

1 conference remains uniformed whether this was a unanimous or contested recommendation or  
2 what the discussion was around each legislative item.

3 Furthermore, although the Standing Rules I.D.5.a.1 specifies the consistency of the Consent  
4 Calendar Committee, its exact membership cannot be determined either from the Nominations  
5 Report or the Standing Rules except when specific officers are mentioned in that section.  
6 Specifically, who are the individuals acting as representatives of the various committees serving  
7 on Consent Calendar Committee.

8 A transcript will help the conference to better evaluate the product (i.e. the Consent Calendar)  
9 prior to Annual Conference and to discern whether to take action by initiating or signing  
10 petitions to remove items from the calendar. The roll call record of voting provides the members  
11 of the conference with the ability to follow-up with questions and evaluate to what extent  
12 individual biases contributed to the recommendations of the Committee.

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15 **Document: 702.02**

16 **Name: Revise Standing Rules to Reflect Program Ministries Organization**

17 **Author(s): Annual Conference Shepherding Team, Liz Gracie & Myron McCoy, Co-Chairs**

18 **CCFA Comment:**

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20 **ACTION:**

21 Amend the Northern Illinois Conference Standing Rules Section III Conference Agencies.  
22 Section C. Disciplinary Bodies as follows:

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24 Delete the present text shown below with a line through it:

25 ~~C. DISCIPLINARY BODIES~~

26 ~~**Council on Finance and Administration (§ 611-618)**~~

27 ~~Purpose: To develop, maintain, and administer a comprehensive and~~  
28 ~~coordinated plan of fiscal and administrative policies, procedures, and~~  
29 ~~management services for the annual conference.~~

30 ~~**Membership: Twentyone (21) persons with a recommended balance of 7**~~  
31 ~~**clergy, 7 laymen and 7 laywomen, elected quadrennially.**~~

32 ~~**Officers: § 612.3**~~

33 ~~**2. Board of Church and Society (§ 629)**~~

34 ~~—— Purpose: § 629.1~~

35 ~~—— Membership: In addition to those elected, membership shall include a~~  
36 ~~member of the Cabinet, District Coordinators of Church and Society, Conference~~  
37 ~~and District Coordinators of Christian Social Involvement of United Methodist~~  
38 ~~Women.~~

39 ~~—— Officers: Elected as needed.~~

40 ~~**3. Nurture (§ 630)**~~

41 ~~—— Four divisions: Christian Education and Nurture, Christian Witness and~~  
42 ~~Outreach, Outdoor and Retreat Ministries and Ministry of the Laity. Each~~  
43 ~~member of the board shall be a member of one of the divisions and one of the~~  
44 ~~sections within that division.~~

45 ~~—— Membership may include a member of the Cabinet; Conference Lay~~  
46 ~~Leader; Conference Presidents of United Methodist Men and United Methodist~~  
47 ~~Women, or designees; Conference AgeLevel Coordinators; District Directors of~~

1 Evangelism, Education, Faith Formation and Stewardship; Conference Director  
2 of Lay Speaking; President of Christian Educators Fellowship; President of  
3 Worship, Music and Other Arts Fellowship; Conference Coordinators for  
4 Christian Personhood and Supportive Community of United Methodist Women;  
5 one representative from each ethnic minority caucus, named by the caucus. At  
6 least two of the members shall be youth.

7 **4. — Board of Global Ministries (§ 633)**

8 — Purpose: § 633.1 6, with four divisions: Mission Motivation, Health and  
9 Welfare Ministries, Congregational Development and Parish and Community  
10 Ministries. Each member of the board shall be a member of one of the divisions  
11 and one of the sections within that division.

12 — Membership: May include a member of the Cabinet; Conference  
13 Secretary of Global Ministries; District Secretaries of Global Ministries;  
14 Conference Presidents of United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men,  
15 or designees; Conference and District Coordinators of Christian Global Concerns  
16 of United Methodist Women; a representative from each conference-related  
17 health and welfare agency, without vote; 1 representative from each ethnic  
18 minority caucus, named by the caucus. At least 1 person from each district shall  
19 be 60 years of age or over. The membership shall include at least 2 persons from  
20 each of the regional ministries.

21 — Officers: Elected as needed.

22 **5. — Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry (§ 634).**

23 — Purpose: § 634.1 4, and this board sets the compensation of campus  
24 ministers and establishes and monitors housing and travel allowances.

25 Three divisions: Higher Education, Campus Ministry, and Interpretation and  
26 Public Education. Each member of the board shall be a member of one of the  
27 divisions. Divisions may establish sections and/or committees and determine  
28 their membership.

