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Linda Crowell......................................................Vice-Chair
Karen Skinner......................................................Bishops’ Hospitality
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2008-2012 College of Bishops

Front Row L to R: Linda Lee, Deborah Lieder Kiesey, Minnesota Area; Hee-Soo Jung; Sally Dyck

Back Row L to R: Bruce R. Ough; Julius C. Trimble; Gregory V. Palmer; Jonathon D. Keaton; Michael J. Coyner; John L. Hopkins
THE EPISCOPACY
“Bishops are elders in full connection who are elected from the elders and set apart for a ministry of general oversight and supervision (¶401). As followers of Jesus Christ called to servant leadership, bishops are authorized to guard the faith, order, liturgy, doctrine, and discipline of the Church; to seek and be a sign of the unity of the faith; to exercise the discipline of the whole Church; to supervise and support the Church’s life, work, and mission throughout the world; and to lead all persons entrusted to their oversight in worship, in the celebration of the sacraments, and in their mission of witness and service in the world. Bishops carry a primary responsibility to support and encourage the ministry of all Christians. They share with other bishops in the supervision of the whole Church, encouraging and supporting all baptized people in their exercising of their gifts and ministries, praying for them, and proclaiming and interpreting to them the gospel of Christ. Bishops are to be prophetic voices and courageous leaders in the cause of justice for all people. Bishops are also authorized to appoint ordained clergy to their responsibilities, consecrate, ordain, and commission persons in ministry to the Church and world.” (¶404.1, The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church)
# BISHOPS ELECTED by NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION

## 1940-2012

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¹ 1956 was the first jurisdictional conference at which women were eligible to be elected to the episcopacy. None was elected.
² Daytona Beach, Florida was the site of the Central Jurisdiction meeting where Bishop Thomas was elected. He was assigned to the Iowa Area.
Lance Webb

1968  Peoria, IL
Lance Webb
Paul Arthur Washburn
Arthur James Armstrong

1972  Indianapolis, IN
Wayne K. Clymer
Jesse Robert DeWitt

1976  Sioux Falls, SD
Leroy Charles Hodapp
Edsel Albert Ammons

1980  Dayton, OH
Edwin Charles Boulton
Emerson Stephen Colaw
Marjorie Swank Matthews

1984  Duluth, MN
Woodie W. White
David J. Lawson
Reuben Phillip Job
Judith Craig

1988  DeKalb, IL
R. Sheldon Duecker
Sharon A. Brown Christopher
William B. Lewis

1992  Adrian, MI
Donald Arthur Ott
Charles Wesley Jordan
Sharon Zimmerman Rader

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3 Bishop Washburn was elected at the Uniting Conference in Dallas at the last General Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren; he was assigned to the Minneapolis Area at the Peoria Conference.

4 Marjorie Matthews’ election marked the first time a woman had been elected to the episcopacy in the United Methodist Church. She was assigned to the Wisconsin Area.
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<td>2004</td>
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Bishop Palmer and Bishop Ough give the Episcopal Address

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WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD

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NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE · AKRON, OHIO

THE JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE
Tuesday, July 17,  
9:30 a.m.  Nominations Committee

Wednesday, July 18, Morning
9:30 a.m.  Nominations Committee
10:30 a.m.  On-site and standing committees
9:30 a.m.  Information and Registration Desk Open

Wednesday, July 18, Afternoon
2:00 p.m.  Opening Service of Worship – Bishop Julius Trimble, Preacher
3:30 p.m.  Break
3:45 p.m.  Plenary:  
Greetings and Introductions – Bishop John L. Hopkins  
Roll Call – Maria Wiblin, NCJ Secretary  
Committee on Rules and Order  
Confirmation of Jurisdictional Committees and Secretarial Staff  
Committee on Episcopacy – Dr. Maggie Jackson  
Committee on Elections  
Local Arrangements Committee  
Treasurer’s Report

5:30 p.m.  Dinner Recess
7:30 p.m.  Plenary:  
Black Methodist for Church Renewal Presentation  
Committees on Presiding Officers and Agenda

9:15 p.m.  Recess

Thursday, July 19 Morning
9:00 a.m.  Morning Worship – Bishop Jonathan D. Keaton
10:00 a.m.  Break
10:15 a.m.  Plenary:  
Committees on Journal and Agendas  
Various Reports
11:45 a.m.  Lunch Recess

Thursday, July 19, Afternoon
1:45 p.m.  Plenary:
            Episcopal Address
            Break
            Various Reports
            Retirement of Bishop Linda Lee
            Reception for Retiring Bishop Linda Lee

5:30 p.m.  Recess
6:00 p.m.  East Ohio Night

Friday, July 20, Morning
9:00 a.m.  Closing Business
           Treasurer’s Report

10:00 a.m.  Break – Move to Worship
             Episcopacy Committee Report
             Closing Worship
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2012 North Central Jurisdictional Journal

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

THE TWELFTH SESSION OF THE

NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE

Akron, Ohio

Wednesday Afternoon Session

July 18, 2012

The Twelfth Jurisdictional Conference of the North Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church convened July 18, 2012 at the John S. Knight Center in Akron, Ohio

John S. Knight Center -

1. WORSHIP. The conference opened with a service of memorial and communion at 2:00 p.m. Those remembered were Bishop Edsel Ammons, Bishop Sheldon Duecker, Bishop James S. Thomas and Bishop's widow Alice Kearns. Bishop Julius Trimble preached. Communion was served. The first business session followed the worship service.

2. CALL TO ORDER. Bishop Julius Trimble, called the first session to order at 3:50 p.m.

3. GREETINGS. Bishop John L. Hopkins, bishop of the host area welcomed the Jurisdictional Conference on behalf of the East Ohio Conference. Welcomes and history were shared about the Akron area.

4. ROLL CALL OF THE DELEGATIONS. Maria Wiblin explained the procedure for the roll call. The chair of the delegation gave an account of the delegates present,

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5. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF ORDER. Chris Steiner, (West Ohio), chair, presented the report

6. CONFIRMATION OF JURISDICTIONAL COMMITTEES. Maria Wiblin introduced the chairs of the on-site committees. They were approved. Maria referred to pages 31-33 of The Advance Journal to introduce the 2012-2016 standing committees.

7. REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE OF EPISCOPACY. Dr. Maggie Jackson (Northern Illinois), (see printed document for insertion)

8. REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS. Roger Curless (Northern Illinois), chair explained that there were no elections. He brought a motion from the committee pertaining to the time line of episcopal nominee information being received. The motion was a change to the Rules of Order so it was referred to the Rules of Order Committee for discussion.

9. EPISCOPAL ELECTIONS. Bishop Trimble announced the episcopal elections from other jurisdictions. Johnathon Holston, Southeast jurisdiction, Ken Carter, Southeast jurisdiction, Bill McAlilly, Southeast jurisdiction, Sondra Steiner Ball Northeast jurisdiction.

10. LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE. Dr. Linda Crowell welcomed the conference on behalf of the committee. She also recognized the committee members for their hard work.

11. TREASURERS REPORT - Rick VanGeisen (Illinois Great Rivers), referred to pg 35 – 36 in the Advance Journal. Changes were made on line 40100 $1,112,300 to $1,117,300 and the Total income from 1,112,300 to 1,117,300. Line 5910 $120,000 to $125,000. Total Expenses 1,112,300 to 1,117,300 , -40,700 to -35,700 and the percentage -3.53% to -3.10%. Page 36 paragraph one $40,700 to $45,700. Paragraph to $120,000 to $125,000. In the third line of paragraph 2 $80,00 to $85,000. With the changes the budget was placed before the body for consideration.

12. MOTION. Lonnie Chafin (Northern Illinois) brought the following motion:
Resolution for North Central Jurisdiction 2012
Facilitate Jurisdictional Dialogue on Connectional Structures
Over the next quadrennium many proposals for denominational structural change will be discussed in several venues, including the Task Force on the Global Nature of the Church, the Northeastern Jurisdiction, the Western Jurisdiction, several annual conferences, and the casual conversations of United Methodists. Undoubtedly, these dialogues will lead to proposals to the 2016 General Conference. The North Central Jurisdiction wishes to be active, well-informed participants in the dialogues, working to bridge between them and to participate within them.

A broad consensus of the church is necessary in order to approve structural change. We believe such consensus emerges from deliberation of a wide diversity of members and leaders. THEREFORE, the North Central Jurisdiction shall host an online dialogue of NCJ Jurisdictional Conference members over the next quadrennium that will:

1. Deepen knowledge of the proposals discussed in various parts of the church by linking to the conversations of the other bodies.

2. Facilitate dialogue amongst NCJ members so our voices impact proposals as they develop.

3. Offers re-structuring ideas generated from the NCJ.

The work of setting up the on-line dialogue falls to a management committee made up of one clergy person and one lay person of each annual conference named by their NCJ delegation before August 1, 2012 and communicated to the Secretary of the NCJ. A delegation may name persons not serving on the delegation. Because we seek a broad dialogue the following organizations/caucuses may name a participant on the management committee, if communicated to the Secretary of the NCJ before 1 October, 2012: MFSA, Good News, BMCR, Town and Country Network, RMN, Asian American Caucus, youth, and Hispanic Caucus.

The College of Bishops should select one of theirs to convene the first meeting and chair the election of officers for the management committee before 1 December, 2012.

The management committee shall be responsible for engaging vendors to establish an online presence, organize the dialogues and monitor their use, invite NCJ members to participate, link to other church bodies considering proposals of alternative connectional structures, and other tasks necessary to achieve the mission named above. The management committee makes a final report to the NCJ 2016 general and jurisdictional conferences delegations. It is expected that the management committee works substantially online, and may not meet in person more than 2 times over the quadrennium.

Budget

- Travel to meetings. 28 persons 2 times. $12,000
- Web hosting. 42 months @ $50. $2,100
- Web Designer professional service. $10,000

Total $24,100 Motion was referred to the North Central Jurisdiction Mission Council
13. MOTION. Mark Dicken (Indiana). Moved that the 2013-2016 apportionment and expense budgets be reduced to $921,240. Motion failed.

14. EPISCOPAL ELECTION. Bishop Trimble announced that Debbie Wallace-Padgett was elected in the Southeast Jurisdiction.

15. COMMITTEE ON PRESIDING OFFICERS. John Lawson (chair), reported that Bishop Coyner would preside at the Thursday A.M. plenary and Bishop Kiesey would preside at the Thursday afternoon plenary.

16. MOTION. Darryl Fairchild (West Ohio). Moved to amend our agenda so that we schedule the episcopal committee report that will recommend the episcopal area assignments for the 2012-2016 quadrennium on Thursday afternoon, following the Episcopal Address and prior to the evening recess. Motion Passed.

17. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

18. RECESS.
1. CALL TO ORDER. Bishop Coyner called us to order. Bishop Clymer offered an opening prayer.

2. REPORT. Dakotas/Minnesota Area. Cindy Gregorson (Minnesota) & Jodi Catalalodo (Dakotas), reported on the formation of the new episcopal area.

3. EPISCOPAL ELECTION. Bishop Coyner announced the election of Martin McLee from the Northeast Jurisdiction.

4. REPORT. Hoon K. Lee reported for the NCJ Korean Mission.

5. REPORT. Dee Stickley-Miner reported for the NCJ UMVIM and referred to the report on page 49 in the Advance Journal.


8. REPORT. Bishop Reuben Job center – report by Doug Anderson. Reported there will be a name change that will be announced as soon as possible. Reported that he will be stepping down as the Director and a new one will begin in June of 2013

9. REPORT. Committee on Journals Bill Stimeling

10. Dismissal
Thursday Afternoon Session

July 19, 2012

5. CALL TO ORDER. Bishop Kiesey called us to order.

6. EPISCOPAL ELECTION. Bishop Kiesey announced the election of Young Jin Cho in the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

7. EPISCOPAL ADDRESS. Bishop Palmer and Bishop Ough addressed the conference.

8. EPISCOPAL ELECTION. Bishop Kiesey announced the election of Cynthia Fierro Harvey in the South Central Jurisdiction.

9. WORSHIP

10. EPISCOPAL ELECTION. Bishop Kiesey announced the election of Mark Webb in the Northeast Jurisdiction.

11. REPORT. Episcopacy Committee Report. Dr. Maggie Jackson announced the following episcopal assignments:

   Dakotas/Minnesota - Bishop Bruce Ough

   East Ohio – Bishop Jonathan Hopkins

   Indiana – Bishop Michael Coyner

   Iowa – Bishop Julius Trimble

   Illinois Great River – Bishop Jonathon Keaton
Northern Illinois - Bishop Sally Dyck

Michigan – Bishop Deborah Kiesey

West Ohio – Bishop Gregory Palmer

Wisconsin – Bishop Hee Soo Jung - Report Affirmed

12. CLOSING PRAYER. Bishop Lee offered a closing prayer

13. RECESS

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION
JULY 20, 2012

JOHN S KNIGHT

1.CALL TO ORDER. Bishop Hee Soo Jung called the session to order and opened with prayer.

2.REPORT. Pat Wright gave the report for the Midwest Mission Distribution.

3.REPORT. Bishop Sally Dyck presented a report on the progress of the UMC’s Imagine No Malaria initiative.

4.REPORT. Rules of Order Committee. Chris Steiner (West Ohio) pg 66 of Advance Journal – Motion to Amend. Motion passed. Pg 62 item 3 change the last word to area to annual conference. Motion passed. Pg 61 new item L – at least 6 months prior to the conference Head of the Delegation to request the Annual Conference journals
from the past 4 years in electronic format. Motion passed. Pg 58. (handed out). Committee on Election – Episcopacy. Recommends the adoption of the motion. Pg 60 on F replace the first sentence with the first sentence of the proposal. Motion passed.

5. MOTION. Darryl Fairchild (West Ohio) Moved to amend by addition to the Rules of Order, pg 58 ¶ 150. Report of the Committee on Episcopacy: Prior to the conclusion of the last regularly scheduled plenary on the Friday, the committee on Episcopacy shall report the assignments for the episcopal areas for the upcoming quadrennium. Motion to refer to Rules Order committee - passed.

7. REPORT. A motion was then made to establish a task force to consider jurisdictional structural changes. A written handout setting forth the motion was presented by the presenters of the motion. The presenters supplemented that handout with the sentence “The task force may add up to five members to the number to assure broad diversity of views.” The written motion as supplemented was approved.

8. AMENDMENT. Brian Milford (Iowa) offered an amendment. To add a period following NCJ. Motion failed

Main motion carried.

9. REPORT. Carol Lakota Eastin reported on the Native American Commission

10. REPORT. Liz Lopez (Minnesota) and Barbara Issises (Northern Illinois) presented its analysis of the inclusivity of the jurisdictional conferences activities and worship.

11. REPORT. Rick VanGiesen (Illinois Great Rivers) brought motion of the Mission Council re: auditing as presented on page 37-38 of the
advance journal was approved as written. The proposed budget for 2012-2016 as modified on Wednesday was approved.

12. Bishop Gregory Palmer presented a report on the preliminary work on the 2016 NCJ Conference, which will be convened in Peoria, Illinois.

13. Bishop Jung offered words of thanks to the East Ohio Conference for its efforts in hosting the 2012 NCJ Conference as well as to the staff and crew of the Knight Center.

14. Business Adjourned at 4:00pm to closing worship.
## Proposed Budget – 2013-2016

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Notes to the Budget – While the 2013-2016 proposed budget is $35,700 less than the previous quadrennium, the budget plan for 2009-2012 including spending down accumulated reserves. This is why $186,760 is noted in reduced assets. The 2013-2016 budget does not include a plan for spending down reserves. Indeed, the reserves that remain are needed for cash flow, especially if 100% of the current budget is expended.

