

## California-Nevada Annual Conference

### **The United Methodist Church** Connectional Ministry Inventory Conference Committee on Nominations

The mission of The United Methodist Church and the Annual Conference is to *Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World*. The fundamental way we contribute to that mission as an Annual Conference is to provide and/or nurture listening, learning, teaching, Christian spiritual leaders, both residential and itinerant, for each local congregation and for extension ministries. This is the primary task of the Annual Conference.

The Conference Committee on Nominations seeks to connect passionate, compassionate, visionary, initiative-taking, and spiritual leaders with task groups, activities, structures, agencies, committees and councils that are committed to the primary task of the Annual Conference. We have a deep commitment to inclusiveness and seek to invite clergy, lay, men, women, persons of all ages, abilities of different racial and cultural backgrounds and geographic diversity into the work of ministry in and through the annual conference.

This document is a resource for those who are interested in being nominated for one of the many Boards and Agencies of the conference. In this document, you will find descriptions of the work of the Boards and Agencies in which there may be vacancies. You can complete the last two pages of this document to advise the Committee on Nominations of your interests.

If you would like more information about where you might use your gifts and talents in the conference, please contact:

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#### **Commission on Annual Conference Session**

- Evaluates the purpose and process on Annual Conference Sessions.
- Designates the number and purpose of offerings, plans and arranges for worship, program, business, and entertainment and other responsibilities relating to the Annual Conference Session.
- The commission meets four times per year in July, Fall, February, and June (just before Annual Conference).

#### **Commission on Archives and History**

- Collects and preserves the historically significant records of the annual conference and its agencies.
- To encourage and assist the local churches in preserving their heritage.
- To provide for the permanent safekeeping of all the abandoned or discontinued historical records.
- To nominate to the General Commission on Archives and History buildings, locations, or structures within the annual conference for designation as historic sites or heritage landmarks.
- To engage with other Wesleyan, Methodist, or Evangelical United Brethren-related denominations in lifting up our joint heritage.
- The commission meets two times per year on weekends in October and March.

#### **Board of Camping and Retreat Ministries**

- Oversight operations, capital development and funding of our Conference Camp and Retreat Centers. Functions as agents of management for the Conference Board of Trustees on all items related to camping properties.
- Develops programming in the area of camping and retreat ministries for all age levels.
- Promotes camp and retreat opportunities primarily through our Conference Camp and Retreat Centers.
- Undertakes the responsibilities as outlined in the 2000 Discipline, Par. 621(b-d) and 622(e).

#### **Committee on Children and Poverty**

- Development of a Sponsorship Program between Conference churches and orphans of West Angola.
- Promotion of Children's Sabbath.
- Offering of small grants to churches undertaking projects which encourage working hand-in-hand with children and the poor.
- Promotion of Godly Play, a program which nurtures the spiritual growth of children.

#### **Commission on Christian Unity and Inter-religious Concerns**

- Maintains the connectional relationships with the General Commission on Christian Unity and Inter-religious Concerns.
- To interpret, advocate, and work for the unity of the Christian church.

- To assist the conference in the development of ecumenical relationships.
- To promote and interpret the work of national and world ecumenical bodies.

#### **Board of Church and Society**

- Maintains the connectional relationship between the General Board of Church and Society and the conference, district, and local church.
- Responsible for administering the conference Peace with Justice Special Sunday Offering.
- Develops and promotes programs on church and society within the bounds of the conference.
- The board meets three times per year on weekends in Sacramento.

#### **Commission on Communications**

- Serves as an advisory and resource body to the conference in cooperation with the Communications Director.
- Has representation on the Northern California Ecumenical Media Resource Center Board of Directors.
- Provides assistance and resources to strengthen local churches.
- Promotes the connectional relationship through its publications and other resources.
- Provides training opportunities for conference and local church leadership in communications.
- Helps the local church understand its financial responsibility to the annual conference and the denomination and engages local church support.
- Communicates the ethnic and cultural diversity in our annual conference.