29 — Membership: In addition to those determined by the Annual Conference,  
30 1 representative from each ethnic minority caucus, named by the caucus, 1  
31 representative of each campus ministry and each institution of higher education  
32 related to the Annual Conference, without vote.

33 — Officers: Elected as needed.

34 **6. — Board of Pensions (§ 639).**

35 — Purpose: § 639.1.

36 — Membership: Twenty members, at least two members from each district,  
37 serving 8 year terms, one half elected each quadrennium.

38 — Officers: § 639.3.

39 **7. — Board of Trustees (§ 640 and 2512)**

40 Purpose: § 2512 1 8. In addition, The Trustees shall be the custodian of any  
41 burial lots belonging to the Conference.

42 — Membership: Twelve persons. The recommended membership is  
43 one third clergy, one third laymen, and one third laywomen elected in classes of  
44 three to serve four year terms. Each district shall have at least one representative.

45 — Within four weeks of the close of each Annual Conference, the District  
46 Superintendent assigned to the Board shall convene a meeting to elect officers.

47 — Officers: § 2512.2.

1 **8. — Commission on Archives and History (§ 641)**

2 Purpose: § 641.1 4

3 Membership: may include one representative from each of the following:

4 — Black Methodists for Church Renewal

5 — La Junta Hispano Americana

6 — Fellowship of Asian Americans

7 — One representative from Northern Illinois Annual Conference Historical  
8 Society

9 Ten members chosen in consultation with the Commission on Archives and  
10 History for expertise and/or membership balance, drawn at large representing,  
11 where possible, the historical traditions of the conferences antecedent to  
12 Northern Illinois Annual Conference, one representative from the Program Staff,  
13 any member of the Jurisdictional Commission on Archives and History residing  
14 within the Conference boundaries, the Conference Archivist, one representative  
15 from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, site of the Annual Conference  
16 Archives.

17 — Officers: Elected as needed.

18 **9. — Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships (§**  
19 **642)**

20 — Purpose: Include empowerment to respond on behalf of the Conference  
21 to matters referred to the denomination by the Council of Religious Leaders of  
22 Metropolitan Chicago and/or the Illinois Conference of Churches, such as (a)  
23 ecclesiastical endorsement of nomination, (b) other matters not in the jurisdiction  
24 of denominational representatives in the governing boards and not in conflict  
25 with the Standing Rules of the Conference or The Discipline.

26 — Membership: Twentyfour: one clergy and one lay from each district  
27 (including the district coordinator for Ecumenical Concerns and a member of the  
28 District Council on Ministries); eleven members at large; and one Cabinet  
29 representative. Ex officio: United Methodists who represent Northern Illinois  
30 Conference and serve on boards of ecumenical bodies with whom the Northern  
31 Illinois Conference of The United Methodist Church has judicatory affiliation  
32 with voice and without vote.

33 — Officers: Elected as needed.

34 **10. — Conference Council on Youth Ministry (§ 649)**

35 — Purpose: § 649.1 3.

36 — Membership: Three youth members and three youth alternate members  
37 from each District plus seven youth at large members nominated by the  
38 Conference Nominating Committee in consultation with CCYM.

39 — Officers: Elected as needed.

40 **11. — Commission on Religion and Race (§ 643)**

41 — Purpose: § 643.1, 3.

42 — Membership: Twentyseven: three from each district (including the  
43 District Secretary) and nine at large, recommended by the Commission on  
44 Religion and Race and nominated by the Committee on Nominations.

45 — Officers: Elected as needed.

46 **12. — Commission on the Status and Role of Women (§ 644)**

47 — Purpose: § 644.1, 4.

1 ~~Membership: four clergy (two women, two men, one a member of the~~  
2 ~~Board of Ministry), four laywomen and four laymen. One representative from~~  
3 ~~each district to serve also on the District Council on Ministries, should one exist.~~

4 ~~One Cabinet representative (without vote); one staff representative~~  
5 ~~(without vote); two women selected by the executive committee of the~~  
6 ~~Conference United Methodist Women; eight persons selected by the commission~~  
7 ~~itself because of their professional training in church-related vocations or special~~  
8 ~~interests and competence needed for the work of the commission; one youth~~  
9 ~~representative from CCYM (or its successor body), and any Conference~~  
10 ~~member(s) of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women.~~

11 ~~Officers: ¶ 644.3 Elected as needed, and the chairperson shall be a~~  
12 ~~woman.~~