The $125,000 request for Transitional Assistance for Minnesota and Dakotas includes a provision to front-load the grant at the beginning of the quadrennium, specifically: 2013 = $85,000; 2014 = $20,000; 2015 = $20,000; 2016 = $0. Minnesota and Dakotas would not be apportioned for this grant. If approved by the NCJ Conference, the apportionment schedule for most conferences will decrease during the quadrennium. A preliminary draft of the apportionments is found elsewhere in this workbook.
NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION 
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 

Mission Council Financial Policies 
Approved: September 22, 2012 

1. APPORTIONMENTS 
   a. Apportionment figures for the entire quadrennium will be sent to each annual conference after the NCJ session. 
   b. The percentage of apportionment share will be determined on the same basis as GCFA’s General Conference apportionment calculation for the most recent year those figures are available. 
   c. That percentage will not be changed until the apportionments for the next quadrennium are calculated. 
   d. Apportionment statements will be sent out to each conference at the beginning of each quarter year. 
   e. If annual conferences merge during the quadrennium, the apportionment to the new conference will be the total of the previous conferences until the end of that quadrennium. 
   f. Annual conferences will be urged to submit their last apportionment payment for the quadrennium by December 31st to close out the quadrennium. 

2. ACCOUNTS
a. The NCJ shall maintain a checking account at a banking institution approved by the Mission Council.
b. A savings account may also be established if required by the financial institution or directed by the Mission Council.
c. The Treasurer and the Chairperson of the Mission Council shall be signers on all NCJ financial accounts.
d. Only one signature is required for all NCJ transactions.

3. INVESTMENTS
a. Investments of NCJ Funds shall be recommended by the Treasurer and approved by the Mission Council.
b. The Treasurer and Chairperson of the Mission Council shall be signers on all investment accounts.

4. DIRECT SUPPORT OF MISSION AGENCIES – TWO PATHWAYS
1. Block (Lump Sum) Annual Funding
a. Organization/Agency shall provide the NCJ Treasurer with a copy of its 501(c)(3) designation from the IRS.
b. Organization/Agency shall provide the NCJ Treasurer with a copy of its articles of incorporation and registration with the appropriate governmental entities in the state where its main offices are located.
c. Funds must be requested annually.
d. A detailed financial report from the previous year must be presented to the NCJ Treasurer (An audit is preferable).
Local churches, uncharted churches and mission churches are exempt from a & b above, however, approved funding will be sent to the appropriate annual conference treasurer for distribution monthly.

2. Periodic and Reimbursement Funding
   a. Organizations and agencies which do not have their own 501(c)(3) designation and are not separately incorporated must utilize NCJ Treasurer as their sole treasurer.
   b. Existing balances in current bank accounts as of December 31, 2012 must be surrendered to the NCJ Treasury and evidence provided that those bank accounts are closed.
   c. Organizations and agencies shall utilize a payout voucher system (provided by the NCJ Treasurer) for program expenses and reimbursements.
   d. The annual audit of these organizations and agencies shall be conducted as a part of the NCJ audit.
   e. The NCJ Treasurer will issue quarterly reports to the director and chair of the agency or organization and those whom the organization or agency designates.

5. MEETING EXPENSE POLICIES
   a. The Mission Council may, at its discretion, reimburse meeting expenses for all NCJ entities on an actual expense or per diem basis.
   b. The Mission Council shall set a NCJ meeting mileage reimbursement rate from time to time in consideration of the current economic environment.
c. The Mission Council may require the use of a specific travel agency for all flights to meetings. Flights arranged otherwise may not be reimbursed.

d. The NCJ does not pay for baggage fees to meetings that last less than 5 days. Members may request an exception if they have a handicapping condition which prevents them from handling carry-on luggage.

e. The NCJ does not pay for other airport/airline fees which are considered as convenience items or add-ons.

f. Unless special circumstances warrant, members who live less than 500 miles from the site of a meeting are expected to drive to the event. Carpooling is strongly encouraged.

g. Where appropriate, sharing hotel rooms is strongly encouraged and results in the most savings of NCJ meeting expenses. Members preferring single rooms will be charged 50% of the room cost, unless extraordinary circumstances warrant the necessity of a single room. The single room cost charge may be deducted from reimbursed expenses.

h. The NCJ encourages the use of hotel shuttles or van services for ground transportation. Taxis should only be used as a last resort.

i. Receipts are required for any and all reimbursements.

6. **Credit Card**

   a. A credit card in the name of the North Central Jurisdiction may be issued to the Treasurer to facilitate hotel deposits and other expenses.
b. The Treasurer shall keep a record of all credit card expenditures with associated receipts for presentation to the auditors.

7. **Cash Advances**
   a. Cash advances for meeting expenses, honorariums or any other purpose are not permitted without specific authorization from the Executive Committee of the Mission Council.
   b. All receipts associated with any cash advance must be presented to the treasurer along with any unspent funds.
   c. Expenditures which are not properly documented must be reimbursed by the individual to the NCJ Treasury.

8. **Budget**
   a. The Treasurer is not permitted to effect any payout or reimbursement which would result in an overage of the associated budget line item.
   b. The Mission Council, through its executive committee, retains the authority of a finance committee and may shift budget line item amounts in-between sessions of the Jurisdictional conference, with full notification of and in consultation with the parties involved.
   c. In anticipation of future apportionment payment shortfalls, the Treasurer may not exceed 90% of total payouts of any line item in a single year (prorated for each year of the quadrennium, which equals a 2.5% reduction each year).
   d. At the end of the quadrennium, the Treasurer may remit budget requests up to (but not exceeding) the
percentage of apportionments received for the quadrennium.

9. Carry-Over
   a. No unexpended line-item budget amounts from apportionments will carry over to the next quadrennium.
   b. All unexpended apportionments funds will be retained as cash reserves.
   c. No entity may make any claims on apportionment funds from the previous quadrennium.
   d. Apportionment funds cannot be re-characterized as project accounts.
   e. Any project accounts that are permitted to carry-over to the next quadrennium must have been specifically designated for a project which is not yet complete.
   f. The order of unrestricted funds expended will be 1) Project Account Funds and then 2) Apportionment Funds.

10. Reserve
    a. The Treasurer shall maintain a cash reserve of at least $50,000 at all times.

11. Honorariums
    a. The Treasurer shall receive an honorarium of $250 per month, or an amount as so designated by the Mission Council.
    b. The Mission Council may approve, upon its discretion and within established budgets, honorariums for other persons who serve the NCJ.
c. All honorariums and stipends paid to persons (agency directors, board chairs, resource persons, experts, etc.) under the jurisdiction and direct supervision of the NCJ shall require approval from the Mission Council or its Executive Committee.

12. Audit
   a. In compliance with ¶520 (2008 Book of Discipline), a yearly audit of the NCJ Treasury shall be performed.
   b. The audit will be performed according to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) by an auditing firm licensed to do so.
   c. The Mission Council shall underwrite the cost of the audit from the Mission Council expenses line item.
   d. The results of the audit shall be reported to the Mission Council and the College of Bishops.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Nominations Committee Report
North Central Jurisdiction
Akron, Ohio – 2012

A. Elections to General Boards and Agencies
B. Election of Officers of the Jurisdiction
C. Elections to Jurisdictional Mission Council

A. ELECTIONS TO GENERAL BOARDS AND AGENCIES

Designates those to be elected by the Jurisdictional Conference

The following designations are used in the rosters of general agency personnel:
AS=Asian American  CW=Clergywoman
AF= African American  LM=Layman
HA=Hispanic American  LW=Laywoman
NA=Native American  OA=Older Adult
PI=Pacific Islander  Y=Youth
WA=White American  YA=Young Adult
                    PWD=Person with Disability

CM=Clergyman

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### GENERAL BOARD OF PENSION AND HEALTH BENEFITS
Jean Edin  Minnesota  WA  LW
Jan Griffith  Illinois Great Rivers  WA  CW
Donald Emmert  Detroit  WA  CM

UNITED METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE
(all elected by General Conference)

James Preston  Northern Illinois  WA  LM
Thomas Tumblin  West Ohio  WA  CM
Dennis Oglesby  Minnesota  AF  CM
James Bushfield  Indiana  WA  CM
Linda Crowell  East Ohio  AF  LW
Brian Milford  Iowa  WA  CM

GENERAL COMMISSION ON COMMUNICATION

Kim Reisman  Indiana  WA  CW
Rebecca Grinager Trefz  Dakotas  WA  CW  YA
Katie Z. Dawson  Iowa  WA  CW  YA

OFFICE OF CHRISTIAN UNITY AND INTERRELIGIOUS RELATIONSHIPS
(elected to a pool from which one of these two will be named to the Office of CUIR)

Joon-Sik Park  West Ohio  AS  CM
Alka Lyall  Northern Illinois  AS  CW

GENERAL COMMISSION ON RELIGION AND RACE

Marian McCray  Illinois Great Rivers  AF  LW
Delaine McGhee  East Ohio  AF  CW

GENERAL COMMISSION ON STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN
Lilian Gallo Seagren  Iowa  AS  CW

DIVISION ON MINISTRIES WITH YOUNG PEOPLE
Young Adult Representative
Sara Swenson  Minnesota  WA  LW  YA

Workers with Young People
Jen Tyler  Dakotas  WA  CW  YA

GENERAL COMMISSION ON UNITED METHODIST MEN
Jurisdictional President

GENERAL COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY
Jurisdictional President  Linda Schram

B. ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE JURISDICTION

Jurisdictional Conference Secretary
Paul White  East Ohio  WA  CM

Jurisdictional Conference Treasurer
Rick Van Giesen  Illinois Great Rivers  WA  CM

C. ELECTIONS TO JURISDICTIONAL MISSION COUNCIL

The members of this body are elected according to The Plan of Organization, Section V.B. the members may serve for two quadrennia in two overlapping “classes.”

Bishop from the College of Bishops – Bishop Julius Trimble
Secretary of the Jurisdiction – Paul White, East Ohio

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Treasurer of the Jurisdiction – Rick Van Giesen, Illinois Great Rivers
Conference Council Director – (elected by the Association of Conference Council Directors)

=#=2012-2016 * =2012-2020

Representatives of the Conferences of the Jurisdiction

# Matthew Sipe Minnesota
# Joel Carver Iowa
* Mark Dicken Indiana
# Valerie Mossman-Celestin West Michigan
# John Edgar West Ohio
# Bill Pyatt Illinois Great Rivers
# Lawrence McGuin Wisconsin
# Ouk-Yean Kim Jueng Northern Illinois
* Luke Sutton Detroit
* Harry Askin East Ohio
* Jodi Cataldo Dakotas

At Large

# John Boley West Michigan
* Sarah Kitterman Stevens Iowa
* Rose Booker-Jones Illinois Great Rivers
* Gail Burgess Wisconsin
* Nilsa Saliceti West Ohio
# Rita Gaither-Gant Indiana
* Jeanette Kraus East Ohio
* Cynthia Williams Minnesota
JURISDICTIONAL COMMITTEES AND REPORTS
STANDING COMMITTEES: 2012-2016

Committee on Elections: 2012-2016
(one lay and one clergy by area)

Morgan, Mike………………Iowa
Askin, Harry……………….East Ohio
Bolte, Alan………………Minnesota
Booker-Jones, Rose………Illinois Great Rivers
Christianson, Faye…Minnesota
Deamer, Jeremy………Wisconsin
Greenway, Jeff………West Ohio
Heisler, Benton……..Michigan
Ireland, Jessica……..Iowa
King, Lisa………………Wisconsin
Lee, Martin………Northern Illinois
Rohrs, Cathy…………….West Ohio
Smith, Rita………………Northern Illinois
Thomas, Paul………..Michigan
Yockey, Carolyn………Illinois Great Rivers
Winkler, Jim………..East Ohio
…………………………Indiana
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Cataldo, Jodi……………Dakotas
Kroger, Greg……………Dakotas

COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY: 2012-2016
(one lay and one clergy by conference)

Barrett, Joy………………Detroit
Bard, David……………Minnesota
Boyd, Bruce……………West Ohio
Clark, Irma……………Northern Illinois
Dahlberg, Mary Jo……Minnesota
Dahlman, Laurie……West Michigan
Euper, Jackie……………Detroit
Gallo-Seagren, Lilian……Iowa
George, Gary……………East Ohio
Haller, Laurie………..West Michigan
Isabell, Sara…………Illinois Great Rivers
Jackson, Maggie………East Ohio
Morrison, Norma………..Iowa
Odeen, Diane……………Wisconsin
Preston, James…..Northern Illinois
Slaughter, Mike………..West Ohio
Stein, Amanda…………Wisconsin
Whitaker, Rhonda……Illinois Great Rivers
Trefz, Rebecca………..Dakotas
Jones, Janelle……………Dakotas
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COMMITTEE ON RULES OF ORDER 2012-2016
(one person by area)

Bard, David..........Minnesota
Brown, Diane.........Michigan
Dawson, Katie Z.........Iowa
Ehrman, Jim..............East Ohio

Royoppa, Sam.........Wisconsin
Ryder, Jack......Northern Illinois
Steiner, Chris.........West Ohio
Thompson, Jeremiah...Illinois Great Rivers

*Committees are variously nominated and elected. See line beneath committee name; if not designated otherwise, nomination comes from the conference delegations, confirmation by the jurisdictional conference.

COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION: 2012-2016
(elected upon nomination by the College of Bishops according to ¶ 2703.1,2,3)

Clergy:
Robinson, Randy...Illinois Great Rivers
Roberson, James......East Ohio
Christopherson, Arlene...Northern Illinois
Dungan, Karen..............Iowa

Lay Observer:
Moots, Phil.............West Ohio
Arnold, Chuck.........Detroit
LaGree, Patty...........Iowa

Alternate Clergy:
Easley, Ida..............Indiana
Lee, John............Detroit
Cross, Randy.........Dakotas
West, Graham...........Wisconsin
Wilkerson, David........Wisconsin

Alternate Lay Observer:
Oviat, Nancy.........Dakotas
Forbes Preston, Jean...East Ohio
Olson, Brent.........Minnesota
Bush, Marie...........West Ohio
Kaverauf, John...Illinois Great Rivers

COURT OF APEALS: 2012-2016
(nominations by College of Bishops, election by conference)

Clergy:
Perry, James.......Minnesota
Wilkes-Null, Beverly...Illinois Great Rivers
Stickley Minor, Dee...West Ohio
Heisler, Benton....West Michigan

Full-Time Local Pastor:
Mayorga, Rosie.......Wisconsin
Laity: Okayama, Liz..........Northern Illinois
    Ottmar, Tim..........Dakotas
    Carver, Phil..........Iowa

Clergy alternates:
    Council Austin, Mary..........Wisconsin
    Bunnell Olsen, Heather........Indiana
    Eberhardt, Penny..........Dakotas
    Pierson, Chris..........Northern Illinois

Karl, Jane..............West Ohio

Full-time Local Pastor Alternate:
    Winegartner, Nancy..........Northern Illinois

Laity Alternates:
    Shaw, James.............Indiana
    Chewning Donald..........Wisconsin

STRUCTURE CONVERSATION TASK FORCE 2012-2016

Boayue, Charles..........Detroit
    Thomas, Paul..............Detroit
    Vargo, Jessica...........East Ohio
    Bryant, Dan..............East Ohio
    .........................Illinois Great Rivers
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    Pimlott, Greg.............Indiana
    MyKrantz, Kayc...........Indiana
    Milford, Brian...........Iowa
    Ireland, Jessica.........Iowa
    Gregorgson, Cindy.......Minnesota
    Nuckols, Dave............Minnesota
    Chafin, Lonnie..........Northern Illinois
    Myers, Melissa..........Northern Illinois
    Minier, Ryan...........West Michigan
    Davis, Neil..............West Michigan
    Stover, Greg.............West Ohio
    Howard, George...........West Ohio
    Zekoff, Steve............Wisconsin
    Southworth, Jennifer......Wisconsin

ON-SITE COMMITTEES: 2012*

COMMITTEE ON AGENDA

The Committee on Agenda is composed of the chairpersons of all on-site and standing committees.

