the doctrines and mission of The United Methodist Church.

2337 2. To provide education, counsel, resourcing, and training for the local church stewardship
2338 ministry group chairperson, commission on stewardship, board of trustees, endowment and
2339 permanent fund committees, wills and estate planning committees, memorial committees,
2340 committee on finance, committee on finance chairperson, financial secretaries, and treasurers,
2341 and to develop program resources and training materials for use with and by the above-named
2342 persons and/or groups (see ¶907.130~~¶807.17~~). Matters relating to procedures involving official
2343 records, forms, and reporting of statistical and financial information shall be the responsibility of
2344 the Center for Resourcing and Operations ~~General Council on Finance and Administration~~...

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2346 ***Rename ¶1116 as ¶1016***

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2348 ¶ 1017~~1117~~. Ministry of the Laity—The CDPA and its Oversight Board shall interpret and
2349 spread through the Church all the rich meanings of the universal priesthood of believers, of
2350 Christian vocation, and of the ministry of the laity in daily life.

2351 The United Methodist Church has the responsibility of training and enabling the laos—the whole
2352 body of its membership—to enter into mission and to minister and witness in the name of Jesus
2353 Christ, the Head of the Church. Although all units of the Church have some responsibility for

2354 this imperative, the Center for Congregational Development~~General Board of Discipleship~~ has a
2355 primary preeminent responsibility in that it is charged with helping congregations to developing
2356 discipleship. To this end, the CCD~~board~~ shall:...

2357 ...8. Initiate a process of coordination and collaboration in developing a comprehensive
2358 approach to leadership development and training within all program areas for which the
2359 CCD~~General Board of Discipleship~~ has responsibility...

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2361 ¶~~1018~~ 4418. Christian Discipleship Formation Responsibilities—The CCD~~board~~ shall interpret
2362 and promote group ministries in local congregations in order to support the formation of
2363 Christian disciples focused on the transformation of the world.

2364 1. Small Group Ministries—Recognizing the diverse means of grace necessary in forming
2365 Christian disciples, the CCD~~General Board of Discipleship~~ shall assist local congregations in
2366 developing a comprehensive system of small-group ministries by: ...

2367 ...2. Connectional~~Accountable~~ Discipleship—Affirming that our Wesleyan heritage embraces a
2368 distinct emphasis of mutual accountability and support, the CCD~~General Board of Discipleship~~
2369 shall encourage accountability support in congregations by: ...

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2371 ¶~~1019~~ 4419. Ethnic Local Church Concerns—The CCD~~board~~ shall function as an advocate for
2372 programs and concerns of ethnic local churches. It shall coordinate efforts to keep the needs of
2373 the membership of ethnic churches uppermost in the minds of its membership. The board will
2374 ensure that adequate resources—fiscal, human, and programmatic—are used to support and
2375 encourage the ministries of the ethnic local churches. It will consult with our ethnic minority

2376 caucuses and national ethnic plan leadership to determine the best courses of action to meet the
2377 needs and concerns of our ethnic local churches.

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2379 ¶1020 1120. Age-Level, Life-Span, and Family Ministries—The CCDboard will provide for an
2380 integrated and coordinated approach in development of resources and service support for
2381 ministries with children, youth, adults of all ages, and families...

2382 ...The CCDboard will also engage in research and testing, consultation and training, and
2383 collaborative planning so as to enhance the delivery of resources and services to leaders with
2384 age-level and family ministries responsibilities.

2385 1. Comprehensive Children’s Ministries—The CCDboard will assist congregations and
2386 conferences in developing comprehensive ministries for and with children...

2387 ...2. a) Curriculum—Through the Curriculum Resources Committee (¶1022¶1122), the
2388 ~~CCDGeneral Board of Discipleship~~ shall ensure the availability of curriculum and leaders’
2389 guides for use in a variety of settings suitable for the specific needs of all persons in the twelve-
2390 to eighteen-year-old age group; ...

2391 ...3. Comprehensive Adult Ministries—The CCDboard will assist congregations and
2392 conferences in developing comprehensive ministries by, with, and for adults...

2393 ...4. Comprehensive Family Ministries—The CCDboard will assist congregations and
2394 conferences in developing comprehensive ministries with families...

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2396 ...The CCDboard may organize and administer a Committee on Family Life. The committee will
2397 provide an arena for information sharing, collaborative planning, and/or cooperative

2398 programming in alignment with the purpose and responsibilities of representative participants.

2399 The committee will serve as advocates for ministries with families in all boards and agencies...

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2401 ~~¶1021¶1121~~. General Provisions for the Committee on Older Adult Ministries—1. There shall

2402 be a Committee on Older Adult Ministries, which shall be administratively related to the

2403 CCD~~General Board of Discipleship~~...

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2405 *Delete ¶ 1121.4 and insert new¶1021.4:*

2406 ...4. Membership— standards shall be determined by the CCD Oversight Board and

2407 recommended to the General Conference for Disciplinary inclusion in 2016. As an interim

2408 measure, CCD Oversight Board may establish the Committee on Older Adult Ministries and

2409 begin its work right away.

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2411 *Continue amending¶1021*

2412 5. Meetings—The committee will meet at least once a year in conjunction with a meeting of the

2413 CCD Oversight Board~~General Board of Discipleship~~.

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2415 ~~¶1022¶1122~~. Duties and Responsibilities of the Curriculum Resources Committee—There shall

2416 be a Curriculum Resources Committee, organized and administered by the Center for

2417 Congregational Development~~General Board of Discipleship~~, which shall be responsible for the

2418 construction of plans for curriculum and curriculum resources to be used in the Christian

2419 educational ministry of the Church and other study settings. (See ¶ 258.1.)...

2420 ...3. The plans for curriculum and curriculum resources shall be consistent with the educational
2421 philosophy and approach formulated for the educational ministry of the CCD~~Church by the~~
2422 ~~General Board of Discipleship~~ and shall reflect a unity of purpose and a planned
2423 comprehensiveness of scope...

2424 ...4. Plans for major new curriculum resources and new series that have been approved by the
2425 CCD~~General Board of Discipleship~~ shall be circulated by staff among appropriate persons and
2426 groups in the Church for review, suggestions for improvement, and additional ideas. In all
2427 matters, staff shall be responsible for bringing the review results into unity and harmony with the
2428 intent of the Curriculum Resources Committee.

2429 a) The purpose of the review process shall be to improve the resource plans in order to
2430 fulfill ¶~~1022~~¶1122.

2431 b) Opportunity for timely review shall be offered to teachers, leaders, and pastors in local
2432 churches of various sizes, locations, and racial, ethnic, and cultural constituencies; general
2433 secretaries of the Center for Congregational Development, Center for Global Mission, Center
2434 for Justice, Reconciliation and Witness,~~General Boards of Discipleship, Global Ministries,~~
2435 ~~Church and Society, and Higher Education and Ministry, and the~~ General Commissions on
2436 History and Archives, ~~Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns~~, the Status and Role of
2437 Women, ~~United Methodist Men~~, and Religion and Race; professors of educational ministries in
2438 United Methodist colleges and seminaries; professional Christian educators; The United
2439 Methodist Women, the United Methodist Men and others who may have interest, experience, and
2440 skills to aid the perfection of the plans.

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2442 ¶1023¶1123. Curriculum Requirements—When the plans for curriculum and curriculum
2443 resources have been approved by the CCD~~General Board of Discipleship~~, the editorial staff of
2444 Church School Publications shall be responsible for the development of curriculum resources
2445 based on the approved plans...

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2447 ¶1024¶1124. Authority of the Curriculum Resources Committee to Review Teaching Resources
2448 of General Agencies—The Curriculum Resources Committee shall review and may approve and
2449 recommend existing or projected resources from other agencies. The committee shall make
2450 certain that all approved materials conform to United Methodist doctrine as delineated in ¶¶ 103
2451 and 104 of the Book of Discipline. All curriculum resources that are approved by the
2452 CCD~~General Board of Discipleship~~ shall be authorized for use in the church school.

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2454 ¶1025¶1125. Relationship of the Curriculum Resources Committee to the Center for
2455 Congregational Development~~General Board of Discipleship~~ and to The United Methodist
2456 Publishing House—1. The Curriculum Resources Committee shall be related to the CCD~~General~~
2457 ~~Board of Discipleship~~ as follows:

2458 a) The committee shall be responsible to the CCD~~board~~ with respect to educational
2459 philosophy and approaches and shall seek to maintain the standards set by the CCD~~board~~.

2460 b) The committee shall work with the CCD~~General Board of Discipleship~~ in setting
2461 policies for interpreting and promoting the use of approved curriculum resources.

2462 c) The chairperson of the Curriculum Resources Committee shall serve as a member of the
2463 executive committee of the CCD~~General Board of Discipleship~~.

2464 d) In preparation of the budget for presentation to the board of The United Methodist
2465 Publishing House (§ 1636), the editor of Church School Publications shall consult with the
2466 general secretary of the ~~CCD~~General Board of Discipleship.

2467 2. The Curriculum Resources Committee shall be related to The United Methodist Publishing
2468 House as follows:

2469 a) The publisher of The United Methodist Publishing House or the chairperson of the
2470 board of The United Methodist Publishing House may sit with the ~~CCD~~General Board of
2471 ~~Discipleship~~ for consideration of matters pertaining to joint interests of the Curriculum
2472 Resources Committee and The United Methodist Publishing House and shall have the privilege
2473 of the floor without vote.

2474 b) The United Methodist Publishing House shall publish, manufacture, and distribute the
2475 curriculum resources prepared by the editorial staff of Church School Publications. The United
2476 Methodist Publishing House and the ~~CCD~~General Board of Discipleship shall be responsible
2477 jointly for interpretation and support of these resources...

2478 ...3. The committee shall exercise these additional relationships:

2479 a) The committee shall cooperate with other agencies, centers and commissions of The
2480 United Methodist Church so that their assigned concerns are reflected in and supported by the
2481 church school resources...

2482 ...c) The committee may cooperate with The United Methodist Publishing House and the
2483 ~~CCD~~General Board of Discipleship in educational research, in the development of experimental
2484 resources, and in the evaluation of resources that are provided for the church school.

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2486 ~~§1026~~§1126. Editor of Church School Publications— ...

2487 ...2. The editor shall be elected by the Center for Congregational Development~~General Board of~~
2488 ~~Discipleship~~ upon nomination by a joint committee composed of the president of the
2489 CCD~~General Board of Discipleship~~, the chairperson of the Curriculum Resources Committee,
2490 one other member of the CCD~~General Board of Discipleship~~ representing educational concerns,
2491 the chairperson and two other members of The United Methodist Publishing House...

2492 ...3. The editor shall be responsible to the CCD~~General Board of Discipleship~~ for seeing that the
2493 content of church school publications is consistent with the educational philosophy formulated
2494 by the board.

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2496 ¶~~1027~~¶1127. Membership of the Curriculum Resources Committee—1. The Curriculum
2497 Resources Committee shall consist of twenty-one voting members elected quadrennially by the
2498 Center for Congregational Development~~General Board of Discipleship~~ as follows:

2499 a) A bishop who is a voting member of the CCD~~General Board of Discipleship~~, to be
2500 nominated by the executive committee of the CCD~~board~~.

2501 b) Twenty members, nominated by the executive committee of the CCD~~board~~, at least
2502 seven of whom shall be pastors, at least three of whom shall be voting members of the
2503 CCD~~board~~, and at least one of whom shall be at the time of election serving a church of two
2504 hundred members or less; at least seven shall be laypersons actively participating as member,
2505 leader, or teacher in the educational ministry in the local church; at least three of whom shall be
2506 voting members of the CCD~~board~~; at least one of whom shall be at the time of election a member
2507 of a church of two hundred members or fewer; six additional members shall be nominated, three
2508 of whom shall be members of the CCD~~board~~, with due consideration to the diversity in
2509 theological perspectives, educational attainments, sex, age, racial, and ethnic differences, and

2510 sizes of local churches, and in consultation with the directors of councils on ministries or boards
2511 of discipleship in each of the annual conferences.

2512 c) Twenty persons from the program boards shall participate in Curriculum Resources
2513 Committee meetings with the privilege of the floor without vote. These persons shall be: the
2514 general secretaries of the Center for Congregational Development, Center for Global Mission,
2515 Center for Justice, Reconciliation and Witness~~General Board of Discipleship, the General Board~~
2516 ~~of Global Ministries, the General Board of Church and Society, and the General Board of Higher~~
2517 ~~Education and Ministry~~, or someone designated by them; the editor of Church School
2518 Publications; the president and publisher and the vice president in charge of publishing of The
2519 United Methodist Publishing House; and with due consideration to providing for diversity in sex,
2520 age, racial, and ethnic differences, five staff members of Church School Publications and eight
2521 other staff members representing the broad concerns of the CCD~~General Board of Discipleship~~.

2522 d) The chairperson of the committee shall be a member of the CCD~~General Board of~~
2523 ~~Discipleship~~...

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2525 Division on Ministries With Young People

2526 ¶~~1028~~¶1201. There shall be a Division on Ministries With Young People of the Center for
2527 Congregational Development~~General Board of Discipleship~~.

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2529 ***Rename ¶1202 as ¶1029***

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2531 ¶~~1030~~¶1203. Responsibilities—The responsibilities of the Division on Ministries With Young
2532 People shall be...

2533 ...6. To provide administrative oversight to the grants for ministries with young people
2534 distributed in consultation with the Center for Congregational Development, Center for Global
2535 Mission, Center for Justice, Reconciliation and Witness~~General Board of Church and Society,~~
2536 ~~General Board of Discipleship, General Board of Global Ministries, and General Board of~~
2537 ~~Higher Education and Ministry;~~...

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2539 ¶~~1031~~1204. Authority and Accountability—The Division on Ministries With Young People
2540 shall be accountable to the Center for Congregational Development~~General Board of~~
2541 ~~Discipleship~~ in programming, personnel, and administration. The Division shall have the
2542 authority to determine and interpret program directions that support its mandate. These program
2543 directions shall be in harmony with the charter of the CCD~~General Board of Discipleship~~ and
2544 have the CCD~~GBOD~~'s approval.

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2546 ¶~~1032~~1205. Relationship of the Division on Ministries With Young People to the Center for
2547 Congregational Development~~General Board of Discipleship~~ —The Division on Ministries with
2548 Young People shall be related to the CCD~~General Board of Discipleship~~ as follows: Three
2549 members of the Division on Ministries with Young People shall be elected to the board, one of
2550 whom shall sit on the executive committee, one of whom shall sit on the finance committee and
2551 one of whom shall sit on the personnel committee of the CCD~~General Board of Discipleship~~.

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2553 ***Rename ¶1206 as ¶1033***

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2555 ¶1034¶1207. Membership—The membership of the Division on Ministries With Young People
2556 shall be inclusive with respect to gender, race/ethnicity, lay/clergy, and vocation.

2557 1. Membership shall be as follows:...

2558 ...d) Additional Members:

2559 (1) Five members of the Center for Congregational Development~~General Board of~~
2560 ~~Discipleship~~ (2 clergy, 2 lay, 1 bishop, one of whom serves on the Executive Committee);

2561 (2) Two members of the United Methodist Student Movement steering committee (¶
2562 1412.2g);

2563 (3) Up to 5 additional members who, as determined by the CCD~~General Board of~~
2564 ~~Discipleship~~, may be nominated by the Division to ensure inclusiveness and expertise...

2565 ...2. a) Center for Justice, Reconciliation and Witness~~General Board of Church and Society~~

2566 b) Center for Congregational Development~~General Board of Discipleship~~

2567 c) Center for Global Mission~~General Board of Global Ministries~~

2568 d) ~~General Board of Higher Education and Ministry~~

2569 e) ~~General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns~~

2570 d)f) ~~General Commission on Religion and Race~~

2571 e)g) ~~General Commission on the Status and Role of Women~~

2572 f)h) ~~General Commission on United Methodist Men~~

2573 g) United Methodist Women

2574 h)i) Center for Resourcing and Operations~~General Council on Finance and Administration~~

2575 i)j) Coordinating Council~~Connectional Table~~

2576 k) ~~United Methodist Communications~~

2577 j)l) United Methodist Publishing House

2578 m) ~~Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries~~

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2580 ¶1035¶1208. Youth Service Fund—There shall be a Youth Service Fund.

2581 1. Organization—The Youth Service Fund shall be a means of stewardship education and

2582 mission support of youth within The United Methodist Church...

2583 ...The annual conference treasurer shall send the remaining thirty percent monthly to the

2584 treasurer of the Center for Resourcing and Operations ~~General Council on Finance and~~

2585 ~~Administration~~ to be forwarded to the Center for Congregational Development ~~General Board of~~

2586 ~~Discipleship~~, Division on Ministries With Young People. All other Youth Service Fund money

2587 raised in the annual conference shall be divided in the same manner and distributed in the same

2588 way...

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2590 ¶1036¶1209. Grants for Ministries with Young People—...

2591 ...2. Project Review—The Division on Ministries With Young People shall constitute a project

2592 review committee made up of three youth, three young adults, and three adult workers with

2593 young people who are members of the Division. The committee shall also include one staff

2594 representative and two board members each from the Center for Congregational Development,

2595 Center for Global Mission, and Center for Justice, Reconciliation and Witness ~~General Board of~~

2596 ~~Church and Society, the General Board of Discipleship, the General Board of Global Ministries,~~

2597 ~~and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.~~ The Division on Ministries With

2598 Young People shall establish criteria in consultation with the four participating program boards

2599 and in relation to the purposes of the Division and the program boards.

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2601 ¶1037¶1210. Global Young People’s Convocation—There shall be a Global Young People’s
2602 Convocation...

2603 ...2. Legislation—During the convocation there shall be opportunities for jurisdiction and central
2604 conference delegations and individuals to propose legislation in a forum known as the United
2605 Methodist Young People’s Legislative Assembly. The Legislative Assembly shall be made up of
2606 delegations as defined under “Voting members.” Legislation brought to the Assembly shall relate
2607 to issues of concern to young people. Legislation adopted by the Legislative Assembly may be
2608 referred to the Division on Ministries With Young People or sent to the General Conference of
2609 The United Methodist Church carrying the name “United Methodist Young People’s Legislative
2610 Assembly.” All legislation, petitions, and programming must be in accordance with ¶907.9¶
2611 806.9 and ¶907.10¶806.10...

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2613 ¶1038¶1211. Staff—1. The Division on Ministries With Young People shall have as its chief
2614 staff officer an individual selected by the CCD~~Associate General Secretary~~. This staff officer
2615 shall be nominated by the personnel committee of the CCD~~General Board of Discipleship~~ for
2616 election by the CCD~~Board~~. The search committee shall be chaired by the General Secretary of
2617 the Center for Congregational Development~~General Board of Discipleship~~ and composed of
2618 equal representation from the CCD~~General Board of Discipleship~~ and the Division on Ministries
2619 With Young People.

2620 2. All other staff members of the Division will be elected or appointed in a manner prescribed by
2621 the CCD~~Board~~ (¶ 714).