#### **Board of Discipleship**

- The Board seeks to support and encourage ministries that foster Discipleship within local churches.
- Youth Camping and United Methodist Student Movement
- Pastors Transition Workshop
- Faith Quest
- Stewardship Associates
- Spiritual Directors Network
- 5-day Academy
- Conflict Transformation Team
- Fanning the Flames Conference
- Older Adult Ministry Council
- The board meets four times per year on weekends in Sacramento.

#### **Committee on District Superintendency**

- Coordinates the work of the District Committees.
- Recommends overall Conference policy regarding District Superintendency.
- Be available at the request of the Bishop for consultation in matters related to the District Superintendency.

- Recommends to the Council on Finance and Administration and the Conference Board of Trustees the budget of the District Superintendency including salary and suitable provision for dwelling, travel, secretary, and office expenses.

#### **Committee on Episcopacy**

- To support the Bishop of the Area in the oversight of the spiritual and temporal affairs of the Church.
- To be available to the Bishop for counsel.
- To assist in the determination of the Episcopal needs of the area.
- To keep the Bishop advised concerning conditions within the area as they affect relationships between the bishop and the people of the conference agencies.
- To interpret to the people of the area and to conference agencies the nature and function of the Episcopal Office.
- To engage in annual consultation and appraisal of the balance of the Bishop's relationship and responsibilities.
- The committee meets two times per year, usually on Wednesdays.

#### **Committee on Filipino American Ministries**

- To grow a strong sense of unity among Filipino American United Methodists within the Annual Conference.
- To develop and deepen a sense of mission and ministry, celebrating and enhancing our cultural roots and values as part of our identity.
- To create programs and effective strategies for involving and equipping our members, especially young adults, youths, and children.
- To fully participate in and support NAFAUM and Paglago, our national and regional program for new congregational growth and development and the revitalization of existing churches and fellowships.
- To raise the consciousness of Filipino Americans towards the advocacy of and support for relevant social issues.
- To engage the Annual Conference and its constituents in cultural awareness and education.
- To partner with the Annual Conference in the formation and sustaining new Filipino American United Methodist congregations.

#### **Council on Finance and Administration**

- The purpose of the council shall be to develop, maintain, and administer a comprehensive and coordinated plan of fiscal and administrative policies, procedures, and management services for the annual conference.

- To recommend budgets to the annual conference for its action and determination.
- To receive, consider, report, and make recommendations to the annual conference regarding fiscal.
- To recommend to the annual conference, for its action and decision, the methods or formulas by which apportionment funds shall be determined.
- To provide interpretive aids or other materials to assist in gaining understanding and support of the conference budget and other approved conference causes.

#### **Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry**

- Provides for the connectional relationship between the Division of Higher Education of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.
- To interpret and promote the United Methodist ministries in higher education that is supported by the general Church and those specifically related to the annual conference.
- To interpret and promote higher education ministries supported by special days funds related to higher education ordered by the General Conference of annual conference.
- To evaluate schools, colleges, universities, and campus ministries related to the annual conference, with concern for the quality of their performance, the integrity of their mission, and their response to the missional goals of the general Church and the annual conference.
- The board meets three times per year in September, December, and March.

#### **Committee on Hispano-Latino Ministries**

- To administer the Hispanic Endowment
- To distribute funds earned from the endowment to Hispano-Latino ministries within the bounds of the California Nevada Annual Conference
- Start and monitor new Hispano-Latino Churches and Ministries and revitalize existing Hispano-Latino Churches in the California Nevada Annual Conference.
- Develop new leaders and pastors for Hispano-Latino Ministries in the Conference.
- Develop, monitor and support Conference wide Hispano-Latino programs.
- To coordinate, implement and link with the National Hispanic Plan of the UMC.
- To act in an advisory and consultative manner with the Bishop, Cabinet, ministry staff and conference boards and agencies regarding Hispano-Latino ministries.

#### **Committee on Hmong Ministry**

- To assist Hmong United Methodist congregations in spreading the Gospel through evangelism to the Hmong-American

communities within the boundaries of the Annual Conference.