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE JOURNALS

(one person by area)
2012 North Central Jurisdictional Journal

Kaurauf, John…….Illinois Great Rivers
McCabe, Harriet…….Northern Illinois
Oakland, Jerry…….Iowa
Proctor, Simmie…….Michigan
Roper, Jocelyn…….West Ohio

Stimilling, Bill…….Wisconsin
Swenson, Sarah…….Minnesota
Synder, Tom……..Eastern Michigan
Thineman, Tom……..Indiana

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS
(one person by area)

Archambeau, Don…….Michigan
Crede, Kelligay…Illinois Great Rivers
Gatz, Elisa…….Northern Illinois
Moots, Phillip…….West Ohio
Nuckolas, Dave…….Minnesota
Pier-Fitzgerald, Lynn…..Michigan

Reynolds, Christopher…….Wisconsin
Schenk, Betsy…….East Ohio
West Steel……………..Iowa
Dakotas

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS
(one lay and one clergy per conference)

Andrews, Iris………….East Ohio
Bank, Wayne…………..Detroit
Burkhart, Bob…………..Iowa
Chafin, Lonnie…….Northern Illinois
Christianson, Faye……..Minnesota
Edgar, John……..West Ohio
Gross, Greg…….Northern Illinois
Ivanov, Mary……..West Michigan
Johnson, Dan…….Minnesota
Steve, Letts……..West Michigan

Oakland, Barb……………..Iowa
Potts, Mike…..Illinois Great Rivers
Price, Dave…………..Illinois Great Rivers
Radley, Dorothy…….Wisconsin
Stutltz, Valerie……..East Ohio
Stutz, Sue……………West Ohio
Sutton, Tara…………..Detroit
Zekoff, Steve……..Wisconsin

COMMITTEE ON PRESIDING OFFICERS
(one person per area)

Larson, Lisa……………..Iowa
Stickney-Miner, Dee…….West Ohio
Hartong, David……..East Ohio

Adams, Andy…..Illinois Great Rivers
Lawson, John……..Wisconsin
Minier, Ryan………..Michigan
STANDING COMMITTEE: 2008-2012*

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS: 2008-2012
(one lay and one clergy by area)

Armstrong, Gary……………Minnesota
Askin, Harry…………….East Ohio
Bolte, Alan…………………Minnesota
Calvillo, Melissa……Illinois Great Rivers
Campanano, Juancho…….Northern Illinois
Christianson, Faye………Minnesota
Curless, Roger………..Southern Illinois
Diehl, Doug………………..Dakotas
Fairchild, Darryl………..West Ohio
Farnum, Becca………..Michigan
Howard, George………..West Ohio
LaBumbard, Billie………Wisconsin
Lawson, John………………Indiana
Jones, Janelle……………..Dakotas
Nygaard, Chris…………… Iowa
Ott, Louise R………………Michigan
Reynolds, Cindy…………Indiana
Robinson, Randy………Illinois Great Rivers
White, Wesley………………Wisconsin
Winkler, Jim………………East Ohio

COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY: 2008-2012
(one lay and one clergy by conference)

Barrett, Joy………………..Detroit
Beard, Frank……………..North Indiana
Bishop, Shane……Illinois Great Rivers
Blumer, Bruce……………Dakotas
Dahlberg, Mary Jo……….Minnesota
Dahlman, Laurie……West Michigan
Euper, Jackie………………Detroit
George, Gary……………East Ohio
Glass, Ann………………South Indiana
Heisler, Benton………West Michigan
Jackson, Maggie………East Ohio
Johnson, Teri……………Dakotas
Kail, Ed………………………Minnesota
Kercherval Short, Mary………..West Ohio
King, Lisa………………Wisconsin
Mayorga, Jorge…………….Wisconsin
Mykrantz, Kaye…………North Indiana
Reyes, Luis Felipe………Northern Illinois
Spencer, Beverly………….Iowa
Stover, Greg……………..West Ohio
Whitaker, Rhonda……Illinois Great Rivers
Williams, Ike………………South Indiana
Zabel, Judy…………………..Minnesota
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Chewning, Donald....Wisconsin
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ON-SITE COMMITTEES: 2008*

COMMITTEE ON AGENDA

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COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE JOURNALS
(one person by area)

Owens, Laura..............Dakotas
Lowe, Justine E..........Wisconsin
Manzi, Mark...........Northern Illinois
Nelson-Olin, Sally......East Ohio
Ney, Sue......................Iowa

Purvis, Judi..............Indiana
Rankin, Carol..........Illinois Great Rivers
Swenson, Sarah........Minnesota
Wilson, L Cean..........West Ohio

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS
(one person by area)

Reich, Eldon.............Dakotas
Alexander, Dennis......Minnesota
Gibson, L. Jerome.....Illinois Great Rivers
Kindschi, Rick..........Wisconsin
Lee, Martin...........Northern Illinois

Miller, Rachel.........West Ohio
Pier-Fitzgerald, Lynn......Michigan
Somerville, Mike.......East Ohio
Young, Marcia.........Iowa

COMMITTEE ON NOMATIONS
(one lay and one clergy per conference)

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Andrews, Iris.........East Ohio
Boley, John.........West Michigan
Burkhart, Bob..............Iowa
Chalker, Ken............East Ohio

Fenstermacher, Ed.....North Indiana
Fisher, Debbie......Northern Illinois
Gates, Mary..........Minnesota
Gatz, Elisa.........Northern Illinois
Gordon, Ginny......Illinois Great Rivers
Hazen, Cathy.........Detroit
Hines, Derik…………..West Ohio
Jones, Janelle…………..Dakotas
Landis, JD………………Detroit
Marshall, Carolyn…South Indiana
Mosely, Lois……..West Michigan
Petrak, Ruth Anne………..Iowa

Polster, Steve………….Wisconsin
Pyatt, William……..Illinois Great Rivers
Radley, Dorthy……..Wisconsin
Ruedebusch, Bob……..Dakotas
Sechrist, Becky……..Minnesota
Walker, Robert……..West Ohio
Wilkins, Ray……..South Indiana

COMMITTEE ON PRESIDING OFFICERS
(one person per area)

Daniel, Wes……………..Iowa
Glass, Ann………………Indiana
Kindschi, Roger………Wisconsin
Laferty, Matthew………East Ohio
Mallory, Margaret……..West Ohio

Peterson, Duane……..Minnesota
Smith Malone, Tracy……Northern Illinois
Tuttle, James E……..Michigan
Wilkes-Null, Beverly…..Illinois Great Rivers

*Except for the Committee on Agenda, members of on-site committees are elected upon nomination of their conference delegation. Chairs are chosen by the College of Bishops.

COMMISSION ON RELIGION AND RACE

Executive Committee
Chairperson:
Phil Carver……………...Iowa
Vic-Chairperson:
Deborah Thompson…Wisconsin
Recording Secretary:
Edna
Smith…………………..Detroit
Financial Secretary:
Elisa Gatz………Northern Illinois

Monitoring Coordinator:
Marian McCray……Illinois Great Rivers

Member-at-Large:
Rosia Murphy………….Detroit

Member-at-Large:
Nadia Kanhai-Zamora……Northern Illinois
Member-at-Large:
Enna Antunez…………Iowa
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Committee on Episcopacy

North Central Jurisdiction Committee on Episcopacy
July 19, 2012

I stand before you, again, representing the work 22 persons. The final results of our report are based on the following:

- Work throughout the Quadrennial – 3 separate consultations with each Bishop as well as corporate meetings with the North Central Jurisdiction College of Bishops
- The evaluation process – each Area Committee through reports
- Recommendations from each Annual Conference
- The hours of discernment this week
  1. Tuesday – 11 hours
  2. Wednesday – 8 hours
  3. Total – 18 hours (By comparison of previous years, when the last Bishop has been elected, the committee completes its work, approximately 7 hours at best

The specific assignments are as follows:
Indiana – Bishop Michael J. Coyner

Iowa – Bishop Julius C. Trimble

Dakotas/Minnesota – Bishop Bruce Ough

Michigan – Bishop Deborah Leider Keisey

West Ohio – Bishop Gregory V. Palmer

North Illinois – Bishop Sally Dyck

East Ohio – Bishop John L. Hopkins
Illinois Great Rivers – Bishop Jonathon D. Keaton

Wisconsin – Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

Bishop, I move the acceptance of this report.
The primary work of the Mission Council of the North Central Jurisdiction is to oversee the work of the mission agencies (see separate report for each) supported by the jurisdiction, create a budget which provides for their support, monitor the use of the funds provided, and make other financial decisions as needed for the work of the jurisdiction. This is accomplished through yearly meetings and the work of members of the council as liaisons to the various agencies to provide closer linkage to them. Reports are received from each agency twice during the quadrennium.

During this quadrennium the Mission Council has also helped with the funding needed as a new area is being created from two earlier ones. Please be sure to read the reports of each of the agencies of the jurisdiction to learn about the many types of advocacy and service being carried out in the name of Christ within the conferences of the jurisdiction.

A concern for the future is the need for persons who are nominated to serve on the Mission Council being willing and able to carry out the tasks assigned to the group. During this quadrennium, only about fifty per cent of the appointed members have been active. This weakens the ability of the council to give good oversight to the mission agencies and does not provide adequate information for making wise decisions about support for each.

Two actions will be needed by the Jurisdictional Conference in July in support of recommendations from the Mission Council. Approval is being sought for new Financial Policies as well as a budget for the next quadrennium. (See attachments to this report)

Thank you for your support of these mission agencies in the North Central Jurisdiction.

Ruth Ellen Stone, Chairperson of NCJ Mission Council
Dakotas-Minnesota Episcopal Area Special Apportionment Proposal
Endorsed by the Mission Council and College of Bishops
Included in the proposed Budget

PROPOSAL

For the 2013-16 quadrennium, a special apportionment in the amount of $125,000 shall be assessed to the Conferences of the North Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Churches for the purpose of expanding the comprehensive high-quality video conferencing system currently being used by the Dakotas Conference. This special apportionment shall not be assessed to the Dakotas Annual Conference or the Minnesota Annual Conference. The funds may be used for the purchase and installation of equipment and software supporting this system. The Dakotas-Minnesota Episcopal Area, the Dakotas Conference, and the Minnesota Conference shall submit reimbursement requests with appropriate supporting documents to the Treasurer of the North Central Jurisdiction to access these funds.

The special apportionment shall be assessed as follows:

- $85,000 in 2013;
- $20,000 in 2014;
- $20,000 in 2015.

RATIONALE

The Dakotas-Minnesota Episcopal Area will be 234,755 square miles or roughly the size of the State of Texas. In addition the membership is not
concentrated in a geographic location. There are large membership churches spread throughout the entire area which means that key leaders are spread throughout the area. The Episcopal Area Office will be located in Minneapolis, MN. The closest district office in the Dakotas will be 230 miles away. The furthest will be 600 miles away. The Dakotas Conference Center will be 300 miles away. Unless we are able to take advantage of communications technology, these distances will greatly limit our bishop in being able to meet face-to-face with key leaders. Email or conference calls are not adequate for making important decisions or collaborating on complex or sensitive issues. We also cannot afford to have our bishop or key leaders spend 5-10 hours travelling one-way to meetings. Video conferencing provides us with the best option for meeting face-to-face and reducing travel time and expenses.

The proposed system takes advantage of and expands on proven technology in use in the Dakotas Conference. The system will allow the Bishop, District Superintendents, and staff to meet with each other, clergy, congregations, and committees in order to make the connections so vital for leadership and governance.

**Why not use a free or low cost service such as Skype?** Skype does offer business video conferencing, but there are a number of limitations.

- While Skype or something similar will be used for brief meetings with 1-4 participants, it will not provide the quality of interaction needed for larger and longer meetings or for important decisions such as strategic planning or appointment setting.
- The quality of video conferences is greatly affected by the quality of each user’s computer equipment and internet connection. Skype does not allow us to ensure an adequate quality of either.
- Skype does not recommend more than five users on a video
conference call. Even with five users, Skype gives several warnings about having updated software, quality computer equipment, and a high-speed internet.

- Skype has proven to be inconsistent in providing a quality video conference experience. If the experience is low quality, the decisions and discussions will be negatively affected.
- There are many opportunities for the video conference to go poorly.

**How will the funds be used?** The Dakotas Conference has purchased a Tandberg 4510 20-port bridge in December 2011. The bridge includes software, support, licensing, and installation. The total cost of this bridge is $132,395.06. Approximately $100,000 of this expense was paid for by the Dakotas Conference with the remainder being paid from what was remaining of the $40,000 transition grant provided by the North Central Jurisdiction. Of the approximately $100,000, $80,000 was raised through individual donations. The Dakotas Conference is seeking reimbursement for the approximately $20,000 not raised through fundraising. This purchase will allow up to 20 locations to meet in high-quality video conferences. Up to 25 different users may be licensed to join meetings using their personal computer, which would be ideal for bishops in their travels outside the episcopal areas.

The Dakotas Conference currently has five endpoints to connect to this bridge. The Minnesota Conference currently has one endpoint. The Dakotas Annual Conference has been using video conferencing since 2007, and they have found that they do not have enough endpoints. Many of the key leaders still need to travel three hours one-way for meetings. To allow the bishop to meet with key leaders face-to-face when needed, the Dakotas Conference has determined that they require at least five more endpoints. The Minnesota Conference has determined that they will require four to five endpoints to start. It is estimated that the purchase and installation of the equipment for each endpoint will be approximately $10,000 per endpoint. For ten additional endpoints, the cost would be $100,000. This brings the total to $120,000. The endpoints would be added in the years 2013-15 as funds become available.
THE BISHOP RUEBEN JOB CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The Bishop Rueben Job Center for Leadership Development was founded in 1998. The Center is a ministry of Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, South Dakota, and is affiliated with the United Methodist Church, serving the United Methodist Church’s North Central Jurisdiction as well as the United Methodist Church across the connection. The Center runs a variety of seminars for clergy and laypeople addressing critical areas of development for churches. Topics include interim ministry, transition management, starting or renewing congregations, and a popular series of seminars directed toward specific concerns of churches based on size. The seminars are held at a variety of sites across the Midwest and beyond and are led by outstanding practitioners and consultants in the fields of leadership and discipleship.

The mission of the Bishop Rueben Job Center is to provide excellent quality training, resourcing, and networking for clergy and lay leaders in the area of Christian leadership development, concentrating on key ministry areas and key transitions in ministry. This includes updated theory, practical skills, and spiritual growth for continual learning and development. These seminars do an outstanding job of equipping laity and clergy to be effective spiritual leaders in making disciples of Jesus Christ by reaching out consistently to those who are not yet churched.

The Center is overseen by an Advisory Board comprised of persons from across the North Central Jurisdiction and has an administrative office at Dakota Wesleyan University. Dr. Douglas Anderson is the founding and continuing Executive Director for the Center.

The Center has provided resourcing in every annual conference of the North Central Jurisdiction (in most conferences it has been multiple times) over the last quadrennium. In addition, the Center has also provided resourcing several times each year in each Jurisdiction in the United States over this quadrennium as well. The response and evaluations of the helpfulness, effectiveness, and fruitfulness of the offerings of the Center has been consistently positive – for which we are grateful.

Let me now begin to share in a bit more detail the range of seminars, workshops, and other offerings made available through the Bishop Rueben
Job Center. The two seminars that most directly focus on discipling are Mission Centered Ministry and The Race to Reach Out. Mission Center Ministry helps lay and clergy leaders develop leaders that center on the Mission (rather than focus on their preference and comfort) and be able to develop persons to be able to share their faith in Jesus Christ through a step by step process. The Race to Reach out equips laity and clergy to disciple newcomers through a practical, effective process of creating awareness, welcoming, identifying, responding, listening to, connecting, and then joining after discipling.

All of our seminars are designed to strengthen both lay and clergy leaders around “making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world”. There have been several full series and several individual seminars of the 5 Church by Size seminars led by Doug Anderson to help pastors and lay teams understand the unique and important ministry that their church size offers. These seminars remain as follows: “Extending the Church Family: Ministry in a Small Church”, “Mastering the Middle: Ministry in a Mid-sized Church”, “Beyond the Barrier: Ministry for a Becoming Large Church”, “Building a Terrific Team: Staff Ministry in a Large Church”, and “Leading a Church Staff: Basic Tools for Effective Lead Pastors”. Each of these seminars is geared toward helping make disciples of Jesus Christ effectively in the size church they are serving together and to be able to make the necessary transitions due to new disciples in the congregation and the resulting growth.

The Center has also developed and led the Academy of Ministry Excellence for Provisional Members. Following its commitment to leadership development and strengthening the ministry of Christ in the United Methodist Church, the Bishop Rueben Job Center has developed this curriculum of the three-year learning cycle for probationers of annual conferences. The curriculum includes a wide range of important, formational areas of training that we believe will equip new pastors with the practical skills they need to serve as effective and mature ordained leaders of congregations in the 21st century. Such leadership is marked by the following qualities and focus: spiritual leadership centered on God’s mission for the congregation; collaborative leadership style with laity in partnership for
decision making and implementation to maximize wisdom; understanding leadership within a multi-cultural and multi-generational congregational context; utilizing the spiritual gifts of laity for the ministries to which they are called; and developing leaders who develop others in ministry for the mission of Jesus Christ.

Additional seminars of the Center included “Boot Camp Tune Up” with Barb Flory and Brad Kalajainen, “Renewal of Old Downtown First Church” with Marvin Armpriester, John Flowers, and Karen Vannoy, and “Coaching Foundations” with George Howard. Doug Anderson also led “Leading Change and Managing Transitions” seminars and “Back to the Parish” (for District Superintendents appointed to a local church).

We also offered last year and again this year the seminar “Starting Multi-cultural Faith Communities”, led by a Church for All People that has done this successfully. We have provided a seminar “Starting New Hispanic/Latino/Latina Faith Communities”. We also have had The Race to Reach Out and Mission Centered Ministry seminars offered in Spanish, as well as English. We also held a session of Mission Centered Ministry for 8 different ethnic groups, with a discussion of how the seminar might fit into various cultural contexts.

There has been the development of two additional seminars for congregational transformation – Vital Mergers led by Dirk Elliott and County Seat Ministry led by Marvin Armpriester. We also offer two additional transformational processes as well - Intentional Interim Ministry training led by Dianne Christopher (certified by the General Board of Higher Education) and Healthy Church Initiative (proven effective by developing leaders in an annual conference to replicate this process throughout the annual conference) led by Bob Farr and the team from the Missouri Annual Conference that developed this process. Our Center is committed to expanding our offerings and effectiveness in transformation, now offering seminars annual in all 5 jurisdictions in the United States while doing our primary resourcing in the North Central Jurisdiction.
I am grateful for the ongoing support of the North Central Jurisdiction (and in particular the Mission Council) for the Bishop Rueben Job Center for Leadership Development. May God continue to bless the work of the Center as we seek to partner with all of you in faithful ministry to live out our common Mission of “making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

With gratitude for serving,
Doug Anderson
Executive Director
Bishop Rueben Job Center
for Leadership Development
The Continuing Consultation Committee’s mission proposal centered on four core initiatives: *Spiritual Leadership, Evangelism and Community Engagement, Congregation Development and Revitalization, and Faith, Health and the Black Family*. The initiatives supported NCJ’s mission “to make disciples of Jesus Christ by providing spiritual leadership” and were confluent with NCJ’s vision of “holy, bold disciples of Jesus Christ living in unique and connected faith communities energized by dynamic spiritual leadership, both clergy and lay”. CCC is grateful to the NCJ Mission Council for the opportunity to include these vital issues in the ongoing accomplishment of NCJ’s mission and appreciative for its system of accountability including the assignment of a program liaison.

Programs were implemented using a comprehensive set of strategies that included an overarching focus on youth and young adults. Planning and evaluation were linked using a “learning outcomes” approach to assess effectiveness. Data mining with this methodology provides meaningful analysis and produces “actionable” data for impact on future program development and implementation.

**Program Highlights**

“*When Jesus Moves Into the Neighborhood*”: Evangelism Training

CCC launched “*When Jesus Moves Into the Neighborhood*” training modules. Modules focused on reaching the “un-churched”; revitalizing church ministry in transitional and/or multi-cultural settings; strengthening involvement and/or reconnecting with their residential neighborhoods; and serving and witnessing across cultural and linguistic differences. The latter is essential as African American churches respond to the pressing effects and vulnerabilities created by poverty.
Supplemental components included:

- Examining and exploring issues necessary in understanding the impact of urban realities associated with new congregational starts;

- Equipping congregations with evangelistic tools that will help them to have clear mission and vision relative to becoming more inviting and welcoming is essential; and

- Encouraging the use of metric supported evidence that fits the Wesleyan model of prayer, study, accountability, and service.

CCC learning labs have been integrated in the annual meetings of NCJ-BMCR and designed to equip congregations with evangelistic tools that take into account the demographics of their locations. Progress reports and presentations about new church starts have been given by general agency staff, conference committees, and seminary faculty.


A continuous thread weaving through the wide and complex spectrum of health care issues is the critical importance of faith and family to health care outcomes. The recognition of spiritual anchoring as a fact of life may be new to some of the scientific community; however, to Christians, the power of faith and healing is reiterated again and again in biblical texts. Scripture reinforces the interrelatedness of healing and wholeness in Matthew 9:35-36, Matthew 14:35-36, Luke 6:18-19 and Acts 5:16. The miraculous healings by Jesus, of both mind and spirit, the teaching moments connecting faith to wholeness and the importance of peace of mind have been and continue to be essential elements of our biblical tradition.
CCC’s Task Force on the Black Family and Christian Growth provides specialized resources to help local congregations and conference caucuses extend and enrich family ministry, and examine critical issues facing the church and the Black family. To that end, the task force held a best practices colloquium to enable participants to further actualize the stated goals and objectives set forth in their specific ministry plans. The event “addressed the impact health disparities within African American communities and provided strategic applications and resources.

Other Activities

Held a Strategic Leadership Roundtable tasked with planning and coordinating program development and implementation;

Developed a congregational survey instrument to assist in determining specific congregational/community ministry needs;

Began development of a “Best, Promising, and Innovative Ministry Practices” guide;

Continued archival work with the BMCR Hall of Fame in gathering and preserving the history and contributions of African American involvement within the Jurisdiction and respective conferences.

Created “First Thursday” a monthly resource publication; Inaugurated the “ministry on the move” training workshops for use throughout the jurisdiction;

Sponsored youth to attend National Youth Harambee;

Sponsored youth to attend ministerial recruitment institutes;

Inducted in the BMCR Hall of Fame, persons celebrated for their work with youth and young adults.
Racial/Ethnic Ministry Accountability

Each funded agency of the NCJ Mission Council is asked “What means do you use to decrease racism and /or expand racial/ethnic ministries”? CCC through Black Methodists for Church Renewal (BMCR) has a distinct and historic heritage of working on behalf of inclusiveness and diversity. Having experienced exclusion, both de facto and de jure, inclusion is an integral part of our work; CCC is often called upon to provide workshops and learning experiences, throughout the Jurisdiction, focused on inclusiveness and diversity. In addition, CCC programs incorporated the following application strategies:

- Acquiring cultural competencies and awareness of their role as residential neighbors, especially given the rapidity of cultural demographic change within close proximity to our churches;
- Utilizing multi-cultural models and partnerships;
- Participating in community cross cultural dialogues;
- Encouraging active participation with racial/ethnic ministries within our various conferences;
- Identifying role models and sharing inspirational narratives from the archival work of the Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame is a positive response to the exclusionary practice of negating the valuable contributions of racial/ethnic minorities; and provides a wealth of inspirational narratives; and
- Utilizing a broad understanding of diversity, to include the diversity and location specific challenges of our diverse urban, suburban, and rural settings.
In Memory

We were saddened at the passing of long time members and supporters Bishop James Thomas, Bishop Edsel Ammons and NCJ-BMCR chair Mrs. Geneva Aldridge. They leave a legacy of love for the church, their people, and excellence in ministry.

Conclusion

“Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers you too will prosper.” Jeremiah 29:7

The Continuing Consultation Committee used Jeremiah 29:7 as the thematic scripture for its mission proposal. The passage reminds us afresh of the reciprocal relationship between church and community. As we bring spiritual leadership to bear on the well being of our communities – the resulting transformation is witness to our denomination’s understanding that “The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world; and that local churches provide the most significant arena through which disciple-making occurs.”

Submitted by, Dr. Carolyn E. Johnson, Chair
Committee on Native American Ministries and Native American
International Caucus

Committed to the Wesleyan traditions of education and small group
discipleship systems, the jurisdictional committee on Native American
Ministries has developed and provides two primary ongoing educational
programs. For laity, the annual Native American Lay Speaking School
provides education for lay leadership that reflects United Methodist
scholarship with a firm biblical foundation in a variety of topics such as:
pastoral care, preaching, teaching, and evangelism. The school offers both
basic and advanced lay speaking classes for denominational certification.
The lay speaking school was held in 2009 in Illinois, with 20 persons
attending from three conferences, and again in 2010 in Michigan.

The Native American Course of Study, an extension of the Course of
Study School in Ohio at METHESCO, is a program of study for pastors
endorsed by the General Board of Higher Education. Providing a culturally sensitive learning environment, the school serves to
equip Native American pastors for ministry, and provides a small group
of pastors in covenant with one another as they serve across the
jurisdiction.

This past year has been momentous for NACOS. During the Fall and
Winter months we developed a brochure which reflected the goals,
dreams, and hopes of NACOS. This Spring it was sent to over 600
persons in The United Methodist Church; including Bishops, District
Superintendents, CONAM chairpersons, and others in each Annual
Conference. The response has been good, with many applauding the
work on behalf of Native Americans. These are generally a neglected
people, with only some 2-1/2% of Native Americans who are Christian.
In The United Methodist Church, in the United States, there are some
18,000 Native Americans (according to Rev. David Wilson, OIMC), out of
7.8 million members. This is less than one quarter of one percent. Our
goal is to train Native Americans to return to their own people and
cultures with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Since the brochure has gone out,
we have had several people express interest in attending NACOS.
Our first graduate was Tom John, from West Michigan. This spring we graduated our second person from NACOS. Mark Amenda was sent to pastor two small churches 12 years ago. He was told to stay there until they closed. He is still at these churches. In July he will become the pastor of the larger church, while the smaller church is put on another circuit. The church he will stay at has increased enough to support him, by themselves, at one-half time. If you would question Mark, he would credit NACOS with giving him the training, skills, and confidence to fulfill his calling. This fall we plan on graduating two more students.

In trying to be good stewards of the funds we do have, we will be meeting this year at Pine Lake United Methodist Camp, near Westfield, WI. Not only are the rates good for our budget, but beyond that, we are able to eat family style, have lots of time and atmosphere for bonding, and Native Americans can spend time in nature. It is a lovely setting where we can get away and let God speak to us. While the challenges may be great we are excited about the opportunities and are looking forward to continued ministry with our brothers and sisters.

We had one instructor this spring who began with NACOS. Dawn Helton Anishiibeqwa told us her first introduction to theological thinking was at NACOS. She decided to get her education, graduating from Dubuque Seminary a couple of years ago. She is being ordained this June as a Provisional Elder, and to top it off, was able to come back and teach at NACOS for us. In Native American ministry, this is what we are about.

In addition, the NCJ CONAM helps identify youth to participate in the Native American International Caucus Youth Training Program: Flying With Eagles. The Flying With Eagles program was held in 2008, training 25 youth, and in 2011, training 28 youth. We hope to have one more “Eagles” program this fall.
Hispanic Caucus  
Center for Hispanic Ministries Report to the 2012 North Central Jurisdiction

Thanks to the support of the North Central Jurisdiction the Center for Hispanic Ministries has been able to continue serving the Hispanic churches in our jurisdiction. The Center for Hispanic Ministries of the North Central Jurisdiction continues to serve in two main areas. One of the areas is by providing several trainings to strengthen and enable more effective ministries among the Hispanic communities. We provide trainings in areas like, but not limited to: stewardship, administration, evangelism, worship, leadership development, retention of visitors, development of cell ministry and finances. In addition, the second area of emphasis of the work of the Center for Hispanic Ministries is working in conjunction with the Wesley Methodist Seminary of Monterrey, Mexico in providing classes for lay members and local pastors to improve and increase their knowledge of the church and more effectively serve the Hispanic churches in our jurisdiction. These classes are held in Jesucristo Es El Señor, in Cobden, Illinois in the Great Rivers Conference. These classes are held twice a year during the winter and summer. We have been doing this work for several years with many people from several churches in the jurisdiction participating in these classes. The Center for Hispanic Ministries has served several churches in: the Indiana Conference, Great Rivers Conference, Iowa Conference, Northern Illinois Conference, and Wisconsin Conference. We have worked with about thirty churches in these conferences during the quadrenium. In addition, this quadrenium, we were asked by the Wisconsin Conference Cabinet and the National Hispanic Plan office to assist the churches in Wisconsin in providing trainings to the Hispanic churches as part of the Plan for Mobilization of Churches. We worked with them to enable this process take place over the last few years. We have met with the Mission Council whenever we were invited to share with them progress reports on the work done by the Center for Hispanic Ministry. We have also provided them with all the information requested by them during the past four years. We thank them for their support for continued support and their recommendation for continued financial support by the North Central Jurisdiction. Our Steering Committee is composed of
members from four annual conferences. We are looking forward to working in partnership with the Mission Council and the Hispanic churches in the coming quadrenium. We have plans underway to expand our services to work with more Hispanic churches in the jurisdiction. In addition, we are working with another church and Conference to develop another center for training like the work we do in Cobden, IL. Meetings to materialize this have taken place. We want to thank the North Central Jurisdiction for their support to the Center for the Hispanic Ministries in the 2009-2012 quadrenium.

Chairperson
NCJ Hispanic Caucus
Hispanic American Caucus Report

It’s with joy and thanks giving to our Lord Jesus Christ that we present this report from the ministry of this agency during the 2008-2012 Quadrennium. These are the ways in which the Hispanic American Caucus has worked toward the fulfillment of the mission of the Jurisdiction “To make disciple of Jesus Christ by providing spiritual leadership.”

The best result of our work in this quadrennium, we believe is that in June of 2010 for three days, we had our youth Camp with the theme of “Atrevete” in which we had 195 youth from different conferences of our Jurisdiction. We brought a youth adult coordinator from Puerto Rico who has experience in working with youth in retreats and other settings. A good number of youth came to Christ in this event. We believe that one of the blessings of using the Wesleyan model with the Hispanic youth is the ability to present the Good News of Jesus Christ to them in a way that relates to their current reality and the reality of the communities they live. After this event, Pastors and congregations followed up in discipleship with these youth so they could feel welcome in our congregations.

We can affirm that the events and strategies we have done have strengthen our laity and clergy in many ways. The goals and objectives of the Hispanic Caucus of our Jurisdiction relate to the mission of the NCJ’s mission in that the effort of every event that the Caucus offers to the Hispanic/Latino community is in alignment with “making disciples of Jesus Christ by providing spiritual leadership.”

We affirm that we have met our goals and objectives in a successful way, thanks to the outcomes of the events that we have offered, and the quality of the leadership and resources we had.

In 2008 the Caucus offered a spiritual retreat for the Hispanic men of our Jurisdiction with emphasis in encouraging them to become Disciples of Jesus Christ and be instruments of transformation. Also, in the last weekend of September, we celebrated our Annual Assemble in Schaumburg Illinois. In this event the resource person was Bishop
Antonio Aguiña from Mexico. He offered a workshop about the “Three Simple Rules”, and relates these rules to our daily lives.

In 2009, we had a spiritual retreat for Pastoral couples, in which 16 Pastors and their spouses came and were ministered by a Pastoral couple from Mexico. This was an enriched event for our Pastoral couples. Also, we celebrated our Annual meeting the last weekend of September with the theme “Congregational development” in which three workshops were offered.

In 2010, we had our youth Camp in June with the theme of “Atrevete” in which we had 195 youth from all over our Jurisdiction.

In this year 2011 in July, we had the Retreat for Empowering Hispanic Women of our Jurisdiction. This event took place in Wesley Wood Conference Center in Williams Bay, Wisconsin. 30 women participated in this event, and they witness that the vent was a transformative experience for them. This year in September, the Annual Assemble theme will be “Rethinking Church.”

These events fulfill the mission of the NCJ’ mission because our outcome was to develop and strength the spiritual lives of our brothers and sisters, laity and clergy of our Jurisdiction. They were evaluated by our executive committee by reviewing the evaluation forms.

