

1 **Document: 640.01**  
2 **Name: Mission Links Advances (Formerly Rainbow Covenant)**  
3 **Author(s): Conference Board of Global Ministries, Shirley Pulgar Hughes, Conference**  
4 **Mission Secretary**  
5 **CCFA Comment:**  
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7 **ACTION:**  
8 The Northern Illinois Conference Board of Global Ministries recommends the following  
9 Conference and District Advances.  
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11 **Conference Advances:**

12	Abounding Ministries	50000122
13	Arise Chicago	50000142
14	North Central College United	50000136
15	Kids Above All	50000011
16	Disciple Bible Outreach Ministries	50000149
17	Facing Forward to End Homelessness	50000007
18	Illinois Church Action on Alcohol & Addiction Problems	50000030
19	Justice For Our Neighbors	50000140
20	Korean American Campus Ministry	50000076
21	Midwest Mission Distribution Center	50000150
22	MYSI Corporation Agency Support	50000107
23	Native American Ministry of Presence	50000125
24	NIC Disaster Preparedness and Response	50000148
25	ORM: Camping Scholarships	50000036
26	Reconciling Ministries Network	50000111
27	Refugee One	50000133
28	Reynoldswood Conference Center	50000043
29	Rosecrance Kinley Patient Assistance Fund	50000132
30	Sam Mool House	50000146
31	The Inclusive Collective at DeKalb	50000135
32	The Martin Keagy Fund	40000000
33	The Inclusive Collective at UIC	50000128
34	United Methodist Homes and Services	50000121
35	University Christian Ministry at Northwestern Uni	50000101
36	Wesley Willows Good Samaritan Program	50000144
37	Wesley Woods Coreference Center	50000046

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39 **District Advances**

40	Bridge Communities, Inc.	60000208
41	Buddy Bags of Dixon	60000236
42	Center for Changing Lives	60000106
43	DuPage United	60000230
44	Empowering North Korean Refugees	60000235
45	Faith Community Homes-Affordable Housing	60000220
46	Fox River Valley United	60000231
47	Habitat for Humanity: Lake County	60000184

1	Hemenway Soup at Six	60000216
2	Hesed House PADS	60000017
3	Housing Forward (Formerly West Suburban PADS)	60000180
4	Jennings-Lyon Day Home	60000119
5	Journeys   The Road Home	60000221
6	JUST of DuPage	60000101
7	Lake County United	60000228
8	Morning Star Mission	60000143
9	Mujeres a Mujeres (Women to Women)	60000222
10	The Night Ministry	60000223
11	PADS of Elgin	60000224
12	Ridgewood United Community Ministries	60000203
13	Rockford Urban Ministries	60000129
14	Rockford Work Camps	60000234
15	Saturday Kids' Club of Centennial	60000201
16	The Seeds Center Community Development Corporation	60000225
17	United Church of Rogers Park Community Feast	60000178
18	Waukegan to College	60000233

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20 **RATIONALE:**

21 Each quadrennium the Conference Board of Global Ministries reviews the conference and  
 22 district missions supported through the advance. This year the advance program has been  
 23 rebranded as **Mission Links: Living the Beatitudes**. The CBGM has also moved from a print  
 24 version of the mission listing to an interactive online version that can be more easily updated  
 25 while providing accessible resources as church mission committees explore the possibilities for  
 26 supporting missions within the conference and around the globe. The link can be found at:  
 27 <https://www.umcnic.org/missionlinks>  
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30 **Document: 640.02**

31 **Name: Special Sundays with Offerings for 2022**

32 **Author(s): Conference Council on Finance and Administration, Stephanie Uhl, Chairperson**

33 **CCFA Comment:**  
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35 **ACTION:**

36 The Northern Illinois Conference recommends the following Special Sundays with  
 37 offerings for 2022:  
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40 **Special Sundays**  
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42 General Church Offering 2022

43	Human Relations Day	January 16, 2022
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44	UMCOR Sunday	March 27, 2022
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45	Native American Ministries Sunday	May 1, 2022
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46	Peace with Justice Sunday	June 12, 2022
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47	World Communion Sunday	October 2, 2022
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1 United Methodist Student Day November 27, 2022

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4 Conference Offerings 2022

5 Scouting Ministries Any Sunday in February or March\*  
6 Golden Cross April 24, 2022  
7 Volunteers in Mission Any Sunday in July or August  
8 Christian Education September 4, 2022  
9 Accessibility Sunday November 6, 2022  
10 HIV/AIDS Awareness December 4, 2022  
11 United Voices for Children Every 5th Sunday  
12 (January, May, July, October)

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14 \* This fund supports Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Campfire, 4-H, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and  
15 Amachi programs.

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18 **Document: 650.01**

19 **Name: Minimum Salaries for Full-Time Clergy**

20 **Author(s): CCFA Committee on Equitable Compensation, Stephanie Uhl, Chairperson**

21 **CCFA Comment:**

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23 **ACTION:**

24 Minimum salaries for full-time clergy appointed in the NIC will be as follows:

YEAR OF INITIAL APPOINTMENT (minimum salary set at the beginning of a new appointment, typically July 1)							
	2016 (\$34,000)	2017 (\$34,200)	2018 (\$34,450)	2019 (\$34,800)	2020 (\$35,300)	2021 (36,360)	2022 (36,360)
Resolution passed in:							
2016 for FY 2017	\$34,340						
2017 for FY 2018	\$34,684	\$34,542					
2018 for FY 2019	\$35,031	\$34,887	\$34,795				
2019 for FY 2020	\$35,521	\$35,375	\$35,282	\$35,287			

2020 for FY 2021	\$36,734	\$36,437	\$36,341	\$36,346	\$36,360		
Proposed in 2021 for FY 2022	<b>\$36,734</b>	<b>\$36,437</b>	<b>\$36,360</b>	<b>\$36,360</b>	<b>\$36,360</b>	<b>\$36,360</b>	

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*Chart interpretation: Each year, a minimum salary is set for new appointments. This salary amount is listed in the first row, beneath the year the new appointment is made (which typically begins July 1.) A minimum salary is also set for appointments made in previous years. The number listed in the column beneath each year indicates the minimum salary for the pastor appointed to that charge each fiscal year (which typically begins January 1.) Bold, italicized numbers listed in the bottom row are the minimum salaries recommended to the Annual Conference in 2021.*

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- 1) Local churches are to provide a minimum of \$5,000 for accountable reimbursements for their appointed pastor. This covers costs related to travel, continuing education, and other expenses incurred in the course of providing pastoral ministry. Information regarding accountable reimbursements can be downloaded at: [https://www.umcnic.org/media/files/ordained%20ministry/AccountableReimbursementPoliciesQ\\_and\\_A.pdf](https://www.umcnic.org/media/files/ordained%20ministry/AccountableReimbursementPoliciesQ_and_A.pdf)

**RATIONALE:**

This minimum salary schedule is an increase of 0% to reflect the following:

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In 2019, CCFA committed to “recommend minimum salaries that move the NIC closer to our Jurisdictional average [in 2020].” While the NIC’s minimum salary has been lower than the jurisdictional average, we continue to provide significant coverage for health benefits beyond what is provided in other conferences. When subtracting the contribution by clergy for their health coverage costs from clergy salary, NIC was approximately 2% below the mean salary for the jurisdiction. In 2020, the minimum salary for full-time clergy was increased by 3%, moving us closer to the average of the jurisdiction.

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We recognize the desire to maintain the number of full-time clergy positions to match the number of full-time appointments guaranteed to Commissioned and Ordained Elders. This is increasingly becoming unsustainable when we are losing an average of 5 full-time appointments every year.

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We also recognize that many local churches struggle to afford full-time clergy appointments. Many of our churches have experienced losses, both in attendance and finances, as a result of 2019 Special Session of General Conference. In 2020 and 2021, the global pandemic has created increased financial hardship for many of our struggling churches. As a result, many local churches have been unable to give pay increases to their pastors and staff at this time. Given the

1 current financial hardship and overall current economic conditions and uncertainty, CCFA  
2 recommends a 0% increase in the minimum salary for 2022.

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5 **Document: 700.01**

6 **Name: Discontinuance of York House United Methodist Church**

7 **Author(s): Rev. Darneather Murph-Heath, District Superintendent, Elgin District, UMC**

8 **CCFA Comment:**

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10 (Please note: The “Whereas/Be it resolved” format is being used for legal reasons).

11 **ACTION:**

12 WHEREAS the York House United Methodist Church, located in the Village of Beach Park,  
13 Waukegan Township of Lake County, Illinois was formed in 1877 and has witnessed to Jesus  
14 Christ and served its community and the world for nearly 150 years; and

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16 WHEREAS the York House United Methodist Church faithfully served the community in the  
17 Village of Beach Park and boldly risked themselves in this effort; and

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19 WHEREAS, pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 2549 of *The Book of Discipline of The*  
20 *United Methodist Church 2016*, the Elgin District Superintendent has recommended with the  
21 approval of the District Strategy Team that the church be discontinued effective December 31,  
22 2020. The Elgin District Committee on Building and Location has voted to concur with the  
23 District Superintendent’s recommendation to discontinue said church and the presiding  
24 Bishop and the majority of the District Superintendents of the Northern Illinois Annual  
25 Conference of The United Methodist Church have consented to the District Superintendent’s  
26 recommendation to discontinue said church;

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28 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that to minimize the risk of loss of future bequests to the  
29 Conference, the Northern Illinois Annual Conference recommends that the said Church,  
30 though discontinued under the Canon Law of The United Methodist Church, nevertheless  
31 be maintained in perpetuity under the Illinois civil law by adopting a reincorporation thereof  
32 by the Bishop under Section 46b of the Illinois Religious Corporation Act, with the  
33 incumbent Conference Board of Trustees names as trustees of the Discontinued Church under  
34 the procedure established by Article VII “Discontinued or Abandoned Church  
35 Reincorporation” of the By-laws of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference of The United  
36 Methodist Church; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all properties and assets of said Church, including, but not  
39 limited to its existing and future gifts, devises, and bequests, its existing personal property  
40 and accounts and its real property commonly known as 37768 N. Green Bay Road, Beach  
41 Park, Illinois 60087, shall become the properties and assets of the Northern Illinois  
42 Conference of The United Methodist Church, and shall, in the discretion of the Bishop in  
43 consultation with the Cabinet, be either:

- 44 a. Retained by the reincorporated shell Illinois religious corporation referred to  
45 above pending sale or other disposition; or  
46 b. Transferred to the Board of Trustees of the Northern Illinois Annual  
47 Conference of The United Methodist Church; and

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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Northern Illinois Annual  
3 Conference of The United Methodist Church be authorized and directed to provide for the  
4 care, maintenance, and disposition of the said assets and shall dispose of said assets in  
5 accordance with the relevant provisions of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist*  
6 *Church 2016*; and that any monies or other assets received from the sale or other disposition  
7 of the assets of said discontinued Church be used to pay off all monetary obligations and  
8 arrearages with any remaining monies to be deposited in the Closed Church Fund as directed  
9 by Standing Rule 11, Part A, Section V of the Standing Rules of the Northern Illinois Annual  
10 Conference of The United Methodist Church; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the said Church shall be transferred to the  
13 NORTH PRAIRIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH in Winthrop Harbor, Illinois, unless any  
14 such members shall inform the pastor of the transferee church otherwise; and

15  
16 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the appropriate officers of The Northern Illinois Annual  
17 Conference of The United Methodist Church are authorized and directed to execute on behalf  
18 of the said Conference any and all such additional documents as legal counsel shall  
19 recommend to effectuate the above.

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21 **RATIONALE:**

22 After many faithful years of service, ministry and mission in the name of Jesus Christ, York  
23 House United Methodist Church has come to a place of transition and closure as  
24 membership and attendance have declined. The congregation has expressed its desire to  
25 celebrate its past ministry but to no longer remain in service as York House United Methodist  
26 Church. The closure has been recommended by the Elgin District Strategy Team, the Elgin  
27 District Board on Church Location and Buildings and the District Superintendent.

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30 **Document: 700.02**

31 **Name: Discontinuance of Glenbrook Korean United Methodist Church**

32 **Author(s): Rev. Brittany Isaac, District Superintendent, Chicago Northwestern District,**  
33 **UMC**

34 **CCFA Comment:**

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36 (Please note: The “Whereas/Be it resolved” format is being used for legal reasons).

37 **ACTION:**

38 WHEREAS the Glenbrook Korean United Methodist Church located in the Village of  
39 Northbrook, Cook County, Illinois was formed in 1997 and has witnessed to Jesus Christ  
40 and served its community and the world for 23 years; and

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42 WHEREAS the Glenbrook Korean United Methodist Church faithfully served the  
43 community in the Village of Northbrook and boldly risked themselves in this effort; and

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45 WHEREAS, pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 2549 of *The Book of Discipline of The*  
46 *United Methodist Church 2016*, the Chicago Northwestern District Superintendent has  
47 recommended with the approval of the District Strategy Team that the church be

1 discontinued effective June 30, 2020. The Chicago Northwestern District Committee on  
2 Building and Location has voted to concur with the District Superintendent's  
3 recommendation to discontinue said church and the presiding Bishop and the majority of  
4 the District Superintendents of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference of The United  
5 Methodist Church have consented to the District Superintendent's recommendation to  
6 discontinue said church;

7  
8 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that to minimize the risk of loss of future bequests to the  
9 Conference, the Northern Illinois Annual Conference recommends that the said Church,  
10 though discontinued under the Canon Law of The United Methodist Church, nevertheless  
11 be maintained in perpetuity under the Illinois civil law by adopting a reincorporation  
12 thereof by the Bishop under Section 46b of the Illinois Religious Corporation Act, with the  
13 incumbent Conference Board of Trustees names as trustees of the Discontinued Church  
14 under the procedure established by Article VII "Discontinued or Abandoned Church  
15 Reincorporation" of the By-laws of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference of The United  
16 Methodist Church; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all assets of said Church, including, but not limited to its  
19 existing and future gifts, devises, and bequests, shall become the assets of the Northern  
20 Illinois Conference of The United Methodist Church, and  
21 Shall, in the discretion of the Bishop in consultation with the Cabinet, be either:

- 22 a. Retained by the reincorporated shell Illinois religious corporation referred to  
23 above pending sale or other disposition; or
- 24 b. Transferred to the Board of Trustees of the Northern Illinois Annual  
25 Conference of The United Methodist Church; and

26  
27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Northern Illinois Annual  
28 Conference of The United Methodist Church be authorized and directed to provide for the  
29 care, maintenance, and disposition of the said assets and shall dispose of said assets in  
30 accordance with the relevant provisions of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist*  
31 *Church 2016*; and that any monies or other assets received from the sale or other  
32 disposition of the assets of said discontinued Church be used to pay off all monetary  
33 obligations and arrearages with any remaining monies to be deposited in the Closed  
34 Church Fund as directed by Standing Rule 11, Part A, Section V of the Standing Rules of  
35 the Northern Illinois Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church; and

36  
37 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the appropriate officers of The Northern Illinois Annual  
38 Conference of The United Methodist Church are authorized and directed to execute on  
39 behalf of the said Conference any and all such additional documents as legal counsel shall  
40 recommend to effectuate the above.

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42 **RATIONALE:**

43 After many faithful years of service, ministry and mission in the name of Jesus Christ,  
44 Glenbrook Korean United Methodist Church has come to a place of transition and closure  
45 as membership and attendance have declined. The congregation has expressed its desire to  
46 celebrate its past ministry but to no longer remain in service as Glenbrook Korean United  
47 Methodist Church. The closure has been recommended by the Chicago Northwestern

1 District Strategy Team, the Chicago Northwestern District Board on Church Location and  
2 Buildings and the District Superintendent.

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5 **Document: 700.03**

6 **Name: Discontinuance of Ringwood United Methodist Church**

7 **Author(s): Rev. Darneather Murph-Heath, District Superintendent, Elgin District, UMC**

8 **CCFA Comment:**

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10 (Please note: The “Whereas/Be it resolved” format is being used for legal reasons).

11 **ACTION:**

12 WHEREAS the Ringwood United Methodist Church, located in the Village of Ringwood,  
13 McHenry Township of McHenry County, Illinois was formed in 1855 and has witnessed to  
14 Jesus Christ and served its community and the world for nearly 170 years; and

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16 WHEREAS the Ringwood United Methodist Church faithfully served the community in the  
17 Village of Ringwood and boldly risked themselves in this effort; and

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19 WHEREAS, pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 2549 of *The Book of Discipline of The*  
20 *United Methodist Church 2016*, the Elgin District Superintendent has recommended with  
21 the approval of the District Strategy Team that the church be discontinued effective January  
22 31, 2021. The Elgin District Committee on Building and Location has voted to concur with  
23 the District Superintendent’s recommendation to discontinue said church and the presiding  
24 Bishop and the majority of the District Superintendents of the Northern Illinois Annual  
25 Conference of The United Methodist Church have consented to the District  
26 Superintendent’s recommendation to discontinue said church;

27  
28 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that to minimize the risk of loss of future bequests to the  
29 Conference, the Northern Illinois Annual Conference recommends that the said Church,  
30 though discontinued under the Canon Law of The United Methodist Church, nevertheless  
31 be maintained in perpetuity under the Illinois civil law by adopting a reincorporation  
32 thereof by the Bishop under Section 46b of the Illinois Religious Corporation Act, with the  
33 incumbent Conference Board of Trustees names as trustees of the Discontinued Church  
34 under the procedure established by Article VII “Discontinued or Abandoned Church  
35 Reincorporation” of the By-laws of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference of The United  
36 Methodist Church; and

37  
38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all properties and assets of said Church, including, but not  
39 limited to its existing and future gifts, devises, and bequests, its existing personal property  
40 and accounts and its real property commonly known as 5214 Barnard Mill Road,  
41 Ringwood, Illinois 60072, shall become the properties and assets of the Northern Illinois  
42 Conference of The United Methodist Church, and shall, in the discretion of the Bishop in  
43 consultation with the Cabinet, be either:

- 44 a. Retained by the reincorporated shell Illinois religious corporation referred to above  
45 pending sale or other disposition; or  
46 b. Transferred to the Board of Trustees of the Northern Illinois Annual  
47 Conference of The United Methodist Church; and



1  
2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Northern Illinois Annual  
3 Conference of The United Methodist Church be authorized and directed to provide for the  
4 care, maintenance, and disposition of the said assets and shall dispose of said assets in  
5 accordance with the relevant provisions of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist*  
6 *Church 2016*; and that any monies or other assets received from the sale or other  
7 disposition of the assets of said discontinued Church be used to pay off all monetary  
8 obligations and arrearages with any remaining monies to be deposited in the Closed  
9 Church Fund as directed by Standing Rule 11, Part A, Section V of the Standing Rules of  
10 the Northern Illinois Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the said Church shall be transferred to  
13 the Mount Hope United Methodist Church in McHenry, Illinois, unless any such members  
14 shall inform the pastor of the transferee church otherwise; and

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16 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the appropriate officers of The Northern Illinois Annual  
17 Conference of The United Methodist Church are authorized and directed to execute on  
18 behalf of the said Conference any and all such additional documents as legal counsel shall  
19 recommend to effectuate the above.

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21 **RATIONALE:**

22 After many faithful years of service, ministry and mission in the name of Jesus Christ,  
23 Ringwood United Methodist Church has come to a place of transition and closure as  
24 membership and attendance have declined. The congregation has expressed its desire to  
25 celebrate its past ministry but to no longer remain in service as Ringwood United  
26 Methodist Church. The closure has been recommended by the Elgin District Strategy Team,  
27 the Elgin District Board on Church Location and Buildings and the District Superintendent.