13 **13. Commission on Equitable Compensation (¶ 625)**

14 ~~Purpose: ¶ 625, and: Review the schedule of Equitable Compensation~~  
15 ~~annually, reporting findings to the Conference Council on Finance and~~  
16 ~~Administration; distribute the Equitable Compensation Fund; in consultation~~  
17 ~~with the Cabinet, pass on all applications for payments from the fund and make~~  
18 ~~request in writing to the office of the Conference Treasurer for any payments~~  
19 ~~approved.~~

20 ~~Membership: An equal number of lay and clergy, including one person~~  
21 ~~from each district and 6 members at large with representatives from at least 4~~  
22 ~~churches with memberships of fewer than 200 members.~~

23 ~~Officers: Elected as needed.~~

24 **14. Council on Young Adult Ministry (¶ 650)**

25 ~~Purpose: ¶ 650,~~

26 ~~Membership: Members shall be young adults with at least one half~~  
27 ~~laypersons.~~

28 ~~Officers: Elected as needed.~~

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30 **Membership:**

31 ~~When The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church sets the~~  
32 ~~membership of a board, agency, commission or committee the published~~  
33 ~~guidelines are primary. When membership is not dictated by The United~~  
34 ~~Methodist Book of Discipline, each committee will be composed of a~~  
35 ~~membership of 12-15 persons balanced with lay and clergy with diversity of~~  
36 ~~gender, ethnicity, and geography.~~

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38 Substitute the following text for "Standing Rules Section III: Conference  
39 Agencies, Section C: Disciplinary Bodies" as follows:

40  
41 **1. Council on Finance and Administration (¶ 611-618)**

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43 coordinated plan of fiscal and administrative policies, procedures, and  
44 management services for the annual conference.

45  
46 Membership: Twenty-one (21) persons with a recommended balance of 7  
47 clergy, 7 laymen and 7 laywomen, elected quadrennially.

1 Officers: ¶ 612.3

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3 **2. Board of Pensions (¶ 639).**

4 Purpose: ¶ 639.1.

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6 Membership: Twenty members, at least two members from each district,  
7 serving 8year terms, one-half elected each quadrennium.

8 Officers: ¶ 639.3.

9  
10 **3. Board of Trustees (¶ 640 and 2512)**

11 Purpose: ¶ 2512 1-8. In addition, The Trustees shall be the custodian of  
12 any burial lots belonging to the Conference.

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14 Membership: Twelve persons. The recommended membership is one  
15 third clergy, one-third laymen, and one-third laywomen elected in classes  
16 of three to serve four-year terms. Each district shall have at least one  
17 representative.

18 Within four weeks of the close of each Annual Conference, the District  
19 Superintendent assigned to the Board shall convene a meeting to elect  
20 officers.

21 Officers: ¶ 2512.2.

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23 **4. Commission on Archives and History (¶ 641)**

24 Purpose: ¶ 641.1-4

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26 Membership: May include one representative from each of the following:  
27 Black Methodists for Church Renewal, La Junta Hispano Americana and  
28 Fellowship of Asian Americans. One representative from Northern  
29 Illinois Annual Conference Historical Society; Ten members chosen in  
30 consultation with the Commission on Archives and History for expertise  
31 and/or membership balance, drawn at large representing, where  
32 possible, the historical traditions of the conferences antecedent to  
33 Northern Illinois Annual Conference;

34 One representative from the Program Staff; Any member of the  
35 Jurisdictional Commission on Archives and History residing within the  
36 Conference boundaries;

37 The Conference Archivist; One representative from Garrett-Evangelical  
38 Theological Seminary, site of the Annual Conference Archives.

39 Officers: Elected as needed.

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41 **5. Vital Congregations Ministries**

42 Purpose: To encourage communication and coordination among  
43 Committee on Accessibility, Congregational Development &  
44 Redevelopment (Code Red) (¶632/645), Keagy Town & Rural Ministry,  
45 and Latinx/Hispanic Ministry Team (National Plan) (¶655)

1 Membership: For those bodies with Disciplinarily required membership,  
2 the provisions of the *Book of Discipline* shall be followed. If there are no  
3 provisions for membership in a body defined by the *Book of Discipline*,  
4 the membership will give attention to a balance of clergy, laity, gender,  
5 age, ethnicity, and districts.  
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7 **6. Discipleship Ministries (¶630)**

