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R. Lawson Bryan

President, College of Bishops

Doree S. Skavis

Conference Secretary

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THE COLLEGE OF BISHOPS – 2016 SEJ CONFERENCE
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SECTION I. 2016-2020 Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Organization*

Committee on Appeals
(Effective January 1, 2017)
BOD ¶2716.1

Chairperson: *Ron Schultz*
Vice-Chairperson: *Laura Fine Ledford*
Secretary: *Sue Raymond*

Primary Members

(4 Clergy in Full Connection)
Laura Fine Ledford NC
Ron Schultz NAL
Ed Walker VA
Maxine Bolden MS

(1 Diaconal Minister)
Mark Christy WNC

(1 Full-Time Local Pastor)
Valrei Tyson NC

(3 Laity)
Linda King KY
Sue Raymond NGA
Lisa Carson TN

Alternate Members

(4 Clergy in Full Connection)
Emily Kincaid AWF
Kathy James SC
Alex Shanks FL
Bryan Brooks TN

(1 Diaconal Minister)
Sue Ellen Nicholson NC

(1 Full-Time Local Pastor)
Ricky Bishop MS

(3 Laity)
Donald Love SC
Kelly Roberson SGA
John Eldridge HOL

*Due to pandemic-delayed General and Jurisdictional Conferences in 2020, for historical purposes we remain in the 2016-2020 quadrennium. Because the Memphis (MEM) and Tennessee (TN) Conference uniting becomes effective January 1, 2022, the MEM and TN designations remain in the listings for purposes of this Journal.

Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference

Committee on Coordination and Accountability

Chairperson: *Bishop Bill McAlilly*

Secretary: *Tim Rogers*

Three Bishops:

Bishop Sharma Lewis VA
Bishop Bill McAlilly TN
*Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett** HOL

Three Conference Lay Leaders:

John Hall NC
Steve Lyles NAL
John Crane WNC

Three Directors of Connectional Ministries:

Sharon Austin FL
William Moore KY
Kelly Roberson SGA

At-Large Members:

Jeremy Pridgeon AWF
Roger Hopson MEM
Zachary Beasley MS
Phil Schroeder NGA
Robert Amundsen RBM
Tim Rogers SC

Ex Officio Members:

David Dommissé SEJ Treas.
Frank Dunnewind CFA Chair
*Brad Brady** SEJ Sec.

* Effective September 1, 2021

Committee on Finance and Administration

Chairperson: Frank Dunnewind

Vice-Chairperson: Charlie Carlton

Secretary: *Autura Eason-Williams*

| | | | |
|------------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Frank Dunnewind | AWF | Marilyn Osborne | RBM |
| <i>David McEntire</i> | FL | Barbara Ware | SC |
| Rick Cherry | HOL | <i>Derek McAleer</i> | SGA |
| <i>Eric Bryant</i> | KY | Lynn Taylor | TN |
| <i>Autura Eason-Williams</i> | MEM | <i>Jeff Mickle</i> | VA |
| <i>Tim Prather</i> | MS | <i>Jan Brittain</i> | WNC |

| | | | |
|-----------------|-----|----------------|----------------------|
| Charlie Carlton | NAL | Ex Officio | |
| Emily Innes | NC | David Dommissé | Conference Treasurer |
| Gary Fuller | NGA | | |

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Committee on Investigation

(Effective January 1, 2017)

BOD ¶2703.1

Chairperson: *John Brooks*
Vice-Chairperson: *Cynthia Davis*
Secretary: Lynn Taylor

(7 Clergy in Full Connection)

Edgardo Colón-Emeric NC
Sherrill Clontz NAL
Joe Landrum MS
Ken Murray TN
Cynthia Davis MEM
John Brooks AWF
Tim Rogers SC

(6 Alternate Members)

Tammy Estep VA
Jean Hawxhurst KY
Nita Crump SGA
Cynthia Weems FL
David Walters NGA
Pat Luna AWF

(2 Professing Members)

Angela Griffin MS
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Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order

Cory Smith AWF Ex Officio
Vicki Landrum MS David Dommissie Conference Treasurer
Jan Brown Thompson KY *Brad Brady** Conference Secretary
Rob Martin MEM
Lathem Postell NGA

*Effective September 1, 2021

Committee on Program and Arrangements

(For the Called 2021 Session)

Chairperson: *Bishop Hope Morgan Ward* (NC)
Chairperson-Elect: *Bishop L. Jonathan Holston* (SC)
Conference Secretary: Anne Travis (HOL)
Conference Treasurer: David Dommissie (VA)
District Superintendent: *Ray Broadwell* (NC)
Chair, Committee on Coordination and Accountability: *Bishop William McAlilly* (TN-MEM)
President, United Methodist Men: Henry “Hank” Dozier (WNC)
President, United Methodist Women: Betty Helms (AWF)
Chair, Association of Conference Lay Leaders: Steve Lyles (NAL)
Chair, Committee on Episcopacy (or designee): Barbara Ware (SC)

At-Large Members:

June Jernigan AWF
Rini Hernandez FL
Susan Leonard SC
Juan Quintanilla NGA
Stephanie Hand WNC

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**SECTION II. Personnel of the July 21, 2021, Southeastern
Jurisdictional Conference Called Session**

2016-2020 (and continued) CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP AND STAFF

The College of Bishops

(in order of election)

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Carlton P. Minnick, Jr. (1980) | Retired | James R. King, Jr. (2000) | Retired |
| R. Kern Eutsler (1984) | Retired | Timothy W. Whitaker (2001) | Retired |
| <i>Deceased January 2, 2020</i> | | Hope Morgan Ward (2004) | Raleigh |
| L. Bevel Jones (1984) | Retired | William H. Willimon (2004) | Retired |
| <i>Deceased March 6, 2018</i> | | James E. Swanson, Sr. (2004) | Mississippi |
| Thomas B. Stockton (1988) | Retired | Alfred W. Gwinn, Jr. (2004) | Retired |
| H. Hasbrouck Hughes, Jr. (1988) | Retired | Richard J. Wills, Jr. (2004) | Retired |
| Richard C. Looney (1988) | Retired | Mary Virginia Taylor (2004) | Knoxville |
| Robert H. Spain (1988) | Retired | Paul L. Leeland (2008) | Retired |
| Clay F. Lee (1988) | Retired | L. Jonathan Holston (2012) | Columbia |
| Robert E. Fannin (1992) | Retired | Kenneth H. Carter (2012) | Florida |
| Kenneth L. Carder (1992) | Retired | William T. McAlilly (2012) | Nashville |
| Marshall L. Meadors, Jr. (1992) | Retired | Debra Wallace-Padgett (2012) | Birmingham |
| G. Lindsey Davis (1996) | Retired | Young Jin Cho (2012) | Retired |
| Joe E. Pennel, Jr. (1996) | Retired | Sharma D. Lewis (2016) | Richmond |
| Charlene P. Kammerer (1996) | Retired | David W. Graves (2016) | Alabama-West Florida |
| J. Lawrence McCleskey (1996) | Retired | Leonard E. Fairley (2016) | Louisville |
| Ray W. Chamberlain (1996) | Retired | R. Lawson Bryan (2016) | South Georgia |
| Larry M. Goodpaster (2000) | Retired | Sue Hauptert-Johnson (2016) | North Georgia |
| B. Michael Watson (2000) | Retired | | |

**Southeastern Jurisdiction
Judicial Council Alternate Members**

Diana DeWitt (TN)

F. Belton Joyner (NC)

Warren Plowden (SGA)

Joe Kilpatrick (NGA)

Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference

Secretarial Staff

Conference Secretary

Anne Travis

Assistant Secretaries

Brad Brady (SGA)

Julie Hager Love (KY)

Worship Team

Sam Parkes, Coordinator

Stephanie Moore Hand

Worship Musician

James Robbins

Other Servants

David Wood and Staff

GNTV Media Ministry

Delegates from the Annual and Missionary Conferences
Voting delegates are listed in clergy and lay groups in order of election.
Names of clergy are in italic font.

ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA (16)

DELEGATES

Clergy

Larry Bryars (Delegation Leader)
Lisa Ausley
Sung Kuk Hong
Lester Spencer
Allen Newton
Rurel Ausley
Virgina Kagoro
Doug Pennington

Laity

Steve Furr
Beverly Maddox
Gene Floore
George Mingleдорff
Frank Moore
Notalsia Whiting
John Moneyham
Bobby Brooks

RESERVES

Clergy

Misty Barrett
Matt Mobley

Laity

Tripp Gullede
Antonius Barnes

FLORIDA (32)

DELEGATES

Clergy

Alex Shanks (Delegation Leader)
Cynthia Weems
Brett Opalinski

Magrey deVega
Clarke Evans
Corey Jones
Sharon Austin
Esther Rodriguez-Perez
Candace Lewis
Justin LaRosa
Melissa Cooper
Jenn Stiles-Williams
Debbie Allen
Matthew Williams
Vicki Walker
Clare Chance

Laity

Molly McEntire
Derrick Scott
Alice Williams
Heather Pancoast
Carlene Johnson
Judith Pierre-Okerson
Matt Dailey
Anthony Larry
Riley Standifer
Martha Gay Duncan
Alejandra Salemi
Steve Gardner
Wyatt Robinson
Will Cooper
Jessica Scott
Rushing Kimball

RESERVES

Clergy

Vidalis Lopez
Mary Downey
Emily Hotho
Mike Luzinski
Robin Hager
Daphne Johnson
Ivan Corbin

Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference

Laity

Heidi Aspinwall
Kim Lee
Bob Grizzard
Caryn Royer
Britt Holdren
Raymond Pandley
Elizabeth Preston-Hughes

HOLSTON (24)

DELEGATES

Clergy

Kim Goddard
Wil Cantrell
Paul Seay
Mary Thompson
Randy Frye
Sharon Bowers
Lauri Jo Cranford
Josh Kilbourne
David Graybeal
Kristen Burkhart
Sarah Varnell
Mark Flynn

Laity

Emily Ballard (Delegation Leader)
Del Holley
Anne Travis
John Eldridge
Donna Mosby
Becky Hall
Amanda Onks
Charles McEntyre
Reagan Kelly
Jim Gass
Nate Roark
Leamon Lawson

RESERVES

Clergy

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Caleb Frazier

Laity

Sam England
Dawson Kitts

KENTUCKY (20)

DELEGATES

Clergy

Bill Arnold (Delegation Leader)
Tami Coleman
Iosmar Alvarez
David Grout
James Williams
Tom Grieb
Andrew Singh
William Moore
Kelly McClendon
Rebecca Heid

Laity

Alan Beuscher
Sandra Gray
Mark Stallons
Michael Watts
Bethany Harting
Maggie Hoffman
Delace Canada
Elaine Daugherty
John Denham
Larry Wells

RESERVES

Clergy

Matt Seel
Michael Sweeney
Esther Jadhav

Laity

Linda King
Jan Brown-Thompson
Adam McCormick

MEMPHIS (8)

DELEGATES

Clergy

Autura Eason-Williams (Delegation Leader)
Rob Martin
Cynthia Davis
Amanda Hartmann Westmoreland

Laity

David Reed
Josh Shaw
Solomon Christian
Elyse Bell

RESERVES

Clergy

Johnny Jeffords
Sara Corum

Laity

Melba Mitchell

MISSISSIPPI (20)

DELEGATES

Clergy

Fred Britton (Delegation Leader)
Mattie Dickens Gipson
Stephen Sparks
Zach Beasley
Mitchell Hedgepeth
Connie Shelton
Leanne Burris
John Branning
Amy Daniels
Embra Jackson

Laity

Davis Stotts
David Beckley
LaToya Thompson
Anne Harrington
Jim Ainsworth

Connie Walters
Jaci Murden
Jan Hitt
Steve McAlilly
Ann LaSalle

RESERVES

Clergy

Fitzgerald Lovett
Karie McCaleb
Stephen Cook

Laity

Kathleen Smith
Tywanda Johnson

NORTH ALABAMA (16)

DELEGATES

Clergy

Glenn Conner (Delegation Leader)
Dedric Cowser
Kelly Clem
Robin Scott
Sherri Reynolds
Tiwirai Kufarimai
Vaughn Stafford
Mary Henley

Laity

Steve Lyles
Pat Meadows
Precious Kufarimai
Elizabeth Ann Lee
Michael Wilder
Gail Hiatt
Liz Bowlin
Randall Ham

RESERVES

Clergy

Sheri Ferguson
Paul Lawler
Brian Erickson

Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference

Laity

Scott Selman
Howard Rew
Jackie Riggs

NORTH CAROLINA (32)

DELEGATES

Clergy

Belton Joyner
Lisa Yebuah
Edgardo Colón-Emeric
Amie Stewart
Edie Gleaves
Sara Beth Pannell
Liz Roberts
Ben Williams
Kevin Baker
Ismael Ruiz-Millan
Laura Stern
Doug Lain
Chris Brady
Laura Wittman
Harriet Taylor
Tim Catlett

Laity

Christine Dodson (Delegation Leader)
Ellen Beasley
LaNella Smith
Steve Taylor
Emily Lain
Susan Graebe
Caleb Parker
Mark Schneider
Danny Peck
Claire Cox-Woodlief
Catherine Stallsmith
Cathy Thompson
Lea Rodio
Louise Mitchell
Miles Hunt
Denise Baker

RESERVES

Clergy

Sangwoo Kim
Ben Roberts
Donna Banks
Nathan Arledge
David Beam

Laity

Phillip Jefferson
Lydia Cauley
Martha Caves
Mack Parker

NORTH GEORGIA (44)

DELEGATES

Clergy

Byron Thomas (Delegation Leader)
Phil Schroeder
Alice Rogers
Jasmine Smothers
Bernice Kirkland
Shannon Karafanda
Beth LaRocca-Pitts
Nora Colmenares
Dalton Rushing
Eric Lee
Terry Walton
Quincy Brown
Jim Cantrell
Joya Abrams
Dana Everhart
Karen Kagiya
Will Zant
Amy Valdez-Barker
Millie Kim
Yvette Massey
Blair Setnor
Jessica Terrell

Laity

Jane Finley
Randy Brown
Jeff Jernigan
Odell Horne
Chuck Savage
Debby Stikes
Gary Fuller
Janet Sligar
Tonya Murphy
Rachel Fullerton
Bill Martin
Ray Cann
Nate Abrams III
David Gray
Leon Jourolmon III
Lee Highsmith
Amy King
Jay Horton
Ben Fletcher
Gwen Hamill
Liza Kittle
Maxine Easom

RESERVES

Clergy

Catherine Boothe Olson
Dave Allen Grady
Carolyn Stephens

Laity

Dan Parr
Elijah Shoaf
Beth Corrie
Tina Kirkland
Joel Taylor

RED BIRD (4)

DELEGATES

Clergy

Robert Amundsen (Delegation Leader)
Jim Savage

Laity

Marilyn Osborne
Cindy Stamper

RESERVES

Clergy

Dan Griffiths

Laity

Tim Crawford

SOUTH CAROLINA (32)