The NCJ Hispanic caucus is very instrumental in the developing of new congregations. In this regard our agency has resourced at least 30 new congregations in our Jurisdiction by equipping their clergy and laity to be in ministry in the context of their communities. And by strengthen their laity with the Modules I, II and III of the Lay Missioner program of the National Plan for Hispanic Ministry.

Presented by,

Rev. Jorge Luis Mayorga
Chairperson
1. What was the best result of your work this quadrennium as you have used the Wesleyan model of reaching and forming disciples of Jesus Christ?

Answer: One of the highlights of this quadrennium is the New Life congregation in Ohio. Since there were less than 30 members, they were unable to support a full-time pastor. However, I was able to find a student pastor who is a D.Min student at United Theological Seminary. Both the congregation and the pastor are doing well and are mutually happy with this arrangement.

Also, the Evangelical KUMC in Minnesota was struggling with their pastor. Their relationship along with the relationship with this church and the Conference staff was very strained. Through extensive meetings and counsel, I was able to help the church reconcile and recover so that they are slowly on track to becoming a healthy church. In 2011 charge conference, D.S recognized this EKUMC will be a model of the other ethnic churches in Minnesota conference.

2. In what ways (events or other strategies) has your agency helped strengthen lay and clergy leadership for local churches?

Answer: We’ve been able to strengthen lay and clergy leadership for local churches through various meetings and training events. I meet with clergy and lay leaders separately to hear areas where they feel need to be strengthened and then meet with them as a group to train and resolve conflicts biblically. To the lay leadership, I present the Biblical model of the church and the roles of lay leaders and pastors to clarify responsibilities. Those events encouraged the congregation and pastors.

3. How does your group help to develop new congregation?
Developing new congregations is a goal for all of the Korean UM churches nationwide. Together, our campaign is “1000 Churches and 100 thousand members”, coined during our last KUMC conference. To help support this campaign, we are having local congregations contribute per person $1 per day for a year and 1% donation of each of the existing pastor’s salary. As funds become available through this campaign, we will be able to help new congregations and plant new churches after five years. The extension of God’s Kingdom through the building up of new congregations and members is a high priority for me and for NCJ Korean Mission. “100 Churches Campaign” already supported some amount of the funds.

4. How does your group work to transform existing congregation?
Answer: We are transforming existing congregations by strengthening leaders and pastors. We have various programs from small group leaders training to family retreats, leadership training and resource seminars. The NCJ is active in supporting all of these programs.

5. What means do you use to decrease racism and or expend racial ethnic ministries?
Answer: As an ethnic minority, we recognize the importance of supporting other ethnicities. Many of the churches I work with open up their facilities so that they are able to have a place of worship and Bible study. Our hearts and doors are always open to them and we encourage continual fellowship with one another through sporting events and community events.

6. In what ways do you reach and transform the lives of children?
Answer: I encourage all the churches I work with to develop a vibrant children’s ministry no matter what their size, as the key to a strong community is through the children’s programs. I am hoping to begin a program where Korean churches with strong children’s ministries
partner with new church plants to share, train and support the development of strong children’s programs.

7. In what ways have worked to eliminate poverty I community with the poor?

Answer: As I meet with various churches and through training, part of it entails reaching out to the poor in the community and assisting those who are in need through prayer, goods and financially.

8. In what ways has the relationship with your NCJ Council liaison been effective or ineffective? What would make it better?

Answer: Having a NCJ liaison has only had its advantages. I hope that they feel the same way about our relationship. It’s a huge support knowing that I have someone to whom I can go to when questions/issues arise.

9. What financial support are you requesting from the NCJ Council for the quadrennium? How will such funding be used? Have you field financial reports, as well as program ones, each year with the NCJ Mission Council?
HIGHLIGHTS - 2012 Quadrennial Report on UMVIM-NCJ
(United Methodist Volunteers In Mission – North Central Jurisdiction)

Better Communication of our Mission through these avenues:
1. Up-to-date news via Constant Contact email service – over 4200 persons subscribed now
2. A presence on Facebook,
3. Updated Website, spring 2012.
4. Future teams list - linking teams and individuals to UMVIM opportunities.
5. Regular emails and phone calls

Increased the number of UMVIM trainings and trained leaders: A task force met in the fall of 2009 and created a training program for the NCJ that all conferences can use. There are ~719 newly trained team leaders in our conferences since 2008. We follow these Best Practices of UMVIM:

- Serves where invited,
- Serves at a United Methodist or Methodist-related agency,
- Has a Trained team leader,
- Follows Safe Sanctuary Guidelines of the conference sending the team
- Has insurance

Well-trained leaders help their teams understand culture differences, team dynamics, spiritual formation, relationship building, project partnership vs. ownership, accountability, and other “volunteerism” skills. Teams which do not have this component can cause more harm than good without even realizing it. Leadership training equates into more teams and additional service and work being carried out. They also Interpret the mission of the General Church to teams. UMVIM teams from the NCJ serve in ALL of the Four Focus Areas endorsed by the UMC.

Since 1992, Mission Discovery (for youth/young adults) has directly impacted 322 participants. (This does not include the 14 subsequent mission teams led by newly trained leaders). Team leadership training was added to the program in 2009. Participants covenant to lead a return team of young adults within 3 years. So far, 30 team leaders have been trained, with 14 return teams completed! 12% of participants have been of ethnicity.
With the help of UMCOR trainers, three NCJ Disaster Response Academies (2009, 2010, 2012) have helped train and increase our Conference Disaster Response capabilities.

Since 2001, health care professionals do mission service through the Rx ConneXion. An annual Consultation is held in May with workshops on different aspects of leading and taking medical teams into a world that needs their special services. No other jurisdiction has such a group. Community Based Primary Health Care is promoted to empower people to learn basic skills to take care of themselves and their communities. We regularly send ~50 health care teams / year from the NCJ.

teachUM is for educators. Teachers are needed all over and many teams now have an educational component as part of their team strategy.

The number of individuals or couples wanting to serve for 2 months or longer is on the rise. After completing an application and attending training, these Individual Volunteers are eligible to serve in a myriad of placement sites around the globe. The NCJ now sends as many Individual Volunteers as other jurisdictions.

A very successful Quadrennial RoundUP was held in August, 2011 at Epworth Forest UM Camp in Indiana. The participation and enthusiasm of this year’s 87 attendees and workshop leaders was inspiring!

Haiti Response – The NCJ has averaged 20 recovery teams/year for earthquake hit areas (2010-2012) in Haiti. We also send an equal number of teams to other Methodist projects in Haiti.

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Our grateful thanks goes to the Mission Council and to the Annual Conferences of the North Central Jurisdiction. Your support of our efforts to increase the impact of volunteerism through UMVIM-NCJ in the United States and abroad is appreciated!
The purpose of the NCJCORR, as stated in our by-laws, is:
— To actively work for the elimination of racism within the North Central Jurisdiction.
— To plan and provide training for members of Conference Commissions on Religion and Race (CCORR) – or corresponding bodies – within the North Central Jurisdiction and other persons as deemed necessary.
— To share information and resources of and to CCORR.
— To monitor the work of Annual Conferences, Jurisdictional Commissions, Committees, and other agencies in their quest for racial and ethnic inclusiveness in all aspects of their work.

Our primary means for meeting this purpose is through our Annual Learning Events each October. Worship is central to every gathering, where we have been blessed this quadrennium with preaching from several of our bishops, including Minerva Carcaño, Hee-Soo Jung, Linda Lee, Sally Dyck, and Julius Trimble. Small group workshops are another regular feature of our annual events. Like John Wesley’s class meetings, we benefit from the discussion of scripture and Christian life as we address important contemporary issues of inclusiveness.

The focus for each Annual Learning Event has been on developing spiritual leaders to strengthen their work to eliminate racism in their Annual Conferences and the communities they serve. Laity and clergy are involved in the planning and presenting of each event. In recent years our events have been held on Friday through Sunday to encourage lay participation. We intentionally host these gatherings in different annual conferences in order to encourage local participation and to further develop our network of support as commissions on religion and race.

Our workshops and musical guests provide exposure to racial ethnic congregations from our host conferences to inspire participants to explore new congregational development in their own communities. One significant and recurring topic at our events is supporting cross-racial and cross-cultural appointments. We provide training for conference leaders to help prepare congregations to receive pastors – or pastors to work with congregations – from racial ethnic backgrounds different from their own.
Our schedule of Learning Events for the quadrennium is as follows:

2008 – Chicago (Lisle), Illinois, hosted by the Northern Illinois Conference, October 17-19
   Theme: “Challenging Business as Usual: Facing the Facts”

2009 – Minneapolis (Bloomington), Minnesota, hosted by the Minnesota Conference, Oct. 23-25

2010 – Milwaukee, Wisconsin, hosted by the Wisconsin Conference, October 15-17
   Theme: Challenging Business as Usual: Visions of Racial Justice”

2011 – Des Moines, Iowa, hosted by the Iowa Conference, October 21-23
   Theme – “Challenging Business as Usual: Growing in Diversity, Serving the World as Disciples”
NCJ Urban Network/Steering Committee Report

2009-2012 Quadrennial

Our main focus is to create significant training opportunities in urban ministry that includes learning from those that are deeply involved in urban ministry. Additionally we work to create these events in partnership with the Town and Country Association. We provided events in Fort Wayne, IN; East St. Louis; Columbus, Ohio and encouraged members to attend SCUPE in Chicago. Our Columbus training event was a real highlight “Creating Partnerships for Radical Urban Ministry” with Bishop Joseph Sprague, Keynote Speaker; Rev John Edgar, pastor of Church for All People; Rev David Meredith, pastor Broad Street UMC; site visits included Shalom Zone and Church for All People; Our East St Louis event was equally challenging and insightful as we met at the Lessie Bates David Neighborhood House with the theme “The Unopened Gift: Recognizing and Receiving the Gifts of All”.

Attending SCUPE (Seminary Consortium for Urban Pastoral Education) was helpful as we looked at the big picture and partnered with people on a national level. The theme was “Peacemaking in a Culture of Violence” – unfortunately very fitting for our time. Although an inter-faith group of attendees and presenters, the largest group was United Methodist. We were able to host a meeting for United Methodist’s in the NCJ and this was a great time of networking.

As a growing and evolving network we have also spent time as a steering committee updating our by-laws, creating a logo, yet also considering the future of our organization and its’ outreach. We have worked on a Vision paper that looks at new ways of reaching out and learning about urban ministry. We are finding ways to connect with the many conferences in the NCJ in ways that help reach more individuals and organizations that are involved in urban ministry.

This August we will meet along with the Town and Country Association for a reflective and challenging 4 days as we continue to determine how to be most effective in the work we do in the world of today and over the coming 4 years. Currently we have training events on the drawing board for 2014 and 2016 and planned attendance at SCUPE in 2013 and 2015.
Respectfully Submitted

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The North Central Town & Country Association enjoys a joint relationship with our sister organization Urban Networking. During the 2009-2012 quadrennial our theme was (Radical Hospitality). January events focused on teaching and training models that would equip ministers and laity for doing effective Hospitality within their own context. The 2009 event on Radical Hospitality training took place in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The 2010 event was held in an Urban setting at the Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House in St. Louis, Illinois. The event offered a wide range of extending Hospitality through a wide range of social service action and economic neighborhood development. How to start Hospitality programs like these from local locations. The T&C in 2011 piggy back onto the rural Ministry Conference held at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. The event’s theme: “Changing times-Hospitality as an agent of Change.” We helped with construction of the theme and sponsored Tex Sample as keynote speaker. Twelve scholarships were provide to first time attendees. All of our events are geared toward helping both clergy and laity with cutting edge material and training. We move around the Jurisdiction so that a wide variety of people can be a part of the Event’s training. It’s all good. Our goal is teaching church leaders on ways to opens doors to the least and less. Showing them how to develop and start new ministry and provide a means to encourage, support, make aware, and educate the Jurisdiction on these important issue like Radical Hospitality.

We are asking for $12,000 dollars ($3,000 per year). This will help fund our 2013-2016 Events with Urban Networking. The theme for next quadrennial is ‘Radical Leadership’. The events will be held in: 2013 Cleveland (New Places for New People), 2014 Wisconsin (Personal Piety and Social Holiness), 2015 Dakota (Empowering the Church for Advocacy and Transformation) and 2016 Michigan (Living lean and Green-Environment, consumerism, God’s renewed Creation). Our August 2012, combined exec meeting has been designated for Vision Planning (in addition to our Event Planning activities). We will have “outside” consultants Ed Kail and /or Craig French from RUN/ GBGM brought in to help us with the process. This
meeting will be held in Chicago. What a pleasure and unique experience it is to work with and share in ministry with Urban Networking. Our future events will always be staffed and led by the best available experts so that can make a difference in the leadership toward Town and Country issues.
1. The Midwest Mission Distribution Center opened for business in March of 2000. Here in the flat land of central IL, surrounded by corn fields, thousands of volunteers have dedicated themselves to helping others in need over the past 12 years.

2. Centrally located in the heart of the Midwest, the center can reach major transportation routes in any direction within a few minutes.

3. Midwest Mission Distribution Center is a mission related to the United Methodist Church, first in IGRC and in the North Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church. The Center cooperates with UMCOR and other helping agencies, but is not funded by UMCOR. All assets result from donations from caring persons. The center borrows no money and has no debt.

4. “Our mission is to compassionately help God’s people in need locally, nationally, and around the world, and to offer a Center to fulfill the call for service to neighbors in Christ’s name.”

5. Our campus is 8 acres and includes the following buildings: Offices and kit assembly building connected to the warehouse, a 32 bed dormitory, picnic shelter, chapel, gift store, duplex and staff house. In addition there are 13 RV sites with full hookups. The main office building and assembly room is the first to be seen from historic “Old Rt. 66”.

6. Here are the staff offices of the Executive Director, Pat Wright; Warehouse Supervisor, Mark Freeman; Warehouse Clerical Assistant, Mary Evermon; and Assistant Director, Danielle Eaton. There is also an office for our volunteer coordinators which come for a month at a time. Our computers are connected to high speed wireless internet services that are “WI-FI” broadcast throughout the entire campus. There is also a designated sewing area and kit making work stations which will accommodate up to 30 volunteers.
7. The warehouse is supervised by Mark Freeman. The first warehouse is 7,776 sq. ft. and is full to overflowing most of the time. A new addition was added in 2007 that increased our sorting and storage area by 10,368 sq. ft. The center needed this new addition to accommodate large donations and for staging large shipments.

8. The new warehouse addition is situated just east of the first warehouse and is seamless in its appearance. The warehouse addition is not heated but will be used to store and sort items that are not frost sensitive.

9. In October/November 2011 the concrete slab was laid for a foundation for the third section of the warehouse.

10. The woodworking shop is located in the southeast corner of the warehouse addition. It is used for the construction of school desks and other items needed to be built. Many thousands of desks have been assembled by our volunteers over the years that are in turn sent to mission schools in other countries.

11. School desks are assembled by volunteers after the pieces are cut in the woodshop. They are then knocked down, sanded, and two coats of polyurethane are applied. After the desks are dry they are wrapped in stretch wrap and are ready to ship.

12. Four work rooms have been constructed against the north wall of the second warehouse. The NOMADS and numerous volunteers have worked hard on getting them built and functional. They house the bicycle repair shop, the sewing machine repair shop, the desk construction shop, and a shop for building P.E.T. (Personal Energy Transportation) vehicles for the handicapped.

13. MMDC is always looking for volunteers to work in the newly constructed sewing machine and bicycle repair shops.

14. The second building to be built on the campus is the 32 bed dormitory which includes a large kitchen well stocked with cooking utensils. Teams can choose to prepare their own meals while staying here or go out to eat in many of the nearby restaurants. There is also a centrally located meeting and dining
room, computer and TV viewing area. Men’s and Women’s showers and restrooms are spacious. The accommodations are highly rated by the volunteers. Due to the popularity of the accommodations, the dormitory is usually booked at least a year in advance, so call early for reservations!

15. The 13 RV sites have full hookups and are used year round by the NOMADS and other campers. The water connection is available April through October. Normally sites are available but please call for reservations before coming.

16. As of February 2010 the Midwest Mission Distribution Center signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) and is one of 7 cooperating Depots in the UMCOR Relief Supply Network. This means that MMDC if an official drop off site for “UMCOR” kits and works closely with UMCOR and the other Cooperating Depots to provide relief supplies to devastated areas nationally and worldwide. All shipments of “UMCOR” kits are made only with the approval of UMCOR. MMDC is not a subsidiary of nor funded by UMCOR and will continue to make kits and do projects specific to the Center as well as make and ship the “UMCOR” kits.

17. The UMCOR Relief Supply Network currently has 7 members:
   - **Midwest Mission Distribution Center – North Central Jurisdiction, Chatham, IL**
   - Eastbrook Mission Barn – Western Pennsylvania Conference-New Castle, PA
   - Mission Central – Eastern Pennsylvania Conference-Mechanicsburg, PA
   - Mission Response Center – Western North Carolina Conference-Terrell, NC
   - North Alabama Disaster Warehouse-Decatur, AL
   - UMCOR West Depot – Salt Lake City, Utah
   - UMCOR Sager Brown Depot – Baldwin, LA

18. The locations of the current 7 members of the UMCOR Relief Supply Network are located in 6 different states. The 3 in the eastern part of the United States are the Eastbrook Mission Barn which is in New Castle, PA;
Mission Central in Mechanicsburg, PA; and Mission Resource Center in Terrell, NC. Midwest Mission Distribution Center is located in the Midwestern part of the US in Chatham, IL. North Alabama Disaster Warehouse in Decatur, AL and UMCOR Sager-Brown Depot in Baldwin, LA are located in the southern states; and UMCOR West Depot is located in the western states in Salt Lake City, Utah.

19. In 2011 MMDC sent out the following numbers of kits:
   - UMCOR Cleaning Buckets=5,452
   - UMCOR Health Kits=60,634
   - UMCOR School Kits=9,624
   - UMCOR Layette Kits=721
   - UMCOR Sewing Kits=662
   - UMCOR Birthing Kits=83
   - MMDC Haiti Student School Bags=22,109
   - MMDC Haiti Teacher School Bags=110
   - MMDC School Desks=130

20. This slide shows MMDC school desks in Haiti and MMDC school bags in Haiti.

21. Bicycles from the MMDC bicycle ministry as they arrived in Haiti and being distributed.

22. Sewing machine that was delivered and in use.

23. School desks that have been delivered in Liberia, West Africa-John Wesley School in Weala District, Liberia and John Lewis Memorial United Methodist School Paynesville, Monrovia, Liberia.

24. Project Operation Handclasp-MMDC is a donor to the Navy’s Operation Project Handclasp. MMDC has supplied the Navy with school desks and school bags. Recipients pictured are children in Suriname receiving a MMDC school bag provided during a humanitarian aid deployment.
25. Other facts:
MMDC opened in March of 2000.
   In 2011, 209 disbursements weighing over 160 tons were sent.
   MMDC is funded through the generosity of individuals, civic groups, local congregations and conferences.
   MMDC is dependent upon our volunteers!

26. The volunteer teams that come to MMDC soon become new friends!
Many teams have returned over the years and it is always a joy to see them again. When volunteering they could be put to work doing any one of the multiple tasks needed at the Center. WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

27. In 2011, 1,860 individuals from 22 different states representing 365 churches volunteered for a total of 31,136 hours at MMDC.

28. Many items that are no longer needed in homes and hospitals and at the work place can still be useful to others. The center strives to recycle useful items such as bicycles, computers, sewing machines and many medically related items. If you have something you would like to donate, please call to see if there is a need for it.

29. A banner given to the center by Redwood Falls, MN UMC is a familiar quote from John Wesley. It reads:
   “Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can.”

30. A favorite verse for the Center is from Matthew 25:40 “Truly, I tell you: anything you did for one of my sisters or brothers in need, however insignificant, you did for me.”

Christ is at work in all of us when we reach out with compassion to help one another.
The 2004 – 2008 quadrennium for the NCJ Urban Network was an excellent period for the life of the organization. The highlight was the national urban training event that we sponsored in Minneapolis in 2005. More than 325 people from all over the country attended and we are still receiving compliments from participants! One unique feature of the event was the support and participation of urban Native Americans from across the country. Their presence was significant; from the opening smudge ceremony and evening banquet to raising the consciousness of all present to the unique challenges facing the Native American population in our cities today.

We built our Steering Committee membership up to 42 persons and have active representation from all our conferences. Our website was developed and online during this quadrennium as well.

We continue to enjoy a close relationship with the Town and Country Association and conducted three joint events across the jurisdiction. In that vein, we have worked together to highlight 2008 General Conference legislation that is of importance to each organization and have found meaningful conversation about these and other related issues to be very productive.

The NCJ Urban Network is still the model and example that is held up for all the other jurisdictional networks across the connection. We set the standard and lead the way. That is something of which we should all be proud, especially the NCJ Mission Council, because without the Mission Council’s support, this effort would be greatly compromised.
B. 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIUM GOALS

Maintain and enrich the relationship with the Town and Country Association by having joint training events that offer affordable learning opportunities for constituents.

In order for us to plan, develop and host these events, the Urban Network is requesting $2250 per year over the four year period for a total of $9,000. This is a slight increase to cover the costs of members’ travel costs to planning meetings as well as other related expenses.

Conduct an “immersion” in one of our jurisdictional cities.

While training events continue to be an avenue for us to meet the needs of our members, there are many urban ministry practitioners and their churches that are not able to benefit from these events for a variety of reasons. Alongside this phenomenon, there are also seasoned urban ministry practitioners within our Steering Committee itself and across the jurisdiction that are available to resource many of our people.

Therefore, the NCJ Urban Network will conduct an “immersion” in one of our jurisdictional cities during the next quadrennium. This immersion would be in conjunction with the conference, district and local church leadership of the selected city. The city would be selected on the basis of several criteria: 1) State of the urban church in the city, 2) Readiness of the conference, district and local churches for renewal, 3) Particular opportunities and challenges in the local churches and urban neighborhoods of the city and 4) a commitment to support this effort financially.

Once a city and/or several urban neighborhoods and churches within the city are identified, seasoned urban ministry practitioners and coaches will be mobilized to lend their assistance in the renewal of those churches and neighborhoods over a period of 3-4 years. There will be a kick-off event with goal setting to create the basis for a strategic plan. Following this event, the NCJ Urban Network will work with local leaders in the area around the opportunities and challenges identified by the local leadership.
The funding request is for $5,000 ($1250 per year) over the span of the quadrennium to cover travel, room and board, and materials, etc. of the immersion. It is expected that the host city (conference, district, and/or local churches) will match these funds.

Continue to develop the website and focus on advertising and publicizing its presence as a way to network, support and resource our constituents. The website will not only help the Urban Network build a more cohesive membership but will expand our membership base as well. Communication, on all levels, is still our primary obstacle. While it comes with the jurisdictional territory, it can be mastered.

The funding request is for $1200 ($300 per year) in order to pay a webmaster and have the needed materials, etc. to circulate across the jurisdiction.

On-going funding.................................................................$9,000
New funding........................................................................6,200

Total for the Quadrennium.................................................$15,200

Please direct any comments, questions or concerns to E. Cary Simonton, Chairperson – NCJ Urban Network; simonton@att.net or 513-227-3092
PLAN OF ORGANIZATION AND RULES OF ORDER

Setting of Time and Place for Jurisdiction Conference,
Call to Order, Service of Communion and Memorial

The North Central Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church shall meet at the times set by the Council of Bishops and at the place determined by the Local Arrangements Committee, continuing the rotation shown on page 26 of the 2012 Advance Journal. The conference shall have the power and duties as specified in paragraph 25, The 2012 Book of Discipline.

The resident bishop of the Episcopal area in which the conference is held shall call the conference to order followed by a Celebration of Holy Communion and Memorial. The names of bishops, bishops’ spouses, and members of jurisdictional standing committees who have died since the last Jurisdictional Conference, plus delegates-elect who have died since their election, and of others who in the judgment of the Local Arrangements may appropriately be remembered, shall be read.

I. ORGANIZATION and AGENDA of the OPENING SESSION
The president of the College of Bishops shall preside at the opening session of the Jurisdictional Conference at which the agenda will be:

A. Greetings and Introductions by the Bishop of the Host Area

B. Roll Call
The roll shall be called by the secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference in the following manner:
1. The secretary of the College of Bishops of the jurisdiction shall report the names of the bishops who are present and who are absent.
2. The roll of delegates shall be called according to annual conferences. The chairperson of the delegation will report to the conference the number of delegates and reserves present.
3. The general or executive secretaries of the general church councils, boards and commissions of The United Methodist Church, who are members of annual conferences within the bounds of the North Central Jurisdiction, but who are not elected delegates of the Jurisdictional Conference, shall be seated within the voting area of the Conference and report their presence during roll call.

C. Report of the Committee on Rules of Order
1. The Plan of Organization and Rules of Order shall remain in effect until amended by a Jurisdictional Conference in regular or special session. Any amendments or additions recommended by the Jurisdictional Committee on Rules of Order for action by the Jurisdictional Conference must be in accordance with the Rules of Order.
2. A majority of the Jurisdictional Conference delegates shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
3. The committee shall report any proposals to change the election process or any question of credentials before the first ballot is taken.

D. Confirmation of the Jurisdictional Conference Committees and Secretarial Staff
1. The secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference shall present, for confirmation, membership on the various on-site and standing committees as elected by the appropriate Episcopal areas or annual conferences.

2. The secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference shall present, for confirmation, those who are serving as members of the conference secretarial staff.

E. Report of the Committee on Episcopacy
The Committee on Episcopacy shall report on the number of bishops to be elected.

F. Report of the Committee on Elections
1. Appropriate Disciplinary materials, including the paragraphs 406.2a &b from The 2012 Book of Discipline, p. 288,
2. The balloting procedure shall be explained.

G. Taking the First Ballot
The first ballot shall be taken. (See II, Procedures for Episcopal Elections).

H. Report of the Local Arrangements Committee

I. Report of the Jurisdictional Treasurer

II. PROCEDURES for EPISCOPAL ELECTIONS
The Committee on Elections, in consultation with the Committee on Episcopacy, shall recommend the procedures for Episcopal nominations and elections.

A. Episcopal Nominee Information Forms for supplying biographical and other information regarding nominees shall be developed by the Committee on Elections in consultation with the Committee on Episcopacy. These forms shall include but not be limited to requests for: name and address; date and place of birth; family; formal education and continuing education; previous vocational record prior to ordination; ordination date(s) and conference(s); appointment and pastoral record, current annual conference membership and appointment; membership on boards and agencies: a) church (denominational and ecumenical) and b) community activities; publications, awards, and honors.

1. No later than September 1 of the year in which General/Jurisdictional Conference delegations are elected, the Jurisdictional Conference Secretary shall send the Episcopal Nominee Information Form and proposed procedures to annual conference secretaries and chairs of annual conference delegations. The annual conference secretary shall have responsibility to inform the population of the respective annual conferences of the availability of the forms through such means as will reach the widest possible audience. The Jurisdictional Conference secretary shall distribute a press release to the director of communications in each conference specifying when and where Episcopal Nominee Information Forms will be available.

Delegations are free to engage nominees beyond their Annual Conference after January 1 of the year of General Conference.

2. The Jurisdictional Conference secretary shall duplicate the Episcopal Nominee Information Forms which have been signed by the nominee and properly submitted. Seventeen days prior to the opening of Jurisdictional Conference, copies of all Episcopal Nominee Information Forms received shall be distributed via first class mail or email to delegates, first reserves, members of the College of Bishops, and other persons with Jurisdictional Conference responsibilities.
Nominees must submit the Episcopal Nominee Information Forms immediately after the close of their annual conferences, and no later than June 25, in order to be included in the packet of nominee information sent to all the Jurisdictional Conference delegates. The secretary of the jurisdiction shall assign a voting number to each clergy delegate and any others who have properly submitted an Episcopal Nominee Information Form.

B. Balloting and Procedures
A 60% majority of the valid votes cast on any ballot is needed for the election of a bishop (see Rule 25-E).

Prior to every ballot, a bishop or member of the Committee on Episcopacy will lead the conference in prayer. A person who has not been assigned a voting number may secure one by requesting such in writing from the secretary. The bishop presiding shall report the additional name(s) and voting number(s) to the Jurisdictional Conference.

1. Reporting the first ballot:
   a) In the event of an election, the name and vote tally of the elected person shall be announced first and that person introduced to the conference by a member of the Committee on Episcopacy. After such and introduction, the bishop presiding will continue reading the names only on the rest of the first ballot.
   b) All persons receiving ten or more votes shall be introduced alphabetically by the chair of the Committee on Episcopacy. Upon introduction, each nominee will give name, community where presently residing, and current appointment. An opportunity for withdrawal from nomination shall be given by the bishop presiding.
   c) The names and vote totals of the nominees will be read in descending order of votes received following the interviews and before the second ballot is taken.

2. Interviews. All nominees, having been introduced to the conference will be assigned rooms for interviews. Space for these interviews will be arranged by the Local Arrangements Committee in consultation with the Committee on Elections. The interview moderators shall be the lay members of the Committee on Episcopacy with additional lay members of the Jurisdictional Conference being selected by the committee as needed. Three twenty-minute periods shall be scheduled with ten-minute breaks between each period, providing every delegate an opportunity to hear and question three candidates. This process will be followed by a thirty-minute period for delegation meetings.

3. After the interviews and report of first ballot votes, balloting shall continue for the second and subsequent ballots in this manner: In the event of an election, the name and vote tally of the elected person shall be announced and that person introduced to the conference by a member of the Committee on Episcopacy. After such an introduction, the bishop presiding will continue the reading of the results of the ballot in descending order of votes received by those who obtained ten or more votes.

4. Balloting shall continue until the elections are completed. To facilitate the election process, a variety of opportunities for dialogue shall be offered: nominee interviews, spot conversations, delegation meetings or other processes determined by the Committee on Elections.
   a) Spot conversations are for those situations when delegations might need a brief time together.
   b) Delegation meetings provide opportunity for delegations to converse among themselves regarding the election and to receive further information regarding any of the nominees.
5. A nominee may formally withdraw his/her name before the beginning of any ballot by either;
   a) submitting a withdrawal in writing to the Jurisdictional Conference secretary who will immediately
      notify the bishop presiding and who, in turn, will report the withdrawal, or
   b) submitting their withdrawal orally through a point of personal privilege (two-minute limit
      recommended).

III. THE OFFICERS of the JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE

A. Secretary of the Jurisdiction
1. The Jurisdictional Committee on Nominations shall present a nominee from the clergy or lay
   membership of the North Central Jurisdiction for secretary-designate. Other nominations may be made
   from the floor. The Committee on Agenda shall schedule a time for election to be held during the session
   of the Jurisdictional Conference. If there is more than one nominee, the election shall be by ballot. If, in
   the interim of the quadrennial sessions of the Jurisdictional Conference, the office of the secretary shall
   for any reason become vacant, the College of Bishops shall appoint a secretary to serve through the next
   session of the Jurisdictional Conference.

2. The secretary designate shall assume the responsibility of the office of secretary as soon after the
   adjournment of the Jurisdictional Conference as all work in connection with the session, including the
   preparation, printing and mailing of The Journal has been completed. The exact date of transfer of
   responsibility to the secretary-designate shall be determined by the College of Bishops, but shall not be
   later than twelve months after the adjournment of the Jurisdictional Conference. The secretary of the
   Jurisdictional Conference shall serve through to the end of the next Jurisdictional Conference.

3. The secretary of the jurisdiction is authorized to perform the following tasks:
   a) Nominate assistant secretaries from the membership of the United Methodist church within the North
      Central Jurisdiction as is deemed necessary, to be presented to, and confirmed by, the Jurisdictional
      Conference at the opening session.
   b) Edit and arrange for the publication of The Advance Journal prior to the conference, and carry out the
      same tasks for The Journal following the conference.
   c) Prepare and send by the November 1st preceding the opening of the next Jurisdictional Conference the
      nominating forms with instructions for jurisdictional councils, boards, and committees to each annual
      conference delegation chair.
   d) Prepare and send the nominating forms for general church councils, boards, and committees to each
      annual conference secretary no later than the May 1st prior to the opening of Jurisdictional Conference.
   e) Prepare for the registration packets a list of voting numbers assigned to all clergy members of
      delegations eligible for the office of episcopacy and for any clergy not in a delegation who have
      submitted an Episcopal Nominee Information Form.
   f) Make the conference floor seating assignments for delegations and reserves.
j) The secretary, in consultation with the chair of the Committee on Credentials, will provide a daily form on which to report in writing the attendance of the members of the delegation. Absence of delegates and substitutions by reserve delegates shall be recorded.

k) Serve as a full member of the Jurisdictional Missions Council and the Committee on Elections, and in advisory capacity to the Local Arrangements Committee. Serve ex officio on the Committee on Rules of Order, and the Committee on Journals.

l) At least six months prior to the Conference, the secretary shall contact the head of each delegation and request that they forward to the secretary a copy of the annual conference journals from the last quadrennium, in electric format. The copies are to be received at least two weeks prior to the Conference. The secretary shall provide these annual conference journals to the Committee on Journals for their inspection pursuant to their duties as outlined in the Book of Discipline.

B. Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer

1. The conference shall elect, on nomination of the jurisdictional Committee on Nominations, a treasurer and, if needed, an assistant treasurer. Consultation prior to the nomination with the Jurisdictional Association of Conference Treasurers is recommended.

2. The treasurer of the Jurisdictional Conference is authorized to perform the following tasks:
   a) Pay the bills incurred in connection with the quadrennial session of the Jurisdictional Conference upon the approval of the chairperson of the local arrangements committee or the chairperson of the Jurisdictional Mission Council or a designee of the Council.
   b) Make other disbursements as may be authorized by the Jurisdictional Conference.
   c) Pay travel and per diem expense to the duly elected delegates of the Jurisdictional Conference upon receiving properly completed and signed vouchers from them.
   d) Execute contracts on behalf of the Jurisdictional Conference.
   e) Pay travel and other expenses incurred during the quadrennium by the Jurisdictional Mission Council, the Local Arrangements Committee, the Committees on Appeals, Elections, Episcopacy, Program and Arrangements, and other committees authorized by the Jurisdictional Conference upon receipt of properly completed and signed expense vouchers from the members of these committees. All other expense vouchers must receive approval from a designee of the Jurisdictional Mission Council before payment can be made by the treasurer.
   f) Prepare financial reports at least quarterly for the finance committee of the Jurisdictional Mission Council.
   g) Send quarterly invoices and statements to annual conference treasurers for North Central Jurisdictional apportionments.
   h) Prepare financial records and reports for an annual review of the books and a quadrennial audit.
   i) Prepare such reports as are required by the IRS and other government agencies.

IV. COMMITTEES

The Jurisdictional Conference shall have on-site and standing committees with functions as prescribed and other committees as it may order. Each committee shall develop a handbook of practices and procedures, a copy of which shall be retained by the Jurisdictional Conference secretary and treasurer. The delegation from each Episcopal area or annual conference shall nominate and elect from their delegation their representatives to these jurisdictional committees unless otherwise prescribed. These names shall be forwarded to the Jurisdictional Conference secretary by the February 15th prior to the convening of the Jurisdictional Conference.

A. On-Site Committees
The College of Bishops shall select the chairperson of each on-site committee with due consideration given to geographical spread, the selection of racial and ethnic minorities, and women to serve in these areas of responsibility. The chairperson shall be chosen from the membership of these committees, and shall be responsible for convening their committees at the site of Jurisdictional Conference. At that time, they may elect other officers as needed.

1. AGENDA. There shall be a Committee on Agenda composed of the chairpersons of all standing and on-site committees. The committee shall propose the agenda for each business session, and include a time for election of the jurisdictional officers. The chairperson of the committee shall:

a) confer with the presiding officer of each session regarding the proposed agenda, including orders of the day,
b) decide on the validity of questions of privilege, and if valid, recommend them to the conference to be heard;
c) prepare and present to the conference for its action any complimentary resolutions as occasion dictates;
d) determine those to whom courtesies of the conference should be extended and make appropriate arrangements.

2. CREDENTIALS. There shall be a Committee on Credentials composed of one member elected from each area.

a) The chairperson of the annual conference delegations shall report the attendance and absence of delegates, and name the available reserve delegates for absentees.

b) The chairperson of the Committee on Credentials shall tabulate by session the daily attendance and absence of delegates and the substitution by reserve delegates, to be then reported to the Jurisdictional Conference secretary for publication in The Journal.

3. JOURNALS. There shall be a Committee on Journals composed of one member elected from each Annual Conference. The Jurisdictional Conference secretary shall serve ex officio.

a) This committee shall examine daily the record of the secretary, and report its findings to the conference with appropriate recommendations. Any error subsequently discovered in a section of The Journal which has been approved shall be reported to the conference for correction.

b) The Committee on Journals shall also examine the annual conference journals of the past quadrennium to see if they conform to the guidelines as set forth in The 2008 Book of Discipline, Para. 606.3.

4. NOMINATIONS. There shall be a Committee on Nominations for the purpose of nominating the Jurisdictional conference secretary and treasurer, and persons to general church councils, boards and commissions, to the Jurisdictional Missions Council, and other positions necessary to fulfill jurisdictional structure. It shall be composed of:

- The active bishops of the jurisdiction;
- One clergy person from each annual conference;
- One lay person from each annual conference;
- One representative of the Division on Ministry with Young People with voice only;
- One representative with voice only from each of the following four racial/ethnic minority groups, to be elected by the group represented for assignment to the Jurisdictional Committee on Nominations: Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Native American International Caucus, MARCHA, and the Asian American United Methodist Caucus.

a) No member of the Committee on Nominations shall be nominated by that committee for membership on any council, board or commission of the general church. No staff member of a general council, board
or commission of The United Methodist Church shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Committee on Nominations.

b) The Committee on Nominations shall hold its first meeting at the site of the Jurisdictional Conference at least one day prior to the opening of the Jurisdictional Conference. The Jurisdictional Conference secretary shall notify the members of the time and place of the meeting.

5. PRESIDING OFFICERS. There shall be a Committee on Presiding Officers composed of one member elected from each area. This committee shall select the presiding officer for each session of the conference, and in each instance report its selection to the conference prior to the adjournment of the previous session. The presiding officers shall be chosen from among the bishops in the active relationship. The president of the College of Bishops shall preside at the opening business session of the Jurisdictional Conference.

B. Standing Committee.
The Jurisdictional Conference shall have the following standing committees with the term of office beginning, unless otherwise specified, with the adjournment of the Jurisdictional Conference, and continuing until their successors have been confirmed. Each committee shall be convened on call by a member of the College of Bishops and shall elect its own chairperson.

1. APPEALS. There shall be a Court of Appeals appointed in accordance with provisions of The 2012 Book of Discipline, Para. 2716.

2. ELECTIONS. There shall be a Committee on elections composed of one clergy and one lay person from each area plus the Jurisdictional Conference Secretary and the chair of the Committee on Episcopacy. The committee will assume responsibility for all decisions, activity and functions in regards to the Episcopal nomination process in consultation with the Committee on Episcopacy. The Committee, also in consultation with the committee on Episcopacy, will determine the method for balloting and make provisions for the equipment and supplies necessary for voting.

3. EPISCOPACY. There shall be a Committee on Episcopacy with membership, functions and terms of office as provided in The 2008 Book of Discipline Para. 522.

a) The bishop of each area shall make a written report to this committee not less than thirty days prior to the convening of the Jurisdictional conference. The report shall include, but not be limited to:

- A review of the bishop's Episcopal administration during the quadrennium;
- A report on annual conference program emphases, goals an achievements;
- Evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of the area; a statement on the major issues facing the Church in the area; matters of concern regarding the bishop's Episcopal assignment.

b) The Committee on episcopacy assumes the responsibilities of caring-honoring functions or the bishops which includes: ceremonial recognition of those bishops entering the retired relationship following Jurisdictional conference, attention to the needs of newly-elected bishops, a responsibility which begins at the moment of election, and recognition and hospitality for all Episcopal leaders within the jurisdiction in consultation with the Local Arrangements Committee.

4. COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION. There shall be a Committee on Investigation consisting of seven elders in full connection, with not more than one elder from each annual conference and two lay observers. Five reserve elders and one reserve lay observer also shall be elected. The committee shall be elected on nomination of the college of Bishops, and shall elect a chair at the site of Jurisdictional Conference. See The 2012 Book of Discipline, Para 2703.1
5. RULES OF ORDER. There shall be a Committee on Rules of Order composed of one member elected from each area. The Jurisdictional Conference secretary shall be an ex officio member. All proposed amendments to the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, and all matters related to particular procedures of the Jurisdictional Conference shall be referred to this committee for recommendation to the Jurisdictional Conference. In the interim between Jurisdictional Conferences, the committee shall meet on call of the College of Bishops or by action of the Jurisdictional Conference. If no meeting is called by either of these means, the chair shall convene the committee for a single meeting prior to the Jurisdictional Conference. Prior to the meeting, the chair shall notify all chairs of standing committees of the deadline for submitting any proposed changes to the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order.

V. JURISDICTIONAL MISSION COUNCIL

Mission/Vision Statement
The MISSION of the North Central Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church is, by the call of God, to make disciples of Jesus Christ by providing spiritual leadership.

The VISION of the North Central Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church is of holy, bold disciples of Jesus Christ living in unique and connected faith communities energized by dynamic spiritual leadership, both lay and clergy.

The CORE PROCESS of the North Central Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church are to:
- Provide connections for unique leadership, spiritual and outreach development across the North Central Jurisdiction, and
- Provide for the election and assignment of bishops in the North Central Jurisdiction.

A. The Jurisdictional Mission Council shall consult with the College of Bishops and the North Central Jurisdiction Association of Conference Council Directors in order to:
1. articulate a vision of the Church within the jurisdiction and develop models for implementing the vision;
2. clarify the vision to the annual conferences within the jurisdiction through conference council directors;
3. enable and support networking throughout the jurisdiction; constantly test the structures against the stated purpose and the vision;
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5. establish criteria for funding and evaluate programs funded by the jurisdiction;
6. prepare a financial budget for the succeeding quadrennium for the operation of the Jurisdictional Mission Council;
7. set a budget, allocate funds, and oversee the investments within the jurisdiction.

B. The membership of the Jurisdictional Mission Council shall number twenty persons elected for two quadrennial terms (eight years) in two classes of ten persons each. Those twenty persons shall be:
- One representative from each annual conference within the jurisdiction for a total of twelve who have been nominated by the Jurisdictional Committee on Nominations from the pool of names submitted by annual conference delegations and elected by the Jurisdictional Conference.
- Eight (8) members-at-large nominated by the Jurisdictional Committee on Nominations from the pool of names submitted by annual conference delegations and elected by the Jurisdictional Conference;
In addition, the following designated persons will serve the quadrennium in which they are named: a bishop selected by the College of Bishops; a conference council director named by the North Central Jurisdiction Association of Conference Council Directors, and the secretary and treasurer of the jurisdiction.

In the event that a member is unable to continue on the council for a second quadrennium the chair shall notify the Committee on Nominations by July 1 in the year of Jurisdictional Conference to name a replacement from the pool of names submitted by annual conference delegations for the four-year balance of the member's term.

The Jurisdictional Committee on Nominations shall be faithful to the commitments of the United Methodist Church to racial and ethnic inclusiveness, shall give consideration to the expertise needed to fulfill the functions of the Mission Council, and shall provide for full participation of clergy and laity.

C. Organizational Structure and Meetings
1. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Mission Council comprised of:
   a) a chairperson, vice-chairperson and secretary elected by the Jurisdictional Mission Council;
   b) a finance person to work with the treasurer on matters of investment and budget;
   c) the bishop named to the council;
   d) the council director serving on the Mission Council;
   e) the officers of the jurisdiction being the secretary and treasurer;
   f) two at-large members who will be designated according to need;

2. The Jurisdictional Mission Council shall meet to organize by October 30th in the year of the Jurisdictional Conference. It shall have the authority to organize as it deems necessary. Organization shall include the election of officers and orientation of the membership. In addition to the organizational meeting, the full council shall meet two additional times during the quadrennium:
   a) The agenda for the second meeting shall include evaluation of the effectiveness of the ministry programs funded in the current quadrennium.
   b) The agenda for the third meeting shall include establishing recommendations for the allocation of funds for the quadrennium and setting the budget. Representatives from funded ministry groups, emerging ministries, networks, and other appropriate resource persons shall be invited and encouraged to be present for all full council meetings at their own expense. They shall have voice but not vote except when invited to do so.
   c) The Executive Committee shall have the discretion to meet as needed.

3. Periodic consultations with the College of Bishops and the Jurisdictional Association of Conference Council Directors would be highly desirable for exchange of information and resources and opening of possibilities for new ministries to be supported. These may be arranged at the behest of the Mission Council, the College of Bishops, or the council directors. Consultations between any of these bodies shall be coordinated in such a manner as to minimize travel and the total number of jurisdictional meetings.

4. In order for the Jurisdictional Mission Council to understand the scope and nature of its ministry across the jurisdiction, each funded committee, agency or program of the North Central Jurisdiction shall have a member of the Jurisdictional Mission Council as its link or liaison to the Mission Council. During the quadrennium, the liaisons shall attend meetings and events of the committee or agency, receive its minutes, publications and financial reports, and act as a reminder to the affiliated groups of their "goal integrity" in regards to funding.

D. Financial Administration and the Jurisdictional Conference
1. On the first day of the Jurisdictional Conference, the council shall present a proposed budget for the ensuing quadrennium, and based upon that proposed budget, determine the amounts to be apportioned to the annual conferences. All additional requests for funds shall be referred to this council.

2. At the final business session of the Jurisdictional Conference, the council shall present for action a revised budget with appropriate adjustments in conference apportionments. The Jurisdictional Mission Council shall recommend to the Jurisdictional Conference for action the per diem and travel expense of all jurisdictional delegates and others attending Conference in an official capacity.
   a) The report of attendance by the Committee on Credentials shall be the basis for paying the per diem to the delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference.
   b) The total expense for travel shall be paid to the delegate who is present and seated. If, during the session of the conference, a reserve delegate is seated in the delegate's place, the delegate shall adjust the travel reimbursement with the reserve delegate on the basis of the time served by each.

VI. PROCEDURES for ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOMINATIONS to GENERAL and JURISDICTIONAL AGENCIES
The annual conferences shall select the nominees for membership on the various general and jurisdictional councils, boards and commissions in accordance with the requirements of The 2012 Book of Discipline, Para. 705., and the Plan of Organization of the Jurisdictional Conference. It is strongly urged that bishops be full participants in this process.

1. To secure nominations for general church councils, boards and commissions, the Jurisdictional Conference secretary shall send nominating forms with instructions to the Annual Conference secretaries by the May 1st before the convening of the Jurisdictional Conference. All nominations from the various conferences shall be returned to the Jurisdictional Conference secretary within one week after the close of the annual conference session and no later than fifteen days prior to the convening of Jurisdictional Conference.

2. To secure nominations for jurisdictional councils, boards and committees, the Jurisdictional Conference secretary shall send nominating forms with instructions to delegation chairpersons by the November 1st preceding the opening of the next Jurisdictional Conference. All nominations from the various conferences shall be returned to the Jurisdictional Conference secretary by the February 15th prior to the Jurisdictional Conference.

3. The Committee on Nominations shall utilize worksheets prepared by the Jurisdictional Conference secretary proving the following information relative to the general church councils, boards and commissions;
   - Number of persons to be nominated; tenure if other than the quadrennium;
   - Names of incumbent members identified as being eligible or ineligible and including the conferences which they represent;
   - The names of persons each annual conference is nominating and the particular general church councils, boards or commissions to which they are being nominated;
   - Number of nominees from each annual conference in ratio relative to annual conference membership within the jurisdiction;
   - Relative representation in The 2008 Book of Discipline, ¶ 705.1b.

4. Each annual conference nominating group shall be encouraged to give strong consideration to returning effective agency members for a second four-year term. No person shall be eligible to serve on any general church council, board or commission for more than the time provided in The 2008 Book of Discipline, ¶ 710.3.
VII. RULES of ORDER
The Rules of Order adopted by the immediately previous General conference shall be the Rules of Order of the Jurisdictional Conference insofar as they apply.
The Plan of Organization and Rules of Order shall remain in effect until changed by this or a succeeding Jurisdictional Conference. They may be amended or changed according to Rule 28 which is printed with other rules in The Advance Journal for delegates to the North Central Jurisdictional Conference.

A. Daily Schedule
Rule 1: Hours of meetings are to be set by the Local Arrangements Committee.

Rule 2: After the opening session (which is set by the Plan of Organization), the daily sessions of the conference shall be conducted as proposed by the Committee on Agenda and adopted by the Jurisdictional Conference.

B. Presiding Officers
Rule 3: Authority of the Chairperson
a) The bishop presiding shall be the legal chairperson of the Jurisdictional Conference.
b) The chairperson shall decide points of order raised by the members and shall rule on points of order not raised by the members, as the chair deems necessary to conform to these Rules of Order, subject in both cases to an appeal to the conference by any member without debate, except that the chairperson and the appellant, in the order here named, shall each have three minutes for a statement in support of their respective positions. A tie vote in the case of appeal shall sustain the chair (see Rule 25b). Any member who raises a point of order shall cite by number the rule adjudged to have been violated.
c) The bishop presiding shall have the right to recess a session of the Jurisdictional Conference at any time at the chair's discretion and to reconvene at such time as the chair shall announce. The bishop presiding shall also have the right to stipulate that the session shall reconvene with only delegates' authorized guests permitted to attend such a session following recess.

Rule 4: Calling the Conference to Order
When the chairperson stands and calls the conference to order, no member shall speak, address the chair, or stand while the chairperson stands.

B. Rights and Duties of Members
Rule 5: Attendance and Seating Reserves
a) No member, unless hindered by sickness or otherwise from being present, shall be absent from the sessions of the conference without permission of the conference; all absentees shall be reported by the chairpersons of the annual conference delegations to the Committee on Credentials on forms provided by the secretary for that purpose.
b) Reserve delegates may be seated upon authority of the chairpersons of the delegations who shall report the substitutions in writing to the Committee on Credentials on a form provided by the secretary. Any reserve delegate seated in the place of a delegate shall have been duly elected by his/her annual conference and shall meet the requirements set forth in The 2012 Book of Discipline, ¶ 514.

If the committee disapproves the substitution, after consultation with the chairperson of the delegation, it may report to the Jurisdictional Conference with its recommendation.
The chairperson of the Committee on Credentials shall make a daily written report to the secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference, listing all changes of seating approved by the committee. These reports shall be recorded in The Journal.

c) The general or executive secretaries of the general church councils, boards and commissions of the United Methodist Church, who are members of annual conferences within the bounds of the North Central Jurisdiction, but who are not elected delegates of the Jurisdictional Conference, shall be seated within the voting area of the conference. These persons shall have the privilege of the floor, without vote, on matters affecting the interests of their respective councils, boards and commissions. The expenses for these persons shall not be assumed by the Jurisdictional Conference.

Rule 6: Directions for Securing the Floor
Unless raising a point of order or parliamentary inquiry, the delegate shall not speak until granted the floor. A delegate desiring to speak to the conference shall move to a microphone and wait to be recognized by the presiding officer. Once recognized, the delegate shall first announce her or his name and the annual conference represented, which the presiding officer shall then announce to the conference.

Rule 7: Interrupting the Speaker
No member who has the floor may be interrupted except for a point of order, a misrepresentation, a parliamentary inquiry, a point of information, or to call attention that the time has arrived for a special order.

Rule 8: Speaking More than Once; Length of Speech
No member shall speak a second time on the same question if any member who has not spoken desires the floor, no more than twice on the same subject under the same motion, and no longer than three minutes unless that time shall be extended by the conference. This three-minute limit may be amended by a majority vote of the conference at any time and for any period of duration.

Rule 9: Point of Order
A delegate wishing to raise a point of order shall address the presiding officer and say, "I rise to a point of order." The presiding officer shall interrupt the proceeding; if a delegate is speaking, that one shall immediately yield the floor. The presiding officer shall then direct the delegate raising the point of order to state the point as briefly and concisely as possible, citing the authority of the point, but the delegate shall not presume to decide the question or argue the point. A point of order is decided by the presiding officer without debate, unless in doubtful cases the chair submits the question to the body for the advice or decision. When the presiding officer rules on a point, debate is closed, but the decision may be appealed.

Rule 10: Voting Area of the Conference
Only delegates within the area of the conference when the vote is taken shall be entitled to vote. All delegates within the area at the time a question is put shall vote, except such as have been excused for special reasons by the conference.

Rule 11: Voting Procedures
a) Voting shall be as recommended by the Committee on Elections unless otherwise ordered by the conference.

b) No other business shall be in order when a vote is being taken, or when the previous question has been called, until the process is completed, except such as relates to the vote itself or such business as the chair may deem appropriate.
Rule 12: Division of the Question
Before a vote is taken, any delegate shall have the right to call for a division of any question, if it is subject to such division as the delegate indicates. If no delegate objects, the division shall be made, but if there is an objection, the chair shall put the question of division to vote, not waiting for a second.

D. Business Procedures
Rule 13: Motion for Adoption of Reports
Whenever a report of a committee, signed by the chairperson and secretary thereof shall be presented to the conference for its action, it shall be deemed in proper order for consideration by the conference without the formality of a motion to adopt.

Rule 14: Required Forms for Resolutions, Reports, Motions, Amendments
All resolutions and committee reports shall be prepared as directed by the secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference. Motions, including amendments, shall be presented in writing.

Rule 15: Alterations of Motions, Etc.
When a motion is made and seconded, or a resolution is introduced and seconded, or a committee report is read or is published, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the conference and may not be altered except by action of the conference.

Rule 16: Un-debatable Motions
The following motions shall be acted upon without debate:

a) To adjourn, when unqualified, except to adjourn the conference finally (See Rule 19);

b) To suspend the rules;

c) To lay on the table;

d) To take from the table;

e) To call for the previous questions (See Rule 21);

f) To reconsider a non-debatable motion (See Rule 26);

g) To limit or extend the limits of debate;

h) To call for the orders of the day.

Rule 17: Rights of the Main Question
The main question may be opened to debate under the following motions: to adopt, to commit or to refer, to substitute, to postpone and to reconsider. No new motion, resolution, or subject shall be entertained until the one under consideration shall have been disposed of, except as provided in Rule 11b. The foregoing does not apply to secondary motions if otherwise allowable in the existing parliamentary situation.

Rule 18: Precedence of Motions
If any one or more of the following motions shall be made when one or more other motions are pending, the order of their precedence in relation to one another shall be the same as the order of their listing below (see also Rule 24):

a) To fix the time at which the conference shall adjourn. (This motion is subject to amendment, or it may be laid on the table);

b) To adjourn;

c) To take a recess;

d) To lay on the table;

e) To order the previous question (see Rules 16e, 21, 23);

f) To limit or extend the limits of debate;

g) To postpone to a given time;
To commit or refer;

To amend or to amend by substitution (one amendment being allowed to an amendment);

To postpone indefinitely.

**Rule 19: Exceptions to the Motion to Adjourn Being in Order**

The motion to adjourn, when unqualified, shall be taken without debate and shall always be in order, except:

a) when a delegate has the floor;
b) when a question is actually put, or a vote is being taken and before it is finally decided;
c) when the previous question has been ordered and action there under is pending;
d) when a motion to adjourn has been lost and no business or debate has intervened;
e) when the motion to fix the time to which the conference shall adjourn is pending. The foregoing does not apply to a motion for final adjournment of the conference.

**Rule 20: Tabling Related Motions**

No motion which adheres to another motion or has another motion adhering to it can be laid on the table by itself. Such motions, if laid on the table, carry with them the motions to which they respectively adhere or which adhere to them.

**Rule 21: Previous Question**

Any member who moves the previous question (that is, that the vote now be taken on the motion or motions pending) shall also indicate to what it is intended to apply if any secondary motions are also pending. If said member does not so indicate, it shall be regarded as applying only to the immediately pending question. This motion shall be taken without debate and shall require a two-thirds vote of those present and voting for its adoption. If it is adopted, the vote shall be taken on the motion or motions to which it applies without further debate. (See also Rules 16, 23, 24).

**Rules 22: Referring Reports, Etc.**

It shall be in order for the conference to refer to a committee a section or part of a report or resolution which is before the conference for consideration or any amendment offered thereunto.

**Rules 23: Procedure for Amending by Substitution**

When a resolution or committee report is properly before the conference for consideration, even if amendments are pending, a substitute may be offered by any member moving that the same be substituted for the report, resolution, or amendment under consideration. This The substitute shall be an alternative to what is before the house and not simply a negation of the main motion. Debate on the motion to substitute will be limited to the question of substitution only. No amendments to the main motion or the substitute will be considered during this period of initial consideration. Following the debate on the motion to substitute, a vote on substitution will occur. If the motion to substitute prevails by a majority vote, then the substitute becomes the main motion. If the motion to substitute does not prevail, then the main motion remains on the floor for further consideration. Debate, including the offering of amendments, then moves forward according to these Rules. A motion for the previous question shall not be in order on the motion to substitute until after opportunity has been given for at least three speeches on each side of the question.

**Rule 24: Unlawful Motion after Speech**

It shall not be in order for a member immediately after discussing a pending question, and before relinquishing the floor, to make a motion whose adoption would limit or stop debate.

**Rule 25: Exceptions to Majority Vote**
A majority of those voting, a quorum being present, shall decide all questions with the following exceptions:

a) One-third of those present and voting shall suffice to sustain a call for a count vote in case the decision of the chair is doubted.

b) A tie vote sustains the chair. (See Rule 3b)

c) A two-thirds vote shall be required to sustain a motion to suspend (Rule 27) or amend the rules. (Rule 28) A call for the previous question is a motion to suspend the rules and therefore requires a two-thirds vote.

d) A majority of 60% shall be required to approve a proposal for a constitutional amendment.

e) A majority of 60% shall be required for an Episcopal election.

Rule 26: Reconsideration
A motion to reconsider an action of the conference shall be in order at any time if offered by a member who voted with the prevailing side. If the motion it is proposed to reconsider is non-debatable, the motion to reconsider may not be debated. (Rule 16f)
E. Suspending, Amending, and Supplementing

**Rule 27: Suspension of the Rules**  
The operation of any of the provisions of the Plan of Organization or of these Rules of Order may be suspended at any time by a two-thirds vote of the conference. (Rule 25c)

**Rule 28: Amending Rules**  
The Plan of Organization and these Rules of Order may be amended or changed by a two-thirds vote of the conference, provided the proposed change or amendment has originated in the Committee on Rules of Order, or has been presented to the conference in writing and referred to this committee. The Committee on Rules of Order shall report on the proposed change or amendment not later than the following day. If submitted on the last business day of Jurisdictional Conference, it will be referred to the Committee on Rules of Order for the next session of the Jurisdictional Conference.

**Rule 29: Robert's Rules of Order as the Supplement Authority**  
In any parliamentary situation not covered by the Plan of Organization or these Rules of Order, the Jurisdictional Conference shall be governed in its actions by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

F. Additional Rules

**Rule 30: Persons without Right to Make or Second Motions**  
A person seated in the conference with the right to speak, but without vote, does not have the right to make a motion or second a motion.

**Rule 31: Effective Date**  
All legislation of the Jurisdictional conference shall become effective January 1 following the session of the conference at which it is enacted, unless otherwise specified.
BOUNDARIES OF CONFERENCES IN THE NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION

The North Central Jurisdiction consists of the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota and South Dakota.

DAKOTAS

The entire state of North Dakota, all of South Dakota, and the Humboldt United Methodist Church in Kittson County, Minnesota.

DETROIT

In the State of Michigan: The conference encompasses the entire Upper Peninsula and the eastern half of the lower peninsula in the State of Michigan. The conference’s western boundary in the lower peninsula coincides with the western county line of the following counties, beginning at the Straits of Mackinac: Cheboygan, Otsego, Crawford, Roscommon, Gladwin, Midland, Saginaw, Shiawassee, Livingston, Washtenaw and Lenawee.

EAST OHIO

In the state of Ohio: Counties of Ashland, Ashtabula, Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Erie, Geauga, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Huron, Jefferson, Knox, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Monroe, Morrow, Noble, Portage, Richland, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas and Wayne; the towns of Homer and Utica in Licking County; east of the Muskingum River in the counties of Moran, Muskingum (plus the Trinway United Methodist Church and excluding the city of Zanesville); Washington (excluding the city of Marietta); the portions of Delaware County east and north of a boundary line which follows Route 23 coming from the north of the city of Delaware and Sandusky Street in the city of Delaware), thence going east on Route 36 from Delaware to Old State Road, thence south to Lewis Center Road, thence east on Lewis Center Road and Big Walnut Road to Hoover Reservoir and continuing easterly along Center Village Road to the Licking County Line;
East of Route 23 in the counties of Marion and Wyandot (excluding the city of Upper Sandusky); east of the 83rd longitude in Ottawa County; and east of the Sandusky River through the counties of Sandusky (excluding the city of Fremont); and Seneca.

**ILLINOIS GREAT RIVERS**

In the state of Illinois: The new Illinois Conference includes that part of the state below a line beginning at the point where Whiteside County intersects the Mississippi River, proceeding south along the west boundary of Whiteside County to Highway 78; then diagonally southeast to the point where Route 23 intersects the east boundary of Henry County. Continue on the diagonal to the point where County Highway 24 intersects County Highway 28; then straight east along a line designated as 1200 N to the center of the Illinois River. Continue east along the Illinois River to the point where the west boundary of Will County intersects the Illinois (Des Plaines) River. Turn south following the west boundary of Will County to Highway 113. Turn east on Highway 113 following a straight line which becomes the south boundary of Will County and proceed on the Illinois-Indiana State Line.

**INDIANA**

The entire state of Indiana

**IOWA**

The entire state of Iowa and the town of East Dubuque in Jo Daviess county in the state of Illinois. Carter Lake is in the Iowa Conference. This agreement was worked out between a task force from Iowa and Nebraska.

**MINNESOTA**

The entire state of Minnesota with the exception of the Humboldt United Methodist Church in Kittson County.

**NORTHERN ILLINOIS**
In the state of Illinois: Counties of Boone, Carroll, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Jo Daviess (excluding the town of East Dubuque), Kane, Kendall, Lake, Lee, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago; northeast of a diagonal line drawn from Route 78 at the northern boundary of Henry County to the intersection of roads 24 and 28 in Bureau County; north of the Illinois River through Grundy and LaSalle Counties; and north of Route 113 in Will County.

WEST MICHIGAN

Part of the state of Michigan: The conference encompasses the western half of the lower peninsula in the state of Michigan. The conference’s eastern boundary coincides with the eastern county line of the following counties, beginning at the Straits of Mackinac: Emmett, Charlevoix, Antrim, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Clare, Isabella, Gratiot, Clinton, Ingham, Jackson and Hillsdale.

WEST OHIO

In the state of Ohio: Counties of Adams, Allen, Athens, Auglaize, Brown, Butler, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Darke, Defiance, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Fulton, Gallia, Greene, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Highland, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Licking (excluding the towns of Homer and Utica), Logan, Lucas, Madison, Meigs, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Paulding, Perry, Pickaway, Pike, Preble, Putnam, Ross, Scioto, Shelby, Union, Van Wert Vinton, Warren, Williams and Wood; west of the Muskingum River in the counties of Morgan, Muskingum (including the city of Zanesville), and Washington (including the city of Marietta); the portions of Delaware County west and south of a boundary line which follows Route 23 coming from the north to the city of Delaware and Sandusky Street in the city of Delaware (excluding Asbury United Methodist Church), thence going east on Route 36 from Delaware to Old State Road, thence south to Lewis Center Road, thence east on Lewis Center Road and Big Walnut Road to Hoover Reservoir and continuing easterly along Center Village Road to the Licking County line; west of Route 23 in the counties of Marion and Wyandot (including the city of Upper Sandusky); west of the 83rd longitude in the
Ottawa County; and west of the Sandusky River through the counties of Sandusky (including the city of Fremont) and Seneca.

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