- To provide leadership development and ministry resources for Hmong United Methodist churches, fellowships and ministries.274 10. Standing Rules
- To help the California-Nevada Annual Conference and sponsoring United Methodist churches of Hmong ministries and fellowships in understanding of the Hmong culture, value and language.
- To serve as a bridge between the California-Nevada Annual Conference and Hmong United Methodist churches, fellowships, and ministries in terms of mission and vision of Hmong United Methodist ministries.
- To assist the Annual Conference in the formation of new Hmong United Methodist congregations.

#### **Committee on Legislation**

- Codifies Conference legislation.
- Edits the Standing Rules for approval by the Annual Conference.
- Be available for consultation with any agency of the Conference seeking to change the Conference Rules.

#### **Board of Missions**

- Maintains the connectional relationship between the General Board of Global Mission
- It seeks to enhance the involvement of all United Methodists in Christian mission and develop ways to facilitate their mission involvement
- Facilitates mission involvement through Equitable Compensation, Ethnic Ministries, Education for Missions, Health & Relief, Golden Cross, Local Church Revitalization, New Church Development, Church Vitality, Cross Cultural Institute, Disaster Response, United Methodist Volunteers in Mission, Angola Partnership, Israel/Palestine, Philippines Solidarity, Side by Side.
- The board meets three times per year at the Conference Center in October, February, and May.

#### **Committee on Native American Ministries**

- To assist the annual conference in establishing new churches and faith communities; advocate for inclusion of Native American United Methodists to serve at all levels of the church; determine the distribution of the Native American Ministries Sunday offering, coordinate the promotion of Native American Ministries Sunday, monitor Native American ministries within the annual conference; offer the gifts of the Native American Community to the annual

conference; develop and support new and existing Native American churches and faith communities; identify, promote, and support the development of Native American clergy and lay leadership.

#### **Committee on Nominations**

- Prepares nominations for conference officers, boards, divisions, commissions, and committees, except where specific provision is otherwise mandated.
- The committee meets three times per year on Saturdays at the Conference Center in October, February, and April.
- The committee members are requested to attend the Annual Conference Session.

#### **Board of Pensions**

- In an auxiliary to the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits, and has charge of the interests and work of providing for and contributing to the support, relief, assistance, and pensioning of clergy and their families, other church workers, and lay employees of the United Methodist Church.
- The board meets three times per year in September, February, and April.

#### **Committee on Reconciliation**

- Is dedicated to the work of reconciliation among all persons of The United Methodist Church, regardless of age, gender, race, status, sexual orientation, theological perspective, or political affiliation.
- Gathers around a table of inclusion to uplift the lives and ministries of all of God's children.
- Strives to help all persons understand their sacred worth in the eyes of God and the church through educational programming, annual events, and community networking.
- The committee meets three times per year on weekends in Sacramento and one Fall retreat.

#### **Commission on Religion and Race**

- To challenge the agencies, institutions, and connectional structures of the United Methodist Church to a full and equal participation of the racial and ethnic constituency in the total life and mission of the Church through advocacy and by reviewing and monitoring the practices of the entire Church so as to further ensure racial inclusiveness.
- To stimulate understanding and conversations with all Christian bodies, to encourage continuing dialogue with Jewish and other living-faith communities.
- To encourage an openness of mind toward an understanding of other major world religions.

#### **Commission on Status and Role of Women**

- To foster an awareness of issues, problems, and concerns related to the status and role of women, with special reference to their full participation in the total life of the Church at least commensurate with the total membership of women in the United Methodist Church.
- To be informed about the status and role of all women in the total life of the conference.
- To initiate cooperation with United Methodist Women at the annual conference level and other levels as appropriate in order to achieve full participation of women in the decision-making structures.

#### **Board of Trustees**

- Receives, collects, and holds in trust for the benefit of the annual conference any and all donations, bequests, and devises of any kind or character.
- Has the power to invest, reinvest, buy, sell, transfer, and convey any and all funds and properties that it may hold in trust, subject always to the terms of the legacy, devise, or donation.
- The board may intervene and take all necessary legal steps to safeguard and protect the interests and rights of the annual conference anywhere and in all matters relating to property and rights to property whether arising by gift, devise, or otherwise, or where held in trust or established for the benefit of the annual conference or its membership.