DELEGATES

Clergy

Ken Nelson
Robin Dease
Keith Hunter
Susan Leonard
Emily Sutton
Will Malambri
Tiffany Knowlin Boykin
Karen Jones
Timothy Rogers
Cathy Mitchell
Fran Elrod
Constance Barnes
Mary Teasley
Kathryn Hunter
Elizabeth Murray
Richard Reams

Laity

Jacquelyn Jenkins (Delegation Leader)
Jim Salley
Michael Cheatham
Herman Lightsey
Christopher Lynch
Martha Thompson
David Braddon
Emily Evans
Betty Void
David Salter
Valerie Brooks-Madden

Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference

Marlene Spencer
Jennifer Price
Tony Watson
Lou Jordan
Doug Coffeen

RESERVES

Clergy

Stephen Love
Sara White

Laity

Marvin Horton
Vicki McCartha

SOUTH GEORGIA (16)

DELEGATES

Clergy

Jim Cowart (Delegation Leader)
Robert Beckum
Doreen Smalls
Jay Hanson
Scott Hagan
Jimmy Towson
David Thompson
Scott Tucker

Laity

Bill Hatcher
Jennifer Cowart
Allison Lindsey
Larry Price
Richard Shinhoster
Brenda Kay Adams
Chuck Cowart
Steve Rumford

RESERVES

Clergy

Alaina Harrison

Laity

Debbie Turner
Jeff Barker

TENNESSEE (16)

DELEGATES

Clergy

Harriet Bryan (Delegation Leader)
Stephen Handy
Marie King
Sam McGlothlin
Jacob Armstrong
Jeff Furtado
Paul Purdue
Laura Brantley

Laity

Jim Allen
Connie Clark
Maggie Taylor
George Brown
Linda Furtado
Tom Lee
Jacob Vaughn
Leslie Hotzfeld

RESERVES

Clergy

Monica Mowdy
Steph Dodge

Laity

Christine Archer
Rachel Hagedwood

VIRGINIA (44)

DELEGATES

Clergy

Tom Berlin (Delegation Leader)
Lindsey Freeman
Meredith McNabb
Rob Vaughn
Rhonda VanDyke
Mark Ogren
Grace Han
Beth Givens

Jason Stanley
Kirk Nave
Jonathan Page
Jeff Mickle
Doug Forrester
Leigh Anne Taylor
Dan Kim
Tim Ward
Chenda Lee
David Vaughan
Lyndsie Blakely
Lauren Lobenhofer
Brian Johnson
Jennifer Coffey

Laity

Warren Harper
Martha Stokes
Shirley Cauffman
Alison Malloy
Marshall Bailey
Jill Gaynor
Jake Paysour
Mark Elder
Karen McElfish
Andrew Kissell
Kim Johnson
Debbie Cali
Phil Mohr
Deb Bowers Angerman
Shawn Kiger
Amanda Holmes
Kenn Speicher
Neal Wise
Richard Underwood
Kip Robinson
Brenda Brooks
Carl Moravitz

RESERVES

Clergy

Drew Colby
Esther Agbosu
Gordon Pruitt
Joshua King
Rachel Gilmore

Drew Willson
Lynne Alley-Grant
Sarah Locke
Matt Benton

Laity

Marie Hawks
Jane Wilson
Jerry Taylor
Jaydee Hanson
Maureen McKay
Michelle Hettmann
Carlos Liceaga

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA (40)

DELEGATES

Clergy

Kim Ingram (Delegation Leader)
Amy Coles
Jeremy Troxler
James Howell
In-Yong Lee
Ashley Crowder Stanley
Shelly Webb
Carter Ellis
Darryl Dayson
Joshua Sherfey
David Hockett
Sally Queen
Sam Moore
Veranita Alvord
Uiyeon Kim
Lory Beth Huffman
Elizabeth Coppedge-Henley
Stephanie Hand
Julia Trantham Heckert
Sarah Belles

Laity

Jennifer Davis
Amy Johnson
Greg Huffman
Lynne Gilbert
Emma Austin
Havaleh Havelka

Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference

Helen Ryde
Lynette Whitaker
Linda Linfors
Tonya Lanier
Dana Lyles
Sandy Hieronymus
Caroline Wood
Kathy FitzJefferies
Amy DeVore
Matt Sink
Erin Betlej
Tom Jordan
Tim Kincaid
Coley Hooker

RESERVES

Clergy

John Boggs
Lynda Ferguson
Ben Carson

Laity

Wade Loftin

Leaders of Delegations
(2021 Called Jurisdictional Conference)

Alabama-West Florida
Larry Bryars

Mississippi
Fred Britton

South Carolina
Jackie Jenkins

Florida
Alex Shanks

North Alabama
Glenn Conner

South Georgia
Jim Cowart

Holston
Emily Ballard

North Carolina
Christine Dodson

Tennessee
Harriet Bryan

Kentucky
Bill Arnold

North Georgia
Byron Thomas

Virginia
Tom Berlin

Memphis
Autura Eason-Williams

Red Bird Missionary
Robert Amundsen

Western North Carolina
Kim Ingram

SECTION III. 2016-2020 (and continued) Quadrennial Organization

The College of Bishops
(in order of their election)

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Carlton P. Minnick (1980) | Retired | James E. Swanson, Sr. (2004) | Mississippi |
| Thomas B. Stockton (1988) | Retired | Alfred W. Gwinn, Jr. (2004) | Retired |
| H. Hasbrouck Hughes, Jr. (1988) | Retired | Richard J. Wills, Jr. (2004) | Retired |
| Richard C. Looney (1988) | Retired | Mary Virginia Taylor (2004) | Retired* |
| Robert H. Spain (1988) | Retired | Paul L. Leeland (2008) | Retired* |
| Clay F. Lee, Jr. (1988) | Retired | L. Jonathan Holston (2012) | Columbia |
| Robert E. Fannin (1992) | Retired | Kenneth H. Carter (2012)** | Florida |
| Kenneth L. Carder (1992) | Retired | | Western North Carolina |
| Marshall L. Meadors, Jr. (1992) | Retired | William T. McAlilly (2012) | Nashville |
| G. Lindsey Davis, Jr. (1996) | Retired | Debra Wallace-Padgett (2012)** | Knoxville |
| Joe E. Pennel, Jr. (1996) | Retired | | Birmingham |
| Charlene P. Kammerer (1996) | Retired | Young Jin Cho (2012) | Retired |
| J. Lawrence McCleskey (1996) | Retired | Sharma D. Lewis (2016) | Richmond |
| Ray W. Chamberlain (1996) | Retired | David W. Graves (2016)** | South Georgia |
| Larry M. Goodpaster (2000) | Retired | | Alabama-West Florida |
| B. Michael Watson (2000) | Retired | Leonard E. Fairley (2016)** | Louisville |
| James R. King, Jr. (2000) | Retired | | Raleigh |
| Timothy W. Whitaker (2001) | Retired | R. Lawson Bryan (2016) | Retired* |
| Hope Morgan Ward (2004) | Retired* | Sue Hauptert-Johnson (2016) | North Georgia |
| William H. Willimon (2004) | Retired | | |

Jurisdictional Conference Secretary

Anne Travis (HOL)*

Brad Brady (SGA)**

Jurisdictional Conference Treasurer

David Dommissie (VA)

*Effective August 31, 2021

**Effective September 1, 2021

Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference

Committee on Episcopacy

Chairperson: Steve Furr
Vice-Chairperson: *Tom Berlin*
Secretary: *Kim Ingram*

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| <i>Larry Bryars</i> | AWF | <i>Phil Schroeder</i> | NGA |
| Steve Furr | AWF | Mathew Pinson | NGA |
| <i>Alex Shanks</i> | FL | <i>Robert Amundsen</i> | RBM |
| Molly McEntire | FL | Marilyn Osborne | RBM |
| <i>Kim Goddard</i> | HOL | <i>Tim McClendon</i> | SC |
| Del Holley | HOL | Barbara Ware | SC |
| <i>Bill Arnold</i> | KY | <i>Don Adams</i> | SGA |
| Lew Nicholls | KY | Bill Hatcher | SGA |
| <i>Sky McCracken</i> | MEM | <i>Harriet Bryan</i> | TN |
| David Reed | MEM | Jim Allen | TN |
| <i>Mattie Gipson</i> | MS | <i>Tom Berlin</i> | VA |
| Timothy Crisler | MS | Martha Stokes | VA |
| <i>Robin Scott</i> | NAL | <i>Kim Ingram</i> | WNC |
| Steve Lyles | NAL | Jennifer Davis | WNC |
| <i>Gray Southern</i> | NC | | |
| Emily Innes | NC | | |

SECTION IV. Proceedings of the 2021 Called Session



Southeastern Jurisdiction College of Bishops The United Methodist Church

May 26, 2021

To: Secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference
Treasurer of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference
Chairperson of the Committee on Program and Arrangements
Annual Conference Secretaries
Heads of Delegations to the 2020 General and Jurisdictional Conferences

From: Bishop R. Lawson Bryan
President, Southeastern Jurisdiction College of Bishops
The United Methodist Church

Subject: Special Session of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference

The College of Bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction hereby issues a call for a Special Session of the Jurisdictional Conference per Division Two, Section IV, Article V of The Constitution of The United Methodist Church (Paragraph 521, The United Methodist Book of Discipline, 2016).

The Special Session of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference will be held on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern (9:00 a.m. Central) time and shall be convened online.

This call is issued to gain a quorum for the purpose of voting on a resolution from the Tennessee and Memphis Conferences to unite the two conferences to form the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference.

In accordance with ¶521.4 of The Book of Discipline, the special session of the Jurisdictional Conference shall be limited to the following agenda items:

1. Vote to authorize the formation of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference of The United Methodist Church
2. Receive a report from the Southeastern Jurisdiction on the pandemic response in the jurisdiction and the work of antiracism across the jurisdiction and the work of the jurisdiction moving forward into the next 18 months

We will begin and end our time together in worship.

Agenda Item #1

Petition Requesting the Southeastern Jurisdiction to Authorize Formation of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference of The United Methodist Church

Whereas: The Nashville Episcopal Area is comprised of the Memphis and Tennessee conferences, and

Whereas: In 2019, the Tennessee Annual Conference and Memphis Annual Conference sessions each voted to petition the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference to take action at its 2020 session setting the boundaries of the two conferences to form a new conference, with the new conference to operate as a fully unified annual conference beginning in January 2021, and

Whereas: Due to delays in General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference meetings resulting from the global COVID-19 pandemic, the Jurisdictional Conference did not meet in 2020 session, but has called a special session for July 2021, and

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Whereas: It has become necessary to delay the new conference's commencement of operation as a fully unified annual conference to January 1, 2022, and moving forward with this adjusted commencement date was acknowledged and affirmed by the Tennessee Annual Conference and the Memphis Annual Conference in their June 2021 sessions:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference approves realigning the boundaries of the Memphis and Tennessee annual conferences to form one new annual conference known as the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference of The United Methodist Church, with boundaries coextensive with the current Tennessee and Memphis conferences.

Be it further resolved that the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference authorizes such new conference to conduct an organizational meeting consisting of the voting membership (lay and clergy) of the Tennessee and Memphis annual conferences prior to January 1, 2022, and to begin operations as a fully unified annual conference on January 1, 2022, all in accordance with a Plan of Union adopted by both conferences at their June 2021 annual conference sessions.

This action will become effective upon the adjournment of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, July twenty-first, 2021.

Submitted by:

Holly Neal
Tennessee Conference Lay Leader

Janice McCallen
Memphis Conference Lay Leader

Agenda Item #2

Receive a report from the Southeastern Jurisdiction on the pandemic response in the jurisdiction and the work of anti-racism across the jurisdiction and the work of the jurisdiction moving forward into the next 18 months

Following the conclusion of these items of business, the Special Session will adjourn. All votes taken will be certified and reported to members of the delegations on August 1, 2021.

Based on the Judicial Council's canons of interpretation, ¶14, Article II of the 2016 United Methodist Book of Discipline should be interpreted to mean that the delegates for a special session in 2021 would be those persons elected by the annual conferences as delegates to the 2020 General and Jurisdictional Conferences. Likewise, the phrase "or their lawful successors" in ¶14 should be construed to mean that persons elected for the postponed 2020 General and Jurisdictional Conferences are the delegates to a special session of the Jurisdictional Conference in 2021.

The Secretary of the Jurisdiction will be in communication with annual conference secretaries regarding delegate information. At the appropriate time prior to the called session, the Conference Secretary will also provide additional information to each delegate and alternate regarding the logistics of the online Special Session of Jurisdictional Conference.

The College of Bishops encourages all churches of the Southeastern Jurisdiction to be in prayer for the Church and the world in this time of challenge and great opportunity.

Very gratefully yours,


R. Lawson Bryan
Resident Bishop, South Georgia Area

**Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference
July 21, 2021
Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center and Virtually**

Minutes

**Wednesday, July 21, 2021
Opening Worship
10:00 a.m.**

A limited number of delegates and guests gathered in Harrell Center Auditorium on the campus of Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center and virtually via Zoom and YouTube technology for the opening worship service. President-Dean Candace Lewis of Gammon Theological Seminary and Dean Edgardo Colón-Emeric of Duke Divinity School brought the devotional messages based on the theme *This I Know* and Mark 12:28-34, read by Bishop James E. Swanson, Sr.; Rev. Dr. Sam Parkes and Rev. Dr. Stephanie Moore Hand were liturgists.

**The Session
10:30 a.m.**

Presiding: Bishop James E. Swanson, Sr., Mississippi Area, presided.

Call to Order: Bishop Swanson called the 2021 Called Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference session to order.

Bishop Swanson thanked the worship leaders and Lake Junaluska for hosting those who were present in person. He also acknowledged with gratitude the work of the agencies and ministries of the Southeastern Jurisdiction (SEJ) during the past year of pandemic: Gulfside Association, Hinton Rural Life Center, Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center, Archives and History, Intentional Growth Center, and United Methodist Volunteers in Mission SEJ.

Practice Voting: Bishop Swanson called on David Wood, GNTV Media Ministry, to lead the Conference through practice voting in the virtual setting.

Organizing Motions: Bishop Swanson called on Conference Secretary Anne Travis to offer Organizing Motions. The following motions were presented and voted on:

Based on our existing Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference Rules of Order as found in our 2016 SEJ Conference Journal, pages 165 through 170, I make the following organizing motions for this called session of Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

- I move that moderators for this called session, Rev. Julie Hager Love and Rev. Dr. Brad Brady, be elected as members of the secretarial staff.

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- I move that the agenda in the Call for a Special Session issued by Bishop Lawson Bryan on May 26, 2021, be our agenda for today for the purpose of voting to unite the Tennessee and Memphis Conferences and hearing reports from the various Annual Conferences on ongoing work toward our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world in response to a worldwide pandemic and in the area of anti-racism. As per our United Methodist *Book of Discipline*, Paragraph 521.4, “A called session of the jurisdictional conference cannot transact any other business than that indicated in the call.”
- I move that the setting of the bar for this virtual Special Called Session of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference shall include all of those elected clergy and lay members of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference who are connected to and voting in this virtual session. Those who are providing support or asked to give reports or answer questions may also be present during the meeting and have voice but not vote.
- I move that those who are authorized to participate in the Special Called Session of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church on July 21, 2021, agree that they consent to proceed in a virtual Jurisdictional Conference session using remote technology; that they recognize that all participating electronically in a format where all participants can simultaneously hear discussion are “present” for purposes of the procedural rules of the Jurisdictional Conference; and that they further consent that all decisions made in this session have the same effect and authority as decisions made by an in-person special called session of the Jurisdictional Conference conducted under the Constitution of The United Methodist Church, under the laws of the Church, and under the Rules of Order of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference; and finally that they consent that all such decisions made in this session are and will be legal and binding actions of the Special Called Jurisdictional Conference.
- I move that all votes be taken electronically, as allowed in Standing Rule 11 (p. 166 of the 2016 SEJ Conference Journal) for Method of Voting, which states “Ballots and count votes will be taken by electronic voting device when available at the conference session.”
- I move that the attendance for each delegation be recorded based on the electronic attendance vote taken following these organizing motions and reported in the Journal of this Special Called Session. The attendance will be verified by the vote taken and certified on a form submitted by the head of each annual conference delegation.
- I move that the vote taken for the Resolution before us requiring a vote also be taken electronically, as allowed in Standing Rule 11 (p. 166 of the 2016 SEJ Conference Journal) for Method of Voting and that this vote be certified by electronic records and reported to the delegates of the Jurisdictional Conference in the Journal of the Special Called Session.
- I move that the Journal of this Special Called Session be issued as soon as possible following the close of the Session and accurately record attendance, minutes, and votes taken, as well as historical information of the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

The results of the electronic vote are recorded (see p. 26 for spreadsheet report):

| Vote 1 – Organizing Motions | YES | NO |
|------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Moderators | 335 | 2 |
| Agenda | 326 | 11 |

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| Vote 1 – Organizing Motions (continued) | YES | NO |
|--|------------|-----------|
| Setting the Bar | 336 | 1 |
| Authorized to Participate | 336 | 1 |
| Electronic Voting | 337 | 0 |
| Attendance by Electronic Voting | 336 | 1 |
| Electronic Voting for Resolution | 336 | 1 |
| Journal | 337 | 0 |

Quorum Certification and Roll Call: Bishop Swanson declared that a quorum was present and instructed delegates to prepare for attendance to be recorded electronically. Attendance was recorded as follows and subsequently verified by heads of delegations. A total of 347 delegates recorded attendance electronically.

Roll Call for the 2021 Called Session

| <u>Annual Conference</u> | <u>Delegates Elected</u> | <u>Present for Roll Call Vote</u> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Alabama-West Florida | 16 | 16 |
| Florida | 32 | 32 |
| Holston | 24 | 22 |
| Kentucky | 20 | 20 |
| Memphis | 8 | 8 |
| Mississippi | 20 | 19 |
| North Alabama | 16 | 16 |
| North Carolina | 32 | 31 |
| North Georgia | 44 | 40 |
| Red Bird Missionary | 4 | 4 |
| South Carolina | 32 | 29 |
| South Georgia | 16 | 13 |
| Tennessee | 16 | 16 |
| Virginia | 44 | 43 |
| Western North Carolina | <u>40</u> | <u>38</u> |
| Total Delegates Elected | 364 | 347 Attending at Roll Call |

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Emory University and Candler School of Theology: Bishop Swanson introduced Dean Jan Love of Candler School of Theology with a video covering the work of Emory in assisting in development of a Covid-19 vaccine and the work of Candler during the pandemic.

Note: All video reports may be viewed on the SEJ web site at www.sejumc.org.

Resolution to Unite Memphis and Tennessee Annual Conferences: The uniting of the Memphis and Tennessee Annual Conferences was presented by Janice McCallen and Holly Neal, Lay Leaders for the two conferences, respectively. See Reports section of this Journal (p. 29) for the full text of the resolution. Several questions were asked for clarification; Rev. Rob Martin and Rev. Melinda Britt responded to the questions. The conference voted 335 Yes votes and 3 No votes (see p. 26). The resolution was approved.

A brief moment of celebration followed. Bishop William McAlilly, Bishop of the Nashville episcopal area, addressed the Conference and then led the Conference in prayer.

Red Bird Missionary Conference: A video presentation from the Red Bird Missionary Conference announced an expected name change to be presented at their 2021 Conference session to change the name to Central Appalachian Missionary Conference.

Beams of Heaven: A Celebration of Mission and Ministry in the SEJ During Dark Days and Tough Times: A series of video presentations from the annual conferences of the SEJ was presented to celebrate unique ministries developed during the pandemic and annual conference responses to the anti-racism efforts of the College of Bishops.

- The North Georgia Annual Conference shone the light of God's provision into a world of hunger exacerbated by a global pandemic.
- The Tennessee and Memphis Conferences shone the lights of God's compassion and unity as they foreshadowed their union by working together on a variety of body and soul-saving ministries during the pandemic.
- In the Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference, Metropolitan UMC became a beacon of hope during the pandemic, feeding thousands of people and providing pop-up clinics for the city of Montgomery.
- In North Alabama, Church at Ross Bridge in Hoover shone God's light of connection and relief into the lives of women who are burdened and isolated by Covid-19.

Work of Anti-Racism: Bishop L. Jonathan Holston, Columbia episcopal area, introduced the videos related to the work of anti-racism across the Jurisdiction.

The College of Bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction has called us to own the work of anti-racism that is so desperately needed in our world. Between February 2020 and April 2021, just over a year, our Southeastern Jurisdiction witnessed the tragic deaths of three persons of color – all of which made national news: Ahmaud Arbery in Georgia, Breonna Taylor in Kentucky, and Andrew Brown in North Carolina. How have we as United Methodists across the Southeast responded? Videos from Kentucky Conference, North Carolina Conference, and South Georgia Conference highlight just some of the work being done in our conferences and churches.

Other Conference videos highlighted work being done at the annual conference level to bring awareness of and response to the work of anti-racism: Mississippi Conference invited partners to join in Ending Racism for Good and the South Carolina Conference developed a set of online tools to address racism through love, education, communication, and Scripture. The Holston Conference encouraged UMs at every level to do the work of Dismantling Racism in their structures and churches. And the Florida Conference established an Anti-Racism Task Force to shine beams of heaven both into the public arena and into the church community.

To close the annual conference report portion of the called session, videos highlighted the Western North Carolina Conference inviting United Methodists and the local communities to a joyful, educational Juneteenth Celebration at Lake Junaluska. The Virginia Conference created episodes of Diversity Kitchen, an invitation to understanding and cultural respect through food.

Response to Question: Bishop Swanson responded to a question submitted virtually regarding how to increase diversity in the elected delegations of the Southeast. He affirmed that the College of Bishops plans to continue these conversations and to allow time for dialogue among the delegations on the future of United Methodists in the Southeast and The United Methodist Church.

Recognition of Retiring Bishops and Those Bishops Accepting New Assignments: Bishop Swanson recognized with deep gratitude the four Bishops who will be retiring effective August 31, 2021: Bishops Lawson Bryan, Paul Leeland, Mary Virginia Taylor, and Hope Morgan Ward. He shared these words:

As God is sending each of you in your retirements into a new relationship with the church:
We are grateful for all that God has given us
and will keep giving through you.
Go forth now in the power of the Holy Spirit
to continue your ministries,
loving God and your neighbor in all that you do.

Bishop Swanson also acknowledged these four Bishops who will be leading new assignments in the Jurisdiction, effective September 1: Bishops Ken Carter, Leonard Fairley, David Graves, and Debbie Wallace-Padgett. Bishop Swanson offered these words of gratitude and sending forth:

As God is augmenting your fields of service:
We are grateful for your acceptance of these assignments,
and trust that you are being strengthened “for such as time as this.”
Go forth now in the power of the Holy Spirit
to continue your ministries,
loving God and your neighbor in all that you do.

Bishop Swanson recognized Anne Travis, Conference Secretary, for her work in preparing for the virtual Called Session.

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Dismissal: Bishop Swanson adjourned the called session with this benediction:

Laity and Clergy of the Southeastern Jurisdiction,
being baptized into Christ's ministry,
What the world needs now is what the world has ALWAYS needed:
The transforming love of God in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Let us makes disciples by teaching this:
God's love comes first.
Love rejoices in the truth.
And Love hopes all things.

And when God sees fit to have us return in regular session,
may we gather with joyful hearts in unity of purpose,
to hear Christ speak these words over us:
"You are not far from the Kingdom of God."


I hereby declare this called session of Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference closed.

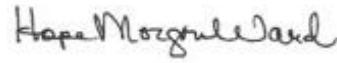
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to serve, preach, teach, and lead,
loving God and your neighbor in all that you do.

Presiding Officer
2021 Called Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference

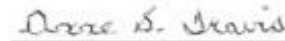
Wednesday, July 21, 2021

10:00 a.m. Session


Bishop James E. Swanson, Sr.



Senior Bishop, College of Bishops



Conference Secretary

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SEJ Vote Results Provided by GNTV Media Ministry

| Ballot Results Summary | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|-----|----|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Ballot Number | Description | Yes | No | Total Ballots Cast | Percentage Required | Number Required | Pass / Fail |
| Vote 1 | Organizing Motions | | | | | | |
| | Moderators | 335 | 2 | 337 | 50% + 1 | 169 | Pass |
| | Agenda | 326 | 11 | 337 | 50% + 1 | 169 | Pass |
| | Setting the Bar | 336 | 1 | 337 | 50% + 1 | 169 | Pass |
| | Authorized to Participate | 336 | 1 | 337 | 50% + 1 | 169 | Pass |
| | Electronic Voting | 337 | 0 | 337 | 50% + 1 | 169 | Pass |
| | Attendance by Electronic Voting | 336 | 1 | 337 | 50% + 1 | 169 | Pass |
| | Electronic Voting for Resolution | 336 | 1 | 337 | 50% + 1 | 169 | Pass |
| | Journal | 337 | 0 | 337 | 50% + 1 | 169 | Pass |
| Vote 2 | Attendance | 339 | 0 | 339 | 50% + 1 | 170 | Pass |
| Vote 3 | Uniting Conferences | 335 | 3 | 338 | 50% + 1 | 170 | Pass |

SECTION V. Reports of the 2021 Called Session

Committee on Episcopacy

Report to the 2021 Called Session of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference

This report was prepared and distributed electronically on June 9, 2021, to all delegates and alternates to the 2020 General and Jurisdictional Conferences from the Southeastern Jurisdiction and to all Bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference College of Bishops.

A REPORT OF THE SEJ COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY

Dear Delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference:

Greetings!

As you prepare for the upcoming virtual Special Session of the Jurisdictional Conference, we offer this report from the SEJ Committee on Episcopacy, in accordance with Paragraph 524.3.i.

Since the postponement of the General and Jurisdictional Conferences in 2020, the Committee on Episcopacy has done the following work:

- We formed a joint task force with the College of Bishops to assess the future of Episcopal Leadership and the sustainability of the Episcopal Fund. This task force originally recommended electing no bishops in 2021. They shared their report with all SEJ delegates in January and February of 2021. A future decision on how many bishops to elect in 2022 will be made by the Jurisdictional delegates.
- We were informed of the intention to retire on September 1, 2021, according to Paragraph 408 by the following Bishops:
 - Bishop Lawson Bryan
 - Bishop Paul Leeland
 - Bishop Virginia Taylor
 - Bishop Hope Morgan Ward
- At a regular session of a Jurisdictional Conference, the assignments of bishops are the work of the Committee on Episcopacy, who recommends assignments to be approved by the Jurisdictional Conference (see Par. 524). When a vacancy in the office of bishop occurs due to retirement in between regular sessions of Jurisdictional Conference, the vacancy “is filled by the Council of Bishops on nomination of the active bishops of the College of Bishops of the jurisdiction after consultation with the jurisdictional and annual conference committees on episcopacy and the cabinet(s).” (Par. 407)

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- In this spirit of consultation, the Committee on Episcopacy was asked by the College of Bishops to provide to the College a recommendation regarding a plan of coverage beginning September 1, 2021. A joint task force with members from the Committee on Episcopacy and the College of Bishops received extensive input from each annual conference and interviewed each episcopal leader. The Committee on Episcopacy reviewed the reports from the annual conferences and approved the recommendation from the Task Force. The Committee on Episcopacy sent the College a recommendation for an interim plan of coverage. The reports from the annual conferences were not read by the College.

After considering the recommendation from the Committee on Episcopacy, the College of Bishops accepted the plan of coverage with modifications and sent it to the Council of Bishops for their approval. The Council of Bishops approved the College's recommendation and announced the plan for coverage on May 14th.

We continue to pray for our connection and look forward to the work ahead.

Respectfully submitted:

Steve Furr, Tom Berlin, and Kim Ingram (Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary of the SEJ COE)

Petition Requesting the Southeastern Jurisdiction to Authorize Formation of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference of The United Methodist Church

Whereas: The Nashville Episcopal Area is comprised of the Memphis and Tennessee conferences, and

Whereas: In 2019, the Tennessee Annual Conference and Memphis Annual Conference sessions each voted to petition the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference to take action at its 2020 session setting the boundaries of the two conferences to form a new conference, with the new conference to operate as a fully unified annual conference beginning in January 2021, and

Whereas: Due to delays in General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference meetings resulting from the global COVID-19 pandemic, the Jurisdictional Conference did not meet in 2020 session, but has called a special session for July 2021, and

Whereas: It has become necessary to delay the new conference's commencement of operation as a fully unified annual conference to January 1, 2022, and moving forward with this adjusted commencement date was acknowledged and affirmed by the Tennessee Annual Conference and the Memphis Annual Conference in their June 2021 sessions:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference approves realigning the boundaries of the Memphis and Tennessee annual conferences to form one new annual conference known as the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference of The United Methodist Church, with boundaries coextensive with the current Tennessee and Memphis conferences.

Be it further resolved that the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference authorizes such new conference to conduct an organizational meeting consisting of the voting membership (lay and clergy) of the Tennessee and Memphis annual conferences prior to January 1, 2022, and to begin operations as a fully unified annual conference on January 1, 2022, all in accordance with a Plan of Union adopted by both conferences at their June 2021 annual conference sessions.

This action will become effective upon the adjournment of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, July 21, 2021.

Submitted by:

Holly Neal

Tennessee Conference Lay Leader

Janice McCallen

Memphis Conference Lay Leader

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MONITORING REPORT of the Southeastern Jurisdiction 2021 CALLED SESSION

General Commission on the Status and Role of Women Southeastern Jurisdiction Delegates Meeting – Monitoring Report Monitor: David Dodge July 2021

In many aspects of today's meeting there was attention given to inclusion. It was evident at the very beginning with the children's choir that consisted of 7 children - 4 African American and 3 Caucasian; 5 female and 2 males. The worship leaders also reflected intentionality by their presence – one Caucasian male elder and one African American female deacon. Each seemed to have equivalent roles throughout the worship aspects of the Conference. The "preachers" for the worship included an African American female elder and a Hispanic male elder.

The primary item of business was the resolution to unite the Tennessee and the Memphis Conferences. The resolution was presented by the Conference Lay Leaders of the two respective Conferences. Both presenters were female. In fact, as the meeting progressed three additional Conference Lay Leaders appeared in some of the video presentations, and all three were female.

For the presentation of the resolution there was the opportunity for delegates to ask questions. Two people were prepared to respond to the questions, two Caucasian elders, one male and one female. Each handled one question a piece.

The other main aspect of the Conference included video reports from Annual Conferences of the SEJ which covered two items: innovative responses by churches during the pandemic and second, the work of Annual Conferences on anti-racism. These reports reflected a variety of people, clearly reflecting inclusivity.

The one disappointing factor of today's Conference was the visual absence of leadership by more of the female bishops of the SEJ participating on the platform. At Lake Junaluska there were three bishops on stage - two African American males and one Caucasian male. This seemed like a missed opportunity. During the two-hour long Conference, the only visual presentation of any of our female bishops came briefly in one of the Annual Conference videos. Bishop Lewis spoke when she introduced the Virginia Conference video. Bishop Ward appeared in the North Carolina Conference video but did not speak. However, it should be noted that all bishops within the jurisdiction were invited to be present at Lake Junaluska where they would have appeared on the stage. All bishops were present in the virtual platform.

SECTION VI. Historical Material

Sessions of the Jurisdictional Conference

| Session | Where Held | Date | Secretary |
|----------------|---|----------------------|-----------------------|
| First | Municipal Auditorium Asheville, NC | May 22-27, 1940 | Lud H. Estes |
| Second | Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Atlanta, GA | June 22-26, 1944 | Lud H. Estes |
| Third | Township Auditorium Columbia, SC | June 30-July 4, 1948 | Lud H. Estes |
| Fourth | American Legion Auditorium Roanoke, VA | June 25-29, 1952 | Lud H. Estes |
| Fifth | George R. Stuart Auditorium Lake Junaluska, NC | July 11-15, 1956 | Lud H. Estes |
| Sixth | George R. Stuart Auditorium Lake Junaluska, NC | July 13-17, 1960 | Don A. Cooke |
| Seventh | George R. Stuart Auditorium Lake Junaluska, NC | July 8-12, 1964 | Charles D. White |
| Eighth | George R. Stuart Auditorium Lake Junaluska, NC | July 24-28, 1968 | W. Carleton Wilson |
| Ninth | George R. Stuart Auditorium Lake Junaluska, NC | July 11-16, 1972 | Charles D. White |
| Tenth | George R. Stuart Auditorium Lake Junaluska, NC | July 13-15, 1976 | Charles D. White |
| Eleventh | George R. Stuart Auditorium Lake Junaluska, NC | July 15-19, 1980 | Alvis A. Waite, Jr. |
| Twelfth | George R. Stuart Auditorium Lake Junaluska, NC | July 17-22, 1984 | Alvis A. Waite, Jr. |
| Thirteenth | George R. Stuart Auditorium Lake Junaluska, NC | July 12-16, 1988 | Alvis A. Waite, Jr. |
| Fourteenth | George R. Stuart Auditorium Lake Junaluska, NC | July 14-18, 1992 | Charles D. White, Jr. |
| Fifteenth | George R. Stuart Auditorium Lake Junaluska, NC | July 16-19, 1996 | Charles D. White, Jr. |

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| Sixteenth | George R. Stuart Auditorium Lake Junaluska, NC | July 12-15, 2000 | Joetta F. Rinehart |
| Seventeenth | George R. Stuart Auditorium Lake Junaluska, NC | February 26-28, 2001 | Joetta F. Rinehart |
| Eighteenth | George R. Stuart Auditorium Lake Junaluska, NC | July 14-17, 2004 | Joetta F. Rinehart |
| Nineteenth | George R. Stuart Auditorium Lake Junaluska, NC | July 16-19, 2008 | Joetta F. Rinehart |
| Twentieth | George R. Stuart Auditorium Lake Junaluska, NC | July 18-20, 2012 | Remer L. Brady III |
| Twenty-first | George R. Stuart Auditorium Lake Junaluska, NC | July 13-15, 2016 | Anne S. Travis |
| Twenty-second | Harrell Center Auditorium Lake Junaluska, NC and Virtual | July 21, 2021 | Anne S. Travis |

PLAN OF ORGANIZATION

(As adopted by 2016 Conference)

I. OPENING SESSION

The Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church shall assemble according to the provisions of the 2012 *Book of Discipline* (§§ 24, 26, 27) and the law of the Church at a place within the bounds of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church.

A. Presiding Bishop

Following the administration of Holy Communion by the Bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, the conference shall be called to order by a Bishop of the Southeastern Jurisdiction as determined by the College of Bishops; this Bishop shall preside during the first session of the same.

B. Seating of Special Groups

Members of the Judicial Council of the United Methodist Church residing within the bounds of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference shall be seated on the platform of the Jurisdictional Conference and allowed the same Per Diem and travel as elected delegates, and they shall be without vote.

The general or executive secretaries of the general boards and agencies of the church who are members of the annual conferences within the bounds of the Southeastern Jurisdiction and who are not elected members of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference shall be seated within the area of the conference and shall have the privileges of the floor on matters affecting the interests of their boards and agencies, but without vote, and at the expense of their respective boards and agencies.

C. Roll Call and Order of Business

The following order of business shall be observed:

1. The secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference shall call the roll in the following manner:

a. The names of the Bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction and of the delegates-elect of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference who have died since the adjournment of the preceding Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

b. The names of the Bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

c. The roll of delegates shall be called by annual conferences. The chairperson of each delegation shall be provided with a blank form on which to report in writing the attendance of its members, noting absentees and substitutions, which reports shall be tabulated by the secretary and published in the Daily Christian Advocate. Any reserve seated in the place of a regular delegate by his/her Annual Conference shall meet the requirements set forth in *The Book of Discipline* 2012 of The United Methodist Church (§§ 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 514). Delegates, including reserves, when the latter are substituted for a delegate or delegates, shall be seated in the order of their election. Each Delegation Head will certify daily that his/her delegation is properly seated on a form provided by the Conference Secretary.

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2. A majority of the whole number of delegates elected to the Jurisdictional Conference shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business (§ 518, 2012 *Discipline*). At the conclusion of the roll call, the secretary shall announce whether or not a quorum is present.
3. The Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, prepared by the Committee on Plan of Organization, shall be submitted to the conference for its action and determination.
4. The College of Bishops shall present a nomination from the clergy or laity membership of the United Methodist Church within the Southeastern Jurisdiction for secretary designate. Other nominations shall be permitted from the floor. The Agenda Committee shall schedule the time of election. The election, if there are two or more nominees, shall be by ballot with a majority of the votes cast being required for an election. The secretary designate shall assume the responsibilities 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 the transfer or responsibility to the secretary designate shall be determined by the College of Bishops, but shall not be later than six (6) months after the adjournment of the Jurisdictional Conference. Other details about the Conference Secretary position include:
 - a. That the Conference Secretary shall be a part-time, paid position.
 - b. That the Senior Effective Bishop, the CCA Chair and CCA Vice-Chair serve as the direct supervisors of the Conference Secretary.
 - c. That the Conference Secretary:
 - i. Coordinate the considerable functions associated with planning, executing and reporting on the quadrennial session;
 - ii. Act in executive/administrative role assisting the Committee on Coordination and Accountability as it fulfills its important work; and,
 - iii. Oversee a communications system to connect jurisdictional constituents.
 - iv. Respond to the frequent inquiries for information or action that comes from persons located within the Jurisdiction. (Inquires range from complaining about a position of the church, about some media story, about some action by a pastor, district superintendent or Bishop. Also, calls are received from persons who have some desire to purchase abandoned church property.)
5. The College of Bishops shall present nominations for the administrative committees, and such other nominations as are hereinafter committed to them, for election by the conference.
6. Election of Bishop(s) (2012 *Discipline*, § 27.2).
7. Election of Committee on Episcopacy for the ensuing quadrennium (2012 *Discipline*, § 50).
8. Election of the Committee on Appeals for the ensuing quadrennium (2012 *Discipline*, § 2716.1) and the Committee on Investigation for the ensuing quadrennium (2012 *Discipline*, § 2703.1).
9. Miscellaneous business.
10. Adjournment.

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II. EPISCOPAL MESSAGE

The College of Bishops and the Program Committee may schedule the hearing of the quadrennial message of the College of Bishops.

III. LAITY ADDRESS

The Program and Arrangements Committee may schedule a Laity Address for the quadrennial session. When scheduled, the Jurisdictional Association of Conference Lay Leaders will designate the presenter(s) for the address.

IV. PRESIDING OFFICERS AND SECRETARIAL STAFF

A. The effective Bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction shall preside over the sessions of the conference in an order determined by the College of Bishops.

B. The secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference as elected shall serve as herein provided.

C. The conference shall elect, upon the nomination of the secretary, such assistant secretaries from the clergy or laity membership of the United Methodist Church within the Southeastern Jurisdiction, as it may deem wise.

D. If in the interim of the Quadrennial Sessions of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, the office of secretary shall for any reason be vacated, the College of Bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction shall elect a successor.

V. COMMITTEES

A. The SEJ Committee on Coordination and Accountability

The SEJ Committee on Coordination and Accountability is assigned the task of overseeing the work and ministry of the United Methodist Church across the jurisdiction (2012 *Discipline*, ¶530). The responsibilities and function of the committee will include:

1. Having limited power, but with authority, to act between sessions of the Jurisdictional Conference on matters such as ratifying the election of Trustees or Directors for entities requiring such action (e.g., Emory University Trustees and SEJ Agencies and ongoing ministries) and ratifying By-Laws changes of SEJ Agencies and Ongoing Ministries.
2. Being the legal body of the Jurisdiction and guardian of the SEJ title and logo
3. Focusing on the mission and ministry of the United Methodist Church within the Jurisdiction
4. Coordinating and/or confirming the program of the General Agencies within the Jurisdiction (2012 *Discipline*, ¶529)
5. Receiving regular reports from the Committee on Finance and Administration, the SEJ Agencies, and jurisdictional groups for mission and ministry
6. Relating to and holding accountable groups mandated by *The Book of Discipline*, Jurisdictional Agencies, Networking Groups, Monitoring Groups, and Existing Groups organized and

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functioning within the Jurisdiction (See below, “Definitions”) and maintaining Covenant Agreements with the Jurisdictional Agencies and Existing Ministries.

The membership of this committee will be fifteen (15) persons:

- 3 Bishops
- 3 Conference Directors of Connectional Ministries or equivalents
- 3 Conference Lay Leaders
- 6 At-large members with expertise and for inclusiveness

All 15 members shall be elected by the Jurisdictional Conference upon nomination by the SEJ Nominating Committee in consultation with the Bishops, Directors of Connectional Ministries and Lay Leaders, to identify their representatives and ensure that each annual conference be represented on the committee. Vacancies occurring during the quadrennium shall be filled by the College of Bishops.

The Secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference shall be the staff person assigned duties for and on behalf of the committee (ex officio membership, with voice but without vote). The SEJ Committee on Finance and Administration Chairperson and the SEJ Treasurer shall be ex-officio members, without vote, on the CCA.

The Executive Directors of the three Agencies and Disciplinary Groups and Ongoing Groups (Ministries) may be invited to attend meetings of the SEJ Committee for connections, accountability, and information sharing (voice but without vote).

The Committee shall elect its own officers. Either a Bishop or lay leader shall serve as the chairperson on a rotating basis for a two-year term. (For example, if a lay leader is chairperson for two years, a Bishop will serve as vice-chairperson, with the next two-year term reversed.) The Jurisdictional Conference Secretary shall arrange an organizational meeting at a time and place determined by the President of the SEJ College of Bishops, who shall be or shall name the convener of the meeting.

The committee shall meet at least annually, with called meetings held as necessary. Telephone conference meetings and audio-conferencing are acceptable. Those present at a duly announced meeting will constitute a quorum.

Definitions

A number of groups, committees, and councils across the jurisdiction will be related to and accountable to the Jurisdictional Conference through the SEJ Committee on Coordination and Accountability. These groups fall into one of five categories.

1. Disciplinary Groups – Two primary groups and/or events are mandated by *The Book of Discipline*: there “shall be” a jurisdictional Commission on Archives and History, and there “may be” a jurisdictional Ministries with Young People Convocation. A system for regularly reporting, coordinating, and overseeing their work will be developed in consultation with the SEJ Committee on Coordination and Accountability.

There are also jurisdictional organizations for United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men. However, according to *The Book of Discipline*, these two entities are directly accountable to the national United Methodist Women and the General Commission on United Methodist Men, respectively.

2. Agencies—Three agencies shall be located within the bounds of the Southeastern Jurisdiction: (1) Lake Junaluska Assembly; (2) Hinton Rural Life Center; and, (3) Gulfside Assembly. Each one of these three agencies own property within the bounds of the Jurisdiction and will maintain its own Board of Directors (ratified by SEJ Conference and – between sessions – by the Committee on Coordination and Accountability) that will function as trustees of the property and the ministry. Each Board of Directors will determine the plan of organization and structure for the work and the mission of the agency and will follow all reporting requirements of the jurisdiction. By-Laws changes are to be reviewed and ratified once per quadrennium by the Committee on Coordination and Accountability.

In this jurisdictional plan, each of the three agencies will have its own Executive Director. Working with the Board of Directors, this person will assist in determining and hiring the appropriate number of staff persons, along with determining the necessary position descriptions. Ultimately, each agency – through its Board of Directors – will be accountable to the Jurisdictional Conference through the Committee on Coordination and Accountability and shall file a quadrennial report, including a budget, a business plan, a ministry plan, and Board of Directors for the upcoming quadrennium to be ratified by the Jurisdictional Conference. When requested by the Committee on Coordination and Accountability, these Agencies shall also file an annual report of the same information.

The three Agencies shall be asked to maintain a Covenant Agreement with the SEJ Committee on Coordination and Accountability for mutual understanding of roles and responsibilities.

3. Monitoring Groups – The Book of Discipline requires a jurisdictional organization for both the Commission on Religion and Race and the Commission on the Status and Role of Women and requires a Jurisdictional connection with these two General Commissions.

Lines of accountability and oversight of their monitoring work will be through the SEJ Committee on Coordination and Accountability. In addition, it is expected and requested that the monitoring function also be applied to SEJ Committee on Coordination and Accountability, both in its membership and participation.

4. Networking Groups – These informal, ad-hoc groups arise among conference leaders and staff. They share common interests, concerns, and ministry-related areas. These groups may gather periodically to benefit from interaction with peers, to develop contacts, and to exchange information. The understanding is that all Annual Conferences will be invited to participate but doing so will be strictly voluntary. Funding for travel and expenses shall be the responsibility of each participating Annual Conference. Each Networking Group will be responsible for its own life and will have no jurisdictional staff persons assigned.

5. Existing, Established, Ongoing Ministries – Several groups and organizations provide much needed ministry, training and outreach within the jurisdiction. There are currently two established ministries: (1) Intentional Growth Center and (2) UVMIM. These ministries will be accountable to the Jurisdiction through the Committee on Coordination and Accountability. Each ministry will have its own Board of Directors and/or Advisors, which will be reviewed and ratified annually by the Committee on Coordination and Accountability. By-Laws are to be reviewed and ratified once per quadrennium by the Committee on Coordination and Accountability. Each group will be self-supporting and will file annual reports on the ministry, vision, and results of their programming with the Committee on Coordination and Accountability and a quadrennial report to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference..

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B. The SEJ Committee on Finance and Administration

1. The ministry of the jurisdiction requires a unified budget with one Treasurer's office, which will serve as the primary place for receipts and disbursement of funds. The Committee on Finance and Administration shall receive and review audits of the Agencies and Jurisdictional groups for mission and ministry and any other matters approved in the Covenant Agreements. Finally, the Treasurer's office will work with the Committee on Finance and Administration to propose a quadrennial jurisdictional budget and will provide for the operations and financial expenses for the meeting of the Jurisdictional Conference.

2. This committee will be composed of a representative and inclusive group of fifteen (15) persons, nominated by the SEJ Nominating Committee and elected by the Jurisdictional Conference. The committee will elect its own officers at its organizational meeting which will take place at a time determined by the President of the SEJ College of Bishops, who shall be or name the convener of the meeting. For the purpose of information and sharing mutual concerns, the Chairperson and the Treasurer of the Jurisdiction shall make full and regular reports to the Committee on Coordination and Accountability.

a. There shall be a Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference Committee on Finance and Administration, consisting of fifteen (15) members including one representative from each Annual Conference. The Committee shall be constituted quadrennially and shall be composed of eight lay persons and seven clergy persons.

It is recommended that considerations of ethnic background, the place of both men and women, the place of adults and youth, and ability and experience be recognized. Members of the Committee shall take office upon adjournment of the Jurisdictional Conference electing them and shall serve until the adjournment of the next succeeding quadrennial session of the Jurisdictional Conference and until their successors are duly elected. Vacancies occurring during the quadrennium shall be filled by the College of Bishops.

b. The Committee, when elected, shall elect from its members a chairperson, vice-chairperson, and recording secretary, and it shall nominate to the Jurisdictional Conference currently in session a treasurer who, on being duly elected by the conference, shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee. If for any reason the office of treasurer shall become vacant during the interim of the sessions of the Jurisdictional Conference, the Committee shall elect a treasurer, following due consultation with the College of Bishops. The Committee may at any time remove the treasurer from office for cause.

c. The Committee shall have general oversight of all funds included in the Jurisdictional Conference budget. The treasurer shall render to the ~~officers~~ of the Committee an annual statement of receipts and expenditures at the end of each fiscal year and a quadrennial report to each succeeding quadrennial session of the Jurisdictional Conference covering in detail receipts and expenditures for the quadrennium preceding. The treasurer shall be bonded through a suitable bond of a surety company of recognized standing and in an amount fixed by the Committee.

d. The Committee shall meet at least annually, or on the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members thereof. Telephone conference meeting and audio-conferencing are acceptable.

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e. No member or employee of any group or any trustee or employee of any institution, which is a beneficiary of the Jurisdictional Conference budget, shall be eligible for membership on the Committee. The expense of the Committee shall be paid out of the Jurisdictional Conference Expense Budget.

f. It shall be the duty of the Committee to make a careful study of the expense of administration and the causes that may properly be included in the annual Jurisdictional Conference budget, and to recommend to each succeeding quadrennial session of the Jurisdictional Conference for its action and determination an annual budget, showing the share of each Annual Conference in the total. The budget as adopted shall be the Jurisdictional Conference budget for the ensuing quadrennium, including annual budgeted amounts for the ensuing quadrennium, and the apportionment to each Annual Conference as finally determined by the Jurisdictional Conference shall be its annual share in the said budget. Only such items as are distinctly related to the work of the jurisdiction shall be included in the Jurisdictional budget. The jurisdictional treasurer shall transmit annually to the treasurer of each Annual Conference, not less than 120 days prior to the regular annual meeting of each Annual Conference, a statement of the amount apportioned such Annual Conference for Jurisdictional causes. The Annual Conference shall apportion the same among the charges of the conference in such manner as it may determine. The Annual Conference treasurer shall remit each month to the treasurer of the jurisdiction the amount on hand for Jurisdictional causes.

g. The fiscal year of the Southeastern Jurisdiction shall be January 1 through December 31. All accounts of the Committee on Finance and Administration shall be kept accordingly.

h. The Committee on Finance and Administration may give authority to its treasurer to borrow funds from any reputable bank or trust company to meet any obligation of the Jurisdictional Conference duly authorized in the regular annual budget of the conference; provided, the outstanding indebtedness shall at no time exceed twenty-five percent of the annual budget.

i. Should any urgent and pressing need arise that had not been anticipated in fixing the jurisdictional budget, and should the same in the judgment of the Committee constitute an emergency, the Committee on Finance and Administration may alter the percentage allowance to any or all agencies or causes receiving funds from Jurisdictional Conference apportionments, or may increase the apportionments to the several annual conferences of the jurisdiction to meet the emergency; provided, such action must be approved by a three-fourths vote of the Committee.

j. The Committee shall include in the proposed Jurisdictional budget recommended to the Jurisdictional Conference for its actions and determination the following items:

i.) The Jurisdictional Conference Expense Budget, which shall provide for the expense of the quadrennial meeting of the Jurisdictional Conference or any called meetings of the same, and the expense incurred in the preparation of such meeting.

ii.) The Jurisdictional Operating Budget, which shall make provision for the expense of the Jurisdictional personnel in the performance of the stated duties and for the expense of meetings of the committees of the Jurisdiction as defined in Section V. Items in the Administrative Committee budget for salaries and

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other administrative costs shall be a prior claim against the jurisdictional fund each month.

iii.) Other items which in the judgment of the Committee should be included in the annual Jurisdictional Operating Fund.

C. Nominating Committee

There shall be a committee of thirty persons who will serve as a Nominating Committee to consider nominations for the general boards and agencies, and designated Jurisdictional Committees. There shall be two persons from each conference, one of whom shall be a laity delegate and one of whom shall be a clergy delegate, elected to this committee by the Annual Conference delegation. At least two weeks prior to the conference, the members of the Nominating Committee shall be provided with:

1. A list of the names of the persons being offered by each Annual Conference to the Jurisdictional pool for consideration as members of the respective program boards, commissions, councils, and agencies. These shall be listed by categories on a form prescribed by the General Conference Secretary. Each person's ethnic background shall be indicated (e.g., Native American, Asian, African-American, etc.). An asterisk shall be placed by the name of any person who is an incumbent and who is eligible for re-election, together with the name of the agency on which he/she is serving.
2. A recommendation of procedure to be followed by the Nominating Committee.
3. A reminder that the Nominating Committee shall not only seek to maintain insofar as possible the recommendations of the 2012 *Discipline* for having one-third representation each of clergy, lay women, and lay men on general church agencies, with attention given to including youth, young adults, older adults, racial and ethnic persons, persons with handicapping conditions, and persons from small-membership churches, but that these same provisions shall be applicable to the total number of nominations made from each Annual Conference to the agencies of the general church.
4. A list of the total number of nominees to which each Annual Conference is entitled to the agencies of the general church other than those which the *Discipline* specifically mandates. These numbers shall correspond to the percentage of members, rounded off to the nearest whole, which each Annual Conference has of the total members of the jurisdiction; notwithstanding the above, the Red Bird Missionary Conference shall be represented in the nominations. In compiling this list, the following nominations shall not be included: those which come from recommendation of the United Methodist Women for the General Board of Global Ministries, those for the National Council of Churches, and those which come from another agency or group and are only reported by the Nominating Committee. The information from the annual conferences shall be in the hands of the Jurisdictional Conference Secretary no later than June 20. The members of the committee shall bring preference sheets and biographical data for prospective nominees to the first meeting of the committee from the respective conferences. The Nominating Committee shall be convened for organizational purposes at the site of the conference by the president of the College of Bishops of the jurisdiction at 2:00 p.m. three days prior to the opening of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference. Per Diem expenses for the Nominating Committee shall be provided for the extra days. Nominations shall be in the hands of the conference at a minimum of-three-hours before being presented for election.

D. Committee on Episcopacy

The membership of the Committee on Episcopacy shall consist of one clergy and one lay delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference from each Annual Conference elected by the Jurisdictional Conference upon nomination of their respective Annual Conference delegations (§524.1 of *The Book of Discipline* 2012). Each quadrennium, the Committee shall officially constituted with the election of officers and begin its work at the conclusion of the previous quadrennium's jurisdictional conference session. The committee will continue its work through the conclusion of the following jurisdictional conference when the new committee is constituted.

The sitting Committee on Episcopacy shall report to the conference the church membership statistics of the Southeastern Jurisdiction and the number of Bishops to which the Jurisdiction is entitled on the basis of church membership and shall recommend to the conference the number of Bishops to be elected and the process and manner of their election (cf. Rule 17). The committee shall perform such other duties as are set forth in §§406.1, 524 of *The Discipline* 2012.

The Committee will recommend minimum housing guidelines for every episcopal residence committee in the Jurisdiction.

E. Committee on Appeals

There shall be a Committee on Appeals elected in accordance with §2716.1 of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* 2012.

F. Committee on Investigation

There shall be a Committee on Investigation elected in accordance with §2703.1 of *The Discipline* 2012.

G. Administrative Committees

Nominations to the administrative committees shall be printed in the first edition of the Daily Christian Advocate.

1. Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order

There shall be a committee of five, known as the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, of which the secretary and treasurer of the conference shall be ex-officio members. The committee shall be convened by the conference secretary or designee until a chairperson is elected. To this committee shall be referred any proposed amendments to the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order (see Rule 38). This committee shall restudy the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order between sessions of the Jurisdictional Conference and, after making such needed changes and adaptations therein as in their judgment are necessary, shall present them to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference for consideration and final action. Any recommendation by the committee as to the organization of the standing committees, their names, number, and responsibilities (except the Committee on the Episcopacy) shall be transmitted to the secretary prior to the convening of the Jurisdictional Conference. The secretary shall notify the head of each delegation the standing committees as recommended by the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order so that delegates may make their choice of committee assignments. The committee shall have the authority to consult with various persons and agencies in the exercise of this authority. The Plan of Organization and Rules of Order of the preceding Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, thus adopted and published in the journal, shall be the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order until they have been altered or amended by the action of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

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2. Committee on Journal

There shall be a committee of three, known as the Committee on Journal, which shall examine the record of the secretary daily during the session. Any error subsequently discovered in a section of the journal materials, which has been verified, shall be corrected.

3. Agenda Committee

There shall be a committee of five, known as the Agenda Committee. The senior effective Bishop and the Conference Secretary shall be two of the committee members. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to see that all items of business required by The Discipline of the church are brought to the attention of the Jurisdictional Conference. Any consideration, proposal, resolution, or communication, which does not clearly refer to the business of the Jurisdictional Conference, as prescribed in the Discipline shall be referred to the Agenda Committee, which shall determine whether or not it shall be presented to the conference and also whether it shall be printed in the Daily Christian Advocate. The Agenda Committee shall report to the Jurisdictional Conference the disposition made of all matters, which have been referred to the Committee. The Agenda Committee shall consult with the Committee of Chairpersons regarding the inclusion of standing committee reports on the agenda of the conference.

No petition shall be assigned to any Jurisdictional Conference committee unless it comes from some organization, clergy person, or member of The United Methodist Church and contains information essential to the verification of the alleged facts concerning its origin. All petitions shall be presented to the Conference Secretary. Each should deal with only one general subject. All petitions requiring funding shall be so designated and the amount to be specified. Petitions with financial implications shall be referred to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Committee on Finance and Administration for their review and recommendation to the conference. All petitions shall be in the hands of the secretary of the conference no later than fourteen days prior to the opening of the conference.

The Agenda committee shall receive all petitions dealing with the regular business of the conference and, after ascertaining that they meet the requirements herein specified, shall distribute them among the several committees according to their respective responsibilities. It may also withhold from reference or publication any document it shall deem improper, promptly advising the author or authors thereof of its action in order that an appeal may be made to the conference, if desired.

When the Agenda committee determines that the particular item of business does not naturally flow toward an existing committee, it shall authorize the creation of an ad hoc committee to deal with this particular item. Upon authorization, the Conference Secretary will contact each delegation leader with a description of the business item and a meeting time and place for the committee (including the possibility of a conference call prior to the convening of conference). The delegation leader will be asked to designate one delegate to represent his/her annual conference on the ad hoc committee. The Conference Secretary or designee shall convene the meeting until a chairperson is elected. The ad hoc committee will consider the item of business and prepare a recommended action for conference's consideration.

4. Committee on Program and Arrangements

There shall be a Jurisdictional Conference Program and Arrangements Committee composed of one Bishop, who shall be chairperson; a district superintendent designated by the Bishop; the

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Secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference; the Treasurer of the Jurisdictional Conference; the chairperson Committee on Coordination and Accountability; the president of the jurisdiction United Methodist Women or designee; the president of the jurisdiction United Methodist Men or designee; and the chairperson of the Jurisdictional Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders or designee; the chairperson of the sitting Committee on Episcopacy or designee; and five (5) others who may be selected to insure inclusivity and expertise. The Bishop serving on this committee shall be selected in the order of seniority from the effective Bishops of the jurisdiction. The duties of the committee shall be to arrange the program and logistics for the Jurisdictional Conference, other than that covered by the Plan of Organization. It shall be established policy of the Southeastern Jurisdiction to have a program that will present to the conference a challenge on behalf of the work of the church in its worldwide mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

The Conference Secretary will organize a team to execute the program planned and the logistical needs of the conference following the guidance of the Committee on Program and Arrangements. Members of this team will be invited to Committee meetings as determined by the senior Bishop and Conference Secretary.

5. Committee on Chairpersons

There may be one or more meetings of all committee chairpersons as determined by the Agenda committee. Such meetings may seek to coordinate and streamline the business of the conference or seek to resolve inter-committee disagreements or difficulty. The secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference shall convene the Committee of Chairpersons.

6. Tellers

There shall be a committee of thirty to act as tellers for the purpose of assisting with the ballots ordered by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference. The committee shall be composed of one clergy and one laity delegate from each of the annual conferences in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. For purposes of this committee only, reserve delegates may be nominated by their delegation and elected as balloting tellers. The committee shall be divided into two groups of fifteen each. In case of emergency, additional tellers may be drafted into service from among the delegation membership.

H. Financial Implications

The SEJ Conference shall submit any petition or proposal requiring funding from committees, organizations or individuals to the Committee on Finance and Administration (CFA) for study and recommendations prior to consideration. Submissions shall be made no later than 6:00 PM of the day prior to the CFA report.

VI. DELEGATES' EXPENSE ACCOUNTS

A. The report of the Delegation Head shall be the basis for settlement with principal and reserve delegates for their Per Diem allowance.

B. Travel expense for delegates and first lay and clergy reserve to the conference shall be reimbursed as directed by the conference upon recommendation of the Committee on Finance and Administration. The total travel expense shall be payable to the principal delegate if he/she be present and seated. If during the session of the conference a reserve beyond the first lay or clergy reserve must be seated in his/her place, he/she shall adjust the travel expense with such reserve on the basis of the time served by each.

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VII. EDITORIAL CHANGES

The Conference Secretary may make editorial changes to the Plan of Organization or Rules of Order whenever there is a need to update Disciplinary references or law, or to clarify language without changing the meaning or intent. Any proposed editorial changes must be approved by two-thirds of the Rules Committee.

RULES OF ORDER

I. AGENDA

Rule 1. Agenda.

- (1) The senior effective Bishop and the Conference Secretary, in consultation with the College of Bishops and the Program/Arrangements Committee, will develop the agenda.
- (2) The proposed agenda will be published in pre-conference materials and placed before the conference for adoption in the opening session.
- (3) Once adopted, the Agenda Committee may propose modifications as circumstances may dictate. The conference will be notified of foreseen adjustments in as timely as fashion as possible.

Rule 2: Worship. Each quadrennial session will begin with an opening worship service. Additional worship experiences will be conducted periodically during the session.

II. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Rule 3. The Bishop presiding shall be legal chairperson of the Jurisdictional Conference. He/she shall decide points of order raised by the members as he/she deems necessary to conform to these Jurisdictional Conference Rules of Order, subject 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 his/her position. A tie vote in the case of an appeal shall sustain the chair. When any member raises a point of order, he/she shall cite by number the rule he/she adjudges to have been violated. The Bishop presiding when the committee is created, unless otherwise directed by the conference, or as directed by the plan of organization, shall name the members of any special committee. (See Rule 38.)

Rule 4. When the chairperson stands in his/her place and calls the conference to order, no member shall speak, address the chair, or stand while the chairperson stands.

III. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS

Rule 5. Attendance and Seating Reserves. No member unless hindered by sickness or otherwise, from being present shall be absent himself/herself from the sessions of the conference without permission of the conference, and all absentees shall be reported by the chairperson of the several Annual Conference delegations to the Conference Secretary. Reserve delegates will be seated as necessary. Each Delegation Head will certify daily that his/her delegation is properly seated on a form provided by the Conference Secretary (Plan of Organization, I. C. (1) c).

Rule 6. Directions for Securing the Floor. When a delegate desires to speak to the conference, he/she shall arise at his/her seat, respectfully address the presiding officer, and, after recognition, proceed to the

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speaker's platform or to the nearest microphone, where, before speaking, he/she shall state his/her name and the Annual Conference from which he/she comes.

Rule 7. Interrupting the Speaker. No member who has the floor may be interrupted except for a breach of order, or misrepresentation, or to direct the attention of the conference to the fact that the time has arrived for a special order, or to raise a very urgent question of high privilege.

Rule 8. Speaking More Than Once. No member shall speak a second time on the same question if any member who has not spoken desires the floor, nor more than twice on the same subject under the same motion, nor longer than three minutes unless his/her time shall be extended by the conference, except as provided in Rule 37. This three-minute limit may be reduced by a majority vote of the conference at any time, and for any period of duration. Note: Any eligible elder, who is not a nominee in the episcopal election process and who receives 10 or more votes on any ballot, will be permitted to address the conference for no more than 10 minutes.

Rule 9. Question of High Privilege. A member claiming the floor at any time for what he/she believes is a very urgent question of high privilege shall be allowed to indicate briefly the nature of the question, as if it be adjudged by the chair to be such he/she may proceed at his/her pleasure, or until the chair judges that he/she has exhausted the privilege.

Rule 10. Voting Area of 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. Method of Voting. Voting shall be by a show of hands unless otherwise ordered by the conference. An "Aye" and "No" vote by written ballot or a count vote may be ordered on call of any member and supported by one-third of the members present and voting. Ballots and count votes will be taken by electronic voting device when available at the conference session. 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 that which can be appropriately fitted into the time while waiting for the report of the secretaries on a count vote, or an "Aye" and "No" vote (see Rule 26 (2)). When a count vote is ordered, and electronic voting devices are unavailable, the count shall be made by the chairperson of the delegation, who shall report to the secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference the number of those in the delegation voting for and voting against a motion or a report.

Rule 12. Division of 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 he/she 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.

IV. BUSINESS PROCEDURE

Rule 13. Motion for Adoption of Reports and Resolutions Unnecessary. Whenever a report of a committee, signed by the chairperson and secretary thereof, or a resolution signed by two or more members of the conference 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 and a second thereto.

Rule 14. Required Forms for Reports, Resolutions, Motions, and Amendments. All resolutions and committee reports shall be presented in triplicate and electronically, and when requested by the secretary, motions, including amendments, shall be presented in writing.

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Rule 15. Reading of Reports and Resolutions. All resolutions, committee reports, and communications of the conference may be read by the secretary if determined by the conference, except as otherwise provided in Rule 31.

Rule 16. Alteration of Motions, Etc. When a motion is made and seconded and stated by the chair, or a resolution is introduced and seconded, or a committee report is made or is published in the Daily Christian Advocate, it shall be deemed in possession of the conference and may not be altered except by action of the conference (see Rule 31). Introductory, accompanying or explanatory, material shall not be subject to debate or amendment, nor be considered to have been acted upon by the conference upon adoption of the motion or proposal itself, unless accompanied by a specific motion that such material is included in the action of the conference.

Rule 17. Episcopal Election Process

(1) The sitting Committee on Episcopacy has oversight of the election process for that quadrennium. Specifically, the Committee on Episcopacy will determine and oversee the processes, policies, and covenants related to the declaring of nominees and the familiarization with nominees from the various conferences and groups. The Program/Arrangements Committee, in consultation with the Committee on Episcopacy and the College of Bishops, will determine the balloting process and logistics. Once balloting begins, the presiding Bishop shall certify the fairness of the balloting process. Once the balloting process (beginning with the first ballot and concluding with the election of the final bishop) has begun, neither committees nor persons who are not nominees shall be allowed to make reports or speeches designed to influence the balloting.

(2) An elder is elected a Bishop when that elder has received the votes of 60% of the delegates casting valid ballots in the jurisdictional conference.

Rule 18. Non-debatable Motions. The following motions shall be acted upon without debate:

- (1) To adjourn, when unqualified, except to adjourn the conference finally.
- (2) To suspend a rule or rules or any provisions of the Rules of Order.
- (3) To lie on the table, except as provided in Rule 35.
- (4) To take from the table.
- (5) To call for the previous question.
- (6) To reconsider a non-debatable motion.
- (7) To limit or extend the limits of debate.
- (8) To call for the orders of the day.

Rule 19. Rights of the Main Question. The main question may be opened to debate under the following motions: To adopt, to commit, 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 11. The foregoing does not apply to secondary motions if otherwise allowable in the existing parliamentary situation.

Rule 20. Precedence of Secondary 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:

- (1) To fix the time to which the conference shall adjourn. (This motion is subject to amendment, or it may be laid on the table.)
- (2) To adjourn.
- (3) To take recess.

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- (4) To raise a question of privilege.
- (5) To call for the orders of the day.
- (6) To lie on the table.
- (7) To order the previous question.
- (8) To limit or extend the limits of debate.
- (9) To postpone to a given time.
- (10) To refer.
- (11) To amend or substitute (one amendment being allowed to an amendment).
- (12) To postpone indefinitely.

Rule 21. Tabling Related Motions. No motion, which adheres to another motion, or has another 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 22. Referring a Section of Report. 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.

Rule 23. Procedure for Consideration of Substitutes. When a resolution or committee report is properly before the conference for consideration and action, even if amendments thereto are pending, a delegate may offer a substitute for the resolution or report under consideration. The substitute must be an alternative to what is before the body and not simply a negation of the main motion.

The conference will first consider the substitution/alternative before the body. 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 majority vote, the substitute motion becomes the main motion. If the motion to substitute fails to receive a majority vote, the original main motion remains on the floor for consideration. Debate, including the offering of amendments, moves forward on the main motion as per the rules of procedure.

The previous question may not be put on the adoption of the report or resolution, or making the proposed substitution, until two members (including the chairperson of the committee presenting the report and the member presenting the substitute shall have spoken.

Rule 24. Previous Question (see Rules 18 (5), 23, 25, 35). When any member moves the previous question (that is, that the vote be now taken on the motion or motions pending), he/she shall indicate to what he/she intends it to apply, if any secondary motion or motions are also pending. If he/she 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, and if adopted the vote shall be taken without debate and shall require a two-thirds vote of those present and voting for its adoption, and if adopted the vote shall be taken on the motion or motions to which it applies without further debate, except as provided in Rule 35.

Rule 25. 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 26. Exceptions to Majority Vote. A majority of those voting, a quorum being present, shall decide all questions with the following exceptions:

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- (1) A tie vote sustains the chair, if an appeal is made from his/her decision (Rule 3).
- (2) One third of those present and voting shall suffice to sustain a call for an “Aye” and “No” vote or a count vote (Rule 11).
- (3) A two-thirds vote shall be required to sustain a motion to suspend or amend a rule or rules or any provision of the Rules of Order (Rules 37, 38); to sustain a motion for the previous question (Rule 24); to set aside a motion for the previous question (Rule 24); to set aside a special order; to consider a special order before the time therefore; or any motion whose adoption would limit debate.

Rule 27. 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 proposed for reconsideration is non-debatable, then the motion under reconsideration may not be debated.

Rule 28. Motion to Adjourn in Order, Except. The motion to adjourn, when unqualified, shall be taken without debate, and shall always be in order, except

- (1) When a delegate has the floor.
- (2) When a question is actually put, or a vote is being taken, and before it is finally decided.
- (3) When the previous question has been ordered and action there under is pending.
- (4) When a motion to adjourn has been lost, and no business or debate has intervened.
- (5) When a 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.

V. COMMITTEES: DUTIES AND PREROGATIVES

Rule 29. Preparation and Presentation of Committee Reports. Every committee of the Jurisdictional Conference is hereby authorized to delegate to the chairperson and secretary of the committee the duty of preparing and presenting to the Jurisdictional Conference the action taken by the committee on any given subject, and every committee is authorized to grant to a minority of the committee the right to draft and to present to the Jurisdictional Conference a minority report without reading the same before the full committee, providing the substance of the said minority report has been stated to the committee.

Rule 30. Alterations in Restrictive Rules. Reports from committees and all other papers which propose an alteration in the restrictive rules of the church shall state that alteration proposed to be made, and the form of the motion shall be: “Will the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference recommend to the General and Annual Conferences the change indicated above?”

Rule 31. Published Reports in Possession of Conference. A report of any committee signed by the chairperson and secretary thereof shall be regarded as in possession of the conference when posted to the conference website, published in the Daily Christian Advocate, or distributed on the floor of conference. The business shall be in order for consideration at the pleasure of the conference anytime thereafter. The same rule shall apply to a report of a minority of any committee signed by one tenth of the members of the committee or by ten members thereof (see Rule 16 and Rule 23).

Rule 32. Preparation and Printing of Reports. Reports of the standing committees shall be posted to the conference website and distributed in the Daily Christian Advocate with as much advance notice as possible given the abbreviated duration of conference prior to being presented for consideration by the conference, and they shall not be read unless by its order. Reports of minorities of committees adopted by them with a view to their being offered as substitutes for committee reports shall likewise conform to this rule so far as it is applicable, indicating clearly to what committee the respective minorities belong and for what report or reports, by serial numbers, etc., they propose the respective substitutes.

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Rule 33. Committee on Chairperson Not in Harmony with Report. When a chairperson of a committee is not in harmony with a report adopted by the committee, it shall be his/her duty to state the fact to the committee, which shall elect one of its members to represent the committee, and said representative shall have all the rights and privileges of the chairperson in relation to such report.

Rule 34. Presentation of Report of Minority. A member selected by the signers of a minority report of a committee to present the same shall have the same rights and privileges in relation thereto which belong to the chairperson in the presentation of the regular (majority) report of the committee-

Rule 35. Speakers For and Against. When the report of a committee is under consideration, it shall be the duty of the presiding officer to ascertain which side a speaker proposes to speak. The speaker shall not be granted the floor to speak on the same side of the pending question as the speaker immediately preceding if any member desires to speak on the other side. Except for non-debatable motions, no report shall be adopted or question relation to the same decided without opportunity having been given for a least one speech for and one against the said proposal, provided this right is claimed before the chairperson or duly authorized member representing the committee's report, of the minority report if there be such, is present to close the debate. When all have spoken who desire to do so, or when (and after) the previous question has been ordered, the chairperson and/or duly authorized member or members presenting the committee's report (and the minority report, if there be one) shall be entitled to speak before the vote is taken. This right of the chairperson and/or other member or members to close the debate shall prevail in like manner to a limit of three minutes when a vote is about to be taken on a motion to amend, to substitute, to postpone, to refer, to lay on the table, or any other motion whose adoption would vitally affect the report under consideration, provided that this five minute limit shall not apply to a motion to substitute a minority report for a regular (majority) report of a committee.

Rule 36. Legal Enactment. All actions of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church shall become effective upon the adjournment of the present session of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church, unless otherwise specified.

VI. SUSPENDING, AMENDING, AND SUPPLEMENTING

Rule 37. Suspension of Rules. The operation of any of the provisions of the Plan of Organization or the Rules of Order may be suspended at any time by a two-thirds vote of the conference (see Rule 26 (3)).

Rule 38. Amending Rules. The Plan of Organization and these Rules of Order may be amended or changed by two-thirds vote of the conference, provided the proposed change or amendment has been presented to the conference in writing and referred to the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, which committee shall report thereon not later than the day following (see Rule 26 (3)).

Rule 39. Roberts Rules of Order, Revised: Supplemental Authority. In any parliamentary situation not clearly covered by this Plan of Organization or these Rules of Order, the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference shall be governed in its actions by *Roberts Rules of Order, Revised*.

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Articles of Incorporation
Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church, Inc.



NORTH CAROLINA
Department of the Secretary of State

To all whom these presents shall come, Greetings:

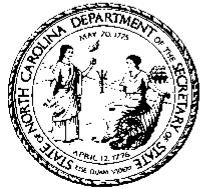
I, Elaine F. Marshall, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify the following and hereto attached to be a true copy of

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

**SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH, INC.**

the original of which was filed in this office on the 9th day of April, 2015.



Scan to verify online.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at the City of Raleigh, this 9th day of April, 2015.

Elaine F. Marshall

Secretary of State

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC.,
A NONPROFIT CORPORATION**

The undersigned hereby makes and acknowledges these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina, as contained in Chapter 55A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, entitled "Nonprofit Corporation Act," and the several amendments thereto (hereinafter the "Act"), and to that end do hereby set forth:

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the corporation is Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church, Inc.

ARTICLE II

Registered Office and Agent and Principal Office

The street address of the corporation's initial registered office and principal office is 700 Waterfield Ridge Place, Garner, Wake County, North Carolina 27529, and the mailing address of said offices is the same address. The name of the corporation's initial registered agent at the corporation's registered office is Christine Dodson. The corporation may have offices at such places, either within or outside the State of North Carolina, as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

ARTICLE III

Incorporation

The name and address of the incorporator is Spruillco, 301 Fayetteville Street, Suite 1900, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601.

ARTICLE IV

Purposes

The purposes for which the corporation is organized shall include, without limitation, the following:

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(a) To serve those purposes required or permitted by *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2012*, as it may hereafter, from time to time, be amended (hereinafter "*The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*"), and the plan of organization and rules of order adopted from time to time by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church.

(b) To be a nonprofit, religious corporation organized exclusively for religious purposes as a jurisdictional conference of The United Methodist Church, to support the doctrine of The United Methodist Church, and to declare itself and all of its property subject to the law, usages and ministerial appointments of The United Methodist Church as more fully provided in *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*.

(c) To receive, hold and disburse gifts, devises, bequests and donations of money and property, both real and personal, from any person, firm, corporation, trust or estate, and to use, administer, invest, donate and distribute such funds and properties for charitable, educational and religious purposes.

(d) To intervene and take all necessary steps to safeguard and protect the interests and rights of the corporation, the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference and its membership in all matters; and

(e) To take any and all actions which are now, and which may during the existence thereof be, conferred by law upon a corporation with a similar character, and which are necessary or incident to the accomplishment of the purposes of the corporation; provided, however, that such activities are limited to those charitable, educational or religious purposes which are permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as those provisions are now or hereafter amended, and the Regulations now or hereafter promulgated thereunder, and are not inconsistent with *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*.

ARTICLE V

Membership and Capital Stock

The corporation shall have members, who shall be the lay and clergy delegates to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, who shall be qualified, elected or appointed as provided in *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*. Voting rights and requirements for members, voting quorum requirements, acceptance of votes, and all related matters shall only be as provided to members of the corporation as they pertain to members of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church in accordance with *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*, as it may hereafter, from time to time, be amended. The corporation shall have no capital stock.

ARTICLE VI

Board of Directors

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors. The number of Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors shall be three (3), and their names and addresses are as follows:

James R. Allen
Tennessee Conference of
The United Methodist Church
304 S. Perimeter Park Drive, Suite 4
Nashville, TN 37211

Christine Dodson
North Carolina Conference of
The United Methodist Church
700 Waterfield Ridge Place
Garner, NC 27529

James D. Stotts
Mississippi Conference of
The United Methodist Church
320 Briarwood Drive
Jackson, MS 39206

Upon the organization of the corporation by the initial directors, the Committee on Coordination and Accountability of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church, or any successor committee or board, regardless of name (hereinafter the "Committee on Coordination and Accountability"), shall serve as the Board of Directors of the corporation, and shall be elected and serve in accordance with the provisions of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*, the plan of organization and rules of order adopted by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church. The number, qualifications and constitution of the Board of Directors, the term in office of Directors of the corporation, and their method of election, removal and replacement shall be in accordance with the provisions of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*, and of the procedures, rules, and plan of organization adopted from time to time by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference as they pertain to the Committee on Coordination and Accountability. The Board of Directors shall be the legal governing body of the corporation, but shall at all times be subject and amenable to the direction of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference in accordance with *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*.

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ARTICLE VII

Transfer of Property and Obligations to Corporation

Upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation in accordance with *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*, all the property and obligations of corporation under its former name, Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church, shall thereupon pass to, vest in, and be the rights, privileges, immunities, powers, franchises, authority, property, and obligations of the corporation; provided, however, that nothing herein shall affect the authority and obligations of Lake Junaluska Assembly, Incorporated, formerly named Southeastern Jurisdictional Administrative Council, Incorporated, in accordance with its articles of incorporation and bylaws and *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*.

ARTICLE VIII

The Book of Discipline as Constitution and Fundamental Agreement

The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church is the constitution and fundamental agreement of this corporation. The business of the corporation shall be conducted in conformity with *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* as the same now exists or as may hereafter be amended, changed, or modified. The Bylaws of the corporation shall reference *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*, and no Bylaws shall be adopted inconsistent with the provisions of said *Book of Discipline*. In addition to the powers and duties granted to this corporation by *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*, the corporation assumes for itself all the rights, powers and privileges and immunities which are now, and which may be during the existence thereof be conferred by law upon corporation with a similar character, provided the same are not inconsistent with said *Book of Discipline*. All amendments, Bylaws, and regulations of this corporation shall at all times be in conformity with *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*. Notwithstanding the above, at no time shall any of the amendments, Bylaws, or regulations of the corporation be prohibited by or in conflict with the Act, as it currently exists or may hereafter be amended.

ARTICLE IX

Tax-exempt Status

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any officer or director of the corporation, or any private corporation, association or individual. The foregoing shall not preclude the payment of reasonable compensation and benefits to such persons for services rendered in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation. No part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation; nor shall the corporation participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office; nor shall the corporation engage in any activities that are unlawful under applicable federal, state

or local laws. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activity not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as those provisions are now or hereafter amended, and the Regulations now or hereafter promulgated thereunder.

ARTICLE X

Dissolution and Distribution

Upon the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the corporation for any reason, or if the corporation should cease to exist as a legal entity or its charter expire or be terminated, the Board of Directors, after making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, shall arrange for the title to all of its remaining property both real and personal to be vested and be the property of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church, any successor entity pursuant to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*, or to the annual conferences which lie within the boundaries of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference in accordance with *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*, or to one or more other organizations organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, literary, scientific or educational purposes which qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as those provisions are now or hereafter amended, and the Regulations now or hereafter promulgated thereunder.

ARTICLE XI

Indemnification

The Board of Directors of the corporation shall have the power to make any indemnity, including advance of expenses, to and to enter contracts of indemnity with any director, officer, employee or agent, except that it may not indemnify any person who at the time acted knowingly and clearly in conflict with the best interests of the corporation, or if the person has received an improper personal benefit from said act. Any determination as to any further indemnity shall be made in accordance with applicable sections of the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XII

No Personal Liability

Except to the extent that the North Carolina General Statutes prohibit such limitation or elimination of liability of directors for breaches of duty, no Director of the corporation shall have any personal liability arising out of an action whether by or in the right of the corporation or otherwise for monetary damages for breach of any duty as a Director. No amendment to or repeal of this article shall apply to or have any effect on the liability or alleged liability of any Director of the corporation for or with respect to any acts or omissions of such Director occurring prior to such amendment or repeal. The provisions of this article shall not be deemed

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to limit or preclude indemnification of a Director by the corporation for any liability that has not been eliminated by the provisions of this article.

ARTICLE XIII

Amendments to Articles of Incorporation

The corporation shall have the right to amend, alter, change, or repeal any provision contained in these articles of incorporation in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by the Act, as it currently exists or may hereafter be amended, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors in office, upon at least seven (7) days' written notice of the intention to alter, amend, repeal or adopt new bylaws; provided, however, that under no circumstances shall these articles of incorporation be amended so that the corporation may operate for purposes not permitted for an organization qualified as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as those provisions are now or hereafter amended, and the Regulations now or hereafter promulgated thereunder; or in violation of the provisions of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and provided, further, that no Director or other private individual may participate in the distribution of the earnings, funds, or properties of this corporation. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, these articles of incorporation may not be amended, altered, changed or repealed without the prior written approval of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, as indicated by either a vote of said Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference at a regular or special session thereof held in accordance with *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*, or by a vote of the College of Bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction or otherwise provided by *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*, the plan of organization and rules of order adopted by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set his hand, this the 26th day of March, 2015.

SPRUILLCO, LLC, Incorporator


Wilson Hayman
Vice President

**Organizational Meeting of the Board of Directors
Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church, Inc.**


WAIVER OF NOTICE OF
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church, Inc.

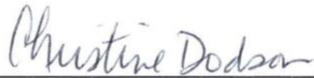
We, the undersigned, being all the Directors of the above named nonprofit religious corporation, do hereby waive notice of the time, place and purpose of the first meeting of the Board of Directors of said corporation.

We designate the 26 day of March, 2015, as the time and the corporation's principal office as the place of said meeting, the purpose thereof being to elect officers, complete the organization of said corporation, and to transact such other business as may be necessary or advisable.

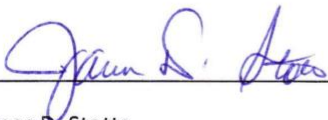
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James R. Allen



Christine Dodson



James D. Stotts

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MINUTES ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church, Inc.

The organizational meeting of the Board of Directors of the above named nonprofit corporation was held at the principal office with all members participating either in person or by telephone on the

26 day of March, 2015, pursuant to a written waiver of notice signed by all the Directors fixing said place and time and specifying the purpose of the meeting.

There were present the persons whose names appear at the end of this document, constituting the full Board.

James R. Allen was chosen temporary chairperson and James D. Stotts was chosen temporary secretary of the meeting.

The Secretary presented and read the waiver of notice of the meeting, signed by all the Directors.

The Chairperson stated that the first business to come before the meeting was the election of officers to hold office until December 31 of this year, or until their respective successors are elected and qualified, and called for nominations. The following persons were nominated to the offices of the corporation set opposite their respective names:

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| CHAIRPERSON | James R. Allen |
| VICE CHAIRPERSON | Christine Dodson |
| SECRETARY | James D. Stotts |
| TREASURER | David Dommissie |

All the Directors present having voted, the Chairperson announced that the aforesaid persons had been elected to the offices set before their respective names. The duly elected Chairperson thereupon took charge of the meeting and the Secretary entered upon the discharge of his/her duties.

Upon motion, duly made, seconded and carried, it was **RESOLVED**, that the seal, an impression of which is herewith affixed (if any) , be adopted as the corporate seal of the corporation.

Upon motion, duly made, seconded and carried, it was **RESOLVED**, that the Bylaws, a copy of which was presented to the meeting with copies provided to all Directors, was adopted as the Bylaws of the Corporation.

Upon motion, duly made, seconded and carried, it was **RESOLVED**, that the Articles of Incorporation heretofore filed with the Secretary of State of North Carolina by James R. Allen, Christine Dodson, and

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James D. Stotts as Incorporators, on April 9, 2015, be, and are hereby, adopted in all respects as the Articles of Incorporation (Charter) for the corporation.

Upon motion, duly made, seconded and carried, it was **RESOLVED**, that, unless otherwise ordered, all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, or any other place in the Southeastern Jurisdiction designated by the directors of the corporation.

Upon motion, duly made, seconded and carried, it was **RESOLVED**, that the Treasurer is authorized and directed to continue to use deposit accounts previously opened by the former Treasurers of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference (both as unincorporated and incorporated entities) and to perform any and all acts necessary and incidental thereto, and that all balances and funds shall immediately transfer to and become the balances and funds of the Corporation.


Upon motion, duly made, seconded and carried, it was **RESOLVED**, that the current members of the Committee on Coordination and Accountability of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church ("CCA"), are hereby elected as successor directors by these Initial Directors; further, that the duly elected members of CCA or any successor committee or board, regardless of name, shall serve as the Board of Directors of the Corporation ("Board"), and shall be elected and serve in accordance with the provisions of *The Book of Discipline*, the plan of organization and rules of order adopted by said Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference. The Board of Directors shall be the legal governing body of the corporation, but shall at all times be subject and amenable to the direction of said Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference in accordance with *The Book of Discipline*.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay all fees and expenses incident to and necessary for the organization of the corporation.

The Secretary was authorized and directed to procure and maintain appropriate corporate books. The Secretary was further instructed to file with the minutes of the meeting:

- (a) Waiver of Notice;
- (b) Copy of Bylaws;
- (c) Charter (Articles of Incorporation).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Secretary

APPROVED: 
James R. Allen



Christine Dodson

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By-Laws
Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church, Inc.

BYLAWS
OF
SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC.

ARTICLE I

Offices

Section 1. Registered Office and Principal Office. The corporation shall have and continuously maintain in this State a registered office and a registered agent whose office is identical with such registered office. Such registered office and the principal office shall be located at 700 Waterfield Ridge Place, Garner, Wake County, North Carolina 27529, and the mailing address of said offices shall be the same, or at such other place within the State of North Carolina as may from time to time be fixed and determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Other Offices. The corporation may have offices at such places, either within or outside the State of North Carolina, as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

ARTICLE II

Membership

The corporation shall have members, who shall be the lay and clergy members of Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, who shall be qualified, elected or appointed as provided in *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2012*, as it may hereafter, from time to time, be amended (hereinafter "*The Book of Discipline*"). Voting rights and requirements for members, voting quorum requirements, acceptance of votes, and all related matters shall only be as provided to members of the corporation as they pertain to members of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church (hereinafter "Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference") in accordance with *The Book of Discipline*, as it may hereafter, from time to time, be amended.

ARTICLE III

Board of Directors

Section 1. General Powers. The property, affairs and business of the corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall look to the Articles of Incorporation of the corporation, these Bylaws, *The Book of Discipline*, Chapter 55A of the General Statutes of North Carolina (as it currently exists or may hereafter be amended), and Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as those provisions are now or hereafter amended, and the Regulations now or hereafter promulgated thereunder, for guidance in the operation of the corporation's affairs. Where these Bylaws conflict with provisions of *The Book of Discipline*, said *Book of Discipline* shall control.

Section 2. Number, Tenure, and Qualification. Upon the organization of the corporation by the initial directors, the Committee on Coordination and Accountability of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church, or any successor committee or board, regardless of name (hereinafter “Committee on Coordination and Accountability”), shall serve as the Board of Directors of the corporation (“Board”), and shall be elected and serve in accordance with the provisions of *The Book of Discipline*, the plan of organization and rules of order adopted by said Jurisdictional Conference. The Board of Directors shall be the legal governing body of the corporation, but shall at all times be subject and amenable to the direction of said Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference in accordance with *The Book of Discipline*.

The number, qualifications and membership of the Board, the term in office of Directors of the corporation, and their method of election, removal and replacement, and voting shall be in accordance with the Bylaws of the corporation, the provisions of *The Book of Discipline*, and the procedures, rules of order, and plan of organization adopted from time to time by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference as they pertain to the Committee on Coordination and Accountability.

