

In Article II

I District Conference Committees

1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee consists of five members: Moderator elect, Chair of the Board and three members selected by the District Conference. An elected member serves for three years and may not serve successive terms. Terms are staggered so that one member is elected each year. The Moderator-elect convenes the first meeting, at District Conference, at which the committee elects its chair. Members who serve by virtue of office serve for the duration of the office they fill.

Nominating Committee attempts to present to the District Conference a ballot that has at least two nominees for each vacancy within the following positions, except Moderator-Elect and Standing Committee Delegate & Alternate, which will be limited to two nominees:

- a) Moderator-Elect (one-year term followed by one year as Moderator)
- b) Board of Administration members (three-year term)
- c) Nominating Committee members (three-year term)
- d) District Conference Program Committee members (three-year term)
- e) Clerk (three-year term)
- f) Standing Committee Delegate & Alternate (three-year term)
- g) Cedars Trustee Board (three-year term)

An effort will be made to have balanced distribution of laymen, laywomen, and clergy, with representation from the several areas of the district.

The Committee shall, in consultation with the District Youth Advisor(s), name, for ratification on the ballot, not more than six high school youth or college freshmen youth to serve a one-year term on the Board.

Permission must be obtained before a nominee's name may be placed on the ballot. Information regarding the qualifications of nominees is provided to the delegates before the vote. Information pertinent to each office, such as length of term and number of persons to be elected is included on the ballot.

In Article III (Board of Administration)

B Membership The Board consists of twenty-five (25) adult members elected by the District Conference with terms so arranged that eight terms expire one year, eight expiring every second year, and nine every third year. In addition, not more than six high school youth or college freshmen youth may serve a one-year term on the Board. The Moderator and Moderator-elect serve as ex-officio members of the Board.

F Organization The Board is organized annually, under the direction of the Moderator, following election by the District Conference. The Board selects from its elected members a Chair, Vice Chair, and the chairs of all commissions. All members of the Board, excluding the Board Chair and ex-officio members, are assigned to commissions. The District Executive(s), Board Chair, Moderator, and Moderator-elect are ex-officio members of all commissions. The Treasurer meets with the Commission on Stewardship and is an ex-officio member of the Board, without vote. The Standing Committee member and any member of the General Board residing in the district are ex-officio members of the Board and its commissions.

1. The Chair. The Chair performs all duties ordinarily pertaining to the office and other duties that may be assigned by the Board and these By-laws and serves on the Nominating Committee and as ex-officio member on all commissions of the Board. The Chair shall not serve as chair of a commission.

2. The Vice Chair. The Vice Chair performs all duties and has all authority of the Chair when the Chair is absent and performs other duties as may be assigned by the Board. The Vice Chair shall not serve as chair of a commission.

G. Duties of the Board, 2. Recording Secretary

2. The Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary records all Board and Executive Committee proceedings and performs other duties as may be assigned by the Board. No commission chair shall serve as Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary is ex-officio without vote, unless serving as an elected Board member.

H. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is composed of the Board Chair, Vice-Chair, and the chair of each commission. Officers are Chair and Vice Chair. The Moderator and Moderator-elect serve as ex-officio members. The District Executive(s) and Treasurer serve as ex-officio members without vote. The Recording Secretary is ex-officio without vote, unless serving as an elected Board member.

The Executive Committee: consults with and evaluates the work of the District Executive(s) on at least an annual basis and establishes annual salary and benefits for the District Executive(s); recommends employment and termination of the District Executive(s) subject to approval of the Board and in consultation with the denominational Director of District Ministries; and reviews staff employment

contracts; serves ad interim when the work of the Board can be expedited without infringing upon the Board's responsibilities and authority, understanding that such action shall be ratified by the Board at its next regular meeting;
fills, with the confirmation of the Board, any vacancy that may occur in the Board, District Conference officers, or other elected officers when provisions for fulfilling such a vacancy are not specifically stated;

I Commissions

Each commission: selects from its elected members a vice chair and recording secretary; maintains and reviews annually a list of specific responsibilities as outlined in the By-laws or assigned by the Board; establishes job descriptions for positions accountable to the commission; prepares an annual budget request and submits it to the Commission on Stewardship; reports activities, needs, and special opportunities to the Board; recommends for Board approval persons and committees to perform specific responsibilities related to the commissions; works cooperatively with other commissions and staff to promote the programs of the church.

1. Commission on Ministry.

The Commission on Ministry gives counsel and guidance to all ministerial matters in the District; counsels and assists churches and individuals in extending and receiving calls to the ministry, becoming equipped and trained for ministry, and licensing and ordaining ministers; reviews annually the status of licensed ministers and lay speakers in the District and makes recommendations to the Board regarding any change in status; reviews status of ordained ministers in accordance with denominational policy; seeks ways to strengthen the relationships and understandings between congregations and pastors; encourages and assists pastors in their professional and personal growth; along with the local congregations, the Commission on Ministry, on behalf of the Board, has the authority for licensing persons to the ministry and for overseeing their nurture in the process of preparing for ordination; reviews all applications for ordination to the ministry and makes recommendations to the Board. The Commission shall proceed with ordination when the candidate has completed one of the approved denominational study programs for ordination and the Board and local congregation have voted approval.

2. Commission on Nurture.

The Commission on Nurture: encourages and promotes programs in local churches that foster the spiritual growth and development of members; promotes Christian education; provides opportunities for training lay church leaders and workers;

works cooperatively with related organizations on matters of religious program and leadership; encourages fellowship opportunities among the churches; counsels and coordinates age and interest groups; performs related tasks that may nurture the inner life of the church.

3. Commission on Outdoor Ministry.

The Commission on Outdoor Ministry: shall represent the Board in planning, preparing, coordinating and supervising the outdoor ministry curriculum of the district; gives oversight to the district camps and camping program as it establishes procedures, sets policies, names program directors; prepares district camp allocations and assists with long range planning; recommends to the Board persons for employment as camp managers and program staff; recommends to the Board persons to be named as Trustees for Camp Mt. Hermon as an unincorporated camp; assists staff or camp directors in securing and training volunteer personnel for outdoor ministries; provides for other outdoor ministries as needs and opportunities arise.

4. Commission on Stewardship.

The Commission on Stewardship: encourages support for the general work of the Board and commissions and for specific projects; promotes programs of general stewardship education and enlistment; aids and challenges the churches and other District groups to be faithful stewards of God-given resources; safeguards and utilizes the property, assets and equipment of the District; recommends the annual budget; nominates a person to serve as District Treasurer for appointment by the Board.

5. The Commission on Witness:

The Commission on Witness directs and undergirds the witness of the churches to the world; encourages and assists congregations toward the fulfillment of the Great Commission ;urges each congregation to share the love of God and the Gospel of Christ to meet the needs of the world; provides training and educational aids to teach churches how to share their faith; encourages congregations to support missions at home and abroad and to act on social concerns; appoints leadership and provides oversight for the District's Disaster Response program. Commission on Church Development and Renewal.

6. The Commission on Church Development and Renewal:

The Commission on Church Development directs the work of church growth through the planting of new congregations and the renewal of existing

congregations; surveys the district to discover promising areas for new church starts; carries out careful and intentional planning, and develops a budget for each project; recommends to the Board leadership for each project; appoints a steering committee for each project that will give guidance and support to the project and its leaders, encouraging partner relationships with strong existing churches; facilitates leadership training opportunities; assesses the progress of each project monthly; assists in the renewal of existing churches; assists local congregations in self-evaluation and increase awareness of diverse ministry opportunities in order to facilitate church growth renewal.

K Board Committees

1. Discipleship and Reconciliation Committee.

A committee of eight persons nominated by Executive Committee and approved by the Board for a term of five years, with terms staggered so that new members are appointed each year. Members of the Discipleship and Reconciliation Committee serve in teams of two in specific geographic areas. Tenure is limited to two terms. The District Executive(s) serves ex-officio. The committee follows the directives of Annual Conference as set forth in its polity on Discipleship and Reconciliation.

The committee, on behalf of the Board, is responsible for working at discipleship and reconciliation concerns between any member and those with whom the person may have difficulty. It may also be called upon to work at discipleship and reconciliation concerns within a congregation or between congregations and the district.

The committee reports to and makes recommendations to the Board. Only the Board has authority to take official action. Persons have the privilege of presenting any written or oral statement in their behalf.

2. Other Committees.

Other committees may be appointed to assist with the work of the District. When the assignment is completed, the committee is dismissed.