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30 **Document: 700.04**

31 **Name: Discontinuance of Community United Methodist Church**

32 **Author(s): Rev. Darneather Murph-Heath, District Superintendent, Elgin District, UMC**

33 **CCFA Comment:**

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35 (Please note: The “Whereas/Be it resolved” format is being used for legal reasons).

36 **ACTION:**

37 WHEREAS the Community United Methodist Church, located in the City of Wood Dale,  
38 Addison Township of DuPage County, Illinois was formed in 1929 and has witnessed to Jesus  
39 Christ and served its community and the world for nearly 100 years; and

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41 WHEREAS the Community United Methodist Church faithfully served the community in the  
42 City of Wood Dale and boldly risked themselves in this effort; and

43  
44 WHEREAS, pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 2549 of *The Book of Discipline of The*  
45 *United Methodist Church 2016*, the Elgin District Superintendent has recommended with the  
46 approval of the District Strategy Team that the church be discontinued effective June 6, 2021.  
47 The Elgin District Committee on Building and Location has voted to concur with the District

1 Superintendent’s recommendation to discontinue said church and the presiding Bishop and  
2 the majority of the District Superintendents of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference of The  
3 United Methodist Church have consented to the District Superintendent’s recommendation  
4 to discontinue said church;

5  
6 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that to minimize the risk of loss of future bequests to the  
7 Conference, the Northern Illinois Annual Conference recommends that the said Church,  
8 though discontinued under the Canon Law of The United Methodist Church, nevertheless  
9 be maintained in perpetuity under the Illinois civil law by adopting a reincorporation thereof  
10 by the Bishop under Section 46b of the Illinois Religious Corporation Act, with the  
11 incumbent Conference Board of Trustees names as trustees of the Discontinued Church under  
12 the procedure established by Article VII “Discontinued or Abandoned Church  
13 Reincorporation” of the By-laws of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference of The United  
14 Methodist Church; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all properties and assets of said Church, including, but not  
17 limited to its existing and future gifts, devises, and bequests, its existing personal property  
18 and accounts and its real property commonly known as 206 N. Wood Dale Road, Wood  
19 Dale, Illinois 60191, shall become the properties and assets of the Northern Illinois  
20 Conference of The United Methodist Church, and shall, in the discretion of the Bishop in  
21 consultation with the Cabinet, be either:

- 22 a. Retained by the reincorporated shell Illinois religious corporation referred to  
23 above pending sale or other disposition; or
- 24 b. Transferred to the Board of Trustees of the Northern Illinois Annual  
25 Conference of The United Methodist Church; and

26  
27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Northern Illinois Annual  
28 Conference of The United Methodist Church be authorized and directed to provide for the  
29 care, maintenance, and disposition of the said assets and shall dispose of said assets in  
30 accordance with the relevant provisions of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist*  
31 *Church 2016*; and that any monies or other assets received from the sale or other disposition  
32 of the assets of said discontinued Church be used to pay off all monetary obligations and  
33 arrearages with any remaining monies to be deposited in the Closed Church Fund as directed  
34 by Standing Rule 11, Part A, Section V of the Standing Rules of the Northern Illinois Annual  
35 Conference of The United Methodist Church; and

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the said Church shall be transferred to  
38 The Center in Itasca, Illinois, unless any such members shall inform the pastor of the  
39 transferee church otherwise; and

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41 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the appropriate officers of The Northern Illinois Annual  
42 Conference of The United Methodist Church are authorized and directed to execute on behalf  
43 of the said Conference any and all such additional documents as legal counsel shall  
44 recommend to effectuate the above.

45  
46 **RATIONALE:**

47 After many faithful years of service, ministry and mission in the name of Jesus Christ,

1 Community United Methodist Church has come to a place of transition and closure as  
2 membership and attendance have declined. The congregation has expressed its desire to  
3 celebrate its past ministry but to no longer remain in service as Community United Methodist  
4 Church. The closure has been recommended by the Elgin District Strategy Team, the Elgin  
5 District Board on Church Location and Buildings and the District Superintendent.  
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8 **Document: 700.05**

9 **Name: Discontinuance of Chicago: Fernwood UMC**

10 **Author(s): District Superintendent, Jacques Conway, Chicago Southern District, UMC**

11 **CCFA Comment:**  
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13 (Please note: The “Whereas/Be it resolved” format is being used for legal reasons).

14 **ACTION:**

15 WHEREAS the Chicago: Fernwood UMC located in the Lake Township of Cook County,  
16 Illinois was formed and has witnessed to Jesus Christ and served its community and the world  
17 for having closed on July 1, 2018 and  
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19 WHEREAS the Chicago: Fernwood UMC faithfully served the community in the City of  
20 Chicago, IL and boldly risked themselves in this effort; and  
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22 WHEREAS, pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 2549 of *The Book of Discipline of The*  
23 *United Methodist Church 2016*, the Chicago Southern District Superintendent has  
24 recommended with the approval of the District Strategy Team that the church be discontinued  
25 effective July 1, 2018. The Chicago Southern District Committee on Building and Location has  
26 voted to concur with the District Superintendent’s recommendation to discontinue said church  
27 and the presiding Bishop and the majority of the District Superintendents of the Northern  
28 Illinois Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church have consented to the District  
29 Superintendent’s recommendation to discontinue said church;  
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31 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that to minimize the risk of loss of future bequests to the  
32 Conference, the Northern Illinois Annual Conference recommends that the said Church, though  
33 discontinued under the Canon Law of The United Methodist Church, nevertheless be  
34 maintained in perpetuity under the Illinois civil law by adopting a reincorporation thereof by the  
35 Bishop under Section 46b of the Illinois Religious Corporation Act, with the incumbent  
36 Conference Board of Trustees names as trustees of the Discontinued Church under the  
37 procedure established by Article VII “Discontinued or Abandoned Church Reincorporation” of  
38 the By-laws of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church; and  
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all properties and assets of said Church, including, but not  
41 limited to its existing and future gifts, devises, and bequests, its existing personal property and  
42 accounts and its realproperty commonly known as 100475 S Wallace St, Chicago, IL 60621, shall  
43 become the properties and assets of the Northern Illinois Conference of The United Methodist  
44 Church, and shall, in the discretion of the Bishop in consultation with the Cabinet, be either:

- 45 a. Retained by the reincorporated shell Illinois religious corporation referred to  
46 above pending sale or other disposition; or  
47 b. Transferred to the Board of Trustees of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference

1 of The United Methodist Church; and

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3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Northern Illinois Annual  
4 Conference of The United Methodist Church be authorized and directed to provide for the care,  
5 maintenance, and disposition of the said assets and shall dispose of said assets in accordance  
6 with the relevant provisions of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2016*;  
7 and that any monies or other assets received from the sale or other disposition of the assets of  
8 said discontinued Church be used to pay off all monetary obligations and arrearages with any  
9 remaining monies to be deposited in the Closed Church Fund as directed by Standing Rule 11,  
10 Part A, Section V of the Standing Rules of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference of The  
11 United Methodist Church; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Northern Illinois Annual  
14 Conference of The United Methodist Church be authorized and directed to provide for the care,  
15 maintenance, and disposition of the said assets and shall dispose of said assets in accordance  
16 with the relevant provisions of The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2016;  
17 and that any monies or other assets received from the sale or other disposition of the assets of  
18 said discontinued Church be used to pay off all monetary obligations and arrearages with any  
19 remaining monies to be deposited in the Closed Church Fund as directed by Standing Rule 11,  
20 Part A, Section V of the Standing Rules of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference of The  
21 United Methodist Church; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the said Church shall be transferred *Chicago:*  
24 *Fernwood UMC* Chicago: Maple Park UMC in Chicago, Illinois, unless any such members shall  
25 inform the pastor of the transferee church otherwise; and

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27 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the appropriate officers of The Northern Illinois Annual  
28 Conference of The United Methodist Church are authorized and directed to execute on behalf  
29 of the said Conference any and all such additional documents as legal counsel shall recommend  
30 to effectuate the above.

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32 **RATIONALE:**

33 After many faithful years of service, ministry and mission in the name of Jesus Christ,  
34 Chicago: Fernwood UMC has come to a place of transition and closure as membership and  
35 attendance have declined. The congregation has expressed its desire to celebrate its past  
36 ministry but to no longer remain in service as Chicago: Fernwood UMC. The closure has been  
37 recommended by the Chicago Southern District Strategy Team, the Chicago Southern District  
38 Board of Church Location and Buildings and the District Superintendent.

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41 **Document: 700.06**

42 **Name: Discontinuance of Lisle: Faith UMC**

43 **Author(s): District Superintendent, Jeffrey Bross, Aurora District, UMC**

44 **CCFA Comment:**

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46 (Please note: The "Whereas/Be it resolved" format is being used for legal reasons).