8 Purpose: To encourage communication and coordination among Young  
9 Peoples Ministries (¶649 & 650), Conference Board of Higher Education &  
10 Campus Ministries (¶634), Older Adult Ministries (¶651), Conference  
11 Board of Laity (¶631), Committee on Spiritual Formation, Outdoor &  
12 Retreat Ministries  
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14 Membership: For those bodies with Disciplinarily required membership,  
15 the provisions of the *Book of Discipline* shall be followed. If there are no  
16 provisions for membership in a body defined by the *Book of Discipline*,  
17 the membership will give attention to a balance of clergy, laity, gender,  
18 age, ethnicity, and districts.  
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21 **7. Justice and Mercy Ministries (¶630)**

22 Purpose: To encourage communication and coordination among Board of  
23 Church and Society (¶629 & 657), Board of Global Ministries (¶633 &  
24 656), Commission on Christian Unity & Interreligious Relations (¶642),  
25 Commission on Religion and Race ¶634, Commission on the Status and  
26 Role of Women (¶644), and the Committee on Native American  
27 Ministries (¶654)  
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29 Membership: For those bodies with Disciplinarily required membership,  
30 the provisions of the *Book of Discipline* shall be followed. If there are no  
31 provisions for membership in a body defined by the *Book of Discipline*,  
32 the membership will give attention to a balance of clergy, laity, gender,  
33 age, ethnicity, and districts.  
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35 **RATIONALE:**

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37 The 2008 United Methodist Book of Discipline created flexibility for annual conference  
38 organization. Conferences were encouraged to streamline structures to create relevant, vital  
39 program ministries. Based on the Landscape Report (2015) and the ongoing work of the Annual  
40 Conference Shepherding Team (ACST), attention has been given to the creation of an  
41 organizational structure that would enhance the conference's focus on purpose, mission, and  
42 core values, while providing a forum for communication and coordination, reducing  
43 redundancy and providing more adaptability, flexibility, and productivity.  
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45 In 2020 the ACST formed a task force for reorganization of the program areas in the conference.  
46 The task force reported directly to the ACST as they worked. The task force included Mark

1 Manzi (Chair), Deborah Dangerfield, Arnold Rivera, Mary Rawlinson, Laura Underwood, Meg  
2 Park, Nancy Pendergrass and Arlene Christopherson.

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4 This task force reviewed the program ministries of the past decade and recommended the  
5 retention of some areas, the consolidation of others, and the incorporation of areas that had  
6 become inactive or had a focus addressed by other existing boards, committees and task forces.  
7 They then organized these committees, boards, task forces and groups in alignment with the  
8 purpose, mission and core values of the annual conference.

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10 Committees that were retained and realigned are listed in the legislation. They include:  
11 Committee on Accessibility Ministries, Congregational Development and Redevelopment,  
12 Keagy Town and Rural, Latinx/Hispanic Ministry Team (National Plan), Conference Board of  
13 Higher Education and Campus Ministries, Older Adult Ministries, Outdoor and Retreat  
14 Ministries, Conference Board of Laity, Committee on Spiritual Formation, Committee on Native  
15 American Ministries, Board of Church and Society, Board of Global Ministries, Commission on  
16 Christian Unity and Interreligious Relations, Commission on Religion and Race and the  
17 Commission on Status and Role of Women.

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19 Areas that were combined are: Children’s Ministries, Youth Ministries, Young Adult Ministries,  
20 Education Work Area and the Safe Sanctuaries Task Force into Young People’s Ministries.

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22 Committee functions that have been incorporated into other existing areas addressing the same  
23 work are: Evangelism into Congregational Development and Redevelopment; Committee on  
24 Ethnic Local Church Concerns into Commission on Religion and Race; Restorative and  
25 Transformative Justice to both Commission on Religion and Race and Commission on Church  
26 and Society. In addition, Strengthening the Black Church for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century is now under the  
27 leadership of Black Methodists for Church Renewal.

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29 This reorganization of the standing rules does not address a number of existing task forces and  
30 other committees that continue to function in the annual conference including the Anti-  
31 Gambling Task Force, the HIV/AIDS Task Force and the Eco-Sustainability Network. Allowing  
32 for the formation of task forces from time to time gives the conference flexibility in address  
33 emerging needs.

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35 Caucuses such as Black Methodists for Church Renewal and Asian American Fellowship are not  
36 conference program areas and continue to exist outside the conference structure. Caucuses can  
37 apply for conference programming funds for their conference-wide ministry work.

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40 **Document: 702.03**

41 **Name: Amend Standing Rules to Restore CCFA authorities**

42 **Author(s): Conference Council on Finance and Administration, Stephanie Uhl, Chair**

43 **CCFA Comment:**

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45 **ACTION:**

46 Amend the Northern Illinois Conference Standing Rules by addition to Section V. Finances and  
47 Reports, A. Accounting Policy a new item: