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AC 13 PROGRAMMATIC STRUCTURE OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

There shall be a **Conference Connectional Table**. Its function shall be 1) to provide a clear connection between the General Conference agencies, annual conference program and administrative entities, and local congregations; and 2) to maintain the clear checks and balances regarding program functions and financial/administration functions within the annual conference and 3) other functions as delineated in ¶607 of *The 2004 Book of Discipline*.

The **Conference Connectional Table** shall make every effort to insure the inclusion of all persons giving special attention to race, gender, age, clergy-laity balance, persons with disabilities, and persons from small membership churches. In addition, local pastors are eligible to serve except on those agencies dealing with qualifications, orders, and status of clergy and local pastors.

A. Membership

Membership of the **Conference Connectional Table** shall include the following:

1. Chairpersons*
2. Conference Lay Leader
3. Associate Lay Leaders (as appropriate)
4. District Lay Leaders
5. Representatives of Youth Ministry Council**
6. Representative of the Young Adult Council **
7. Representative of Older Adult Ministries Council **
8. Chairperson, Board of Church and Society
9. Chairperson, Committee on Communications
10. Chairperson, Board of Discipleship
11. Chairperson, Board of Global Ministries
12. Chairperson, Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry
13. Chairperson, Board for a Racially Diverse and Inclusive Church
14. Chairperson, Commission on Christian Unity and Inter-religious Concerns
15. Representative, Board of Ordained Ministry **
16. Representative, Commission on Religion and Race**
17. Representative, Commission on the Status and Role of Women**
18. Representative, Committee on Ethnic Ministries Local Church**
19. Representative, Asian Ministries National Plan**
20. Representative, Hispanic/Latino National Plan**
21. Representative, Native American Committee**
22. Representative, South-Pacific Islanders Plan**
23. Representative, Disabilities Concerns**
24. Representative, United Methodist Foundation ** (without vote)
25. Representative, United Methodist Men** (without vote)
26. Representative, United Methodist Women** (without vote)
27. Bishop (ex officio, without vote)
28. Representative, Appointive Cabinet**
29. Director of Mission and Ministry (ex officio, without vote)
30. Director of Administrative Services/Treasurer (ex officio, without vote)
31. Representative, Conference Council on Finance and Administration** (ex officio, without vote)

32. Members of General Church agencies who hold membership within the Conference. (ex officio, without vote)

* - To be nominated by the Conference Nominating Committee

** - The respective entities will select their representatives

B. Other Committees

The Conference Connectional Table may establish additional committees and task forces and define their duties and authority, as it deems necessary for fulfilling its purpose and responsibilities.

GENERAL RULES

All Conference committees, boards, and agencies of the Annual Conference, shall be organized in accordance with the appropriate paragraphs listed in the most recent *Book of Discipline*. Their membership and leadership selected as determined by *The Discipline*. Where appropriate, terms of office for all committees except those directly related to The Board of Ordained Ministry are for four years with the opportunity for service limited to an additional four years (eight years maximum). Board of Ministry term limitations, are set by *The Discipline* as twelve years.

All other councils, committees, and boards determined by *The Book of Discipline* to be present and active within the Annual Conference shall be present in accordance with the appropriate paragraphs of the most recent *Book of Discipline*.

The **Conference Connectional Table** shall meet at least once each Conference year at a time and place determined by the chairpersons. At times when the **Connectional Table** is not meeting the **Board of Stewards** shall have the responsibility for providing for the functional connectional relationships and related ministries of the local church, district, and conference with the general agencies as described in paragraph 607, *The 2004 Book of Discipline*.

The **Board of Stewards** shall be composed of an equal number of clergy and lay members, based upon diversity in gender, age, ethnicity, and geography. The Board of Stewards, as the representative body of the programmatic arm of the conference shall consist of a chair or designee of each of the following board, agencies or commissions.

At-Large Members:

1. Lay Co-Chair At-Large
2. Clergy Co-Chair At-Large
- 3,4,5. Three Additional At-Large persons
6. Board of Global Ministry
7. Board of Discipleship
8. Board of Laity
9. Church and Society
10. Communication
11. Religion and Race
12. Vision/Mission/Values Team

Members by Virtue of Office:

13. Lay Leader
14. Board of Ordained Ministry Representative (ex officio, without vote)
15. Bishop (ex officio, without vote)
16. Cabinet Representative (ex officio, without vote)
17. Director of Missions and Ministry (ex officio, without vote)
18. Committee on Finance and Administration (ex officio, with out vote)

The **Board of Stewards** Leadership Team shall consist of one Lay and one Clergy at-large members who shall serve as Co-Chairs. These Co-chairs shall alternate leadership of the Board of Stewards and the Connectional Table each year.

The Vision/Mission/Values team shall have a membership of six persons chosen by the **Board of Stewards** and **Cabinet**. Vision/Mission/Values members shall be divided into two classes with four-year terms each, and each class shall, as nearly as possible, consist of an equal number of members.

To enable communications and connections, these boards, agencies and commissions are assembled in the following way so they have representation on the **Board of Stewards**. This list is not exhaustive but includes those Boards, agencies, commission and/or functions currently engaged in programmatic ministries.

Board of Discipleship (629)

- Youth Ministries (648)
- Young Adult Ministries (649)
- Older Adult Ministries 650
- Council on New Ministries (629)
- Spiritual Formation (629.6)
- Stewardship (629.5)
- Evangelism (629.3)
- Education (629.2)
- Worship (629.4)
- Camps and Retreats (629.1)
- Networking grants
- Board of Global Ministry (632)
 - Committee on Parish and Community Development (655)
 - Town and Country (632)
 - Missions Personnel (632)
 - Africa Partnership (632)
 - School of Christian Mission (632)
 - Disaster Preparedness and Response (632)
 - Volunteers in Mission Coordinators (632)
 - Children and Poverty (632)
 - AIDS Task Force (632)
 - Advanced Specials (632)
 - Small Membership churches (644)
- Board of Laity (630)
 - Lay Speaking Ministries (630.6)
 - United Methodist Men (647)
 - United Methodist Women (646)
 - Conference Scouting Coordinator (630.3)
- Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministries (633)
- Church and Society (628)
 - Hispanic-Latino Ministry (633)
 - Ethnic Ministries (631)
 - Native American (653)
 - Christian unity and inter-religious concerns (641)
 - Religion and Race (642)
 - Commission on the Status and Role of Woman (643)
 - Asian Ministries (633)
 - Peace With Justice (628)
 - Disability Concerns (652)
 - Prison Ministry and Reform
- Communication (645)
 - Media Resources
 - Archive and History (640)
- Vision/Mission/Values Team

This programmatic structure assumes as conversation partners, the administrative entities as defined by the discipline, the Cabinet, the Board of Ordained Ministry and the Vision Missions and Value Team in fulfilling the mission and ministry of the Rocky Mountain Conference and the General Church.

In keeping with 609.1b this document does not affect the administrative functions of the Rocky Mountain Conference.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately upon conclusion of the 2006 Annual Conference Session,
June 25, 2006.

TERMINATION DATE: Permanent