47 **ACTION:**

1 WHEREAS the Lisle: Faith UMC located in the City of Lisle, Illinois at the commonly known  
2 address of 5395 Westview Lane in Lisle Township of DuPage County, Illinois was formed and  
3 has witnessed to Jesus Christ and served its community and the world for having closed on July  
4 1, 2021 and

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6 WHEREAS the Lisle: Faith UMC faithfully served the community in the Village of Lisle, IL and  
7 boldly risked themselves in this effort; and

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9 WHEREAS, pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 2549 of *The Book of Discipline of The*  
10 *United Methodist Church 2016*, the Aurora District Superintendent has recommended with the  
11 approval of the District Strategy Team that the church be discontinued effective July 1, 2021.  
12 The Aurora District Committee on Building and Location has voted to concur with the District  
13 Superintendent's recommendation to discontinue said church and the presiding Bishop and the  
14 majority of the District Superintendents of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference of The  
15 United Methodist Church have consented to the District Superintendent's recommendation to  
16 discontinue said church;

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18 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that to minimize the risk of loss of future bequests to the  
19 Conference, the Northern Illinois Annual Conference recommends that the said Church, though  
20 discontinued under the Canon Law of The United Methodist Church, nevertheless be  
21 maintained in perpetuity under the Illinois civil law by adopting a reincorporation thereof by  
22 the Bishop under Section 46b of the Illinois Religious Corporation Act, with the incumbent  
23 Conference Board of Trustees names as trustees of the Discontinued Church under the  
24 procedure established by Article VII "Discontinued or Abandoned Church Reincorporation" of  
25 the By-laws of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the said Church shall be transferred to  
28 Woodridge UMC in Woodridge, Illinois, unless any such members shall inform the pastor of  
29 the transferee church otherwise; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all properties and assets of said Church, including, but not  
32 limited to its existing and future gifts, devises, and bequests, its existing personal property and  
33 accounts and its real property commonly known as of 5395 Westview Lane, of Lisle, IL shall  
34 become the properties and assets of the Northern Illinois Conference of The United Methodist  
35 Church, and shall in the discretion of the Bishop in consultation with the Cabinet, be either:

- 36 a. Retained by the reincorporated shell Illinois religious corporation referred to  
37 above pending sale or other disposition; or  
38 b. Transferred to the Board of Trustees of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference  
39 of The United Methodist Church; and

40  
41 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the appropriate officers of The Northern Illinois Annual  
42 Conference of The United Methodist Church are authorized and directed to execute on behalf of  
43 the said Conference any and all such additional documents as legal counsel shall recommend to  
44 effectuate the above.

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46 **RATIONALE:**

47 After many faithful years of service, ministry and mission in the name of Jesus Christ, Lisle:

1 Faith UMC has come to a place of transition and closure as membership and attendance have  
2 declined. The congregation has expressed its desire to celebrate its past ministry but to no  
3 longer remain in service as Lisle: Faith UMC. The closure has been recommended by the Aurora  
4 District Strategy Team, the Board on Church Location and Buildings and the District  
5 Superintendent.  
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8 **Document: 700.07**

9 **Name: Discontinuance of Bethel United Methodist Church**

10 **Author(s): Rev. Fabiola Grandon-Mayer, District Superintendent, Rockford District,**  
11 **UMC**

12 **CCFA Comment:**

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14 (Please note: The “Whereas/Be it resolved” format is being used for legal reasons).

15 **ACTION:**

16 WHEREAS the Bethel United Methodist Church, located in the Village of Orangeville,  
17 Dakota Township Stephenson County, Illinois was formed in 1854 and has witnessed to  
18 Jesus Christ and served its community and the world for nearly 170 years; and  
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20 WHEREAS the Bethel United Methodist Church faithfully served the community in the  
21 Village of Orangeville and boldly risked themselves in this effort; and  
22

23 WHEREAS, pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 2549 of *The Book of Discipline of The*  
24 *United Methodist Church 2016*, the Rockford District Superintendent has recommended  
25 that the church be discontinued effective July 18, 2021. The Rockford District Committee on  
26 Building and Location has voted to concur with the District Superintendent’s  
27 recommendation to discontinue said church and the presiding Bishop and the District  
28 Superintendents of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference of The United Methodist  
29 Church have consented unanimously to the District Superintendent’s recommendation to  
30 discontinue said church;  
31

32 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that to minimize the risk of loss of future bequests to the  
33 Conference, the Northern Illinois Annual Conference recommends that the said Church,  
34 though discontinued under the Canon Law of The United Methodist Church, nevertheless  
35 be maintained in perpetuity under the Illinois civil law by adopting a reincorporation  
36 thereof by the Bishop under Section 46b of the Illinois Religious Corporation Act, with the  
37 incumbent Conference Board of Trustees names as trustees of the Discontinued Church  
38 under the procedure established by Article VII “Discontinued or Abandoned Church  
39 Reincorporation” of the By-laws of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference of The United  
40 Methodist Church; and  
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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Bethel United Methodist Church will engage with the  
43 Dakota Township to donate the church building to the Afolkey Cemetery, which is adjacent  
44 to the property; and  
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46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after the donation process with the Dakota Township is  
47 concluded, all properties and assets of said Church, including, but not limited to its existing

1 and future gifts, devises, and bequests, its existing personal property and accounts and its  
2 real property commonly known as 8750 N. Afolkey Road, Orangeville, Illinois 61060, shall  
3 become the properties and assets of the Northern Illinois Conference of The United Methodist  
4 Church, and shall, in the discretion of the Bishop in consultation with the Cabinet, be either:

- 5 a. Retained by the reincorporated shell Illinois religious corporation referred to  
6 above pending sale or other disposition; or
- 7 b. Transferred to the Board of Trustees of the Northern Illinois Annual  
8 Conference of The United Methodist Church; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Northern Illinois Annual  
11 Conference of The United Methodist Church be authorized and directed to provide for the  
12 care, maintenance, and disposition of the said assets and shall dispose of said assets in  
13 accordance with the relevant provisions of The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist  
14 Church 2016; and that any monies or other assets received from the sale or other  
15 disposition of the assets of said discontinued Church be used to pay off all monetary  
16 obligations and arrearages with any remaining monies to be deposited in the Closed  
17 Church Fund as directed by Standing Rule 11, Part A, Section V of the Standing Rules of  
18 the Northern Illinois Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the said Church shall be transferred to  
21 the Orangeville UMC in Orangeville, Illinois, unless any such members shall inform the  
22 pastor of the transferee church otherwise; and

23  
24 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the appropriate officers of The Northern Illinois Annual  
25 Conference of The United Methodist Church are authorized and directed to execute on  
26 behalf of the said Conference any and all such additional documents as legal counsel shall  
27 recommend to effectuate the above.

28  
29 **RATIONALE:**

30 After many faithful years of service, ministry and mission in the name of Jesus Christ,  
31 Bethel United Methodist Church has come to a place of transition and closure as  
32 membership and attendance have declined. The congregation has expressed its desire to  
33 celebrate its past ministry but to no longer remain in service as Bethel United Methodist  
34 Church. The closure has been recommended by the Rockford District Board on Church  
35 Location and Buildings and the District Superintendent.

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38 **Document: 700.08**

39 **Name: Discontinuance of Elkhorn UMC**

40 **Author(s): District Superintendent, Brian Gilbert DeKalb District, UMC**

41 **CCFA Comment:**

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43 (Please note: The “Whereas/Be it resolved” format is being used for legal reasons).

44 **ACTION:**

45 WHEREAS the Elkhorn UMC located in the City of Polo, Illinois at the commonly known  
46 address of 17725 West Chambers Road in Elkhorn Township of Brown County, Illinois was  
47 formed and has witnessed to Jesus Christ and served its community and the world for having

1 closed on July 1, 2021 and

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3 WHEREAS the Elkhorn UMC faithfully served the community in the Village of Polo, IL and  
4 boldly risked themselves in this effort; and

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6 WHEREAS, pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 2549 of *The Book of Discipline of The*  
7 *United Methodist Church 2016*, the Dekalb District Superintendent has recommended with the  
8 approval of the District Strategy Team that the church be discontinued effective July 1, 2021.

9 The DeKalb\_District Committee on Building and Location has voted to concur with the District  
10 Superintendent's recommendation to discontinue said church and the presiding Bishop and the  
11 majority of the District Superintendents of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference of The  
12 United Methodist Church have consented to the District Superintendent's recommendation to  
13 discontinue said church;

14

15 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that to minimize the risk of loss of future bequests to the  
16 Conference, the Northern Illinois Annual Conference recommends that the said Church,  
17 though discontinued under the Canon Law of The United Methodist Church, nevertheless be  
18 maintained in perpetuity under the Illinois civil law by adopting a reincorporation thereof by  
19 the Bishop under Section 46b of the Illinois Religious Corporation Act, with the incumbent  
20 Conference Board of Trustees names as trustees of the Discontinued Church under the  
21 procedure established by Article VII "Discontinued or Abandoned Church Reincorporation" of  
22 the By-laws of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the said Church shall be transferred to  
25 Elkhorn: Faith UMC in Polo, Illinois, unless any such members shall inform the pastor of the  
26 transferee church otherwise; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all properties and assets of said Church, including, but not  
29 limited to its existing and future gifts, devises, and bequests, its existing personal property and  
30 accounts and its real property commonly known as 17725 West Chambers Road Polo, IL 61064,  
31 shall become the properties and assets of the Northern Illinois Conference of The United  
32 Methodist Church, and shall, in the discretion of the Bishop in consultation with the Cabinet, be  
33 either:

34 a. Retained by the reincorporated shell Illinois religious corporation referred to  
35 above pending sale or other disposition; or

36 b. Transferred to the Board of Trustees of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference  
37 of The United Methodist Church; and

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Northern Illinois Annual  
40 Conference of The United Methodist Church be authorized and directed to provide for the care,  
41 maintenance, and disposition of the said assets and shall dispose of said assets in accordance  
42 with the relevant provisions of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2016*;  
43 and that any monies or other assets received from the sale or other disposition of the assets of  
44 said discontinued Church be used to pay off all monetary obligations and arrearages with any  
45 remaining monies to be deposited in the Closed Church Fund as directed by Standing Rule 11,  
46 Part A, Section V of the Standing Rules of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference of The  
47 United Methodist Church; and



1  
2 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the appropriate officers of The Northern Illinois Annual  
3 Conference of The United Methodist Church are authorized and directed to execute on behalf  
4 of the said Conference any and all such additional documents as legal counsel shall recommend  
5 to effectuate the above.  
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7 **RATIONALE:**

8 After many faithful years of service, ministry and mission in the name of Jesus Christ, Elkhorn:  
9 Faith UMC has come to a place of transition and closure as membership and attendance have  
10 declined. The congregation has expressed its desire to celebrate its past ministry but to no  
11 longer remain in service as Elkhorn: Faith UMC. The closure has been recommended by the  
12 DeKalb District Strategy Team, the Board on Church Location and Buildings and the District  
13 Superintendent.  
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16 **Document: 700.09**

17 **Name: Advocating for the Rights of Palestinian Children and Families**

18 **Living Under Israeli Military Occupation**

19 **Author(s): Paula Roderick, Northern Illinois Conference Board of Church and Society, Elisa**  
20 **Gatz, Chair; NIC MFSA Elisa Gatz & Louis Felipe Reyes, Co-Chairs; and NIC RMN, Alka**  
21 **Lyall & Elisa Gatz, Co-Facilitators**

22 **CCFA Comment:**  
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24 **ACTION:**

25 The Northern Illinois Conference of The United Methodist Church calls upon its clergy, lay  
26 leaders, and members to educate themselves about the plight of Palestinian children and  
27 families living Israeli military occupation.<sup>1</sup> We urge our members to consider the dangers of  
28 having U.S. funds used by Israeli authorities to detain, subject to torture, imprison Palestinian  
29 children in military detention, subject families to home evictions and demolitions, and to annex  
30 Palestinian property, when those acts are in violation of international law. We are encouraged  
31 and support our legislators who have drafted and cosponsored the Defending the Human  
32 Rights of Palestinian Children and Families Living Under Israeli Military Occupation Act, (“The  
33 Palestinian Children and Families Act,”) (H.R 2590), which addresses these concerns. <sup>2</sup> The NIC  
34 urges clergy, lay leaders, and church members, on their own behalf, to write their Members  
35 of Congress to express these concerns regarding the treatment of Palestinian children arrested  
36 by Israeli forces in Occupied Palestine and to support efforts demanding immediate protections  
37 for Palestinian children and their families, and urge them to cosponsor H.R. 2590. We further  
38 request that the Northern Illinois Conference, through its secretary or her/his/their delegate,  
39 write to our members of Congress within the geographical area of this conference and

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<sup>1</sup> See, e.g., Human Rights Watch, April 27, 2021, <https://www.hrw.org/report/2021/04/27/threshold-crossed/israeli-authorities-and-crimes-apartheid-and-persecution>.

<sup>2</sup> As of April 29, 2021, HR2590 has 17 cosponsors, including 4 Illinois Members of Congress here in the geographical area of NIC: Reps. Bobby Rush (1<sup>st</sup> Dist.), Marie Newman (3<sup>rd</sup> Dist.), Jesus “Chuy” Garcia (4<sup>th</sup> Dist.) and Danny Davis (7<sup>th</sup> Dist.). Over 100 human rights and faith-based organizations, including among others General Board of Church and Society, United Methodists for Kairos Response, National Council of Churches US, J Street, Jewish Voice of Peace Action, American Muslims for Palestine, Movement for Black Lives, which shows the growing support for human rights for Palestinians.

1 respectfully inform them of this resolution and request that they speak up for the rights of  
2 children and families living under Israeli military occupation and consider supporting this Act.  
3

4 **RATIONALE:**

5 Israel is the only country in the world that systematically prosecutes children in military courts.  
6 Each year approximately 700 Palestinian children enter the disturbing Israeli military detention  
7 system.<sup>3</sup> Children as young as twelve have been subjected to arrest, abuse, imprisonment.  
8 Children are often held for an extended time with no lawyer and without the presence or even  
9 the knowledge of their parents. <sup>4</sup> Israel operates under a policy that permits the seizure,  
10 appropriation, and destruction of Palestinian property and the forcible transfer of civilians in  
11 the Israeli controlled and occupied West Bank, in violation of international and humanitarian  
12 law. In 2020, Israel reportedly demolished or seized 851 structures across the West Bank and  
13 East Jerusalem, displacing over 1,000 people, including over 524 children. <sup>5</sup>  
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15 In addition, in 2020 Israel stated that its goal is to formally annex the West Bank to make way  
16 for more illegal settlements.<sup>6</sup> UN Human Rights Chief Michelle Bachelet decried this would not  
17 only seriously damage peace efforts, but would have a “disastrous impact on human rights of  
18 Palestinians.”  
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20 In June 2017, the NIC passed “Advocating for the Rights of Children Living Under Israeli  
21 Military Occupation,” because of grave concerns over the mistreatment of Palestinian children  
22 in military detention.<sup>7</sup> Legislation has been introduced and reintroduced in the U.S. Congress  
23 describing the crisis and seeking to prevent the U.S. from financing Israel’s military detention,  
24 interrogation, abuse and ill-treatment of Palestinian children.<sup>8</sup>  
25

26 On April 15, 2021, Rep. Betty McCollum (MN-4) introduced the Palestinian Children and  
27 Families Act, H.R. 2590, which “seeks to promote justice, equality and human rights for  
28 Palestinian children and families by prohibiting Israeli authorities from using U.S. taxpayer  
29 funds to detain and torture Palestinian children, demolish and seize Palestinian homes, and

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<sup>3</sup> See, DCI-P, No Way To Treat A Child, <http://nwttac.dci-palestine.org>; United Methodists for Kairos Response, Palestinian Children & the Israeli Occupation, [https://www.kairosresponse.org/quick\\_facts\\_series.html](https://www.kairosresponse.org/quick_facts_series.html).

<sup>4</sup> See, United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) report, described the problem as “widespread, systemic, and institutionalized.” [https://www.unicef.org/oPt/UNICEF\\_oPt\\_Children\\_in\\_Israeli\\_Military\\_Detention\\_Observations\\_and\\_Recommendations\\_-\\_6\\_March\\_2013.pdf](https://www.unicef.org/oPt/UNICEF_oPt_Children_in_Israeli_Military_Detention_Observations_and_Recommendations_-_6_March_2013.pdf). For more on the mistreatment of Palestinian children in military detention, see also, <https://www.hrw.org/world-report/2016/children-behind-bars>

<sup>5</sup> United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) <https://www.ochaopt.org/content/west-bank-demolitions-and-displacement-january-2021>.

<sup>6</sup> UMC has long opposed the buildup of illegal settlements, See, Book of Resolutions, 6111. For a current status, see B’tselem Report, March 2021, This is Ours – and This Too, [https://www.btselem.org/publications/202103\\_this\\_is\\_ours\\_and\\_this\\_too](https://www.btselem.org/publications/202103_this_is_ours_and_this_too)

<sup>7</sup> NIC is just one of many annual conferences that have grown increasingly concerned by the mistreatment of Palestinian children and its effects on their families.

<sup>8</sup> In 2017, Rep. Betty McCollum introduced, H.R. 4391, Promoting Human Rights by Ending Israeli Military Detention of Palestinian Children Act, which legislative action was re-introduced into Congress in the 2019, (HR2407). For a fuller summary of the previous bills, see No Way To Treat A Child, Legislative overview, [https://nwttac.dci-palestine.org/hr2590\\_legislation\\_overview](https://nwttac.dci-palestine.org/hr2590_legislation_overview).

1 further annex Palestinian Land in the occupied West Bank," in violation of international law.

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3 Protecting Palestinian children and their families from abuse and inhumane treatment is  
4 consistent with our own Social Principles, NIC and General Conference resolutions,  
5 international law, and basic human rights.

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9 **Document: 700.10**

10 **Name: Resolution to support marginalized communities negatively impacted by COVID-19**

11 **Author(s): Paula Roderick; Northern Illinois Conference Board of Church and Society, Elisa**  
12 **Gatz, Chair; NIC Chapter of MFSA, Elisa Gatz & Louis Felipe Reyes, Co-Chairs; NIC RMN,**  
13 **Alka Lyall & Elisa Gatz, Co-Facilitators; and Northern Illinois Conference United Methodist**  
14 **Women, Lois Moreland-Dean, President**

15 **CCFA Comment:** This legislation encourages support to a GBGM UMCOR fund and does not  
16 seek to use conference funding. As a result, it does not impact the conference budget or current  
17 spending.

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19 **ACTION:**

20 The Northern Illinois Conference of The United Methodist Church calls upon its members to  
21 educate themselves about the plight of nations and all marginalized communities that have  
22 been hardest hit by the COVID 19 pandemic and who have the least resources to protect their  
23 populations. <sup>9</sup>

24  
25 NIC urges clergy, lay leaders, and church members, to support our UMC organizations that  
26 have been reaching out in this pandemic. We know that the General Board of Global Ministries  
27 continues to respond to "the COVID-19 pandemic through health and humanitarian efforts. We  
28 are supporting communities around the world with information campaigns, medical  
29 equipment, hygiene kits, and supplies to meet basic human needs. As we see cases surge in  
30 places like India and Brazil, ..." We urge our members to consider donating individually or  
31 through their churches to the GBGM UMCOR COVID 19 Response Fund, Advance 3022612.<sup>10</sup>  
32 NIC United Methodist Women began efforts to ameliorate the conditions of people in need

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<sup>9</sup> We acknowledge and are grateful that many folks, including United Methodists in many parts of the world, are beginning to feel hopeful as vaccines become more readily available. Yet, we know many peoples in poor, Black and Brown, other marginalized communities here, and in nations around the world such as India, Brazil, have limited or no access to COVID-19 testing, medical supplies, and vaccinations.

<sup>10</sup> The UMCOR COVID 19 Response Fund, Advance 3022612 "Since the start of the novel coronavirus outbreak, Global Ministries has worked with partners around the world to respond to this humanitarian crisis. The Global Health unit and UMCOR have worked with health boards, medical professionals, disaster management coordinators and faith leaders to prevent the spread of this disease. Grants have been awarded to provide clean water and medical equipment at health facilities and to address the economic challenges caused by the pandemic, such as food insecurity. The situation in some countries, like India and Brazil, is dire and the surge of spread is not expected to peak for weeks. Grants from the UMCOR COVID-19 Response Fund will help strengthen the response of health care facilities, provide much needed medical supplies, increase access to clean water and hygiene facilities and address food insecurity and other economic challenges facing communities, particularly those in underdeveloped countries.

1 almost from the start of the pandemic, and we are encouraged to support those efforts here and  
2 abroad as well.<sup>11</sup>

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4 We commend the efforts of the General Board of Church and Society (GBCS) in making an  
5 unrestricted donation to the World Health Organization and calling for racial justice at the 2021  
6 General Conference.<sup>12</sup> We encourage the NIC to urge the congregations to have a special  
7 offering supporting the COVID response.

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9 Finally, we know that the needs far outweigh our faith-based communities' efforts, and we  
10 encourage members to write to our Members of Congress and respectfully inform them of this  
11 resolution and request that they take all prudent actions to promote the health and welfare here  
12 and globally and to provide assistance in areas of the greatest need.<sup>13</sup>

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14 **RATIONALE:**

15 We have long been aware that the pandemic exposed huge disparities in health care, and other  
16 critical areas such as housing and employment in poorer, and minority communities. Still we  
17 note, as Dr. Fauci, head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and  
18 President Joe Biden's chief medical adviser, Australia" that the wave of infections currently  
19 overwhelming the Indian healthcare system has highlighted global inequality... The only way  
20 that [we are] going to adequately respond to a global pandemic is by having a global response,  
21 and a global response means equity throughout the world."

22 [https://www.marketwatch.com/story/fauci-says-world-shares-blame-for-indias-covid-crisis-](https://www.marketwatch.com/story/fauci-says-world-shares-blame-for-indias-covid-crisis-for-failing-to-coordinate-global-pandemic-response-11619620671)  
23 [for-failing-to-coordinate-global-pandemic-response-11619620671](https://www.marketwatch.com/story/fauci-says-world-shares-blame-for-indias-covid-crisis-for-failing-to-coordinate-global-pandemic-response-11619620671). Dr. Fauci's comments echo  
24 those of faith based leaders, and leaders of the World Health Organization and United Nations,  
25 [who have repeatedly called on the richer countries of the world not to snap up all vaccine](#)  
26 [supply](#) but to share it equitably with poorer nations. Failure to do so ... is allowing new, more  
27 infectious variants to spread, and could lead to ones that prove resistant to the current vaccines  
28 that have won emergency-use authorization around the world.

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30 We know the World Health Organization has worked tirelessly to join with its partners to  
31 provide lifesaving medical equipment such as oxygen concentrators to areas with increasing  
32 transmission, initiated a plan to overcome what they have termed the "infodemic" by  
33 expanding ways to deliver web based learning.<sup>14</sup> And to better assist the world wide health  
34 community, they continue to update their list of "priority nations." Nationally, the General  
35 Board of Church and Society has observed "COVID-19 has revealed the gross hold of systemic  
36 racism throughout our society, including in healthcare, voting rights, employment, housing,

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<sup>11</sup> See, <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/international-covid-19-grants-united-methodist-women>.

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.umcjustice.org/news-and-stories/church-and-society-executive-committee-meets-to-address-racial-justice-and-covid-19-pandemic-1048>.

<sup>13</sup> The General Board of Church and Society offered a draft of a letter, which can be modified and changed as appropriate in writing or meeting with our Members of Congress. see, <https://www.umcjustice.org/what-you-can-do/advocacy/take-action/week-1>.

<sup>14</sup> WHO observes "the ways in which people are connected in their local communities often determines their perception of, use of and further sharing of information. This ultimately influences the uptake of protective behaviors during the pandemic, demonstrating that access to reliable health information about the COVID-19 pandemic through trusted information channels can save lives."

1 banking, policing, jails and prisons, detention centers, the agricultural industry, and more.  
2 These systems trap, terrorize, exclude, marginalize, weaken, expose, and kill people of color in  
3 this country.”<sup>15</sup>

4  
5 Jesus Christ reached out and healed those who came to him, including people who were  
6 despised and rejected because of their illnesses and afflictions. His identification with suffering  
7 people was made clear when he said that “whatsoever you do to the least of these, you also do  
8 to me.” His commandment that “you should treat people in the same way that you want people  
9 to treat you” is a basis for our Church for full involvement and compassionate response,  
10 especially where the needs are the greatest.

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13 **Document: 700.11**

14 **Name: Call for Jurisdictional Conference**

15 **Author(s): NIC General and Jurisdictional Conference Delegation, Alka Lyall, Chair**

16 **CCFA Comment:**

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18 **ACTION:**

19 The Northern Illinois Conference calls for the convening of the North Central Jurisdictional  
20 (NCJ) Conference with elections of new episcopal leader(s) as soon as COVID vaccination  
21 practices and state procedures permit such meetings. We believe this should happen in 2021. If  
22 the Council of Bishops does not call the regular Jurisdictional Conference sessions, we ask the  
23 NCJ College of Bishops to call a special session for the purpose of electing bishop(s), making  
24 assignments of bishops, and to conduct other business necessary for the Jurisdiction. The NIC  
25 Conference Secretary will communicate the passage of this petition to the office of the Council  
26 of Bishops and to all members of the NCJ College of Bishops.

27  
28 **RATIONALE:**

29 The pandemic has disrupted the scheduled sessions of the General and Jurisdictional  
30 Conferences. Such Conferences should be scheduled as soon as practical, and the Book of  
31 Discipline does not permit discretionary delays.

- 32 • Relief from the pandemic will be asymmetric. It means the conditions necessary to meet  
33 as a global body may not be present, even when the conditions to meet as persons in the  
34 US are suitable. Linking one condition to another sets unreasonable standards on the  
35 ability of the church to function in this time. This is especially true when one evaluates  
36 whether vaccine distribution will be sufficient for a global meeting even in late 2022.
- 37 • The Book of Discipline does not require regular Jurisdictional Conferences to follow the  
38 General Conference.
- 39 • The Annual Conferences require clarity about episcopal assignments over the rest of the  
40 quadrennium. There are constitutional and disciplinary requirements assigned to the  
41 Jurisdictions (including determining the number of bishops) that are violated when the  
42 Jurisdictions are unable to meet.

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<sup>15</sup> For more information on ways to work on a local level, see, <https://www.umc.org/en/how-we-serve/promoting-health-and-wholeness/coronavirus-information-resources>., see also, <https://www.umcjustice.org/news-and-stories/get-your-shot-1296>.

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**Document: 700.12**

**Name: Support for US Regional Conference**

**Author(s): NIC General and Jurisdictional Conference Delegation, Alka Lyall, Chair**

**CCFA Comment:**

**ACTION:**

The Northern Illinois Conference views the creation of a US Regional Conference as a necessity for the future of The United Methodist Church. The Conference Secretary shall communicate the support to the organizers of the Christmas Covenant<sup>1</sup> proposal and to the leadership of the Connectional Table<sup>2</sup>.

**RATIONALE:**

- We celebrate being a global church and earnestly and faithfully seek to be in ministry throughout the world by being vital partners in the ministry wherever United Methodists are making disciples and transforming the world. The global church is a place for voices across the connection to discuss what we share, how we move together, how the Methodist movement will express our core theological beliefs in the present.
- Central Conferences are permitted by the Constitution of the UMC to “adapt” the discipline to conform with the needs of any specific context. The United States is also a mission field, where adaptation is necessary. Currently, there is no forum for the US church to adapt polity to the specific needs of our ministry context. Central Conferences should continue their experience-shaped polity without needing to modify the US polity each time it changes.
- The US section of the discipline would deal with the polity specific to the US, such as the structure of local churches, ordination standards, the role of jurisdictions, etc. In many cases these provisions are necessary to conform to US law or regulations that are ill-fitted to governance in other nations.
- The US Regional conference accomplishes specific practical goals and is a necessity for a functional polity.

**Document 700.13**

**Name: Call for Renewed Anti-Racism in the Form of Humanizing Criminal Justice**

**Author: NIC Commission on Religion and Race, Nadia Kanhai & Lennox Iton, Co-Chairs; NIC Anti-Racism Task Force, co-chairs Rev. Jarrod Severing and Nadia Kanhai; NIC General Conference Delegation, chair Rev. Alka Lyall; NIC Church and Society, chair Elisa Gatz; Chicago BMCR, president Darryl D. Harris**

**CCFA Comment:**

**ACTION:**

In April 2021, a jury convicted former law enforcement officer Derek Chauvin of the murder of George Floyd. This act held one man accountable for horrific, public death of another. Although a step in the right direction, the conviction did not hold the system accountable for countless modern-day lynching of God’s beloved Black children at the hands of law enforcement, nor did it bring justice and healing to those victimized.

We call on NIC congregations to actively participate in the challenging Gospel agenda of anti-

1 racism, working toward humanizing our criminal justice system in one or more of the following  
2 ways:

- 3 • Reaffirming our commitment to develop a criminal justice system characterized by  
4 accessibility to all, with impartiality, honesty, integrity, and fairness to all without  
5 regard to status.<sup>16</sup>
- 6 • Echoing the 2020 call of Chicago Black Methodists for Church Renewal to urge our U.S.,  
7 State, and local leaders to develop legislation that creates a humane system of policing  
8 that respects and protects the life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness of all persons.<sup>17</sup>
- 9 • Encouraging our clergy and congregational leaders to build bridges, organizing  
10 constructive dialogues of communities of color with political leaders, police  
11 departments, and community grassroots organizations for meaningful, tangible results.<sup>18</sup>
- 12 • Following the lead of United Methodist Women, in speaking out against extrajudicial  
13 kills and the culture of anti-blackness, white advantage and racism that undergirds these  
14 killings.<sup>19</sup> We will amplify silenced voices. We will interrupt the school-to-prison  
15 pipeline by moving local decision makers to address the criminalization of children and  
16 youth of color and reduce racial disparities in school discipline.

#### 17 **RATIONALE:**

- 18 • Justice is what love looks like in public. God’s justice embraces the vulnerable, ensures  
19 equal rights for all, champions the cause of the poor and marginalized and consistently  
20 offers God’s reparation, justice, truth, and mercy.<sup>20</sup>
- 21 • NIC has claimed the strategic work of anti-racism as one of its top priorities and as  
22 such, will speak out in times of national importance, resisting the urge to be “nice  
23 church people” who avoid conflict. Our private prayers must become public acts of  
24 solidarity. We must radically act on our convictions as people of faith.<sup>21</sup>
- 25 • Our justice system must be first and foremost about humanization since God’s justice  
26 always works to bring reconciliation.
- 27 • Knowing that we will make mistakes in this challenging work, we will learn to  
28 recognize the image of God not in our fragile egos, but in each other and ourselves. We  
29 will regroup, forgive others and ourselves, and start again.

#### 30 **Document: 700.14**

#### 31 **Reaffirmation of Reconciliation and Affirmation of Inclusion of All Persons**

32 **Author(s): Church Council of First United Methodist Church, Evanston; Northern Illinois**  
33 **Conference Reconciling Movement Committee: Methodist Federation for Social Action,**  
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<sup>16</sup> 2016 Book of Resolutions, #5031, <https://www.umcjustice.org/who-we-are/social-principles-and-resolutions/humanizing-criminal-justice-5031>

<sup>17</sup> “Bending Toward Justice,” [umcnic.org/news/bending-toward-justice](http://umcnic.org/news/bending-toward-justice)

<sup>18</sup> “MARCHA Calls the Global Church to Eradicate Racism” and UMC Book of Resolution #3374.  
[marchaumc.org/marcha-calls-the-global-church-to-eradicate-racism](http://marchaumc.org/marcha-calls-the-global-church-to-eradicate-racism)

<sup>19</sup> “Black Lives Matter to God and Black Lives Matter to United Methodist Women,”  
[unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/black-lives-matter-to-god-and-united-methodist-women](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/black-lives-matter-to-god-and-united-methodist-women)

<sup>20</sup> “Now, Christians, Let’s Have a Real Conversation,” [gcorr.org/news/now-christians-lets-have-a-real-conversations-have-a-real-conversation](http://gcorr.org/news/now-christians-lets-have-a-real-conversations-have-a-real-conversation)

<sup>21</sup> A Statement from the NIC Cabinet: “We Must Resist Racism,” [umcnic.org/news/a-statement-from-the-nic-cabinet-we-must-rsist-racism-the-nic-cabinet-we-must-resist-racism](http://umcnic.org/news/a-statement-from-the-nic-cabinet-we-must-rsist-racism-the-nic-cabinet-we-must-resist-racism)

1 Northern Illinois Conference, Elisa Gatz & Louis Felipe Reyes, Co-Chairs; 2020 Northern  
2 Illinois Conference General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference Delegation, Alka  
3 Lyall, Chair; Danita Anderson; John Bell; Jessie Cunningham; Roger Curless; David Lagos  
4 Fonseca; Chris Pearson; Dwight Stewart  
5 CCFA Comment:

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7 **ACTION:**

8 The Northern Illinois Conference of The United Methodist Church (the “NIC”) reaffirms its  
9 sacred status as a Reconciling Conference. As such, the NIC affirms the full and unlimited  
10 participation of all persons regardless of their gender identity or sexual orientation, including  
11 without limiting the generality of this affirmation, LBGTQIA+ persons, in the life of this Annual  
12 Conference.

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14 **RATIONALE:**

15 On June 13, 1986, the NIC adopted Resolution 736 declaring itself to be a Reconciling  
16 Conference. The NIC further affirmed the full participation of homosexuals in the life of the  
17 Annual Conference. The NIC was the first annual conference in The United Methodist Church  
18 to so declare itself. With the passage of time since 1986, the uncertainties throughout The United  
19 Methodist Church concerning homosexuality that prompted the NIC to adopt Resolution 736  
20 have expanded to include the gender identity and sexual orientation of persons other than  
21 homosexuals. In these circumstances, it is imperative for the NIC to reaffirm itself to be a  
22 Reconciling Conference and further affirm the sacred worth of **ALL PERSONS** and their full  
23 inclusion and participation in the life of this Annual Conference in accordance with the best  
24 Wesleyan traditions of grace and inclusion.

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27 **Document: 702.01**

28 **Name: Amend NIC Standing Rules regarding Consent Calendar Committee reporting to**  
29 **Annual Conference**

30 **Author: Rev. Mark Harkness, Cherry Valley United Methodist Church**

31 **CCFA Comment:**

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33 **ACTION:**

34 Amend Section I.D.5.a.3 of the Standing Rules of the Northern Illinois Conference of The United  
35 Methodist Church as follows:

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37 3. The Consent Calendar Committee will present a consent calendar with items for approval or  
38 non-approval.: including a roll call vote record of each calendar item and a transcript of  
39 discussion concerning recommendation for approval or non-approval of each calendar item.

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41 **RATIONALE:**

42 Although the work of the Consent Calendar Committee allows for a more “efficient” use of time  
43 at sessions of Annual Conference, its existence also diminishes the conference’s capacity to be in  
44 dialogue around many issues, and the inherent transparency that in person dialogue within  
45 legislative committees provided.

46 Because the members of the Annual Conference entrust the Consent Calendar Committee with  
47 work on their behalf, transparency should be an utmost priority.

48 Currently, the Committee merely lists recommendations with a brief description. The



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:

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

42 Purpose: To develop, maintain, and administer a comprehensive and  
43 coordinated plan of fiscal and administrative policies, procedures, and  
44 management services for the annual conference.

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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.

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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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#### 20 **7. Justice and Mercy Ministries** (§630)

21 Purpose: To encourage communication and coordination among Board of  
22 Church and Society (§629 & 657), Board of Global Ministries (§633 &  
23 656), Commission on Christian Unity & Interreligious Relations (§642),  
24 Commission on Religion and Race §634, Commission on the Status and  
25 Role of Women (§644), and the Committee on Native American  
26 Ministries (§654)  
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28 Membership: For those bodies with Disciplinarily required membership,  
29 the provisions of the *Book of Discipline* shall be followed. If there are no  
30 provisions for membership in a body defined by the *Book of Discipline*,  
31 the membership will give attention to a balance of clergy, laity, gender,  
32 age, ethnicity, and districts.  
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#### 34 **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:

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2 12. CCFA may, after consultation with agencies receiving budgeted funds, establish budget  
3 modifications or payment schedules in the event receipts are “inadequate to meet missional  
4 needs or unforeseen circumstances.” (2016 Book of Discipline paragraph 613.8).  
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6 **RATIONALE:**

7 This language was part of the Standing Rules, but wrongly omitted from their revision in 2017.  
8 The Book of Discipline tasks CCFA, “to recommend to the annual conference for its action  
9 procedures for dealing responsibly with (such) situations.” CCFA has needed to respond to  
10 economic challenges with modifications in the spending plan when adverse economic  
11 conditions mean revenue assumptions are not likely to be met.  
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14 **Document: 702.04**

15 **Name: New Guidelines for Local Church Lay Members to Annual Conference**

16 **Author(s): Annual Conference Credential Committee, Ryan Sutton, Chair**

17 **CCFA Comment:**  
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19 **ACTION:**

20 It is proposed that the Northern Illinois Conference of The United Methodist Church  
21 (NICUMC) make the following changes to the Standing Rules affecting the amount of Lay  
22 Members to Annual Conference that would come from local churches (effective January 2022):  
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- 24 - Add one additional Lay Member if the church’s membership is 200-399.
- 25 - Add two additional Lay Members if the church’s membership is 400-599.
- 26 - Add three additional Lay Members if the church’s membership is 600-799.
- 27 - Add four additional Lay Members if the church’s membership is 800-999.
- 28 - Add five additional Lay Members if the church’s membership is 1000 or more.

29 These membership milestones are determined through the most recent membership report  
30 provided to the Annual Conference through the church’s statistical filing.  
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32 If there is still a gap between Lay Members and Clergy Members in the voting membership of  
33 the NICUMC, the difference will be comprised of District Representatives nominated by the  
34 District Superintendents. These persons cannot already be a voting member of the NICUMC per  
35 any other category or ‘by virtue of office’ position, but must adhere to the requirement of being  
36 a member of The United Methodist Church for at least two years. Each District Superintendent  
37 will turn in their District’s nominations (based on a percentage of the total that is needed) to the  
38 Credentials Committee by March 15 of the same year as that year’s Annual Conference. The  
39 slate of District Representatives will be elected at the start of each Annual Conference session in  
40 the procedural voting.  
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42 **RATIONALE:**

43 The 2016 Discipline states that each Annual Conference must make provisions to have an equal  
44 amount of Lay and Clergy Members of the Annual Conference, and the Annual Conference will  
45 use its own formula to provide for this equalization (Section VI, Paragraph 32).  
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1 Each chartered church in the NICUMC is guaranteed at least one Lay Member to Annual  
2 Conference, and each church that has more than one credentialed clergy is entitled to an equal  
3 number of Lay Members to their number of clergy. There are also 'by virtue of office' positions  
4 in the NICUMC that, if held by a Lay person, provide additional laity to the Annual Conference  
5 session. Even with these provisions, the NICUMC consistently has fewer Lay Members able to  
6 attend Annual Conference compared to clergy, and our current system for equalization is not  
7 meeting the needs to adequately bridge the gap between Lay Members and Clergy Members.  
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10 **Document: 702.05**

11 **Name: New List of 'By Virtue of Office' Lay Member Positions for the Northern Illinois  
12 Conference of The United Methodist Church (NICUMC)**

13 **Author(s): Annual Conference Credential Committee, Ryan Sutton, Chair**

14 **CCFA Comment:**

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16 **ACTION:**

17 It is proposed that the list of 'By Virtue of Office' positions be as follows (which provides that if  
18 the position is held by a Lay person, that person is a voting Member to Annual Conference):

19 (D) - required by Discipline

20 ~~crossed-out position~~ - NICUMC no longer has that position/group

21 \* - proposed new position  
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23 Conference President - United Methodist Men (D)

24 District Presidents of United Methodist Men

25 Conference President - United Methodist Women (D)

26 District Presidents of United Methodist Women

27 Conference Lay Leader(s) (D)

28 District Lay Leaders (D)

29 Conference President - Young Adult Organization (D)

30 Conference President - Youth Organization (D)

31 Conference Chair - College Student Organization (D)

32 One young person (12-17 years of age) from each District (D)

33 One young person (18-30 years of age) from each District (D)

34 Twelve Youth chosen by Conference Council on Youth Ministries

35 Conference Director - Lay Servant Ministries

36 Conference Secretary - Global Missions

37 Conference Director of Connectional Ministries

38 Conference Secretary

39 ~~Associate Conference Lay Leader(s)~~

40 Lay delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences

41 Lay members of the Annual Conference Committee

42 Lay members of the Credentials Committee

43 Assistant Secretary for Standing Rules

44 ~~Chair - Conference Administrative Committee~~

45 Chair - Annual Conference Committee

46 ~~Chair - Conference Program Council~~

47 Chair - Board of Church and Society

- 1 ~~Chair – Nurture Division (Discipleship)~~
- 2 ~~Chair – Outreach Division (Discipleship)~~
- 3 ~~Chair – Advocacy Division (Discipleship)~~
- 4 Chair – Board of Global Ministries
- 5 Chair – Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry
- 6 Chair – Board of Pensions
- 7 Chair – Board of Trustees
- 8 Chair – Commission on Archives and History
- 9 Chair – Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns
- 10 ~~Chair – Commission on Equitable Salaries~~
- 11 Chair – Commission on Religion and Race
- 12 Chair – Commission on Status and Role of Women
- 13 Chair – Committee on Nominations
- 14 ~~Chair – Committee on Personnel~~
- 15 ~~Chair – Committee on Research and Planning~~
- 16 Chair – Council on Finance and Administration
- 17 Chair – Daily Procedures
- 18 \*All recognized District Superintendent Supply pastors
- 19 \*All recognized Certified Lay Ministers
- 20 \*All lay members of the Annual Conference Shepherding Team
- 21 \*All lay members of the District Shepherding Teams
- 22 \*All official District and Conference Committees be allowed to send a total of two lay persons to
- 23 AC to represent their group (two people total if the Chair is a Clergy Member; one additional
- 24 person if the Chair is a lay person)
- 25 \*Conference Disaster Coordinator
- 26 \*Chair – Church and Society
- 27 \*Chair – Board of Laity
- 28 \*Chair – Board of Ordained Ministry
- 29 \*Chair – Board of Outdoor and Retreat Ministries
- 30 \*Chair – Children’s Ministries
- 31 \*Chair – Committee on Accessibility Ministries
- 32 \*Chair – Committee on Ethnic Local Church Concerns
- 33 \*Chair – Committee on Investigation
- 34 \*Chair – Committee on Native American Ministries
- 35 \*Chair – Congregational Development and Redevelopment
- 36 \*Chair – Council on Older Adult Ministries
- 37 \*Chair – Episcopacy Committee
- 38 \*Chair – Evangelism Work Area
- 39 \*Chair – Hispanic/Latino Ministry Team
- 40 \*Chair – Keagy Town and Rural Committee
- 41 \*Chair – Safe Sanctuaries
- 42 \*Chair – Spiritual Formation Work Area
- 43 \*Chair – Volunteers in Mission
- 44 \*Chair – Young People’s Ministries
- 45 \*Chancellor
- 46 \*Annual Conference Steering Team Church Development and Revitalization Representative
- 47 \*ACST Age Level Ministries Representative

1 \*ACST Justice and Mercy Ministries Representative

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3 In addition, the Credentials Committee is given the authority to add to the list of official  
4 positions with Lay Members, as new committees or task forces are created by the Annual  
5 Conference.

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7 **RATIONALE:**

8 The Constitution of The United Methodist Church, the Book of Discipline, and the Standing  
9 Rules of the NICUMC specify certain positions which, if held by a lay person, automatically  
10 make them Lay Members of the Annual Conference. Many of the currently listed positions are  
11 no longer present in the NICUMC. The NICUMC consistently has fewer Lay Members than  
12 Clergy Members, and our Discipline states we are to have an equal number of Lay Members  
13 and Clergy Members attend the Annual Conference sessions. These lay persons cannot also be  
14 Lay Members from their local church. A revision to the official listing of 'by virtue of office'  
15 positions would allow more Lay Members to attend Annual Conference with voice and vote -  
16 these persons already being an active part of our Conference's ministry. And if new committees  
17 are created by the Annual Conference, Credentials would not have to continually offer new  
18 legislation to add these new 'by virtue of office' Lay Members.

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21 **Document: 702.06**

22 **Name: Revised Standing Rules for Legislative Procedures**

23 **Author(s): NIC Board of Church and Society, Elisa Gatz, Chair; NIC MFSA, Elisa Gatz &**  
24 **Louis Felipe Reyes, Co-Chairs; NIC RMN, Alka Lyall & Elisa Gatz, Co-Facilitators; Danita**  
25 **Anderson; John Bell; Rachel Birkhahn-Rommelfanger; Jessie Cunningham; Roger Curless;**  
26 **Elisa Gatz; Gregory Gross; Adrian Hill; David Lagos-Fonseca; Alka Lyall; Chris Pierson; Luis**  
27 **Felipe Reyes; Dwight Stewart; Rita L. Smith; Hwa Young Chong**

28 **CCFA Comment:** The legislation reinstates the legislative sections of Annual Conference, which  
29 CCFA estimates would be an additional cost for our Annual Conference Session of around  
30 \$4,000 to \$6,000. This does not include additional hotel costs for staff if this lengthens Annual  
31 Conference to an additional day, and it also does not take into account the additional hotel cost  
32 to Annual Conference members if the conference is extended. The hotel room rate the Annual  
33 Conference received at Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center in 2020 was \$152 plus tax  
34 per night.

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36 **ACTION:**

37 Amend the Northern Illinois Conference Standing Rules Section 5a by deleting the following  
38 text that has been shown with a line through it and renumbering the remaining text:

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40 5. Consent Procedure, Legislative Sections & Legislative Procedure

41 a. Consent Procedure

42 ~~1. A Consent Calendar Committee will be formed annually with one representative from the~~  
43 ~~Annual Conference Committee, Annual Conference Shepherding Team representing the~~  
44 ~~program areas, Trustees, CFA, the cabinet, and the Board of Pensions with the Treasurer, DCM,~~  
45 ~~lay leader, conference secretary, and Chair of the Daily Proceedings along with other at large~~  
46 ~~members as needed. The Consent Calendar Committee will determine a preliminary consent~~  
47 ~~calendar for the annual conference in consultation with the bishop.~~

- 1 2. All categories, including benevolence, administrative, clergy support, General Conference  
2 petitions and other legislation submitted to the annual conference are eligible for the consent  
3 calendar except the coordinated budget, Historical Reports and any declaratory decisions  
4 (pursuant to JCD 1080).
- 5 ~~3. The Consent Calendar Committee will present a consent calendar with items for approval or  
6 non-approval.~~
- 7 ~~4. The consent calendar will be available at least 30 days before annual conference sessions for  
8 review.~~
- 9 ~~5. Items from the consent calendar may be removed by a petition signed by members of the  
10 annual conference and submitted to the Chair of Daily Proceedings by the deadline given in the  
11 agenda. Petition forms will be available online or hardcopies from the Chair of Daily  
12 Proceedings.~~
- 13 ~~6. The legislative section will receive legislation that has not been placed on the consent  
14 calendar or any items removed by petition.~~
- 15 7. The consent calendar will be presented and acted upon after the legislative sections have met  
16 and had the opportunity to add more items to the consent calendar as announced in the agenda.
- 17 8. Late legislation is not eligible for the preliminary consent calendar.
- 18 9. After a legislative section acts on any legislative item, if it receives 80% of the votes in favor as  
19 perfected, it shall be placed on the consent calendar with a recommendation for approval. Any  
20 legislative item receiving 80% of the votes against will also be placed on the consent calendar  
21 with a recommendation for disapproval. The consent calendar shall be distributed at least two  
22 hours  
23 before its consideration as announced or on the agenda.
- 24 10. The consent calendar shall be passed by a majority vote.

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26 **RATIONALE:**

27 According to John Wesley, Christian conferencing is one of the means of grace. Through  
28 Christian conferencing, we can understand not only our place in God's kin-dom, but we can  
29 also be in community with others. Christian formation happens when we are in authentic  
30 conversations with others, focused on finding a common understanding of God's will. Bishop  
31 Sally Dyck wrote "John Wesley considered this sort of discussion a means of grace because  
32 conferring with each other is a means that opens us to God's truth, grace, and growth in faith  
33 and spiritual maturity, forgiveness, and humility. What he called "Christian conferencing" has  
34 become known as *holy* conferencing, reminding us that we are called to be set apart and  
35 different from the rest of culture in our speech and behavior, most evident in the way we  
36 handle disputes." Her Principles of Holy Conferencing study guide lists 8 steps for intentional  
37 sharing and learning  
38 [https://www.chapelhillumc.org/2012/eight\\_principles\\_of\\_holy\\_conferencing/](https://www.chapelhillumc.org/2012/eight_principles_of_holy_conferencing/)  
39 With holy conferencing done through legislative sections, legislation can be perfected through  
40 deeper understanding, conflict resolution, and spiritual growth.