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2 **Name: Revise Standing Rules related to Annual Conference Nominations Committee**
3 **Author(s): Annual Conference Committee on Nominations, Alka Lyall- Chair**
4 **CCFA Action:**

5 **ACTION:**
6 Amend the Northern Illinois Conference Standing Rules regarding the work of the Annual Conference
7 Committee on Nominations. Section III B as follows:

8 **B. NOMINATIONS PROCEDURE**

- 9 1. The nominations process is an open process. Persons can be nominated from any source within the
10 Conference. All nominees for membership on conference agencies shall be presented to the Annual
11 Conference by the Committee on Nominations except members-at-large of conference agencies and
12 those otherwise directed by The Discipline or the Standing Rules. Suggestions of persons particularly
13 qualified for such membership may come to the Committee on Nominations from any agency.
- 14 2. Elections at Annual Conference will take place in the following manner: A full slate will be
15 presented with ~~containing only~~ the names of those to be elected at the current session of Annual
16 Conference in bold. ~~will be presented. Those who have been serving during the past year will be~~
17 ~~designated from those most recently nominated. Persons whose Additional names do not appear on~~
18 ~~the slate~~ may be offered from the floor in accordance with conference nominations procedures
19 subject to the deadline established by the Committee on Nominations for each year's regular session
20 of annual conference. Any additional names offered in nomination for any position to fill a blank
21 space or in substitution for an existing name will need the following information:
22 a. Position for which person is being nominated
23 b. Full name, correctly spelled
24 c. Complete address, home and work phones, if available
25 d. Personal data
26 e. Local church affiliation
27 f. Tenure in previous service to this group
28 g. Name of person making nominations
29 h. Consent of nominee to serve
- 30 The Committee on Nominations will reconcile Disciplinary and Standing Rules requirements.
- 31 3. Except as otherwise directed by The Discipline, when a vacancy occurs in any Conference group:
32 a. Notification of a vacancy will be made to the Conference Committee on Nominations.
33 b. The Conference Committee on Nominations shall fill the vacancies within 60 days of
34 notification.
35 c. The Committee shall consider the office vacant after an attempt to notify by email said
36 member of pending action has been made by the Committee and the member has been given
37 15 days to to respond by email to explain his/her/their inactivity, and if no email reply has been
38 submitted, a telephone attempt to confirm that the email was received.
39 d. Within 60 days after the Annual Conference session, current lists of names, email
40 addresses, and phone numbers of all members of the conference bodies shall be provided
41 to all their chairpersons or conveners by the Conference Secretary.
- 42 4. The Annual Conference shall elect a Conference Secretary, an Assistant to the Secretary for Standing
43 Rules, and statistician at the first Annual Conference session following the General Conference or
44 Jurisdictional Conference (§ 603.7). The secretarial staff will be named by the Secretary.
- 45 5. All specifications by either The Discipline and the state law as to the manner of election of trustees
46 shall be rigidly followed. In all cases where the Conference is responsible for the election of any
47 trustees of institutions or foundations related to the Conference in any way, and where no other
48 method of nomination is required by The Discipline or by the charter or by-laws of the institution

49 concerned, the Committee shall nominate said trustees after considering any recommendations
50 offered by said institution.

- 51 6. Changes in the basic by-laws which affect the election of trustees, managers, directors or governing
52 body of any board, foundation or institution incorporated by the action and authority of Northern
53 Illinois Conference of The United Methodist Church or whose trustees are elected by the
54 Conference shall become effective only after they have been presented to the next regular session of
55 the Conference and approved by Conference action.
- 56 7. Guidelines for Organizing Program and Administrative Groups: Program and Administrative
57 groups exist for the purpose of promoting and providing structure for the work of The United
58 Methodist Church within the boundaries of the Northern Illinois Conference.
- 59 a. The Program and Administrative groups shall work cooperatively.
 - 60 b. The establishment of emphasis areas and special ministry will be recommended by the
61 Shepherding Team to the Annual Conference.
 - 62 c. Special care shall be taken to balance the participation of the program and administrative
63 groups to include adequate clergy, lay, male, female, age, ethnicity, and geographic
64 representation.
 - 65 d. No person may serve on more than one Program Emphasis and one Administrative area at
66 any given time.
- 67 8. The Conference Program Staff office shall publish by October 1 the list of elected officers of
68 all groups. There will be published a description of all Program and Administrative Areas.
69 The Shepherding Team will be responsible for the publication.

70 C. DISCIPLINARY BODIES

71 1. Council on Finance and Administration (§ 611-619)

72 Purpose: § 612.1

73 Membership: § 612.2 and Twenty-one (21) persons with a recommended balance of 7 clergy, 7
74 laymen and 7 laywomen, elected quadrennially.

75 Officers: § 612.3

76 2. Equitable Compensation Committee (§ 624.1,2)

77 Purpose: § 624, and: Review the schedule of Equitable Compensation annually, reporting
78 findings to the Conference Council on Finance and Administration; distribute the Equitable
79 Compensation Fund; in consultation with the Cabinet, pass on all applications for payments from
80 the fund and make request in writing to the office of the Conference Treasurer for any payments
81 approved.

82 Membership: § 624.1. An equal number of lay and clergy, including one person from each district
83 and 6 members-at-large with representatives from at least 4 churches with memberships of fewer
84 than 200 members.

85 Officers: Elected as needed.

86 3. Board of Pensions and Health Benefits (§638.1)

87 Purpose: § 638.1.

88 Membership: § 638.2. Twenty members, at least two members from each district, serving 8 year
89 terms, one-half elected each quadrennium.

90 Officers: § 639.3.

91 4. Board of Trustees (§ 640 and 2512)

92 Purpose: § 2512 3-8. In addition, The Trustees shall be the custodian of any burial lots belonging to
93 the Conference.

94 Membership: § 2512.1 and each district shall have at least one representative. Within four weeks
95 of the close of each Annual Conference, the Cabinet Representative assigned to the Board shall
96 convene a meeting to elect officers.

97 Officers: § 2512.2.

98 **5. Commission on Archives and History (§ 641)**

99 Purpose: § 641.1-4

100 Membership: § 641.1. May include one representative from each of the following: Black Methodists
101 for Church Renewal, Hispanic/Latinx Ministry Team ~~La Junta Hispano Americana~~ and Fellowship
102 of Asian Americans. One representative from Northern Illinois Annual Conference Historical
103 Society; Ten members chosen in consultation with the Commission on Archives and History for
104 expertise and/or membership balance, drawn at large representing, where possible, the historical
105 traditions of the conferences antecedent to Northern Illinois Annual Conference; One representative
106 from the Program Staff; Any member of the Jurisdictional Commission on Archives and History
107 residing within the Conference boundaries; The Conference Archivist; One representative from
108 Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, site of the Annual Conference Archives.
109 Officers: Elected as needed.

110 **6. Vital Congregations Ministries**

111 Purpose: To encourage communication and coordination among Committee on Accessibility,
112 PATH (Planting And THriving) Congregational Development & Redevelopment (§632/645),
113 Keagy Town & Rural Ministry, Fellowship of Asian Americans (FAA), Black Methodists for
114 Church Renewal (BMCR), and Latinx/Hispanic Ministry Team (§655)

115 Membership: For those bodies with Disciplinarily required membership, the provisions of the Book
116 of Discipline shall be followed. If there are no provisions for membership in a body defined by the
117 Book of Discipline, the membership will give attention to a balance of clergy, laity, gender, age,
118 ethnicity, and districts.

119 **7. Discipleship Ministries (§629)**

120 Purpose: To encourage communication and coordination among Young Peoples Ministries (§649 &
121 650), Conference Board of Higher Education & Campus Ministries (§633), Older Adult Ministries
122 (§651), Conference Board of Laity (§630), Committee on Discipleship and Spiritual Formation,
123 Outdoor & Retreat Ministries

124 Membership: For those bodies with Disciplinarily required membership, the provisions of the Book
125 of Discipline shall be followed. If there are no provisions for membership in a body defined by the
126 Book of Discipline, the membership will give attention to a balance of clergy, laity, gender, age,
127 ethnicity, and districts.

128 **8. Justice and Mercy Ministries (§629)**

129 Purpose: To encourage communication and coordination among Board of Church and Society (§628
130 & 657), Board of Global Ministries (§632 & 656), Commission on Christian Unity & Interreligious
131 Relations (§642), Commission on Religion and Race §643, Commission on the Status and Role of
132 Women (§644), the Committee on Native American Ministries (§654), the Committee on Creation
133 Care and the Committee on Inclusion.

134 Membership: For those bodies with Disciplinarily required membership, the provisions of the Book
135 of Discipline shall be followed. If there are no provisions for membership in a body defined by the
136 Book of Discipline, the membership will give attention to a balance of clergy, laity, gender, age,
137 ethnicity, and districts.

138 **RATIONALE:**

139 The changes

- 140 • Simplify the format in which the Nominations report is presented during the Annual
- 141 Conference session.
- 142 • Align this section of the Standing rules with the names of the caucuses, ministry teams and
- 143 committees that we already use in our Annual Conference.

1 **Document: 702.05**
2 **Name: Timely Publishing of NIC Conference Journal**
3 **Author(s): Mark Harkness**
4 **CCFA Action:**

5 **ACTION:**

6 Amend the Standing Rules Section I-C-7 by inserting “no later than 90 days after the conclusion of the
7 annual conference” immediately following the “The Journal may be stored and made available” so that
8 the section will now read:

- 9 7. The Journal may be stored and made available no later than 90 days after the conclusion of the annual
10 conference in an electronic, or printed, format consistent with the recommendations of the GCFA and
11 The Book of Discipline. The Annual Conference Secretary, in consultation with the Annual
12 Conference Committee, may make the most recent Journal available in the printed format for a fee.
13 Journals of the five most recent years shall be made available at no cost on the website maintained by
14 the Northern Illinois Conference.

15 **RATIONALE:**

16 As of March 9, 2026 the Journal for the 2025 Annual Conference (which concluded on June 11, 2025)
17 had yet to be published on the conference website nor made available in printed form. Therefore,
18 legislation submitted by the April 1, 2026 deadline for consideration at the 2026 Annual Conference must
19 either be delayed or submitted without being able to reference the most current journal.