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2623 ***Rename ¶1212 as ¶1039***

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Division on Ordained Ministry

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Delete ¶ 1421 and replace with ¶ 1040, ¶ 1041 and ¶ 1042 as follows:

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¶1040¶ There shall be a Division of Ordained Ministry—The Division of Ordained Ministry

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shall be responsible for leading and serving the church in inviting, equipping, and supporting

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faithful and effective spiritual leaders from all cultural, ethnic, and racial backgrounds, who

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serve as ordained deacons and elders, licensed local pastors, diaconal ministers, certified persons

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in specialized ministries, and clergy endorsed for extension ministries in order to fulfill the

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mission of The United Methodist Church and the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The

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division's work includes all men and women who are serving in categories of appointment by a

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bishop. This responsibility shall be discharged in active relationship with bishops, schools of

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theology, annual conference boards of ordained ministry, cabinets, jurisdictional boards or

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committees on ordained ministry, central conferences, ethnic caucuses, and other appropriate

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bodies. This division shall be responsible for the promotion of theological education and its

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support for the whole church.

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In fulfillment of this responsibility and in accordance with the disciplinary requirements

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established for each region of the church in the world, the division will organize its work around

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the following core responsibilities:

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1. Administration—a) Provide leadership in the interpretation of the need for ministry in The

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United Methodist Church in ways that are appropriate to each region of the church in the world.

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The interpretation of ministry includes the ministry of deacons, elders, local pastors, those

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approved for extension ministries, and certified for specialized ministries.

2646 b) Maintain contact with the constituencies of the Division through gatherings of the chairs
2647 of the Order of Deacons and the Order of Elders and the Fellowship of Local Pastors, personal
2648 communication, newsletters, and other consultative services.

2649 c) In consultation with ethnic constituencies, work with boards of ordained ministry,
2650 district committees on ordained ministry, and other appropriate agencies by developing
2651 guidelines, training, and resources for their work; providing guidance and counseling in the
2652 examination of ministerial students; and interpreting current disciplinary legislation concerning
2653 ordained and licensed ministry.

2654 d) Provide resources and training to conference boards of ordained ministry and similar
2655 recognized bodies in their responsibility for administering the standards, requirements,
2656 examination, and interviews for ordination and certification in ministry careers.

2657 e) Provide the connectional relationship whenever agencies of the general church wish to
2658 enter into discussion with or make inquiry into the work of United Methodist seminaries.

2659 f) Study and coordinate with the Center for Justice, Reconciliation and Witness in mutual
2660 ministry between United Methodist schools of theology and annual conferences in the fulfillment
2661 of their responsibilities for the education and formation of candidates for ordained, licensed, and
2662 certified ministries.

2663 g) Coordinate with the Center for Justice, Reconciliation and Witness in the church-wide
2664 interpretation and promotion of the Ministerial Education Fund, and support other funds and
2665 programs that assist in training persons for ordained ministry.

2666 h) Coordinate with and advise the University Senate and its Commission on Theological
2667 Education as to the educational needs of candidates for ordination as elder and deacon.
2668 Especially as they relate to the review and approval process of non-United Methodist seminaries.

2669 i) Cooperate with other agencies and ethnic groups within The United Methodist Church in
2670 matters related to the calling, training, and support of ministerial leadership throughout the
2671 church.

2672 j) Participate in professional, ecumenical, national and international associations that
2673 support professional ministry.

2674 k) Cooperate with the Center for Resourcing and Operations and boards of ordained
2675 ministry concerning legal issues, policies of professional ethics, and other matters related to the
2676 practice of ministry.

2677 l) Foster cooperative relationships among persons in the diaconate of The United
2678 Methodist Church and their colleagues in other Christian churches.

2679 2. Enlistment/Candidacy—a) Lead the church in lifting up God's call to ordained, licensed, and
2680 certified ministry in The United Methodist Church, through enlistment programs in the local
2681 church and annual, jurisdictional and central conferences.

2682 b) Study ministerial needs and resources in The United Methodist Church and cooperate
2683 with the agencies, centers, commissions and other appropriate ethnic and cultural groups, in the
2684 interpretation of ministry as a vocation, in an effort to enlist suitable persons for ordained,
2685 licensed, and certified ministry.

2686 c) Study the ministerial needs of the annual and central conferences in terms of pastoral
2687 leadership, the ministry of the deacon, and certified ministries, including candidacy statistics,
2688 retirement trends, retention of clergy, and the changing demand for ministerial supply.

2689 d) Study the ministerial needs of the world and provide resources for the enlistment of
2690 persons for service in ministries beyond the local church.

2691 e) Provide program materials and training resources for the enlistment and support of
2692 candidates for ordained, licensed, and certified ministry.

2693 f) Work with ethnic centers related to the United Methodist seminaries, general church
2694 initiatives, and the ethnic caucuses to enlist racial and ethnic persons as candidates for ordained,
2695 licensed, and certified ministry.

2696 3. Education—a) Maintain the educational standards for those who are ordained as deacons and
2697 elders, licensed as local pastors, and certified for specialized ministries in The United Methodist
2698 Church.

2699 b) Advise the Center for Justice, Reconciliation and Witness in their process of certifying
2700 the course offerings in United Methodist history, doctrine, and polity as specified in ¶ 335.(3),
2701 and provide the University Senate and boards of ordained ministry with a list of the courses
2702 approved.

2703 c) Prescribe a theological studies program which will include basic graduate theological
2704 studies for those preparing for ordination as a Deacon, an advanced course of studies program for
2705 local pastors preparing for ordination as an Elder, and a curriculum of studies for those seeking
2706 certification in areas of specialized ministry.

2707 d) Prescribe a Course of Study for local pastors that include the studies for license for
2708 pastoral ministry and the five-year Course of Study curriculum. All work in the Course of Study
2709 shall be taken in programs approved by the Division of Ordained Ministry. Upon approval of the
2710 Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, a candidate may complete up to one-half of the work
2711 through online courses developed by the Division of Ordained Ministry.

2712 e) Identify the areas of need for specialized ministries; provide standards and educational
2713 programs that may lead to certification in those areas; and review the qualifications of persons
2714 recommended for certification by conference boards of ordained ministry.

2715 f) Consult with the schools of theology and programs of pastoral training in the central
2716 conferences concerning pastoral needs, the relationship between United Methodist seminaries in
2717 the central conferences and the United States, and other resources for training pastors to serve in
2718 the central conferences.

2719 g) Promote attending United Methodist seminaries for theological training in the Wesleyan
2720 tradition.

2721 h) Cooperate with the Office of Loans and Scholarships, the Higher Education Foundation,
2722 the Crusade Scholarship Program, and other funding agencies in regard to scholarship assistance
2723 for racial and ethnic students preparing for ordained ministry.

2724 4. Support/Accountability—a) Provide guidance and resources for the continuing education,
2725 spiritual formation, and career development of faithful and effective pastors, deacons, chaplains,
2726 diaconal ministers and persons certified for specialized ministries serving in local churches,
2727 extension ministries, and other appointment settings in the church and world.

2728 b) Support and cooperate with bishops and district superintendents in the fulfillment of
2729 their ministry of superintending by (1) providing jointly with the Coordinating Council and the
2730 Council of Bishops for the training of new district superintendents; (2) providing ongoing
2731 training and support for bishops and superintendents in their work; and (3) developing resources
2732 to assist clergy, superintendents, and local churches in assessment and evaluation of ministry,
2733 including providing tools for staff-parish relations committees, pastors, boards of ordained
2734 ministry, and cabinets on ensuring effective cross-racial and cross-cultural appointments.

2735 c) Encourage and resource conference boards of ordained ministry, the Order of Deacons
2736 and the Order of Elders, and the Fellowship of Local Pastors for the ongoing support of persons
2737 in ordained, consecrated, licensed, and certified ministry in The United Methodist Church.

2738 d) Provide guidance to cabinets and other annual conference agencies to ensure conditions
2739 of employment, support, and benefits commensurate with their training, ability, and experience
2740 for those ordained, consecrated, licensed, or certified for ministerial service.

2741 e) Support members of the endorsed community through relationships to certifying bodies
2742 and professional organizations; linking congregations, conferences, and church structures with
2743 persons in specialized settings; assisting persons in receiving specialized training for ministry in
2744 pastoral care and pastoral counseling settings; and providing retreats, convocations, and other
2745 special programs.

2746 f) Lead the church in the acceptance and support of women of all ethnic and racial groups
2747 in ordained and licensed ministry.

2748 g) Give attention to the specific needs of clergy with disabilities.

2749 h) Work with bishops, cabinets, boards of ordained ministry, the Order of Deacons and the
2750 Order of Elders, the Fellowship of Local Pastors, and other church agencies in maintaining the
2751 professional and ethical standards of ministry in The United Methodist Church.

2752 i) Encourage and support the continuing education, spiritual formation, and career
2753 development of effective spiritual leaders of all races and ethnic origins.

2754 5. Endorsement—a) Identify, assess, and support chaplains and clergy who show demonstrated
2755 ability to provide pastoral care in health-care settings, children’s homes, retirement homes,
2756 prisons, workplaces, counseling centers, and the military.

2757 b) Establish standards required for endorsed persons in the areas of specialized education,
2758 training and skills, and when required, professional certification, to ensure that The United
2759 Methodist Church provides quality pastoral care to patients, residents, prisoners, workers,
2760 counselees, and military personnel and their families.

2761 c) Maintain policies and procedures to provide Ecclesiastical Endorsement for associate
2762 members, deacons and elders under appointment to ministries of chaplaincy and pastoral care
2763 where endorsement is required.

2764 (1) The Division of Ordained Ministry, through its endorsing committee, has the
2765 authority to grant and remove endorsement and to adopt appropriate rules of procedure, to
2766 include procedure for appeals.

2767 (2) An endorsing committee consisting of elected members of the Division of Ordained
2768 Ministry and chaired by a bishop shall represent The United Methodist Church in all endorsing
2769 procedures.

2770 (3) Endorsement is the credential which certifies that a clergy person performs a valid
2771 ministry of The United Methodist Church and has presented evidence of required specialized
2772 education, training, skills, and, when required, professional certification necessary to perform
2773 that ministry. Once the clergy person no longer serves in that particular setting, the endorsement
2774 is withdrawn.

2775 d) Establish and follow procedures for Ecclesiastical Approval for persons in the military
2776 student chaplain candidate programs, intermittent chaplaincy with the Department of Veterans
2777 Affairs, and other identified entities.

2778 e) Maintain programs for the oversight and advocacy of endorsed/approved persons.

2779 f) Provide general oversight for all those under endorsement, particularly those serving
2780 outside the bounds of their annual conferences.

2781 g) Assure conference boards of ordained ministry concerning the validity of ministry of
2782 clergy serving under endorsement.

2783 h) Verify annually, to bishops and conference boards of ordained ministry, those clergy
2784 under endorsement and where necessary request their reappointment.

2785 i) Establish and maintain standards for ecclesiastical endorsement.

2786 (1) Establish standards for endorsements for all ministry settings in ¶ 344.1b

2787 (2) Provide standards for use by annual conference boards of ordained ministry to
2788 determine the appropriateness of other extension ministry settings not identified in ¶ 344.1, and
2789 will assist, as requested, to evaluate specific settings.

2790 (3) Provide advocacy for persons appointed under ¶ 344.1d and encourage new efforts
2791 to widen the understanding of ministry through the development of new extension ministry
2792 settings.

2793 (4) Coordinate with certifying bodies in the development of standards for pastoral care
2794 certification in a variety of ministry settings.

2795 j) Link congregations, conferences and church agencies with those persons in extension
2796 ministry settings.

2797 k) Advise congregations, conferences, and church agencies in the development of
2798 programs of pastoral care in extension ministries.

2799 l) Interpret extension ministries to the church and serve as an advocate for persons in
2800 extension ministries under its endorsement.

2801 m) Assist in providing a ministry to United Methodist laity in or associated with the
2802 military, particularly outside the continental United States. The Division of Ordained Ministry
2803 along with the agencies, centers and commissions of the Church, shall work together to prepare
2804 materials, programs, and continuing ministries that include retreats, confirmation classes and
2805 other pastoral functions.

2806 n) Receive and distribute funds and special gifts as have been or shall be given specifically
2807 for the support of endorsing agency responsibilities.

2808 o) Sponsor the Chaplains Supplemental Pension Grant Fund for certain endorsed clergy,
2809 with administration and oversight provided by the General Board of Pensions and Health
2810 Benefits.

2811 6. Constituency Relationships—Establish three teams (elders and local pastors, deacons and
2812 diaconal ministers, chaplains and endorsed clergy) to relate directly with the constituents of the
2813 Division of Ordained Ministry to resource, support and interpret the work of the Division of
2814 Ordained Ministry. Each team shall be led by a member of that particular constituency.

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2816 ¶1041. 1. United Methodist schools of theology share a common mission with the Center for
2817 Congregational Development and its Division of Ordained Ministry; in preparing persons for
2818 leadership in the ministry of The United Methodist Church; of leading in the ongoing reflection
2819 on Wesleyan theology; and of assisting the church in fulfilling its mission to make disciples of
2820 Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. They contribute to the life of the global United
2821 Methodist connection through theological education for the sake of the worldwide mission of the
2822 church. These schools of theology are maintained for the education of ordained and lay
2823 leadership, for the interpretation of the Christian faith and United Methodist tradition through

2824 biblical and theological research, and for prophetic leadership. The CCD provides advice and
2825 support in this common mission and in the development of relationships among the schools of
2826 theology in the U.S.A. and the central conferences and the various agencies, centers and
2827 commissions of the General Church.

2828 2. All candidates for ordination as deacon or elder in The United Methodist Church are strongly
2829 encouraged to attend United Methodist schools of theology since these schools share with the
2830 CCD and the conference Boards of Ordained Ministry in the work of preparing persons for
2831 ordination and leadership in The United Methodist Church.

2832 3. In fulfilling their task of preparing persons for effective service for Christ and the church, The
2833 United Methodist schools of theology in the USA shall acquaint students with the current polity,
2834 theology and programs of The United Methodist Church and shall offer practical experience in
2835 administration, evangelism, stewardship, and other areas which will prepare them for effective
2836 Christian ministry in a multicultural society. Each school of theology, in consultation with the
2837 Center for Congregational Development and its Division of Ordained Ministry, shall provide the
2838 courses in United Methodist history, doctrine, and polity specified in ¶ 335.(3) and seek to form
2839 persons for ministry in the Wesleyan tradition.

2840 4. Schools of Theology of The United Methodist Church Located in the Central Conferences—a)
2841 In order to meet the needs for theological education and clergy training in their regions, the
2842 central conferences establish schools of theology to serve the United Methodists in their distinct
2843 cultural, social, and linguistic context. Schools of theology and programs of clergy training are
2844 established by the Center for Global Missions to serve the needs of the central conferences.
2845 These schools may be supported through the central conference and/or the Center for Global

2846 Mission and are accountable to the appropriate bodies for their program and their relationship to
2847 the denomination.

2848 b) Additional schools of theology and pastoral training may be established by the central
2849 conference; General Conference; Center for Global Mission and accountability depends on the
2850 founding documents of the institutions.

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2852 ¶1042 Education of Ordination Candidates—The United Methodist schools of theology share
2853 with conference boards of ordained ministry and the Division on Ordained Ministry the
2854 responsibility for the education and formation of candidates for admission to the annual
2855 conferences.

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2857 *Delete ¶¶ 1401-1420, ¶¶ 1422-1423, Renumber ¶¶ 1301-1313, ¶ 1327 as ¶¶ 1101-1126 and edit*
2858 *as follows:*

2859 Section V. Center for Global Mission

2860 ¶ 1101~~¶ 1301~~. There shall be a Center for Global Mission~~General Board of Global Ministries~~,
2861 hereinafter referred to as the CGM, whose fundamental charge is to support the mission and
2862 ministry of the United Methodist Church (see ¶¶ 120-129)~~board, the purpose of which is found~~
2863 ~~within the expression of the total mission of the Church~~. It is a missional instrument of The
2864 United Methodist Church, its annual conferences, missionary conferences, and local
2865 congregations in the context of a global setting...

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2867 ¶ 1102~~¶ 1302~~. Responsibilities— ...

2868 ...3. To ~~challenge all United Methodists with the New Testament imperative to proclaim the~~
2869 ~~gospel to the ends of the earth, expressing the mission of the Church; and to recruit, send, and~~
2870 receive missionaries, enabling them to dedicate all or a portion of their lives in service across
2871 racial, cultural, national, and political boundaries...

2872 ...7. To assist local congregations and annual conferences in mission both in their own
2873 communities and across the globe by raising awareness of the claims of global mission and by
2874 providing channels for participation, including through Volunteers In Mission.

2875 ~~8. To express the concerns of women organized for mission and to help equip women for full~~
2876 ~~participation both locally and globally in Church and world.~~

2877 89. To engage in direct ministries to human need, both emergency and continuing, institutional
2878 and noninstitutional, however caused.

2879 940. To work within societies and systems so that full human potential is liberated and to work
2880 toward the transformation of demonic forces that distort life.

2881 1044. To identify with all who are alienated and dispossessed and to assist them in achieving
2882 their full human development—body, mind, and spirit.

2883 1142. To envision and engage in imaginative new forms of mission appropriate to changing
2884 human needs and to share the results of experimentation with the entire Church.

2885 1243. To facilitate the development of cooperative patterns of ministry so that the unified
2886 strength of local congregations and other units of the Church in designated areas can respond
2887 with more effective ministries of justice, advocacy, compassion, and nurture.

2888 1344. To affirm Volunteers in Mission as an authentic form of personal missionary involvement
2889 and devise appropriate structure to interpret and implement opportunities for mission volunteers
2890 in the global community.

2891 1415. To facilitate the receiving and assignment of missionaries from churches in nations other
2892 than the United States in cooperation with the other general agencies and with annual
2893 conferences.

2894 15. To provide general oversight and care for campus ministries and institutions of higher
2895 education, including schools, colleges, universities, and theological schools.

2896 16. To maintain the historic mission of The United Methodist Church in higher education and to
2897 serve as advocate for the intellectual life of the Church.

2898 17. To seek to understand and communicate the significance of the Christian mission in higher
2899 education and ministry throughout the world as the context in which values and Christian
2900 lifestyle are shaped.

2901 18. To provide counsel, guidance, and assistance to annual conferences through their boards of
2902 global ministries and higher education and campus ministry, and other such program units as
2903 may be organized in the annual conferences.

2904 19. To conduct research on human needs to be met by the Church through its resources in higher
2905 education.

2906 20. To facilitate the allocation of funds to institutions and to programs related to CGM.

2907 21. To maintain adequate fiduciary and legal relationships with institutions and ministries and to
2908 assist annual conferences and other judicatories in their responsibilities in these matters.

2909 22. To provide counsel, guidance, and assistance to institutions of higher education in their
2910 relationships with governments and governmental agencies.

2911 23. To guard property and endowments entrusted to the institutions and to maintain and enforce
2912 adequate trust and reversionary clauses.

2913 24. To promote, in cooperation with the Center for Resourcing and Operations (the successor
2914 agency to the General Commission on Communications), churchwide special Sundays and funds:
2915 Africa University Fund, Black College Fund, Ministerial Education Fund, Human Relations Day,
2916 One Great Hour of Sharing, Native American Ministries Sunday, World Communion Sunday,
2917 United Methodist Student Day, Christian Education Sunday, Golden Cross Sunday, Rural Life
2918 Sunday, Disability Awareness Sunday, and other funds and special days ordered by the General
2919 Conference.

2920 25. To provide standards and support for and interpretation of the work of United Methodist
2921 theological schools.

2922 26. To provide such services as will create a climate of acceptance and empowerment for
2923 women, for people who are culturally or ethnically marginalized, and for people with disabilities
2924 in higher education.

2925 27. To interpret, promote, and administer the loan and scholarship programs of CGM in
2926 cooperation with the Center for Resourcing and Operations.

2927 28. To provide such support agencies as are deemed necessary to carry out the functions of
2928 CGM.

2929 29. In cooperation with the Center for Resourcing and Operations, to develop long-range
2930 investments and fundraising projects within the Church that shall guarantee, insofar as possible,
2931 the continuous flow of resources for United Methodist higher education for the decades and the
2932 centuries to come. In developing such long-range investments, CGM shall adhere to the specific
2933 investment guidelines adopted by the General Conference.

2934 30 To promote awareness of and concurrence with “Policies relative to Socially Responsible
2935 Investments” (§716), the Social Principles (§§160-166), and *The Book of Resolutions of The*
2936 *United Methodist Church.*

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2938 ~~¶ 1103~~ ~~¶ 1303~~. Objectives—1. The objectives of ~~CGM~~~~the board~~ shall be determined by the CGM
2939 Oversight Board (§ 1109). Consideration should be given to the following historic mandates:

2940 a) To plan for the implementation of the responsibilities of the CGM (§ 1102)~~board~~ in the
2941 missional outreach of The United Methodist Church.

2942 b) To establish the appropriate organization ~~of the board~~ and staff to accomplish its
2943 program and fulfill its ~~the responsibilities of the board.~~

2944 c) To determine, in cooperation with mission constituencies, the areas to be served and the
2945 nature of the work to be undertaken.

2946 d) To determine policy and program, to establish goals and priorities, to project long-range
2947 plans, and to evaluate the program and services ~~of the board as to the progress made in fulfilling~~
2948 ~~its purpose~~ in accordance with ~~¶¶ 1101 and 1102~~ ~~¶¶ 1301 and 1302~~, and to seek to achieve its
2949 objectives through the programs of the board.

2950 e) To coordinate and harmonize ~~the~~ its ~~work of the board.~~

2951 f) To elect or appoint, according to the bylaws, its ~~the staff of the board...~~

2952 ...j) To receive and act upon the reports of its units, committees, and ~~their~~ staff...

2953 ...2. The CGM~~board~~ shall develop and maintain cooperative working relationships with
2954 churches and ecumenical agencies ~~on matters of mutual concern in the implementation of~~
2955 disciplinary responsibilities.

2956 3. The CGM may assist~~board shall facilitate and coordinate the program relationships of other~~
2957 ~~program~~ agencies of The United Methodist Church, upon their request, in their relationships with
2958 churches and agencies in central, jurisdictional, and annual conferences, as well as in areas of the
2959 world where the United Methodist Church does not currently have a presence~~nations other than~~
2960 ~~the United States.~~

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2962 ¶ ~~1104~~ 1304. Authority—The board shall have authority to make bylaws and regulate its
2963 proceedings in harmony with the Book of Discipline through the CGB Oversight Board. Bylaws
2964 may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting thereon at a regular or
2965 special meeting, provided that required notice of such amendment has previously been given to
2966 the members. The CGM Oversight B~~oard~~ shall have the power and right to do any and all
2967 things that shall be authorized by its charter, except when there is duplication of activities from
2968 one agency, center or commission to another. It shall have authority to develop and carry out its
2969 responsibilities as described in ¶ ~~1102~~ 1302; to buy, acquire, or receive by gift, devise, or
2970 bequest property—real, personal, and mixed; to hold, mortgage, sell, and dispose of property; to
2971 sue and be sued; to borrow money in case of necessity in a manner harmonious with ¶¶ 806-807;
2972 to develop and maintain ecumenical relations to carry out its responsibilities; and to administer
2973 its affairs according to its bylaws~~through the board and its various units and committees.~~

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2975 ¶ ~~1105~~ 1305. Incorporation—1. The Center for Global Mission~~General Board of Global~~
2976 ~~Ministries~~ shall be incorporated and shall implement its responsibilities through its corporate
2977 structure, including the CGM Oversight Board (which shall be the board of directors of CGM),

2978 and the corporate structures of the entities that it controls or that are administratively organized
2979 as divisions or departments of the CGM Oversight Board~~function through the board and its units.~~

2980 2. The CGM~~General Board of Global Ministries~~ of The United Methodist Church shall be the
2981 successor to the following corporations: the General Board of Global Ministries of The United
2982 Methodist Church, the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The United
2983 Methodist Church (except for those areas related to its Division of Ordained Ministry), the Board
2984 of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, the Home Missions and Church
2985 Erection Society of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, the Foreign Missionary Society
2986 of the United Brethren in Christ, ~~the Women's Missionary Association of the Church of the~~
2987 ~~United Brethren in Christ,~~ the Missionary Society of The Evangelical Church...

2988 ...3. The CGM, through the CGM Oversight Board or another entity described in ¶ 1105.1,~~it~~
2989 shall have control of all the work formerly controlled and administered by the following: the
2990 Board of Health and Welfare Ministries; the Board of Missions of The United Methodist Church;
2991 the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church; the Missionary Society,
2992 the Board of Foreign Missions, the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, ~~the~~
2993 ~~Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the Woman's Home Missionary Society, the Wesleyan~~
2994 ~~Service Guild, and the Ladies' Aid Societies~~ of The Methodist Episcopal Church; the Board of
2995 Missions, ~~including the Woman's Missionary Society, the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions,~~
2996 ~~the Woman's Board of Home Missions, the Woman's Missionary Council,~~ and the Board of
2997 Church Extension of The Methodist Episcopal Church, South; the Board of Missions of The
2998 Methodist Protestant Church; the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church; such other
2999 incorporated or unincorporated divisions and departments and their predecessors as may have
3000 been merged into the previous General Bboard of Global Ministries of The United Methodist

3001 Church; and such other corporations or agencies of the General Conference as do similar work;
3002 but this list shall not be construed as ~~exhaustive~~exclusive.

3003 4. Subject to the limitations hereinafter specified, any corporations within the CGM~~board~~ shall
3004 be subject to the supervision and control of the General Conference of The United Methodist
3005 Church in all things not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States and of
3006 the states of incorporation.

3007 5. The CGM Oversight B~~board~~ shall have the power to create those subsidiary units or sections
3008 needed in the fulfillment of CGM's responsibilities and objectives (see ¶¶ 1102 and
3009 1103)~~designated functions, upon approval of the board~~.

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3011 ¶ 1106¶ 1306. Executive Committee—There shall be an executive committee, which shall
3012 exercise the powers of the CGM Oversight B~~board~~ ad interim, and whose membership and
3013 responsibilities shall be determined by the bylaws of the CGM~~board~~.

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3015 ¶ 1107¶ 1307. Corporate Officers—The CGM Oversight B~~board~~ shall elect as its corporate
3016 officers a president, ~~at~~three vice presidents, a general treasurer, a corporaterecording secretary,
3017 and such other officers as it shall deem necessary. The CGM Oversight B~~board~~ shall determine
3018 the powers and duties of ~~the~~its officers.

3019 ~~The president, general secretary, and treasurer of the board are ex officio members of all units~~
3020 ~~and their executive committees, and standing committees of the board, without vote. The~~
3021 ~~Women's Division shall elect its president, who shall be one of the three vice presidents of the~~
3022 ~~board.~~

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3024 ¶ 1108¶ 1308. Elected Staff—1. ~~Board Cabinet~~ a) The CGM Oversight Bboard shall elect
3025 ~~the~~its general secretary for a quadrennial term~~annually~~ by ballot. As chief staff officer of the
3026 CGMboard, the general secretary shall have direct involvement in staff selections.

3027 ~~2.~~b) The CGM Oversight Bboard shall elect, for quadrennial terms, a ~~deputy~~general secretary
3028 ~~for administration, a maximum of five other deputy general secretaries, and a board-treasurer and~~
3029 as many deputy general secretaries and associate general secretaries as it thinks are appropriate
3030 to carry out its work. ~~In addition, the Women’s Division shall nominate its deputy general~~
3031 ~~secretary for election by the division and the board after consultation with the president and the~~
3032 ~~general secretary of the board.~~

3033 ~~3.~~e) The CGM Oversight Bboard’s personnel committee, in consultation with the general
3034 ~~secretary of the board~~, shall recommend candidates for all of the positions described in ¶1108.2~~of~~
3035 ~~deputy general secretaries and board-treasurer for election by the board. The deputy general~~
3036 ~~secretaries shall have administrative responsibility as assigned by the general secretary and shall~~
3037 ~~be responsible to the general secretary.~~

3038 ~~4.~~d) The general secretary may add positions to the cabinet in consultation with the CGM
3039 Oversight Board’s personnel committee.

3040 2. Unit Staff—a) ~~The Women’s Division shall nominate for election by the board such other staff~~
3041 ~~persons of the Women’s Division as are deemed necessary to carry out the work assigned.~~

3042 b) ~~The board shall elect additional staff as needed.~~

3043 3. ~~The board shall elect, on nomination of the board personnel committee and in consultation~~
3044 ~~with the general secretary, one or more associate treasurers of the General Board of Global~~
3045 ~~Ministries, one of whom shall be the treasurer of the Women’s Division and nominated by the~~
3046 ~~Women’s Division. The associate treasurer(s) will be responsible to the treasurer of the General~~

3047 ~~Board of Global Ministries for board fiscal procedures and to the assigned deputy general~~
3048 ~~secretary for administrative procedures (§ 703.7e).~~

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3050 ~~¶ 1109~~ ¶ 1309. Personnel Policies—1. Selection—The staff of the CGM~~board~~ shall be selected on
3051 the basis of competency and with representation of ethnic and racial groups, young adults, and
3052 women, in accordance with policies in ¶ 714.

3053 2. Staff Participation of Women—a) Of the cabinet-level staff positions within the CGM~~board~~, a
3054 minimum of 40 percent shall be occupied by women.

3055 b) A minimum of 40 percent of all elected staff, as well as a minimum of 40 percent of
3056 the appointed staff, shall be women.

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3058 ~~¶ 1110~~ ¶ 1310. Properties, Trusts, and Annuities—1. All properties, trust funds, annuity funds,
3059 permanent funds, and endowments now or formerly held and administered by the General Board
3060 of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, the General Board of Higher Education
3061 and Ministry of The United Methodist Church (except for those areas related to its Division of
3062 Ordained Ministry), the Board of Missions, the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries, and the
3063 United Methodist Committee on Relief of The United Methodist Church; the Board of Missions
3064 of The Methodist Church; the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church or
3065 their successors; and their respective divisions and departments or their successors shall be
3066 carefully safeguarded. The CGM Oversight Board~~General Board of Global Ministries of The~~
3067 ~~United Methodist Church~~ shall endeavor to invest in institutions, companies, corporations, or
3068 funds that make a positive contribution toward the realization of the goals outlined in the Social
3069 Principles of The United Methodist Church and to administer such investments in the best

3070 interest of those persons and causes for which said funds were established. Such properties, trust
3071 funds, annuity funds, permanent funds, and endowments shall be transferred to the CGM
3072 Oversight Board~~General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church~~ from
3073 merged boards and societies only when such transfers can be made in accordance with the laws
3074 of the states where the several boards and societies are chartered and on the recommendation of
3075 the CGM Oversight Board and the approval of such boards and societies. Funds of the
3076 CGM~~board~~ and its preceding corporations and societies that are subject to appropriation shall be
3077 appropriated only on recommendation of the CGM Oversight Board. (See ¶ 907.11~~¶ 806.11~~.)

3078 2. Former Evangelical United Brethren mission agencies located within the United States not
3079 directly owned by the CGM~~General Board of Global Ministries or the Women's Division of the~~
3080 ~~board~~ and which receive more than 50 percent of their charitable donations through United
3081 Methodist channels of giving shall be governed by a board of trustees or directors of whom two-
3082 thirds of its elected voting membership shall be members of The United Methodist Church.

3083 3. The financial affairs of the CGM~~board~~ shall be as follows:

3084 a) ~~Its~~The income of the board, exclusive of the Women's Division, shall be derived from
3085 apportionments, assessments, or askings distributed to jurisdictions, annual conferences, and
3086 ~~pastoral charges by the budget-making process of the General Conference~~ in such manner as the
3087 General Conference may prescribe, and from church schools, gifts, donations, freewill offerings,
3088 annuities, bequests, specials, and other sources from which missionary and benevolence funds
3089 are usually derived, in accordance~~harmony~~ with The Book of Discipline and actions of the
3090 General Conference. ~~Funds for the fulfillment of the responsibilities of the Women's Division~~
3091 ~~shall be derived from annual voluntary pledges, offerings, gifts, devises, bequests, annuities, or~~
3092 ~~money received through special emphases and from meetings held in the interest of the division.~~

3093 b) All contributions to and income on all funds of the CGM~~board~~ should be used for
3094 current expenses and annual appropriations unless otherwise designated by the donor.

3095 4. Askings shall be received from the fields, and budgets shall be prepared by the CGM
3096 Oversight B~~board~~, consistent with its constitution and charter, and the budget shall be presented
3097 to the Coordinating Council~~Connectional Table~~ in accordance with ¶ 907~~806~~.

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3099 ¶ 1111~~1311~~. Membership—The policies, plans of work, management, business, and all affairs
3100 of the CGM~~General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church~~ shall be
3101 governed and administered by the CGM Oversight B~~board~~, which shall have thirty-three
3102 members, constituted in accordance with ¶ 705.4 ¶ ~~705.3d~~, and shall be organized as specified in
3103 its bylaws and in accordance with ¶¶ 702-710 of the General Provisions.~~be composed according~~
3104 ~~to the following conditions:~~

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3106 *Delete ¶ 1311.. and 1311.2 and continue editing as follows:*

3107 1)4. Members of the CGM Oversight B~~board~~ shall be distributed across ~~its~~the component units
3108 and standing committees ~~of the board~~ in accordance with ~~its~~board bylaws.

3109 2)5. The term of office of all members whose election is provided for in this paragraph shall
3110 begin and the CGM Oversight B~~board~~ shall organize at a meeting to be held within ninety days
3111 after the adjournment of the last meeting of the several jurisdictional conferences held after the
3112 adjournment of the General Conference.

3113 ~~6. On nomination of the Council of Bishops, the General Conference shall elect to the board one~~
3114 ~~bishop from each jurisdiction and three central conference bishops.~~

3115 ~~3)7.~~ The general secretary, the general treasurer ~~of the board,~~ and the deputy general secretaries
3116 of the CGM shall be members without vote.

3117 ~~4)8.~~ Salaried members of staff of any agency receiving appropriation funds from the CGM ~~board~~
3118 shall not be eligible to serve as voting members of ~~said~~ the CGM Oversight B ~~board,~~ except in
3119 order to fulfill the provisions of ¶ 705.

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3121 ¶ 1112 ~~¶ 1312.~~ Advance Committee— The Advance for Christ and His Church is the designated
3122 giving channel of The United Methodist Church. ~~There shall be an~~ Advance Committee, ~~which~~
3123 shall have general oversight of the Advance for Christ and His Church (¶ 921).

3124 1. The Advance Committee shall be organized under the authority and direction of the CGM
3125 Oversight Board in accordance with the bylaws of CGM ~~General Board of Global Ministries.~~ ~~It~~
3126 ~~shall consist of twenty (20) members as follows: Ten (10) directors of the General Board of~~
3127 ~~Global Ministries; five (5) conference secretaries of global ministries (representing the five~~
3128 ~~jurisdictions and elected by their jurisdictional associations) and five (5) members at large~~
3129 ~~appointed by the Director of the Advance for Christ and His Church in consultation with the~~
3130 ~~General Secretary of the General Board of Global Ministries.~~

3131 2. Director of the Advance

3132 a) ~~There shall be a Director of the Advance, nominated by the General Secretary and~~
3133 ~~elected by the General Board of Global Ministries. The salary and benefits of the director and~~
3134 ~~other administrative costs of the Advance shall be borne by the General Board of Global~~
3135 ~~Ministries.~~

3136 b) ~~Responsibilities of the Director of the Advance shall be:~~

3137 (1) ~~To coordinate the total program of the Advance, including its promotion, cultivation~~
3138 ~~and administration;~~

3139 (2) ~~To coordinate the staff work required of the participating units of the General Board~~
3140 ~~of Global Ministries within the Advance;~~

3141 (3) ~~To report directly to the Advance Committee concerning the program and progress~~
3142 ~~of the Advance; and~~

3143 (4) ~~To keep a record of all general Advance Special projects.~~

3144 2.3. ~~General Advance Special Projects—It shall be the responsibility of the Advance Committee~~

3145 ~~to determine which projects are approved to receive general Advance Special Gifts (§ 921.2).~~

3146 ~~The Advance fosters partnership between those who give and those who receive, and it affirms~~

3147 ~~the right of persons to determine the priority of their own needs.~~

3148 a) ~~Projects shall be proposed by authorized persons closely related to the project and shall~~
3149 ~~be recommended to the Advance Committee by the administering programmatic unit.~~

3150 b) ~~The Advance Committee may consider and approve proposals for either specific~~
3151 ~~projects or broadly designated causes, such as a type of work, a country, a region, or an~~
3152 ~~administrative unit.~~

3153 c) ~~No project within the boundaries of an annual conference shall be approved by the~~
3154 ~~Advance Committee for promotion, cultivation, and administration as an Advance Special~~
3155 ~~without consultation with the resident bishop and the board or agency delegated to have~~
3156 ~~responsibility for mission by the annual conference.~~

3157 ~~4. Administering Units—Units authorized to recommend projects and receive and administer~~
3158 ~~funds for general Advance Special projects shall be the following designated programmatic units~~
3159 ~~of the General Board of Global Ministries: Evangelization and Church Growth Program Area,~~

3160 ~~Community and Institutional Ministries Program Area, Mission Contexts and Relationships~~
3161 ~~Program Area, Mission Personnel Program Area, and the United Methodist Committee on~~
3162 ~~Relief. The administering programmatic units shall report annually to the Advance Committee~~
3163 ~~on the financial progress of projects and assist in providing programmatic information as~~
3164 ~~requested.~~

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3166 MISSION PROGRAM AREAS

3167 ~~¶ 1113¶ 1313. Program Areas—~~The CGM shall engage in mission programming around six
3168 areas. The program responsibilities of CGM shall be assigned to units~~Six program areas shall be~~
3169 ~~assigned responsibilities within the General Board of Global Ministries~~ as it seeks to enhance the
3170 involvement of all United Methodists in Christian mission and develop ways to facilitate thei
3171 mission involvement. The membership of the program areas shall be constituted in accordance
3172 with the bylaws of the CGM~~General Board of Global Ministries~~.

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3174 *Delete ¶ 1313.1-1313.6 and replace with the following:*

3175 1. Congregational and Community Development.

3176 a) Evangelization among people who have not heard or heeded the gospel.

3177 b) Strategic new mission initiatives and establishing new congregations where United
3178 Methodism and/or cooperative church relationships do not exist.

3179 c) Leadership development, including identifying, preparing training and empowering
3180 persons for leadership in the church and community so that vital mission-oriented congregations
3181 may be developed.

3182 d) Resourcing leadership training programs and administering scholarships, including the
3183 World Communion Scholarship Program.

3184 e) Church growth, including revitalization of existing congregations and faith
3185 communities, and congregational development, particularly among racial and ethnic
3186 congregations and congregations in transitional communities/neighborhoods. Congregational
3187 development shall be carried out in cooperation with CCD through a Joint Committee on
3188 Congregational Development composed of equal representation from CGM and CCD, which
3189 shall meet at least annually to expedite cooperation between these two centers in the field of
3190 congregational development of both new congregations as well as the revitalization of existing
3191 congregations, with a priority given to racial and ethnic congregations.

3192 f) Administration of the United Methodist Development Fund in accord with policies set
3193 by CGM for the purpose of making first mortgage loans to United Methodist churches, districts,
3194 city societies, district unions, mission institutions, or conference church extension agencies for
3195 the purchase of sites and for the purchase, construction, expansion, or major improvement of
3196 churches, parsonages, or mission buildings.

3197 g) Church and community development, including grants, loans and technical assistance
3198 for programs of self-development and self-determination pertaining to social needs arising from
3199 concerns for ethnic and cultural pluralism, economic and sexual exploitation, and political and
3200 racial oppression.

3201 h) Community-based programs in areas such as agricultural mission, communications,
3202 student and youth ministries.

3203 i) Development of strong local and regional organizations for community development
3204 with the capacity to network and become part of an internationally related program.

3205 j) To foster and facilitate cooperative patterns of ministry, including cooperative parishes,
3206 metropolitan ministries, rural and town and country ministries.

3207 k) Administering funding and other forms of resource sharing for projects and
3208 programs—especially those serving women, children, and youth of partner churches and
3209 ecumenical bodies.

3210 2. Connectional and Ecumenical Relationship. a) Working with denominational, ecumenical, and
3211 secular coalitions, as appropriate, to develop new patterns of joint mission.

3212 b) Identification and analysis of the missional concerns that shape the conditions under
3213 which the church is called to engage in God’s Mission.

3214 c) Development of and sustaining cooperative relationships and mission partnerships that
3215 include sharing of opportunities and resources, networking and collaboration. This includes the
3216 maintaining and fulfilling of connectional relationships with annual conferences, missionary
3217 conferences, and central conferences; autonomous, affiliated autonomous, and united churches;
3218 and ecumenical church bodies.

3219 d) Developing missional relationships in countries where The United Methodist Church
3220 has no commitments by pursuing a working agreement with the church or churches, a united
3221 mission organization, or ecumenical bodies related to the area, if such exists. If these approaches
3222 are not available, CGM may participate in the formation of a new United Methodist
3223 denominational structure, in which case it may request the Council of Bishops to provide any
3224 necessary episcopal oversight.

3225 e) Providing liaisons with each central conference and its conferences, both annual and
3226 provisional, and each affiliated autonomous Methodist church or united church, and where
3227 applicable, requesting that these bodies make provision for liaison functions with CGM.

3228 f) Providing information and assisting in developing action and advocacy for global
3229 justice, peace, and freedom through working cooperatively with other agencies of the Church;
3230 other denominations; and ecumenical, interfaith, and secular coalitions.

3231 g) Fostering interaction of churches and ecumenical groups for the purpose of mutuality
3232 in the definition and implementation of Christian mission and international concerns.

3233 3. Higher Education and Campus Ministry a) relating to and advising all United Methodist-
3234 affiliated educational institutions, as well as ecumenical campus ministry groups.

3235 b) Encouraging the Church to support its educational institutions and campus ministries.

3236 c) Relating to professional organizations of higher education and campus ministry on
3237 behalf of The United Methodist Church.

3238 d) Resourcing annual conference boards or structures that care for ministries of higher
3239 education and campus ministry.

3240 e) Assisting educational societies and foundations related to annual conferences for the
3241 promotion of Christian higher education and campus ministry.

3242 f) Supporting and promoting the work of colleges historically related to The United
3243 Methodist Church and historically providing education for African Americans and of the Africa
3244 University. This includes cooperating with the Center for Resourcing and Operations in
3245 interpreting and promoting the Black College Fund and the Africa University Fund.

3246 g) Cooperating with the University Senate in protecting the interests of The United
3247 Methodist Church concerning affiliated educational institutions, in evaluating and resourcing
3248 these institutions, and in managing changes in the relationships these institutions have with the
3249 Church.

3250 h) Supporting and advising campus ministry groups, especially Wesley Foundations,

3251 i) Promoting and supporting the financial well-being of campus ministries and
3252 institutions of higher education that relate to The United Methodist Church. In cooperation with
3253 the Center for Resourcing and Operations, CGM shall appropriate funds for and protect or
3254 recover resources of The United Methodist Church that have been invested in any education
3255 institution, Wesley Foundation, or other campus ministry unit that fails to fulfill the expectations
3256 of the CGM and the General Conference.

3257 4. Loans and Scholarships a) Promoting and administering student loans and grants.

3258 b) Working with the Center for Resourcing and Operations to promote Human Relations
3259 Day, United Methodist Student Day, World Communion Sunday, and Native American Sunday.

3260 5. Mission Education and Interpretation. a) Providing opportunities for United Methodists to
3261 understand the global mission of The United Methodist Church and for personal and corporate
3262 witness through involvement in and support of this mission.

3263 b) Initiating and developing programs and resources that will encourage persons of
3264 particular cultures to become receivers and bearers of the gospel across boundaries and to live
3265 faithfully within a multicultural world.

3266 c) Engaging in programs of mission interpretation, including training mission
3267 interpreters.

3268 d) Training of connectional mission leaders to fulfill their responsibilities.

3269 e) Working with schools of theology and professors of mission to provide an emphasis on
3270 education for mission.

3271 f) Cooperating with CCD to provide opportunities for mission involvement and
3272 understanding of all age levels.

3273 g) Initiating and developing special programs and resources through which children and
3274 youth may understand the mission of the Church.

3275 h) Working with ecumenical agencies in fulfilling mission education responsibilities.

3276 i) Providing opportunities for United Methodists to gather and witness as a global church.

3277 6. Mission Service. a) Planning for and developing a broad range of mission volunteer
3278 opportunities for short-term assignments, including promoting and interpreting the need for
3279 volunteers with a variety of skills and abilities; working in close relationship with conference and
3280 jurisdictional officers to assist in identifying, developing, and supporting opportunities for
3281 mission volunteer service.

3282 b) Promoting opportunities for mission service related to the Center for Global Mission
3283 throughout the constituencies of the Church, through the recruitment, selection, preparation,
3284 commissioning, and assignment of all categories of mission personnel, with necessary
3285 supervision and support of these persons in assignments in the widest variety of church and
3286 ecumenical partners in the United States and around the globe.

3287 c) Relating to persons in mission of partner churches.

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3289 HEALTH AND RELIEF UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF

3290 ¶ 1114¶ 1327. 1. General Provisions—~~a) Purpose—The Health and Relief Unit~~ United Methodist
3291 Committee on Relief (“UMCOR”) exists to assist United Methodists and churches to become
3292 involved globally in health and welfare ministries and in direct ministry to persons in need
3293 through programs of relief, rehabilitation, and service, including issues of refugees, hunger and
3294 poverty, and disaster response; and to assist organizations, institutions, and programs related to

3295 annual conferences and other units of The United Methodist Church in their involvement in
3296 direct service to persons in need ~~through both residential and nonresidential ministries.~~

3297 b) Authority ~~—The Health and Relief Unit, a single administrative unit with two~~
3298 ~~functional areas—United Methodist Committee on Relief, and Health and Welfare Ministries—~~
3299 UMCOR is a New York not-for-profit corporation whose directors are elected by the Center for
3300 Global Mission. UMCOR shall operate under in a manner consistent with the policies set by the
3301 CGM General Board of Global Ministries and in accordance with the bylaws of the CGM and
3302 UMCOR.

3303 e) Membership ~~—The membership of Health and Relief shall be constituted in accord with~~
3304 ~~the bylaws of the General Board of Global Ministries.~~

3305 ~~2. United Methodist Committee on Relief—~~ac) Responsibilities—The responsibilities of the
3306 United Methodist Committee on Relief shall be as follows:

3307 (1) ~~To~~ seek to address human need in the spirit of Jesus Christ;÷

3308 (2) ~~To~~ provide immediate relief of acute human need and to respond to the suffering of
3309 persons in the world caused by natural, ecological, political turmoil and civil disaster;÷

3310 (3) ~~To~~ work cooperatively with the appropriate conference units, ecumenical bodies,
3311 and interdenominational agencies in the identification of, advocacy for, and assistance with
3312 ministries with refugees, hunger and poverty, and disaster response;÷

3313 (4) ~~To~~ administer these ministries described in subparagraph three (3) above in the spirit
3314 of Jesus Christ, preserving the dignity of persons without regard to religion, race, nationality, or
3315 gender, and shall seek to enhance the quality of life in the human community;÷

3316 (5) ~~¶~~ work cooperatively with The Division on Communication of the Center for
3317 Resourcing and Operations~~General Commission on Communication~~ in promotion of the One
3318 Great Hour of Sharing offering.;

3319 (6) ~~¶~~ initiate printed, audiovisual, electronic, and other resources to interpret, support,
3320 and communicate with conferences and churches concerning appeals for help and information
3321 related to ministries with refugees, hunger and poverty, and disaster response.;

3322 (7) ~~¶~~ assist and train conference coordinators to address emerging and ongoing issues
3323 related to refugee ministries, root causes of hunger and poverty, disaster relief, and
3324 rehabilitation.;

3325 ~~b) *Financial Support*—Sources of funds shall include: voluntary gifts, One Great Hour of~~
3326 ~~Sharing offering, Advance Special Gifts, supplementary gifts of United Methodist Women,~~
3327 ~~churchwide appeals made by authority of the Council of Bishops and the General Council on~~
3328 ~~Finance and Administration, and designated benevolence funds. Sources of funds for~~
3329 ~~administrative functions of the General Board of Global Ministries shall be other than designated~~
3330 ~~funds to the United Methodist Committee on Relief.~~

3331 ~~e) *Consultation*—The response of United Methodist Committee on Relief growing out of natural~~
3332 ~~or civil disaster shall be made at the request of the appropriate body related to The United~~
3333 ~~Methodist Church. Repair and reconstruction of local church property and other church-related~~
3334 ~~property shall be included in the funding response of the United Methodist Committee on Relief~~
3335 ~~only when such response has been included in the appeal made for funds or the Advance Special~~
3336 ~~Gifts made for this purpose. When this condition has been met, the United Methodist Committee~~
3337 ~~on Relief shall respond in cooperation with the General Board of Global Ministries as follows:~~

3338 ~~(1) UMCOR, in consultation with conference disaster response coordinators, bishops, and district~~
3339 ~~superintendents, shall identify specific locations where local church property and church-related~~
3340 ~~properties have suffered damage.~~

3341 ~~(2) This information shall be relayed to the General Board of Global Ministries, which shall~~
3342 ~~contact the conference disaster response coordinator to arrange an on-site visit to evaluate~~
3343 ~~damages and initiate an ongoing consultative process.~~

3344 ~~3. Health and Welfare Ministries— a) Responsibilities— The responsibilities of Health and~~
3345 ~~Welfare Ministries shall be:~~

3346 ~~(1) To~~ (8) assist conference units in addressing emerging and ongoing global health
3347 issues, including comprehensive community-based primary health care, HIV/AIDS, ministries
3348 with persons with physically and mentally challenging conditions, environmental health, and
3349 particularly the health needs of women, children, youth, the communities of color in the United
3350 States, and racial and ethnic communities globally;:

3351 ~~(2) To provide~~ (9) upon the request of the appropriate conference unit, provide
3352 consultation services to existing and emerging health and welfare institutions and programs, and
3353 to jurisdictional, conference, district, and local church units;:

3354 ~~(3) To~~ (10) assist local churches, districts, and annual conferences to develop ministries
3355 of health, healing, and wholeness;:

3356 ~~(4) To~~ (11) provide help to conferences and health and welfare institutions to clarify their
3357 relationship with one another, including matters of legal and financial responsibility, and help
3358 health and welfare institutions to become involved in outreach ministry globally;:

3359 ~~(5) To provide programs for~~ (12) act as a facilitator with respect to annual conferences,
3360 districts, and local churches ~~that~~ to encourage awareness of the gifts and needs of persons with
3361 disabilities and ~~to~~ promote the leadership and employment throughout the connectional system of
3362 persons with disabilities; and

3363 ~~(6) To~~ (13) initiate printed, audiovisual, electronic, and other resources to interpret,
3364 support, and communicate with conferences and churches concerning development of health and
3365 welfare ministries and promotion of Golden Cross and similar offerings.

3366 ~~b) Financial Support—Sources of funds shall include financial support from World Service and~~
3367 ~~other funds designated for the program of health and welfare ministries, including such~~
3368 ~~proportion of undesignated gifts as may be determined by the board, and from gifts, wills, and~~
3369 ~~trust funds given especially to Health and Welfare Ministries. Health and Welfare Ministries is~~
3370 ~~authorized to receive financial grants and trusts from private foundations and funds from public~~
3371 ~~agencies and is empowered to act as trustee for the administration of such bequests.~~

3372 d) Response to Requests for Disaster Funding—UMCOR shall respond to a request for
3373 funding growing out of natural or civil disaster only if the request for such funds comes either
3374 from, (i) an appropriate body related to The United Methodist Church, preferably an annual
3375 conference, or (ii) an equivalent appropriate body of an entity that is not related to The United
3376 Methodist Church. After receiving a funding request, UMCOR shall in consultation with
3377 conference disaster response coordinators, bishops, and district superintendents in The United
3378 Methodist Church, or with persons in similar positions in equivalent appropriate bodies of
3379 entities that are not related to The United Methodist Church, identify specific locations where

3380 local church property and church-related properties have suffered damage, and arrange an on-site
3381 visit to evaluate and initiate an ongoing consultative process when appropriate.

3382 e) Relationship with the United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare
3383 Ministries—~~Health and Welfare Ministries~~ UMCOR shall work with the United Methodist
3384 Association of Health and Welfare Ministries in leadership development and may make services
3385 available to the association.

3386 f) Limitation of Responsibility—~~Health and Welfare Ministries~~ UMCOR shall not be
3387 responsible, legally or morally, for the debts, contracts, or obligations or for any other financial
3388 commitments of any character or description created, undertaken, or assumed by any institution
3389 or interest related to a unit of The United Methodist Church, whether or not such institution or
3390 interest shall be approved, accepted, or recognized by ~~Health and Welfare Ministries~~ UMCOR or
3391 shall be affiliated with ~~Health and Welfare Ministries~~ UMCOR, or whether or not the promotion
3392 or establishment of the same shall be approved by the constitution of ~~Health and Welfare~~
3393 ~~Ministries~~ UMCOR. No such institution or interest related to a unit of The United Methodist
3394 Church and no officer or member of ~~Health and Welfare Ministries~~ UMCOR shall have any
3395 authority whatsoever to take any action directly or by implication at variance with, or deviating
3396 from, the limitation contained in the preceding sentence hereof, except as ~~Health and Welfare~~
3397 ~~Ministries~~ UMCOR may directly own and manage an institution in its own name.

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DIVISION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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3401 *Delete ¶¶ 1401-1420, ¶¶ 1422-1423 and add the following new paragraphs:*

3402 ¶ 1115. Duties and Responsibilities—1. Higher education is a significant part of our Wesleyan
3403 heritage, our present task, and our future responsibility. The Church continues its historic
3404 mission of uniting knowledge and vital piety by maintaining educational institutions and a
3405 campus ministry, and through them an intellectual, spiritual, and material ministry to all persons
3406 within the academic community without respect to race, gender expression, sexual orientation,
3407 creed, or national origin.

3408 2. There shall be a Division on Higher Education representing The United Methodist Church in
3409 its relationships with educational institutions and the campus ministry. The division shall have an
3410 advisory relationship to all United Methodist-affiliated institutions, including universities,
3411 colleges, secondary and special schools, Wesley Foundations, and similar organizations as well
3412 as ecumenical campus ministry groups. The division will, on request, serve in an advisory and
3413 consultative capacity to all agencies of the Church owning or administering educational
3414 institutions and campus ministry units.

3415 3. Principal objectives of the division are:

3416 a) To determine the nature of the United Methodist mission in and through its elementary,
3417 secondary, and higher educational institutions and campus ministries.

3418 b) To develop policy that enables The United Methodist Church to engage effectively in
3419 higher education throughout the world.

3420 c) To encourage the Church in programs designed to nurture and sustain educational
3421 institutions and campus ministry units as invaluable assets in the ongoing life of the Church.

3422 d) To promote the United Methodist Student Movement, along with other Methodist and
3423 ecumenical student Christian movements around the world, and a concerned Christian ministry
3424 of the educational community; to witness in the campus community to the mission, message, and

3425 life of Jesus Christ; to deepen, enrich, and mature the Christian faith of college and university
3426 students, faculty, and staff through commitment to Jesus Christ and the Church and to assist
3427 them in their service and leadership to the world, in and through the Church.

3428 e) To interpret both the Church and its educational institutions and campus ministry to
3429 each other; to help the agencies of the Church and higher education participate in the greater
3430 realization of a fully humane society committed to freedom and truth, love, justice, peace, and
3431 personal integrity.

3432 f) To foster within educational institutions the highest educational standards, effective
3433 programs of Church relationships, the soundest business practices, the finest ethical and moral
3434 principles, and especially Christian ideals; to help people experience release from enslavement,
3435 fear, and violence; to help people live in love; and to raise the awareness of and sensitivity to
3436 persons with special needs.

3437 g) To preserve and protect resources, property, and investments of The United Methodist
3438 Church or any conference, agency, or institution thereof, in any educational institution, Wesley
3439 Foundation, or other campus ministry unit founded, organized, developed, or assisted under the
3440 direction or with the cooperation of The United Methodist Church.

3441 h) To relate to professional organizations of higher education and campus ministry on
3442 behalf of The United Methodist Church.

3443 i) To enable the division's constituencies to develop an interest in and response to public
3444 policies bearing on higher education, both independent and public.

3445 j) To provide resources and suggest guidelines for annual conference boards of higher
3446 education and campus ministry.

3447 4. The CGM Oversight Board shall hire any needed personnel, to facilitate the support of
3448 programs related to campus ministry; United Methodist related schools, colleges, and
3449 universities; and for the Black College Fund. It shall establish such committees and commissions
3450 as may be necessary for effective fulfillment of its objectives. It may adopt such rules and
3451 regulations as may be required for the conduct of its business.

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3453 ¶ 1116. Responsibilities to General and Annual Conferences—The Division on Higher
3454 Education will cooperate with and assist the General and annual conferences and their respective
3455 agencies, centers and commissions organized on behalf of educational institutions and the
3456 campus ministry. (For annual conference boards, see ¶ 634.2.)

3457 1. The division shall:

3458 a) Provide for the cooperative study of plans for maximum coordination of the work of
3459 United Methodist higher education with the Church’s mission in Christian education.

3460 b) Direct attention of Church members to the contribution of United Methodist educational
3461 institutions and campus ministry units to the life and character of students, faculty, and staff and
3462 to the place the institutions and campus ministry have in the preservation and propagation of the
3463 Christian faith for our time.

3464 2. The division shall assess institutional and campus ministry relationships with responsibilities
3465 to the Church, and it shall aid in the determination of the degree of active accord between
3466 institutional and campus ministry policies and practices and the policies of the Church as
3467 expressed in the Discipline and in General Conference enactments.

3468 3. The division shall assist educational societies and foundations related to the annual
3469 conferences for the promotion of Christian higher education and the campus ministry, and it shall

3470 recognize such societies and foundations as auxiliaries of the division when their objectives and
3471 purposes, articles of incorporation, and administrative policies shall have been approved by the
3472 annual conference within whose boundaries they have been incorporated.

3473 4. The division should provide the connectional relationship whenever agencies of the General
3474 Church wish to enter into discussion with or make inquiry into United Methodist-related schools,
3475 colleges, and universities.

3476 5. The division shall direct attention to the work and needs of those educational institutions that
3477 stand in special relationship to The United Methodist Church and shall request support for them.
3478 Due recognition shall be given to the needs of the Black colleges historically related to The
3479 United Methodist Church. (See ¶¶ 915, 1420.)

3480 6. The division shall approve changes in institutional sponsorship and relationships to the general
3481 or annual conferences, including separation from United Methodist program boards, from the
3482 general or one or more annual conferences, or from the University Senate as the certifying
3483 agency of The United Methodist Church.

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3485 ¶ 1117. Responsibilities to Educational Institutions—The Division on Higher Education shall
3486 establish policy and practice providing for consultation with and support of United Methodist
3487 educational institutions, campus ministry units, and annual conference boards of higher
3488 education and campus ministry in matters of institutional study and evaluation, promotion,
3489 interpretation, management, program, and finance.

3490 1. The division shall, in cooperation with the University Senate:

3491 a) Study trends in higher education, the needs of the Church, and public and private
3492 educational opportunities and requirements and make recommendations to the educational
3493 institutions and state commissions or other bodies or publics concerned with higher education.

3494 b) Recommend and approve plans for institutional cooperation, consolidation, or merger
3495 between or among United Methodist-related colleges and/or between them and institutions of
3496 other denominations that ensure that the interests of The United Methodist Church are
3497 adequately protected.

3498 c) Investigate the objectives, academic programs, educational standards, personnel
3499 policies, plant and equipment, business and management practices, financial program, public
3500 relations, student personnel services, student development programs, religious life, and Church
3501 relations of any educational institution claiming or adjudged to be related to The United
3502 Methodist Church.

3503 d) Evaluate and classify institutions in order to authenticate relatedness to the Church and
3504 determine eligibility for Church financial support.

3505 2. The division shall, in regard to campus ministry, Wesley Foundations, and ecumenical campus
3506 ministry groups, provide a structure within the division in order to:

3507 a) Assist in development of plans for the systematic evaluation of these units in
3508 cooperation with their regularly constituted boards of directors or trustees and with conference
3509 boards of higher education and campus ministry, and with area or regional committees or
3510 commissions on Christian higher education and campus ministry or appropriate ecumenical
3511 agencies.

3512 b) Study the trends in programming and funding in campus ministry, review reports from
3513 the United Methodist Campus Ministers Association (UMCMA), conference agencies and local

3514 units, and interpret these findings to the constituency as appropriate to The United Methodist
3515 Church.

3516 c) Affirm its commitment to an ecumenical approach to campus ministry; encourage local,
3517 campus, state, regional, and global units of that ministry to work toward ecumenical
3518 programming and structures where appropriate to provide counsel and support to conference
3519 boards and agencies in reviewing, evaluating, and strengthening existing and proposed local and
3520 regional ecumenical covenants for campus ministry; and ensure that ecumenical covenants and
3521 procedures for these units are on file with the annual conference boards of higher education and
3522 campus ministry.

3523 d) Develop standards and policies for the professional staff of Wesley Foundations,
3524 campus ministries and chaplaincies and provide educational and training opportunities for
3525 campus ministers and chaplains.

3526 e) Establish policies and guidelines for the work and responsibilities of oversight of the
3527 annual conference board of higher education and ministry programs of campus ministry in
3528 Wesley Foundations, local churches, and ecumenical campus ministries, and the work and
3529 responsibilities of local Wesley Foundations and campus ministry boards of directors.

3530 f) Establish procedures and guidelines for the establishment of a new Wesley Foundation
3531 or campus ministry unit and the planning and construction of Wesley Foundation or campus
3532 ministry buildings.

3533 g) Recognize and cooperate with agencies with whom relationships may serve to further
3534 the objectives of the division.

3535 h) Provide for representation and participation, as deemed necessary, with other national
3536 and international ecumenical campus ministry agencies and associations.

3537 i) Provide services to meet specific denominational needs.
3538 j) Relate college and university students of The United Methodist Church to the United
3539 Methodist Student Movement and such Methodist and ecumenical student organizations around
3540 the world as may be appropriate.

3541 3. The division shall, as it seeks to interpret higher education:

3542 a) Promote the Church's mission in higher education, including the special missions and
3543 educational ministries to ethnic groups, people with disabilities, and other peoples disadvantaged
3544 by world conditions.

3545 b) Promote Christian instruction and provide opportunity for Christian service.

3546 c) Encourage educational institutions and campus ministry units to inculcate human and
3547 humane values consistent with the gospel and the public good.

3548 d) Foster the development of Christian community within the life of educational
3549 institutions and campus ministry units.

3550 e) Make use of the existing Church organization and publications for interpreting the
3551 mission of higher education.

3552 f) Participate in the World Communion Scholarship program.

3553 g) Design and organize the promotion of United Methodist Student Day to recognize
3554 United Methodist students in higher education.

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3556 ¶ 1118. Financial Support of Higher Education—1. In recognition of its heritage and the mandate
3557 to maintain its mission in higher education and in light of emergent fiscal concerns, The United
3558 Methodist Church affirms its commitment to higher education and to the means by which it can
3559 be continuously supported and renewed.

3560 2. The Division on Higher Education shall be empowered to take such action as may be
3561 necessary to:

3562 a) Promote the financial support of Christian higher education within the Church.

3563 b) Create arrangements that shall provide for the flow of supporting funds from the whole
3564 Church to the institutions affiliated with the Church as affirmed by the University Senate (§
3565 1416).

3566 c) Develop corporations, or other fiscal or fiduciary agencies, for the purpose of financing,
3567 creating, recycling, managing, or otherwise caring for institutions and campus ministry units or
3568 their assets and liabilities.

3569 3. The division, in regard to fiscal matters, shall:

3570 a) Study the financial status of United Methodist educational institutions and campus
3571 ministry units, encourage the Church to give them continuous support, and provide consultative
3572 services in fiscal affairs and other aspects of institutional management. The division shall study
3573 all appropriate related data and may recommend to each conference or agency the support levels
3574 appropriate for each related institution or institutions.

3575 b) Appropriate such funds as are available for the support of educational institutions,
3576 Wesley Foundations, or other campus ministry units related to The United Methodist Church
3577 under such rules as the board may adopt.

3578 c) Take such action as is necessary to protect or recover resources, property, and
3579 investments of The United Methodist Church or any conference, agency, or institution thereof, in
3580 capital or endowment funds of any educational institution, Wesley Foundation, or other campus
3581 ministry unit founded, organized, developed, or assisted under the direction or with the
3582 cooperation of The United Methodist Church should any such institution discontinue operation

3583 or move to sever or modify its connection with the Church or violate the terms of any rules
3584 adopted by the board or the terms of any such grant of new capital or endowment funds made by
3585 The United Methodist Church or any conference, agency, or institution thereof. In order to carry
3586 out its duties under this paragraph, the division shall, at its discretion, investigate, audit, and
3587 review all necessary records and documents of any educational institution claiming or adjudged
3588 by the division to be related to The United Methodist Church. In the event any such educational
3589 institution, Wesley Foundation, or other campus ministry unit shall endeavor to discontinue
3590 operation or move to sever or modify its connection with the Church or violate the rules adopted
3591 by the division in accordance with ¶ 1413.3b, it shall be the duty of the trustees and the
3592 administrators of such institutions, along with the conference agency on higher education and the
3593 resident bishop of the conference in which such institution is located, to confer at the earliest
3594 possible opportunity with appropriate representatives of the division to determine what resources
3595 and aid the division may be able to provide and to permit the division to carry out its
3596 responsibilities under this paragraph.

3597 d) (1) Foster and aid through a special apportionment the United Methodist institutions
3598 historically related to education for African Americans. It shall have authority to institute plans
3599 by which colleges sponsored by the division may cooperate with or may unite with colleges of
3600 other denominations or under independent control, provided that the interests of The United
3601 Methodist Church are adequately protected. (2) Encourage such Black colleges to secure
3602 adequate endowments for their support and maintenance. Whenever the division is assured that
3603 their support will be adequate and the property will be conserved and perpetuated for Christian
3604 education under the auspices and control of The United Methodist Church, it may transfer the
3605 colleges to boards of trustees under such conditions as the Center for Global Mission may

3606 prescribe, which shall include the right of reversion to the CGM Oversight Board under
3607 conditions prescribed by the CGM Oversight Board.

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3609 UNIVERSITY SENATE

3610 ¶ 1119. Organization and Membership—1. The University Senate is an elected body of
3611 professionals in higher education created by the General Conference to determine which schools,
3612 colleges, universities, and theological schools meet the criteria for listing as institutions affiliated
3613 with The United Methodist Church. {See Judicial Council Decision 589.}

3614 2. The senate shall be composed of twenty-five voting members who, at the time of election, are
3615 actively engaged in the work of education through employment in an educational institution and
3616 are fitted by training and experience for the technical work of evaluating educational institutions.

3617 Election is for the quadrennium, except in cases where conflict of interest arises as a result of
3618 change in employment. Nine of these members shall be elected quadrennially by the National

3619 Association of Schools and Colleges of The United Methodist Church—seven of whom shall be
3620 chief executive officers of United Methodist-related educational institutions, the other two

3621 holding other positions relevant to academic or financial affairs or Church relationships; four by
3622 the Center for Global Mission—two of whom shall be chief executive officers of United

3623 Methodist-related higher educational institutions, the other two holding other positions relevant
3624 to academic or financial affairs or Church relationships; four by the General Conference—two of

3625 whom shall be chief executive officers of United Methodist-related educational institutions at the
3626 time of their election, the other two holding other positions relevant to academic or financial

3627 affairs or Church relationships; four by the senate itself, without limitation other than the general
3628 provisions of this paragraph; and four shall be appointed by the Council of Bishops—two of

3629 whom shall be chief executive officers of United Methodist-related educational institutions, the
3630 other two holding other positions relevant to academic or financial affairs or Church
3631 relationships. Each of the five electing bodies shall elect at least one woman.
3632 Members elected by the General Conference shall be nominated and elected by the following
3633 procedure: Twelve persons shall be nominated by the Council of Bishops, six of whom shall be
3634 chief executive officers of United Methodist-related educational institutions, the other six
3635 holding other positions relevant to academic or financial affairs or Church relationships. At the
3636 same daily session at which the above nominations are announced, additional nominations may
3637 be made from the floor but at no other time. From these nominations, the General Conference
3638 shall elect without discussion, by ballot and by plurality vote, the four persons to serve on the
3639 senate, two from each of the two categories of nominees. Should a vacancy occur in the members
3640 elected by General Conference in the interim prior to the next General Conference, the Council
3641 of Bishops shall appoint a replacement taken from the remaining nominees. The election process
3642 shall be repeated at each succeeding General Conference. Care should be taken that women,
3643 racial and ethnic persons, and representatives from the United Methodist-related Black colleges
3644 and graduate theological seminaries shall be members of the senate. If a member (other than the
3645 four elected by the General Conference) retires from educational work, or for any other cause a
3646 vacancy occurs during the quadrennium, it shall be filled by the agency by which the retiring
3647 member was elected at its next meeting. The general secretary of the Center for Global Mission
3648 and anyone else deemed necessary by the CGM Oversight Board shall serve as ex officio
3649 members of the senate, with voice but without vote.
3650 3. The CGM Oversight Board shall determine who will be the executive secretary of the senate.
3651 The general secretary of the CGM shall convene it for organization at the beginning of each

3652 quadrennium. The senate shall elect its own officers, including a president, a vice president, and
3653 a recording secretary, and it may appoint such committees and commissions and delegate to
3654 them such powers as are incident to its work. Thereafter, it shall meet semiannually at such time
3655 and place as it may determine. Special meetings may be called on the written request of five
3656 members or at the discretion of the president and the executive secretary.

3657 4. After consultation with the officers of the senate, the Division on Higher Education shall
3658 provide in its annual budget for the expense of the senate as it may deem sufficient, except that
3659 expenses incurred by the senate on behalf of any other board of the Church shall be borne by that
3660 board.

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3662 ¶ 1120. Purposes and Objectives—1. To establish the criteria that must be met by schools,
3663 colleges, universities, and theological schools to achieve and retain listing as institutions
3664 affiliated with The United Methodist Church.

3665 2. To support the development of institutions whose aims are to address and whose programs
3666 reflect significant educational, cultural, social, and human issues in a manner reflecting the
3667 values held in common by the institutions and the Church.

3668 3. To provide an effective review process to ensure that schools, colleges, universities, and
3669 theological schools listed by the University Senate and qualifying for Church support have
3670 institutional integrity, well-structured programs, sound management, and clearly defined Church
3671 relationships. {See Judicial Council Decision 589.}

3672 4. To establish effective annual reporting procedures that will provide the senate with the data
3673 necessary to complete its review of the institutional viability and program integrity of member
3674 institutions.

3675 5. At the conclusion of each General Conference a complete set of the Daily Christian Advocate
3676 for that General Conference shall be sent to each theological school approved by the University
3677 Senate.

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3679 ¶ 1121. Institutional Affiliation {See Judicial Council Decision 589.}—1. Approval by the senate
3680 is prerequisite to institutional claim of affiliation with The United Methodist Church.

3681 2. Every effort shall be made by both the annual conferences and institutions to sustain and
3682 support each other, but identification of an institution with The United Methodist Church shall
3683 depend upon its approval by the senate. The senate shall provide adequate guidelines and counsel
3684 to assist institutions seeking initial or renewed affiliation.

3685 3. Only institutions affiliated with The United Methodist Church through approval by the senate
3686 shall be eligible for funding by annual conferences, General Conference, general boards, or other
3687 agencies of The United Methodist Church.

3688 4. To qualify for affiliation with The United Methodist Church, institutions must maintain
3689 appropriate academic accreditation.

3690 5. Assessment of Church relationships shall be a part of the process for those institutions seeking
3691 approval of the senate for affiliation with The United Methodist Church. Inasmuch as
3692 declarations of Church relationships are expected to differ one from the other, and because of the
3693 diversity in heritage and other aspects of institutional life, declarations of Church relationship
3694 will necessarily be of institutional design.

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3696 ¶ 1122. Annual Reports of Approved Institutions—1. Each year the senate shall publish a list
3697 classifying United Methodist-affiliated institutions. These institutions shall include secondary
3698 schools, colleges, universities, graduate theological seminaries, and special schools.

3699 2. The senate shall also prepare annually a list of approved schools, colleges, universities, and
3700 graduate theological seminaries for use by annual conference boards of ordained ministry in
3701 determining candidate educational eligibility for admission into full connection.

3702 3. An institution that chooses to disaffiliate with The United Methodist Church for any reason
3703 shall: a) inform the University Senate as soon as possible after discussions begin concerning
3704 disaffiliation; b) inform all appropriate United Methodist judicatories; and c) seek technical and
3705 legal assistance from the Division on Higher Education regarding fiduciary issues.

3706 4. The senate shall publish annually, with its list of United Methodist-affiliated institutions, the
3707 names of institutions of other historic Methodist Churches that wish to participate in research
3708 projects, the insurance program, and technical services of the CGM. Such institutions shall be
3709 designated as “associate” institutions.

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3711 ¶ 1123. Consultative Services—1. Support for approved institutions shall include, through the
3712 appropriate units of the Center for Global Mission, consulting teams with skills in
3713 comprehensive institutional design, management, governance, and program.

3714 2. Support for approved institutions shall include an interpretation of and consultation on data in
3715 the annual institutional reports.

3716 3. The Division on Higher Education shall report annually to the senate on the level and types of
3717 institutional support rendered by related conferences and agencies and shall evaluate such
3718 support, including specific responses of conferences and agencies to recommended levels.

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UNITED METHODIST HIGHER EDUCATION FOUNDATION

¶ 1124. The United Methodist Higher Education Foundation is incorporated in the State of Tennessee as a nonprofit, charitable organization with permanent ties to the Center for Global Mission, which elects its board of trustees. The general purpose of the foundation is to foster the growth and development of institutions of higher education by encouraging persons and corporations to provide financial support and by acting as a foundation for such support. The foundation is also authorized to serve as a trustee and administrator of gifts and bequests designated by donors to specific institutions.

COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS OF THE BLACK COLLEGES

¶ 1125. Council of Presidents of the Black Colleges—1. There shall be an organization known as the Council of Presidents of the Black Colleges. It shall be composed of all the presidents of the United Methodist institutions historically related to the education of African Americans and with a current relationship to The United Methodist Church.

2. Purposes and Objectives—The purpose of the council shall be to:

- a) Help identify and clarify the roles of these colleges in higher education and in The United Methodist Church.
- b) Promote fundraising efforts through the Church.
- c) Study, review, and discuss programs of member institutions.

The council shall have a minimum of two regular meetings in each calendar year and shall be amenable to the Division on Higher Education in the implementation of its responsibilities.

3742 SCHOOLS OF THEOLOGY OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3743 ¶ 1126. Goals—1. United Methodist schools of theology share a common mission of preparing
3744 persons for leadership in the ministry of The United Methodist Church; of leading in the ongoing
3745 reflection on Wesleyan theology; and of assisting the church in fulfilling its mission to make
3746 disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. They contribute to the life of the
3747 global United Methodist connection through theological education for the sake of the worldwide
3748 mission of the church. These schools of theology are maintained for the education of ordained
3749 and lay leadership, for the interpretation of the Christian faith and United Methodist tradition
3750 through biblical and theological research, and for prophetic leadership. The Center for Global
3751 Mission provides leadership and support in this common mission and in the development of
3752 relationships among the schools of theology in the U.S.A. and the central conferences and the
3753 various agencies of the General Church.

3754 2. All candidates for ordination as deacon or elder in The United Methodist Church are strongly
3755 encouraged to attend United Methodist schools of theology since these schools share with the
3756 Center for Congregational Development in the work of preparing persons for ordination and
3757 leadership in The United Methodist Church.

3758 3. Schools of Theology of The United Methodist Church Located in the U.S.A.—a) Schools of
3759 theology of The United Methodist Church located in the U.S.A. exist to serve The United
3760 Methodist Church across its worldwide connection. In addition to their commitment to United
3761 Methodism, they also serve students of other denominations in witness to United Methodism’s
3762 ecumenical relationships. As denominational schools, they have a historic relationship to the
3763 denomination and are officially related to The United Methodist Church through the Center for
3764 Global Mission and the approval of its University Senate. The following schools comprise this

3765 network of United Methodist schools of theology in the U.S.A.: Boston University School of
3766 Theology, Claremont School of Theology, Duke Divinity School, Candler School of Theology,
3767 the Theological School-Drew University, Gammon Theological Seminary (ITC), Garrett-
3768 Evangelical Theological Seminary, Iliff School of Theology, Methodist Theological School in
3769 Ohio, Perkins School of Theology, Saint Paul School of Theology, United Theological Seminary
3770 (Dayton, Ohio), and Wesley Theological Seminary. They are accountable to the church through
3771 the Center for Global Mission and its University Senate. Therefore, agencies of the church
3772 seeking to monitor the use of the schools will do so in cooperation with the CGM.

3773 b) These schools of theology shall receive financial support for the current operating expenses
3774 from the annual conferences in the USA through the Ministerial Education Fund, administered
3775 by the, CGM. (See ¶ 916.2.) The Ministerial Education Fund shall be regarded by the annual
3776 conferences in the USA as a priority to be met before any additional benevolence, grants, or
3777 funds are allocated to other theological schools or schools of religion. {See Judicial Council
3778 Decision 545.}

3779 c) In fulfilling their task of preparing persons for effective service for Christ and the
3780 church, The United Methodist schools of theology located in the USA shall acquaint students
3781 with the current polity, theology and programs of The United Methodist Church and shall offer
3782 practical experience in administration, evangelism, stewardship, and other areas which will
3783 prepare them for effective Christian ministry in a multicultural society. Each school of theology,
3784 in consultation with the CGM and the Division on Ordained Ministry of the Center for
3785 Congregational Development, shall provide the courses in United Methodist history, doctrine,
3786 and polity specified in ¶ 335.(3) and seek to form persons for ministry in the Wesleyan tradition.

3787 d) Any institution seeking affiliation with The United Methodist Church for the
3788 preparation of candidates for ordination must first present its plan to the CGM for approval and
3789 recommendation to the University Senate, which alone can grant affiliation and listing as a
3790 United Methodist school of theology. A select number of non-United Methodist schools of
3791 theology may be granted approval for the preparation of candidates for ordination under the
3792 criteria of the University Senate.

3793 4. Schools of Theology of The United Methodist Church Located in the Central Conferences—a)
3794 In order to meet the needs for theological education and clergy training in their regions, the
3795 central conferences establish schools of theology to serve the United Methodists in their distinct
3796 cultural, social, and linguistic context. Schools of theology and programs of clergy training are
3797 also established to serve the needs of the central conferences. These schools may be supported
3798 through the central conference and/or the CGM and are accountable to the appropriate bodies for
3799 their program and their relationship to the denomination.

3800 b) Additional schools of theology and pastoral training may be established by the central
3801 conference, General Conference and CGM and accountability depends on the founding
3802 documents of the institutions.

3803 5. The United Methodist Church also shares in global theological education through ecumenical
3804 schools of theology where The United Methodist Church is a partner. Though not United
3805 Methodist-related, these institutions serve on behalf of United Methodists in those regions and
3806 may relate to the CGM in accordance with their charter and mission.

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3808 *Delete ¶ 1101, ¶ 1102, ¶ 1104 and replace with ¶ 1201, ¶ 1202, ¶ 1204. Renumber ¶ 1103,*
3809 *¶¶ 1105-1127 to ¶ 1203, ¶¶ 1205-1227 and edit as follows:*

3810 Section VI. Center for Justice, Reconciliation and Witness

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3812 ¶ 1201. Name—There shall be a Center for Justice, Reconciliation and Witness in The United
3813 Methodist Church, hereinafter referred to as the CJRW, whose fundamental charge is to support
3814 the mission and ministry of the Church (see ¶¶ 120-139).

3815

3816 ¶ 1202. Purpose—The Center for Justice, Reconciliation and Witness’s primary purpose shall
3817 be threefold: to assist United Methodist groups and individuals to give witness to Jesus Christ in
3818 personal, social, and civic contexts; to promote justice in the Church and the world; and to equip
3819 the people of the Church to be ambassadors of reconciliation.

3820

3821 ¶ 1203~~¶ 1003~~. Objectives—To achieve its purpose, the CJRW~~board~~ shall:

- 3822 1. Project plans and programs that challenge the members of The United Methodist Church to
3823 work through their own local churches, ecumenical channels, and society toward personal,
3824 social, and civic ~~holiness~~righteousness;
- 3825 2. Assist congregations, districts, annual conferences, jurisdictional conferences, central
3826 conferences and general conference with needed resources in areas of such concerns;
- 3827 3. Analyze the issues that confront persons, communities, nations, and the world; and
- 3828 4. Encourage Christian forms of witness that will assist humankind to move toward a world
3829 where peace and justice are achieved.

3830

3831 ¶ 1204. Responsibilities—The primary responsibility of the Center for Justice, Reconciliation
3832 and Witness is to extend God’s grace and hospitality to all through individual and communal

3833 witness and action on concerns of human well-being, justice, peace, reconciliation and the
3834 integrity of creation. In particular, the CJRW shall conduct research, education, and create
3835 opportunities for action on the wide range of issues that confront the Church, using the Social
3836 Principles as guidelines for engaging groups and individuals for acts of witness, justice and
3837 reconciliation in order to further God's grace here on earth. Beginning with a biblical and
3838 theological basis and an understanding of witness that expands the wideness of God's welcome,
3839 the CJRW serves to develop, interpret and resource ministries of justice and reconciliation at
3840 conference, district, and local church levels, so that all persons will be invited and cared for by
3841 our United Methodist Church and may become disciples who work for the transformation of the
3842 world. To this end, all of the following shall be done in manners consistent with the Social
3843 Principles and policies adopted by the General Conference:

3844 1) The CJRW will relate and provide liaison services to denominational and ecumenical
3845 associations and fellowships. In cooperation with ecumenical agencies and other appropriate
3846 boards and agencies, the CJRW shall encourage and promote ministries and models of mediation
3847 and conflict resolution, both ecumenically and within the agencies and institutions of The United
3848 Methodist Church.

3849 2) The CJRW will work collaboratively with the centers and commissions of the United
3850 Methodist Church to seek mutual cooperation among and with its seminaries for the purpose of
3851 training and nurturing persons for ministry and in continuing education where the responsibilities
3852 intersect.

3853 3) The CJRW will communicate with other Centers in whose programs the subject matter of
3854 witness, justice and reconciliation in order to provide counsel, guidance, and resources for the
3855 implementation of such programs.

3856 4) The CJRW will participate in and cooperate with the work of the Publishing House for the
3857 inclusion of justice, reconciliation and witness concepts and resources in local church study
3858 curriculum, specifically young adults in living out their faith in the public domain.

3859 5) The CJRW will provide consultation with conferences, districts, local congregations, and
3860 other agencies to develop strategies in personal and social witness.

3861 6) The CJRW will develop, promote, and distribute resources and conduct programs to inform,
3862 motivate, train, organize, and build networks for action toward justice, reconciliation and witness
3863 throughout society that identify and respond to critical social issues at community, regional,
3864 national, and international levels.

3865 7) The CJRW will collaborate with the General Commission on Religion and Race, the General
3866 Commission on the Status and Role of Women, and the Appalachian Development Committee as
3867 they seek to coordinate denominational support with various movements for racial, sexual, and
3868 social justice.

3869 8) The CJRW shall facilitate and coordinate the legislative advocacy activities of the United
3870 Methodist Church in ecumenical, interfaith and civic arenas.

3871

3872 ¶ 1205¶ 1005. Incorporation—The CJRW~~General Board of Church and Society~~ shall be a
3873 corporation existing under the laws of the District of Columbia and shall be the legal successor
3874 and successor in trust of the corporations, boards, departments, or entities known as General
3875 Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church, the General Board of Christian
3876 Social Concerns of The United Methodist Church...

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3878 ¶ 1206¶ 1006. Organization—1. The CJRW~~General Board of Church and Society~~ shall have
3879 thirty-three~~sixty-three~~ members, constituted in accordance with ¶ 705.4 ¶ 705.3d, and shall be
3880 organized as specified in its bylaws and in accordance with ¶¶ 702-710 of the General
3881 Provisions.

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3883 ***Rename ¶ 1007 as ¶ 1207 and insert.***

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3885 ¶ 1208¶ 1008. Financial Support—1. The General Conference shall determine and provide the
3886 funding for the board in accord with policies and procedures of ¶ 907¶ 806...

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3888 ¶ 1209¶ 1009. Staff—1. The general secretary shall be the chief administrative officer of the
3889 CJRW~~board~~, responsible for the coordination of the total program of the CJRW~~board~~, the
3890 supervision of staff, and the administration of the headquarters office. The general secretary shall
3891 be an ex officio member of the CJRW Oversight Board's executive committee without vote and
3892 shall sit with the CJRW Oversight B~~board~~ when it is in session, with voice but without vote.

3893 2. All other staff are to be elected or appointed in a manner prescribed by the CJRW Oversight
3894 B~~board~~ consistent with the personnel~~affirmative action~~ policies of the Church and its Book of
3895 Discipline~~the board~~.

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3897 ¶ 1210¶ 1010. Facilities~~Headquarters~~—The headquarters location shall be determined in
3898 accordance with ¶ 908.7¶ 807.7. In addition, a~~A~~ United Nations Office shall be maintained in
3899 cooperation with United Methodist Women Inc.~~the Women's Division of the General Board of~~
3900 Global Ministries.

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3902 ~~¶ 1211¶1011~~. Bylaws—The CJRW~~General Board of Church and Society~~ shall provide its own
3903 bylaws, which shall not violate any provisions of the Constitution or the Book of Discipline. The
3904 bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting thereon at a
3905 regular or special meeting, provided that notice of such amendment has previously been given to
3906 the members.

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3908 ***Renumber ¶¶ 1601-1642 to ¶¶ 1301-1342***

3909 Section VII. The United Methodist Publishing House

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3911 ***Renumber ¶¶ 1701-1712 to ¶¶ 1401-1412***

3912 Section VIII. General Commission on Archives and History

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3914 ***Renumber ¶¶ 2001-2008 to ¶¶ 1501-1508 and edit as follows:***

3915 Section IX. General Commission on Religion and Race

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3917 ~~¶ 1502¶2002~~.*Purpose*— The primary purpose of the General Commission on Religion and Race
3918 shall be to challenge, lead and equip the people of The United Methodist Church to be and
3919 become the intentionally diverse body of Christ affirmed in Scripture and reflected in the global
3920 community. Responding to a growing awareness of the impact of privilege and power in the
3921 global community, the Commission shall mobilize individuals to live out the Wesleyan ideals of
3922 personal and social holiness. The General Commission on Religion and Race exists to lead the
3923 Church in personal and systemic transformation. Through equipping, holding accountable and

3924 partnering with all of the connectional structures of The United Methodist Church, the
3925 Commission will further racial equity, justice and the making of prophetic disciples of Jesus
3926 Christ for the transformation of the world.

3927

3928 ¶ 1508¶2008. *Responsibilities*—The general commission will assume general Church
3929 responsibility for such matters as:

3930 1. Advocating for visible and prophetic leadership at every level of the Global Church and
3931 mobilizing all people for action in the Church and in the world around issues of racial justice
3932 and inclusion, so that access to power and resources along with the gifts and graces of
3933 historically marginalized people can be used to bring about God’s reign.

3934 2. Ensuring racial equity, justice and inclusion on matters such as but not limited to: resolving
3935 racially and culturally based disputes and provide accountability in creating and enacting
3936 policies, programs and processes so that every level of the Global Church is more effective in
3937 ministry to increasingly diverse communities.

3938 3. Conducting research and analysis for the purpose of engaging lay and clergy leadership in the
3939 complex social cultural realities facing congregations and conferences globally thereby
3940 deepening the relationships necessary to fulfill the mission of the United Methodist Church in a
3941 diverse world.

3942 4. Provide training, resources and consultation at all levels of the Global Church in order to:

- 3943
- Increase culturally competent leadership.
 - 3944 • Expand vital and relevant local church ministry.
 - 3945 • Challenge white privilege and promote anti-racism efforts.
 - 3946 • Further racial/ethnic/tribal justice, equity and reconciliation.

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3948 So that members of the Church become self-aware, learn to value and accept cultural differences
3949 and to become agents of change in the Church and world.

3950 5. Identifying and responding to salient denominational matters such as culturally competent
3951 leadership development, cross-racial/cross-cultural and multicultural ministry, renewal of ethnic
3952 ministry, global racism, ethnocentrism, and tribalism in order for the Church to more effectively
3953 move its mission forward in a diverse and global society.

3954

3955 Administering CORR (Commission on Religion and Race) Action Fund. The CORR
3956 (Commission on Religion and Race) Action Fund is established by the General Conference of
3957 The United Methodist Church for the empowerment of diversity, inclusion and racial justice
3958 work within and outside the Church. The fund is available through grants to congregations
3959 comprised of racial and ethnic persons, community agencies, and other groups for the purposes
3960 established by the General Conference. The Fund shall be administered by the General
3961 Commission on Religion and Race on behalf of The United Methodist Church. The General
3962 Commission shall be responsible for developing guidelines and policies regarding grants, and for
3963 evaluation of projects receiving support.

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3965 ***ReNUMBER ¶¶ 2101-2109 to ¶¶ 1601-1609***

3966 Section X. General Commission on the Status and Role of Women

3967

3968 ***United Methodist Women – enabling Amendments:***

3969 ***Amend ¶ 256.5 as follows:***

3970 ¶ 256.5 United Methodist Women—United Methodist Women

3971 5. United Methodist Women—~~In every local church there shall be an organized unit of United~~
3972 ~~Methodist Women.~~ United Methodist Women shall be organized in every local church. The
3973 following is the authorized constitution:

3974 Article 1. Name—The name of this organization shall be United Methodist Women.

3975 Article 2. Relationships—The ~~unit~~ local organization of United Methodist Women ~~in the~~
3976 ~~local church~~ is directly related to the district, ~~and~~ conference and national organizations of
3977 United Methodist Women, ~~and to the Women's Division of the General Board of Global~~
3978 ~~Ministries of The United Methodist church.~~

3979 Article 3. Purpose—~~The organized unit of~~ United Methodist Women shall be a
3980 community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole
3981 persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand
3982 concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

3983 Article 4. Membership—Membership shall be open to any woman who indicates her
3984 desire to belong and to participate in the global mission of the church through United Methodist
3985 Women. The pastor(s) shall be an ex officio member of the local ~~unit~~ organization ~~and of its~~
3986 ~~executive committee.~~ of United Methodist Women and of its Leadership Team or equivalent
3987 structure.

3988 Article 5. ~~Officers and Committees~~ Leadership Team—~~The local unit shall elect a~~
3989 ~~president, a vice president, a secretary, a treasurer, and a committee on nominations.~~ Additional
3990 ~~officers and committees shall be elected or appointed as needed, in accordance with the plans of~~
3991 ~~the Women's Division as set forth in the bylaws for the local unit of United Methodist women.~~

3992 Members of the local organization of United Methodist Women shall elect as its leaders those
3993 persons who are needed to help the organization to fulfill the PURPOSE, including at least a
3994 president, a treasurer, a secretary and one member at large. These persons may form such other
3995 teams or committees as may be needed to fulfill the PURPOSE and in accordance with this
3996 constitution and guidance from the national organization of United Methodist Women.

3997 Article 6. Funds:

3998 a. ~~The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall secure funds for the fulfillment~~
3999 ~~of its purpose. United Methodist Women~~ in the local church shall secure funds for
4000 the fulfillment of the PURPOSE.

4001 b. All funds, from whatever source secured by the ~~unit~~ local organization of United
4002 Methodist Women, belong to the organization and shall be disbursed only in
4003 accordance with its constitution and by its order. Its accounts shall be audited or
4004 reviewed in accordance with guidance from the national organization.

4005 c. The total budget secured and administered by the ~~organized unit~~ organization of
4006 United Methodist Women ~~in the local church~~ shall include: (1) pledges and other
4007 money for the programs and responsibilities of the ~~Women's Division to~~ national
4008 organization of United Methodist Women, which shall be directed through regular
4009 channels of ~~finance~~ giving of United Methodist Women; and (2) funds to be used in
4010 mission locally, which shall include amounts for ~~administration and membership~~
4011 ~~development.~~ the functions of the local organization of United Methodist Women.

4012 d. ~~The organized unit in the local church shall make an annual pledge to the total budget~~
4013 ~~of the district or conference organization of United Methodist Women.~~ The local
4014 organization of United Methodist Women shall make an annual pledge to the total

4015 budget of the district or conference organization of United Methodist Women, as
4016 applicable.

4017 e. All undesignated funds channeled to the ~~Women's Division~~ national organization of
4018 United Methodist Women shall be appropriated by ~~the division~~ its board of directors.

4019 Article 7. Meetings—~~Each local organization of United Methodist Women~~ The organized
4020 ~~unit in the local church~~ shall ~~hold such meetings for~~ develop and implementing plans for
4021 fulfilling the purpose Purpose and transacting its business as ~~the unit itself shall decide.~~

4022 Article 8. Relationship in the Local Church—~~The organized unit~~ local organization of
4023 United Methodist Women shall encourage all women to participate in the total life and work of
4024 the Church and shall support them in assuming positions of responsibility and leadership.

4025 Article 9. Amendments—Proposed amendments to this constitution may be sent to the
4026 recording secretary of the ~~Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries before~~
4027 ~~the last annual meeting of the division in the quadrennium~~ national organization of United
4028 Methodist Women for consideration by the board of directors. The last date for consideration of
4029 any amendments will be the last regular meeting of the board of directors before the date by
4030 which proposed legislation must be submitted for action of the General Conference.

4031

4032 *Amend ¶ 536 as follows:*

4033 ¶ 536. Constitution of United Methodist Women in the Jurisdiction

4034 Article 1. Name—In each jurisdiction there shall be a jurisdiction organization named
4035 United Methodist Women, auxiliary directly related to the ~~Women's Division of the General~~
4036 ~~Board of Global Ministries.~~ national organization of United Methodist Women.

4037 Article 2. Authority—Each jurisdiction organization of United Methodist Women shall
4038 have authority to promote its work in accordance with the program and policies of the ~~Women's~~
4039 ~~Division of the General Board of Global Ministries~~ national organization of United Methodist
4040 Women.

4041 Article 3. Membership—The voting membership of the jurisdiction organization of
4042 United Methodist Women shall be composed of the members of the ~~core planning group;~~
4043 Jurisdiction Leadership Team, six three delegates members from elected by each conference
4044 organization, ~~all of whom shall be conference officers;~~ members of the ~~Women's Division~~ board
4045 of directors of United Methodist Women and the members of the United Methodist Women
4046 Program Advisory Group living in organizations within the jurisdiction; a representative of the
4047 jurisdictional ~~a~~ Association of ~~d~~ Deaconesses and/Home Missioners/Home ~~m~~ Missionaries; and all
4048 the active bishops of the jurisdiction.

4049 Article 4. Meetings and Elections—a) There shall be a meeting of the jurisdiction
4050 organization of United Methodist Women during the last year of the quadrennium. At that time,
4051 the jurisdiction president, ~~and other Core Planning Group officers shall be elected,~~ members of
4052 the Jurisdiction Leadership Team and members of the board of directors of the Women's
4053 ~~Division~~ national organization of United Methodist Women shall be elected according to the
4054 Discipline (¶ ¶ 647.6d, 1325).

4055 b) There may be other ~~meetings~~ gatherings as needed to fulfill the Purpose.

4056 Article 5. Amendments—Proposed amendments to the constitution shall be sent to the recording
4057 secretary of the ~~Women's Division prior to the last annual meeting of the division in the~~
4058 ~~quadrennium.~~ United Methodist Women for consideration by the board of directors. The last date
4059 for consideration of any amendments will be the last regular meeting of the board of directors

4060 before the date by which it must submit proposed legislation for action of the General
4061 Conference.

4062

4063 *Amend ¶ 647 as follows:*

4064 ¶ 647. United Methodist Women—Constitution of United Methodist Women in the Conference

4065 Article 1. Name—In each annual conference there shall be a conference organization
4066 named United Methodist Women, ~~auxiliary~~ directly related to the jurisdictional ~~and national~~
4067 organizations of United Methodist Women, ~~and to the Women’s Division of the General Board~~
4068 ~~of Global Ministries.~~

4069 Article 2. Function—The function of the conference organization of United Methodist
4070 Women shall be to work with the district and local organizations ~~and the local units~~ of United
4071 Methodist Women, ~~in~~ to developing programs to meet the needs and interests of women and the
4072 concerns and responsibilities of the global Church; to encourage and support spiritual growth,
4073 missionary outreach, and Christian social action; and to promote the plans and responsibilities of
4074 the ~~Women’s Division.~~ national organization of United Methodist Women.

4075 Article 3. Authority—Each conference organization of United Methodist Women shall
4076 have authority to promote its work in accordance with the plans, responsibilities and policies of
4077 the ~~Women’s Division of the General Board of Global Ministries.~~ national organization of
4078 United Methodist Women.

4079 Article 4. Membership—The conference organization of United Methodist Women shall
4080 be composed of ~~all~~ members of ~~local units~~ United Methodist Women existing within the bounds
4081 ~~of~~ the conference. The resident bishop shall be an ex officio member of the conference

4082 organization of United Methodist Women and of its ~~executive committee~~. Leadership Team or
4083 equivalent structure.

4084 Article 5. ~~Officers and Committees~~ Leadership Team— The conference organization
4085 shall elect such leaders as may be needed to fulfill the Purpose, including at least a president, a
4086 ~~vice president, a secretary,~~ a treasurer, a secretary, and a ~~e~~Committee on ~~n~~Nominations.
4087 Additional ~~officers and committees~~ and teams shall may be elected or appointed formed in to
4088 fulfill the Purpose in accordance with ~~the plans of this constitution and guidance from the~~
4089 ~~Women's Division~~ national organization of United Methodist Women as set forth in the bylaws
4090 of the conference organization of United Methodist Women.

4091 Article 6. Meeting and Elections.

4092 a) There shall be an annual meeting of the conference organization of United Methodist
4093 Women; ~~at which time there shall be presented a program designed to meet the~~
4094 ~~needs of the women of the conference in harmony with the purpose, plans, and~~
4095 ~~responsibilities of the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries.~~
4096 ~~Officers and the committee on nominations shall be elected, the necessary business~~
4097 ~~transacted, and pledges made for the ensuing year.~~ At the annual meeting, the
4098 Leadership Team shall review the conference events and priorities of the prior year,
4099 propose a plan of activities and priority for the following year including a supporting
4100 budget, elect members of the Leadership Team as needed to implement the plan and
4101 set the pledge amount for the following year.

4102 b) The voting body of the annual meeting of the conference organization shall be
4103 composed of ~~representatives from units in local churches~~ members of United
4104 Methodist Women organizations existing within the bounds of the conference as

4105 determined by the conference organization; ~~such district officers as the conference~~
4106 ~~organization may determine; the conference officers and chairpersons of committees;~~
4107 members of the conference and district leadership teams; Women's Division and
4108 ~~officers of~~ and members of the board of directors of United Methodist Women and
4109 the United Methodist Women Program Advisory Group and the jurisdictional
4110 ~~organization~~ leadership team residing within the bounds of the conference.

4111 c) At the annual meeting of the conference organization prior to the quadrennial meeting
4112 of the jurisdictional organization, ~~six conference officers~~ three members of the
4113 Leadership Team or their designees shall be elected according to provisions in ¶
4114 536.3 for membership in the jurisdictional organization.

4115 d) At the annual meeting of the conference organization prior to the quadrennial meeting
4116 of the jurisdictional organization, the conference organization shall nominate ~~three~~
4117 two women for membership on the ~~Women's Division~~ board of directors of the
4118 national organization of United Methodist Women, the names to be sent to the
4119 jurisdiction organization according to ¶ 536.4.

4120 Article 7. Relationships.

4121 a) The president of the conference organization of United Methodist Women is a
4122 member of the annual conference, as set forth in ¶ 32.

4123 b) ~~Designated officers shall represent~~ The conference organization shall name
4124 representatives from among its membership to serve on the various ~~agencies~~ boards,
4125 councils, commissions, and committees of the annual conference as the constitutions
4126 and bylaws of such agencies provide.

4127 c) The conference organization shall encourage women to participate in the total life and
4128 work of the Church and shall support them in assuming positions of responsibility
4129 and leadership.

4130 Article 8. Amendments. Proposed amendments to this constitution may be sent to the
4131 recording secretary of the ~~Women's Division prior to the last annual meeting of the division in~~
4132 ~~the quadrennium.~~ national organization of United Methodist Women for consideration by the
4133 board of directors. The last date for consideration of any amendments will be the last regular
4134 meeting of the board of directors before the date by which it must submit proposed legislation for
4135 action of the General Conference.

4136

4137 *Amend ¶ 669 as follows:*

4138 ¶ 669. United Methodist Women—Constitution of United Methodist Women in the District

4139 Article 1. Name—In each district there shall be a district organization named United
4140 Methodist Women, directly related to the conference and national organizations of United
4141 Methodist Women, ~~and the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries.~~

4142 Article 2. Responsibilities—The responsibilities of the district organization of United
4143 Methodist Women shall be to work with United Methodist Women members and local ~~units~~
4144 organizations of United Methodist Women existing within the district in developing to develop
4145 programs to meet the needs and interests of women and the concerns and responsibilities of the
4146 global Church; to encourage and support spiritual growth, missionary outreach, and Christian
4147 social action; and to promote the plans and responsibilities of the ~~Women's Division and the~~
4148 conference and national organizations of United Methodist Women.

4149 Article 3. Authority—Each district organization of United Methodist Women shall have
4150 authority to promote its work in accordance with the plans, responsibilities, and policies of the
4151 conference and national organizations ~~and the Women’s Division of the General Board of Global~~
4152 ~~Ministries.~~ of United Methodist Women.

4153 Article 4. Membership—~~All members of organized units of United Methodist Women in~~
4154 ~~the local churches of the district shall be considered members of the district organization.~~ The
4155 district organization of United Methodist Women shall be composed of members of United
4156 Methodist Women existing within the district. The district superintendent shall be ~~a~~ an ex officio
4157 member of the district organization of United Methodist Women and of its ~~Executive~~
4158 ~~Committee.~~ Leadership Team or equivalent structure.

4159 Article 5. ~~Officers and Committees.~~ Leadership Team—The district organization shall
4160 elect ~~a~~ as its leaders those persons who are needed to help the organization to fulfill the Purpose,
4161 including at least a president, ~~vice president,~~ a secretary, a treasurer, a secretary and a
4162 ~~e~~Committee on ~~n~~Nominations. Additional ~~officers and committees shall be elected or appointed~~
4163 or teams may be formed to fulfill the Purpose in accordance with ~~the plans of the Women’s~~
4164 ~~Division as set forth in the bylaws for the district~~ this constitution and guidance from the
4165 conference and national organizations of United Methodist Women.

4166 Article 6. Meetings and Elections—There shall be an annual meeting of the district
4167 organization of United Methodist Women, ~~at which time there shall be presented a~~ to adopt a
4168 program designed to meet the needs of the women of the district in harmony with the ~~purpose~~
4169 Purpose, the plans, and responsibilities of the conference and national organizations ~~and the~~
4170 ~~Women’s Division of the General Board of Global Ministries.~~ of United Methodist Women, to
4171 elect members of the Leadership Team ~~Officers~~ and the ~~e~~Committee on ~~n~~Nominations, to

4172 ~~transact shall be elected, the necessary business transacted, and to receive~~ pledges made for the
4173 ensuing year.

4174 Article 7. Relationships—~~a) Designated officers shall represent~~ The district organization
4175 of United Methodist Women shall designate members to serve on the various boards, councils,
4176 commissions, and committees of the district and/or the Annual Conference as the constitution
4177 and bylaws of such agencies provide.

4178 b) The district president shall be ~~the only district representative~~ a member with vote, ~~on~~
4179 of the conference executive committee Leadership Team.

4180 c) The district organization shall encourage women to participate in the total life and
4181 work of the Church and shall support them in assuming positions of responsibility and
4182 leadership.

4183 Article 8. Amendments—Proposed amendments to this constitution may be sent to the
4184 recording secretary of the ~~Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries prior to~~
4185 ~~the last annual meeting of the division in the quadrennium.~~ national organization of United
4186 Methodist Women for consideration by the board of directors. The last date for consideration of
4187 any amendments will be the last regular meeting of the board of directors before the date by
4188 which it must submit proposed legislation for action of the General Conference.

4189

4190 ***Renumber and reorder ¶¶ 1318-1326 to ¶¶ 1701-1716 and amend as follows:***

4191 Section XI. United Methodist Women

4192

4193 ¶ 1701. There shall be an organization called United Methodist Women in The United Methodist
4194 Church in the United States, organized at the local church, district, conference, jurisdiction and
4195 national levels.

4196

4197 ***Renumber ¶ 1318 “Women’s Division” as ¶ 1702 and amend as follows:***

4198 1702. Purpose—The Women’s Division United Methodist Women shall be actively engaged in
4199 fulfilling the mission of Christ and the Church and United Methodist Women’s national
4200 organization shall interpret ~~the Purpose~~ of United Methodist Women for the whole
4201 organization. With continuing awareness of the concerns and responsibilities of the Church in
4202 today’s world, ~~the Women’s Division~~ United Methodist Women shall ~~be an~~ support ministry
4203 with and advocate for the oppressed and dispossessed with special attention to the needs of
4204 women, ~~and~~ children and youth; shall work to build a supportive community among women; and
4205 shall engage in activities that foster growth in the Christian faith, mission education, and
4206 Christian social involvement throughout the organization.

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4208 ***Renumber ¶ 1319 as ¶ 1703 and amend as follows:***

4209 ¶ 1703. Responsibilities—The responsibilities of the Women’s Division United Methodist
4210 Women’s national organization shall be:

- 4211 1. ~~To~~ Recommend program and policies to local, district, conference and jurisdiction
4212 organizations of United Methodist Women.
- 4213 2. ~~To~~ Interpret the role and responsibility of ~~the division~~ United Methodist Women in
4214 fulfilling the mission of Christ and the Church.
- 4215 3. Express the concerns of women organized for mission.

- 4216 3. 4. ~~To p~~Provide resources and opportunities for women that enrich their spiritual life
4217 and increase their knowledge and understanding of the needs of the world and their
4218 responsibility in meeting those needs.
- 4219 4. 5. ~~To s~~Secure funds through the channels of United Methodist Women for God's
4220 mission in the world ~~the support of the program of the Church through the General~~
4221 ~~Board of Global Ministries,~~ with special concern for the needs ~~and responsibilities~~
4222 of women, children and youth.
- 4223 5. 6. ~~To p~~Project plans specifically directed toward leadership development of women
4224 through appropriate planning with the other ~~units of the board,~~ organizations of the
4225 church and ecumenical community.
- 4226 6. 7.~~To s~~Strengthen the Church's challenge to men and women to ~~enlist in the diaconate~~
4227 respond to God's call by serving as missionaries, ~~and~~ deaconesses or home
4228 missioners and in all other avenues of service and leadership in the church.
- 4229 7. 8.. ~~To e~~Enlist women in activities that have a moral and religious significance for the
4230 public welfare and that contribute to the establishment of a just global society.
- 4231 9. Administer the office of the Deaconess and Home Missioner Order.
- 4232 10. Strengthen and support direct ministries to human need, both emerging and
4233 continuing, through national mission institutions working on behalf of women,
4234 children and youth and compassionate response around the world.
- 4235 11. Provide leadership and support for persons serving as regional missionaries."
- 4236 8. 12.~~To~~ work with other agencies of the Church and community in areas of common
4237 concern and responsibility. A United Nations Office shall be conducted in
4238 cooperation with the General Board of Church and Society.

4239 9. 13. ~~To g~~Give visible evidence of oneness in Christ by uniting in fellowship and service
4240 with other Christians, including the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting
4241 Church Women, Church Women United, and other similar groups, thereby
4242 strengthening the ecumenical witness and program of the Church.

4243 14. ~~To formulate concepts of contemporary mission.~~ Participate in developing mission
4244 theology.

4245

4246 ***Renumber ¶ 1320 as ¶ 1704 and amend as follows:***

4247 ¶ 1704. Authority—~~1. The Women's Division~~ Board of Directors of United Methodist Women
4248 ~~shall have the authority to make its bylaws and to regulate its proceedings in harmony with the~~
4249 ~~charter of the board, and with its approval, to develop and carry out the functions of the board as~~
4250 ~~described in ¶ 1302; to buy and sell property; to solicit and accept contributions, subject to~~
4251 ~~annuity under the board's regulations; and to appropriate its funds~~ meet at least annually and at
4252 such other times as it may deem necessary and shall have the authority to:

4253 1. Make its bylaws and regulate its proceedings in harmony with its charter; buy and
4254 sell property; solicit and accept contributions, and appropriate its funds; decide on
4255 policy matters pertaining to the homes for retired workers which are owned by
4256 United Methodist Women.

4257 2. ~~The division shall meet annually at the time of the meeting of the board and at such~~
4258 ~~other times as it shall deem necessary.~~ Organize jurisdiction, conference, district, and
4259 local church organizations of United Methodist Women, which shall be directly
4260 related to the national organization.

4261 3. Make constitutions and recommend bylaws for United Methodist Women at local,
4262 district, conference, jurisdiction levels.

4263 ~~The Women's Division shall include in its responsibilities:~~

4264 a) ~~Those formerly carried by the Women's Society of Christian Service of The~~
4265 ~~Methodist Church, and the Women's Society of World Service of The~~
4266 ~~Evangelical United Brethren Church, the Women's Society of Christian~~
4267 ~~Service of The United Methodist Church, and those other organizations of~~
4268 ~~women of similar purposes that have operated in the churches forming the~~
4269 ~~United Methodist tradition, including the Women's Missionary Association of~~
4270 ~~the Church of the United Brethren in Christ; the Woman's Missionary Society~~
4271 ~~of The Evangelical Church; the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, the~~
4272 ~~Woman's Home Missionary Society, the Wesleyan Service Guild, and the~~
4273 ~~Ladies' Aid Societies of The Methodist Episcopal Church; the Woman's~~
4274 ~~Missionary Society, the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, the Woman's~~
4275 ~~Board of Home Missions, and the Woman's Missionary Council of The~~
4276 ~~Methodist Episcopal Church, South; and the Woman's Convention of the~~
4277 ~~Board of Missions of The Methodist Protestant Church. This list shall not be~~
4278 ~~construed as exclusive.~~

4279 b) ~~All policy matters pertaining to the homes for retired workers owned by the~~
4280 ~~Women's Division.~~

4281 4. ~~The Women's Division shall have the authority:~~

4282 a) ~~To organize jurisdictional, conference, district, and local church organizations~~
4283 ~~of United Methodist Women, which shall be auxiliary to the General Board of~~

4284 ~~Global Ministries, through the Women's Division, of The United Methodist~~
4285 ~~Church.~~

4286 ~~b) To recommend constitutions and make bylaws for United Methodist Women.~~

4287 4. ~~⇒~~ To Appropriate funds received through United Methodist Women.

4288 5. ~~⇒~~ To Serve as the national official policy-making body of United Methodist
4289 Women, with the officers of the national organization designated as the national
4290 officers.

4291

4292 ¶ 1705. Successor entity - United Methodist Women shall be the name of the organization of The
4293 United Methodist Church formerly known as Women's Division of the General Board of Global
4294 Ministries of The United Methodist Church, which shall succeed to, control and be responsible
4295 for the work formerly carried out by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of The Methodist
4296 Church, the Women's Society of World Service of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, the
4297 Women's Society of Christian Service of The United Methodist Church, and those other
4298 organizations of women of similar purposes that have operated in the churches forming the
4299 United Methodist tradition, including the Women's Missionary Association of the Church of the
4300 United Brethren in Christ; the Woman's Missionary Society of The Evangelical Church; the
4301 Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the Woman's Home Missionary Society, the Wesleyan
4302 Service Guild, and the Ladies' Aid Societies of The Methodist Episcopal Church; the Woman's
4303 Missionary Society, the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, the Woman's Board of Home
4304 Missions, and the Woman's Missionary Council of The Methodist Episcopal Church, South; and
4305 the Woman's Convention of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Protestant Church. This
4306 list shall not be construed as exhaustive.

4307

4308 ~~¶ 1706¶ 1325. Membership of the Board of Directors—The Women’s Division shall be~~
4309 ~~composed of fifty members as follows: forty shall be laywomen elected by the jurisdiction~~
4310 ~~organizations of United Methodist Women at quadrennial meets (¶ 536.4); five shall be the~~
4311 ~~jurisdiction presidents of United Methodist Women; and five shall be elected by the Women’s~~
4312 ~~Division. The president, general secretary, and treasurer of the board (¶ 1307) and the deputy~~
4313 ~~general secretary, treasurer, and assistant general secretaries of the Women’s Division shall be~~
4314 ~~members ex officio. The Women’s Division shall elect from its membership to board~~
4315 ~~membership a number equivalent to one-third of total board membership but not less than thirty.~~
4316 ~~It shall also elect members to units and committees of the board as defined in board bylaws.~~

4317 United Methodist Women shall have a board of directors composed of 25 members as follows:
4318 20 shall be laywomen elected by the jurisdiction organizations of United Methodist Women at
4319 quadrennial meetings (¶ 536.4); and five shall be laywomen elected by the board of directors.
4320 The staff cabinet of United Methodist Women shall be members *ex officio*, without vote.

4321

4322 ¶ 1707. *United Methodist Women Program Advisory Group* - United Methodist Women shall
4323 organize a Program Advisory Group to provide input at regular intervals to the board of directors
4324 about the program and planning of the organization. The Program Advisory Group shall have
4325 between 70 and 80 members including all members of the board directors of United Methodist
4326 Women, the Jurisdiction Presidents, a representative from each Conference organization of
4327 United Methodist Women not already represented on the board (elected on nomination of the
4328 Conference nominating committee), two members of the Order of Deaconess and Home
4329 Missioner elected by the Order, seven to ten directors from other agencies of the United

4330 Methodist Church including five members elected by the Center for Global Mission and up to
4331 five members selected by the board of directors of United Methodist Women for diversity of age,
4332 experience, cultural background, race, physical ability and employment status. United Methodist
4333 Women’s regional missionaries, a representative from the World Federation of Methodist and
4334 Uniting Church Women and a representative of its North America Region shall be ex officio
4335 members, with voice and not vote. The national President of United Methodist Women shall
4336 convene the sessions of this group, which may be organized in committees, groups or teams as
4337 needed to accomplish its work.

4338

4339 ¶ 1708¶ 1324. Organization—~~The Women’s Division shall elect an executive committee of~~
4340 ~~nineteen members, which shall exercise the powers of the division *ad interim*. The Women’s~~
4341 ~~Division shall name members of its executive committee to serve on the board executive~~
4342 ~~committee. The number named shall be at least one third of the board executive committee~~
4343 ~~membership. Members of the Women’s Division executive committee shall be elected by the~~
4344 ~~Women’s Division to serve on executive committees of board units and committees as defined in~~
4345 ~~board bylaws. The president, general secretary, and treasurer of the board (¶ 1307) and the~~
4346 ~~deputy general secretary, treasurer, and assistant general secretaries of the Women’s Division~~
4347 ~~shall be members ex officio without vote. The board of directors of United Methodist Women~~
4348 ~~may elect an executive committee of such membership as it may determine, which shall exercise~~
4349 ~~the powers of the board *ad interim*. The members of the staff cabinet of United Methodist~~
4350 ~~Women shall be members of the executive committee, *ex officio* without vote. The board of~~
4351 ~~directors of United Methodist Women shall be organized into sections or committees as the~~
4352 ~~directors shall determine.~~

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4354 *Delete ¶ 1322.*

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4356 ~~¶ 1709¶ 1323.~~ Assembly—There may be an assembly of United Methodist Women, ~~including a~~
4357 ~~delegated body termed the Assembly.~~ The ~~division~~ board of directors of United Methodist
4358 Women shall determine the time and place of meeting and the purpose, ~~composition, functions,~~
4359 ~~and powers~~ of the Assembly.

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4361 ~~¶ 1710¶ 1324.~~ ~~Financial Relationship to the General Board of Global Ministries~~ Finances—The
4362 funds for the fulfillment of the responsibilities of ~~the Women's Division~~ United Methodist
4363 Women shall be derived from annual voluntary pledges, offerings, gifts, devises, bequests,
4364 annuities, or money received through special emphases and meetings held in the interest of ~~the~~
4365 ~~division~~ United Methodist Women. All funds, except those designated for local purposes, shall
4366 be forwarded through the channels of ~~finance~~ giving of the organization to the treasurer of
4367 United Methodist Women's, ~~to the treasurer of the division,~~ national organization. ~~Undesignated~~
4368 ~~funds received by the Women's Division shall be allocated by the division, on recommendation~~
4369 ~~of the appropriate section or committee, for the work of the several sections of the Women's~~
4370 ~~Division and to such other units of the General Board of Global Ministries as the division shall~~
4371 ~~determine for the fulfillment of the responsibilities of the division.~~ ~~Funds appropriated for the~~
4372 ~~work of the other units of the board may be given with specific designations and time limits,~~
4373 ~~after which unspent funds are to be returned to the division.~~ The board of directors of United
4374 Methodist Women shall allocate undesignated funds it receives for the work of its various

4375 sections and committees as well as for grants and allocations to other organizations within the
4376 church and the world as may be necessary or useful for the fulfillment of its Purpose.

4377

4378 ¶ 1711. Relationship to the General Board of Global Ministries—The board of directors of
4379 United Methodist Women shall elect five members to serve as directors of the General Board of
4380 Global Ministries. It shall also elect members to units and committees of the General Board of
4381 Global Ministries as defined in the General Board of Global Ministries’ bylaws, including at
4382 least one member to serve on its executive committee.

4383

4384 ***Renumber ¶ 1326 “Constitution of United Methodist Women” as ¶ 1712 and insert..***

4385

4386 **Renumber ¶ 1314 as ¶ 1713 and amend as follows:**

4387 ~~¶ 1713~~¶ 1314. General Provisions—1. There shall be in The United Methodist Church the
4388 Office of Deaconess and Home Missioner. The purpose of the ~~o~~Office of ~~d~~Deaconess and
4389 ~~h~~Home ~~m~~Missioner shall be to express representatively the love and concern of the believing
4390 community for the needs in the world and to enable, through education and involvement, the full
4391 ministry and mission of the people of God. Deaconesses and home missionaries function through
4392 diverse forms of service directed toward the world to make Jesus Christ known in the fullness of
4393 his ministry and mission, which mandate that his followers:

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a) Alleviate suffering;

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b) Eradicate causes of injustice and all that robs life of dignity and worth;

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c) Facilitate the development of full human potential; and

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d) Share in building global community through the church universal.

4398 2. The Office of Deaconess and Home Missioner is a lay order of The United Methodist
4399 Church as order is defined in ¶ 306 “a covenant community within the church to mutually
4400 support, care for, and hold accountable its members for the sake of the life and mission of the
4401 church”.

4402 ~~2.~~ 3. Deaconesses, who are laywomen, and home missionaries, who are laymen, are
4403 professionally trained persons who have been led by the Holy Spirit to devote their lives
4404 to Christ-like service under the authority of the Church. They are approved ~~by the~~
4405 ~~General Board of Global Ministries~~ through a process established by United Methodist
4406 Women, consecrated and commissioned by a bishop at ~~a session of the board or at a~~
4407 ~~setting approved by the board.~~ settings approved by the board of directors of United
4408 Methodist Women. They shall have a continuing relationship to The United Methodist
4409 Church through ~~the General Board of Global Ministries~~ United Methodist Women.
4410 Deaconesses and home missionaries are available for service with any agency or program
4411 of The United Methodist Church. Deaconesses and home missionaries may also serve in
4412 other than United Methodist Church agencies or programs, provided that approval ~~be~~ is
4413 given by ~~the board~~ United Methodist Women in consultation with the bishop of the
4414 receiving area.

4415 ~~3.~~ 4. Full-time service is the norm for the ministry of a deaconess or home missionary, meaning
4416 that the person’s entire vocational time is devoted to work of ministry in the field of labor
4417 to which one is appointed by the bishop.

4418 a) ~~The program office shall process a~~ Appointments for deaconesses and home
4419 missionaries shall be recommended in consultation with the bishop of the area,

4420 in accordance with the policies and procedures of ~~the General Board of Global~~
4421 ~~Ministries~~ United Methodist Women.

4422 b) The appointment shall be fixed by the bishop (§ 415.7) at the session of annual
4423 conference and printed in the list of appointments in the annual conference
4424 journal.

4425 c) The annual conference secretary shall:

4426 (1) Keep a record of all persons in the annual conference who have been
4427 commissioned and/or consecrated to the Office of Deaconess or Home
4428 Missioner.

4429 (2) Publish annually in the annual conference journal the list of
4430 appointments of deaconesses and home missioners.

4431 4. 5. A deaconess or home missioner shall hold church membership in a local church within
4432 the conference where her/his appointment is located and shall be a voting member of the
4433 charge conference of that church. Those ~~holding staff positions~~ serving in appointments
4434 with a general board or connectional agency of The United Methodist Church ~~may hold~~
4435 ~~church membership in or where an annual conference borders meet~~ may hold church
4436 membership in an annual conference within reasonable distance of the ~~headquarters of~~
4437 ~~the board or agency served~~ office location at which they serve. A deaconess or home
4438 missioner whose appointment is located outside the boundaries of an annual conference
4439 may hold her or his church membership in a local church in her or his home conference
4440 or in the local church in the annual conference in which she or he last held her or his
4441 church membership.

4442 5. ~~6.~~ Deaconesses and home missionaries shall be seated at the sessions of the annual conference
4443 with voice and vote as lay members of the annual conference in accordance with ¶¶ 32
4444 and 602.4.

4445 ~~6. A deaconess or home missionary shall be a member of the annual conference in accordance~~
4446 ~~with ¶¶ 32 and 602.4.~~

4447 7. Deaconess and home missionaries shall be subject to the administrative authority of the
4448 program or agency to which they are appointed. In matters of their assignment they are
4449 subject to the authority of ~~the General Board of Global Ministries~~ United Methodist Women
4450 and may not contract for service that would nullify this authority.

4451 8. Each deaconess or home missionary shall enroll in a pension plan. The rights of any deaconess
4452 or home missionary in any prior or existing agreement shall be fully protected.

4453 ~~9. A leave of absence may be requested. It shall be granted for reasons of health, family~~
4454 ~~responsibilities, or vocational re-assessment, or for lack of employment in a helping~~
4455 ~~profession or church-related vocation. Approval of leave of absence shall be given annually.~~
4456 ~~Such leave shall normally not exceed five years. Exceptional circumstances requiring an~~
4457 ~~extended leave shall be handled in consultation with the Personnel Services Team of the~~
4458 ~~Mission Personnel Program Area of the General Board of Global Ministries. A deaconess or~~
4459 ~~home missionary may request a leave of absence according to the administrative guidelines~~
4460 ~~and procedures of United Methodist Women.~~

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4462 ***Renumber ¶ 1315 “Home Missionaries” as ¶ 1714.***

4463

4464 ¶ 1715¶ 1316. Committee on Deaconess and Home Missioner Service – 1. ~~There shall be a~~
4465 ~~Committee on Deaconess Service, which shall be advisory to the General Board of Global~~
4466 ~~Ministries. United Methodist Women’s national organization will organize the Committee on~~
4467 Deaconess and Home Missioner Service.

4468 2. 1. The Committee on Deaconess and Home Missioner Service shall be composed of
4469 one bishop ~~who is a member of the General Board of Global Ministries; a total of~~
4470 ~~six active deaconesses, home missioners, and home missionaries selected by vote~~
4471 ~~of the active deaconesses, home missioners, and home missionaries who relate to~~
4472 ~~the board; and four directors of the General Board of Global Ministries, at least~~
4473 ~~two of whom shall also be directors of the Women’s Division. (active or retired)~~
4474 named by the Council of Bishops; two representatives of the Order of Deaconess
4475 and Home Missioner, named by the Order; two representatives of United
4476 Methodist Women, named by the board of directors of United Methodist Women;
4477 and one representative of the National Association of Deaconesses, Home
4478 Missioners and Home Missionaries, named by the Association. The Committee
4479 may name additional members as it deems necessary, but will consist of no more
4480 than twelve persons in total.

4481 ~~Additional members may be co-opted as deemed necessary by the Committee on~~
4482 ~~Deaconess Service.~~

4483 3. 2. There ~~shall~~ may be an executive committee and other committees as necessary for
4484 carrying out the duties of the Committee on Deaconess and Home Missioner
4485 Service.

4486 4. 3. The work of the committee shall be carried out in accordance with the bylaws as
4487 approved by the ~~General Board of Global Ministries~~ board of directors of United Methodist
4488 Women.

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4490 ¶ 1716¶ 1317. ~~Deaconess Program Office~~ Supporting the Work of Deaconesses and Home
4491 Missioners – ~~There~~ United Methodist Women’s national organization shall be a program office
4492 for deaconesses and home missionaries to represent the deaconess and home missionary relationship
4493 retain staff whose primary assignment is to represent deaconesses and home missionaries on a
4494 national level and to maintain a community of professionally competent persons who are
4495 committed to service under the authority of the Church. ~~The executive secretary of the program~~
4496 ~~office shall be a deaconess.~~ At least one of the executive staff assigned to the work of deaconess
4497 and home missionary shall be a deaconess or home missionary.

4498 1. All administrative policies and procedures that pertain to ~~the office of~~ deaconesses and
4499 home missionaries shall also apply to ~~the office of~~ home missionary missionaries and be
4500 administered by the ~~Deaconess Program Office~~ executive staff with primary assignment
4501 to the work with deaconesses and home missionaries (¶¶ 1314-1317).

4502 2. ~~The General Board of Global Ministries shall assign the administration of the program~~
4503 ~~office to the Mission Personnel Program Area or another unit as it may determine (¶~~
4504 ~~1303.1b)~~ There may be a national association of deaconesses, home missionaries, and
4505 home missionaries in relationship with United Methodist Women.

4506 3. There may be a ~~national~~ jurisdictional organizations of deaconesses, home missionaries,
4507 and home missionaries, ~~which shall operate according to policies approved by the~~
4508 ~~General Board of Global Ministries.~~ and their support constituencies.

4509 4. ~~There may be jurisdictional organizations of deaconesses; home missionaries, and home~~
4510 ~~missionaries and their support constituencies, which shall operate according to policies~~
4511 ~~approved by the General Board of Global Ministries.~~

4512

4513 *Renumber ¶¶ 2301-2303 to ¶¶ 1801-1803 and Amend as follows:*

4514 Section XII. General Commission on United Methodist Men

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4516 ¶ ~~2301~~ 1801. There shall be a General Commission on United Methodist Men in The United
4517 Methodist Church. The general commission shall be amenable to the General Conference of The
4518 United Methodist Church. Between sessions of the General Conference, the general commission
4519 shall be accountable to the Coordinating Council~~Connectional Table~~ by reporting and
4520 interpreting activities in its purpose (¶ 702.2).

4521

4522 ¶ ~~2302~~ 1802. Purpose—The General Commission on United Methodist Men shall have primary
4523 oversight for the coordination and resourcing of men’s ministry within The United Methodist
4524 Church...

4525 ..5. b) to provide advocacy, cooperation, and relationship in partnership with the National (USA)
4526 Association of United Methodist Scouters, the Center for Congregational Development~~General~~
4527 ~~Board of Discipleship~~, the Council of Bishops, and the civic youth-serving agencies (Boy Scouts
4528 of America, Girl Scouts of the USA, Camp Fire USA, 4-H, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and such
4529 appropriate organizations within the Central Conferences) for the promotion of youth-
4530 serving/scouting ministries within The United Methodist Church; ...

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4532 ¶ 2303¶1803. Membership—...

4533 ...6. Funding— The General Commission on United Methodist Men~~The General Council on~~
4534 ~~Finance and Administration~~ shall make provision for the necessary support of the work of the
4535 commission by ~~providing World Service Funds to complement the~~ direct revenue and
4536 contributions from United Methodist Men. This shall include meeting and related expenses for
4537 the central conference representative.

4538

4539 *Renumber ¶ 2201 to ¶ 1901 and Amend as follows*

4540 Section XIII. Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters

4541

4542 ¶ 2201¶1901. General Provisions—1. The General Conference recognizes the differences in
4543 conditions that exist in various areas of the world and the changes taking place in those areas.
4544 There shall be a Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters serving as an independent
4545 coordinating body. The Center for Global Mission~~General Board of Global Ministries~~ shall be
4546 the facilitating agency to the standing committee. The standing committee shall serve as the
4547 coordinating body to study the structure and supervision of The United Methodist Church in its
4548 work international work~~outside the United States and its territories~~ and its relationships to other
4549 Church bodies...

4550 2. ...All resolutions and petitions related to central conferences presented to the General
4551 Conference shall be referred to the committee for consideration, if requested by the submitting
4552 agency, central, jurisdictional and/or annual conference; and the committee shall report its
4553 recommendations ~~directly to the~~ submitting body~~General Conference~~. On matters dealing with
4554 the determination of episcopal areas (¶ 404.1), affiliation and autonomy (¶ 572), and joining The

4555 United Methodist Church (§ 575), the committee shall report ~~directly to the~~ central,
4556 jurisdictional, annual conference, affiliated and/or autonomous body that proposed the legislation
4557 and to the Council of Bishops and Coordinating Council~~General Conference.~~

4558 3. The standing committee shall be composed of one bishop, one ordained minister, and one
4559 layperson from each central conference or jurisdiction, if a central conference does not exist,
4560 who are delegates to the General Conference and named by the Coordinating Council in
4561 consultation with the Council of Bishops; ~~one bishop, one ordained minister, and one layperson~~
4562 ~~from each central conference who are delegates to the General Conference and named by the~~
4563 ~~Council of Bishops; one bishop, one ordained minister, and one layperson who are elected~~
4564 ~~members of the General Board of Global Ministries and named by the Council of Bishops.~~ The
4565 central conference bishop assigned to the Center for resourcing and Operations~~General Council~~
4566 ~~on Finance and Administration~~ shall also be a member of this committee. Special attention shall
4567 be given to the inclusion of women, lay, clergy, youth and young adults. The chairperson of the
4568 standing committee shall be a central conference bishop, and shall also serve as a member of the
4569 Coordinating Council~~Connectional Table.~~

4570 4. The Center for resourcing and Operations~~General Council on Finance and Administration~~
4571 shall recommend to the General Conference for its action and determination a provision in the
4572 budget of an appropriate general Church fund for the expenses incurred by the standing
4573 committee.

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4575 ***Renumber §§ 2401-2405 to §§ 2001-2005***

4576 Section XIV. Ecumenical Organizations

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4578 ***Renumber ¶ 2406 to ¶¶ 2101***

4579 Section XV. JUSTPEACE Center for Mediation and Conflict Transformation

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4581 Rationale: This petition recognizes the need to reexamine and streamline our church structure in
4582 ways that enhance our processes of connectionalism and diversity in shared discernment and
4583 oversight. However, it does it in ways that encourage mutual trust; maintains lay leadership; and
4584 focuses on effective ministry, not mere efficiency.

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4603 Asian American UM; Jennifer Southworth, , Wesley Theological Seminary Student; and, Jill A.
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