Upon the organization of the corporation by the initial directors, the membership of the Board of Directors shall correspond to the members of the Committee on Coordination and Accountability and shall consist of not fewer than seven (7), nor more than nineteen (19) persons. All said members of the Board shall be elected by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference as members of the Committee on Coordination and Accountability upon nomination by the Nominating Committee of said Jurisdictional Conference in consultation with the Bishops, Directors of Connectional Ministries and lay leaders to ensure that each Annual Conference in the Southeastern Jurisdiction is represented. The Secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference and the Chairperson of the Committee on Finance and Administration of the Southeastern Jurisdiction shall be ex officio members of the Board without vote. The number and qualification of members, manner of nomination and election of the Board shall be changed from time to time to reflect the requirements of *The Book of Discipline*, and the procedures, rules of order, and plan of organization adopted by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference from time to time as they pertain to the Committee on Coordination and Accountability.

Section 3. Duties. Each Director shall stand in a fiduciary relation to the corporation and shall discharge his duties as a Director, including his duties as a member of a committee, in good faith, with the care an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances, and in a manner the Director reasonably believes to be in the best interest of the corporation.

Section 4. Regular and Special Meetings. A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at least annually. Regular and special meetings shall be called as provided in the procedures, rules of order, and plan of organization adopted from time to time by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference for the Committee on Coordination and Accountability of said Jurisdictional Conference.

Section 5. Notice of Meetings. Notice of each regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given at least five (5) days prior thereto. Notice of any special meeting of the

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Board of Directors shall be given at least two (2) days prior thereto. All notices shall be in writing delivered personally or sent by mail, facsimile transmission or other electronic means to each Director at his address as shown on the records of the corporation. Any Director may waive notice of any meeting as permitted by Chapter 55A of the General Statutes of North Carolina (as it currently exists or may hereafter be amended) and *The Book of Discipline*. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the Board need be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting, unless specifically required by law.

Section 6. Quorum. The requirement for a quorum to be present for the transaction of business of the Board of Directors shall be consistent with the rules adopted by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference for the Committee on Coordination and Accountability; provided, however, that a quorum for said Board of Directors shall be at least one-third of the number of Directors in office immediately before a meeting begins, or fewer if permitted by law; provided further, if less than a quorum of the Directors shall be present at the time and place of any meeting, the Directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum shall be present, and notice of any adjourned meeting need not be given; provided, that the time and place of reconvening are fixed. A meeting at which a quorum is initially present may continue to transact business, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough Directors to leave less than a quorum, so long as any action taken is approved by at least a majority of the required quorum for such a meeting. Any one (1) or more Directors may participate in a meeting of the Board or committee by means of a conference telephone or similar communications device which allows all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other, and such participation in a meeting shall be deemed presence in person at such meeting.

Section 7. Voting. Except as otherwise expressly provided by either statute, the Articles of Incorporation of the corporation, *The Book of Discipline*, these Bylaws, or the procedures, rules of order, and plan of organization adopted from time to time by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference as they pertain to the Committee on Coordination and Accountability, the action of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the action of the Board of Directors. Any Director who is present at a meeting of the Board of Directors at which action on any corporate matter is taken shall be presumed to have assented to the action taken unless (i) he objects at the beginning of the meeting (or promptly upon his arrival) to holding it or transacting business at the meeting; or (ii) his dissent or abstention from the action taken is entered in the minutes of the meeting; or (iii) he files written notice of his dissent or abstention with the presiding officer of the meeting before its adjournment or with the corporation immediately after adjournment of the meeting. Such right to dissent shall not apply to a Director who voted in favor of such action.

Section 8. Informal Action by Directors. Action taken by a majority of the Directors or of members of a committee without a meeting is nevertheless Board or committee action if written consent to the action in question is signed by all the Directors or members of the committee, as the case may be, and filed with the Minutes of the proceedings of the Board or the committee, whether done before or after the action so taken. If a meeting of Directors otherwise valid is held without proper cause or notice, action taken at such meeting otherwise valid is deemed ratified by a Director who did not attend unless after having knowledge of the action

taken and of the impropriety in question, he promptly files with the Secretary of the corporation his written objection to the holding of the meeting or to any specific action so taken.

Section 9. Resignation of Directors. Any Director may resign at any time by giving notice thereof in writing to the Chairperson or Secretary of the Board of Directors. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein, or if no time is specified, at the time such resignation is received by the Chairperson or Secretary of the of the Board of Directors, unless it shall be necessary to accept such resignation by its terms before it becomes effective, in which event the resignation shall take effect upon its acceptance by the Board of Directors.

Section 10. Compensation of Directors. Directors shall not receive any compensation for their services as such; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any person who is a Director from also serving the corporation in another capacity and receiving just and reasonable compensation therefor. Directors may be paid reasonable travel allowances to the extent permitted by the Board of Directors and the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference for the Committee on Coordination and Accountability.

Section 11. Vacancies. In the event of any vacancy occurring among the voting membership of the Board of Directors during a Director's term by death, resignation, disqualification, removal or otherwise, said vacancies will be filled by a person otherwise qualified who is elected by the College of Bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction or as otherwise prescribed by these Bylaws, *The Book of Discipline*, or by the procedures, rules of order, and plan of organization adopted from time to time by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference as they pertain to the Committee on Coordination and Accountability. The new Director shall serve for the unexpired portion of the term of the person whom the newly elected Director succeeds or until his successor shall have been duly elected and qualified, or until his death, resignation, disqualification or removal.

Section 12. Director's Conflict of Interest. Any corporate transaction in which a Director has a direct or indirect interest must be authorized, approved, or ratified in good faith by a majority, not less than two (2), of the Directors who have no direct or indirect interest in the transaction even though less than a quorum; provided, however, no such transaction shall be authorized, approved, or ratified by a single Director. For purposes of this Section, a Director has an indirect interest in a transaction if:

- (a) Another entity in which he has a material financial interest or in which he is a general partner is a party to the transaction; or
- (b) Another entity of which he is a director, officer, or trustee is a party to the transaction and the transaction is or should be considered by the Board.

Section 13. Certain Director Liability. In addition to other liabilities imposed by law upon Directors, a Director shall be subject to the following liabilities:

- (a) All Directors who vote for or assent to any distribution of assets of the corporation contrary to any lawful restrictions in the North Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act (the "Act"), the Articles of Incorporation, or these bylaws, shall be

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jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the distribution that exceeds what could have been distributed without violating such restrictions.

(b) All Directors who vote for or assent to the making of any loan or guaranty or other form of security by the corporation to or for the benefit of the Directors or officers of the corporation, or any of them, except loans, guaranties or other forms of security made to full-time employees of the corporation who are also Directors or officers of the corporation and which were made in accordance with Section 2 of Article VI and these Bylaws, shall be jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the repayment or return of the money or value loaned, with interest thereon at the legal rate until paid, or for any liability of the corporation upon the guarantee.

(c) A Director shall not be liable under the provisions of subparagraphs (a) or (b) above if he (unless his actual knowledge concerning the matter in question makes such reliance unreasonable) relied on information, opinions, reports, or statements, including financial statements and other financial data, if prepared or presented by (i) one or more officers or employees of the corporation whom the Director reasonably believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented; (ii) legal counsel, public accountants, or other persons as to matters the Director reasonably believes are within their professional or expert competence; or (iii) a committee of the Board of which he is not a member if the Director reasonably believes the committee merits confidence.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1. Officers of the Corporation. The officers of the corporation shall be the same positions, with the same duties, and held by the same individuals, as the officers of the Committee on Coordination and Accountability of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, including initially a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, the Conference Treasurer, and the Conference Secretary, or such other officers and assistant officers as are permitted or required to be officers by *The Book of Discipline*, and by the procedures, rules of order, and plan of organization adopted from time to time by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be either a Bishop or Annual Conference Lay Leader from the Southeastern Jurisdiction, who shall serve on a rotating basis for a two-year term, so that a Lay Leader serves as Chairperson for two years, with a Bishop as Vice-Chairperson, and then a Bishop will serve as Chairperson and a Lay Leader as Vice-Chairperson for the following two-year period. The Conference Secretary shall be the staff person assigned duties for and on behalf of the Committee on Coordination and Accountability and shall be an ex officio member of said Committee, with voice but without vote. The Conference Treasurer shall be bonded through a suitable bond of a surety company of recognized standing and in an amount fixed by said Jurisdictional Conference or its Committee on Finance and Administration. All of the officers of the corporation shall be nominated and elected by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, unless otherwise prescribed by *The Book of Discipline*, or by the procedures, rules of order, or plan of organization adopted from time to time by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

Section 2. Duties.

(a) The officers of the corporation or of the Board shall have such duties, powers and rights as prescribed by the procedures, rules of order, and plan of organization adopted from time to time by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference and by *The Book of Discipline*. In addition, the Secretary or other officer designated by said Jurisdictional Conference, shall have the responsibility and authority to maintain and authenticate the records of the corporation.

(b) An officer of the corporation or of the Board shall stand in a fiduciary relation to the corporation and shall discharge his duties under that authority in good faith, with the care an ordinary prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances, and in a manner he reasonably believes to be in the best interests of the corporation.

(c) An officer of the corporation or of the Board is not liable for any action taken as an officer, or any failure to take any action, if the officer performed the duties of his office in compliance with subparagraph (a) above, or (unless his actual knowledge concerning the matter in question makes such reliance unreasonable) he relied on information, opinions, reports, or statements, including financial statements and other financial data, if prepared or presented by (i) one or more officers or employees of the corporation whom the officer reasonably believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented; or (ii) legal counsel, public accountants, or other persons as to matters the officer reasonably believes are within their professional or expert competence.

Section 3. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, or disqualification, or any other cause, shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term in the manner prescribed by these Bylaws, or by the procedures, rules of order, and plan of organization adopted from time to time by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, or as provided by *The Book of Discipline*.

Section 4. Compensation of Officers. The officers of the corporation and Board of Directors shall serve without compensation, except to the extent that any such officer is employed by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference or an Annual Conference within said Jurisdictional Conference, and his duties of employment include in whole or in part the duties assigned to him as an officer under this Article.

ARTICLE V

Committees

Section 1. Creation and Membership of Committees. The corporation shall have such committees as are required, and may have as permitted, by these Bylaws, or by the procedures, rules of order, and plan of organization adopted from time to time by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, or as provided by *The Book of Discipline*. Initially, such committees shall include the Committee on Finance and Administration, the Nominating Committee, the Committee on Episcopacy, the Committee on Appeals, and a number of

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additional administrative committees as provided from time to time by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference through its plan of organization or otherwise. The membership of each committee shall be elected or appointed as provided by the procedures, rules of order, or plan of organization adopted from time to time by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference. By resolution adopted by a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present, the Board of Directors may designate one (1) or more additional committees of the Board not inconsistent with these Bylaws. No committee shall have or exercise the authority of the Board of Directors unless permitted by the procedures, rules of order, and plan of organization adopted from time to time by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference and *The Book of Discipline*. Each committee shall elect its own chairperson and other officers, unless otherwise provided by the procedures, rules of order, and plan of organization adopted from time to time by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

Section 2. Quorum. The requirement for a quorum to be present for the transaction of business of any committee of the corporation shall be consistent with the procedures, rules of order, and plan of organization adopted by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference for the transaction of business of its committees; provided, however, that a quorum for said committees shall be at least one-third of the number of committee members in office immediately before a meeting begins, or fewer if permitted by law.

Section 3. Meetings. Meetings of any committee may be called by or at the request of an officer thereof or by the persons granted such authority by these Bylaws, *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*, or by the procedures, rules of order, and plan of organization adopted from time to time by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

Section 4. Vacancies. In the event of any vacancy occurring on a committee by death, resignation, disqualification, removal or otherwise, the vacancy shall be filled as provided by the procedures, rules of order, and plan of organization adopted from time to time by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference. Positions filled for an interim period shall be for the balance of the remaining term.

Section 5. Removal. Any committee or any member thereof may be discharged or removed as provided by these Bylaws, *The Book of Discipline*, and by the procedures, rules of order, and plan of organization adopted from time to time by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

ARTICLE VI

Contracts, Loans, Deposits, Checks, Drafts, Etc.

Section 1. Contracts. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws or the procedures, rules of order, and plan of organization adopted from time to time by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, the Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents to enter into any contract or to execute or deliver any instruments on behalf of the corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 2. Loans. No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the corporation and no evidences of indebtedness shall be issued in its name, unless and except as authorized by the procedures, rules of order, and plan of organization adopted from time to time by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference and *The Book of Discipline*. Said Jurisdictional Conference may delegate the authority to borrow funds to its Committee on Finance and Administration or its Treasurer, on such terms as the Jurisdictional Conference may prescribe. Any officer or agent of the corporation thereunto so authorized may effect loans or advances for the corporation and for such loans and advances may make, execute, and deliver promissory notes, bonds, or other evidences of indebtedness of the corporation. Any such officer or agent, when thereunto so authorized, may mortgage, pledge, hypothecate, or transfer as security for the payment of any and all loans, advances, indebtedness, and liabilities of the corporation any real property and all stocks, bonds, other securities, and other personal property at any time held by the corporation, and to that end, may endorse, assign, and deliver the same, and do every act and thing necessary or proper in connection therewith. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 3. Deposits. All funds of the corporation shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the corporation in such banks or trust companies or with such bankers or other depositories as the Committee on Finance and Administration of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference may select, unless otherwise provided by the procedures, rules of order, or plan of organization adopted from time to time by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, or by *The Book of Discipline*.

Section 4. Checks, Drafts, Etc. All notes, drafts, acceptances, checks and endorsements or other evidences of indebtedness shall be signed on behalf of the corporation in such manner as the Committee on Finance and Administration of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference may by resolution determine from time to time. Endorsements for deposit to the credit of the corporation in any of its duly authorized depositories will be made by the Conference Treasurer or by any officer or agent who may be designated by resolution of the Council on Finance and Administration of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference or as otherwise as provided by the procedures, rules of order, or plan of organization adopted from time to time by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, or by *The Book of Discipline*.

Section 5. Finances. In order to pursue the purposes herein set forth, the corporation shall have full power to receive donations, bequests, devises and gifts of money and property; to purchase, lease and otherwise acquire and hold, sell, donate, and otherwise dispose of all kinds of property, real, personal, and mixed, which may be deemed necessary in order to carry out the objectives and purposes for which the corporation is created.

No obligation of expense shall be incurred and no money shall be appropriated except in accordance with *The Book of Discipline*.

The accounts of the corporation, if any, shall be audited by a certified public accountant annually as soon as practical after the close of the fiscal year. The audit shall be available at all times to the Council on Finance and Administration of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference and the Board of Directors for examination.

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ARTICLE VII

Purposes and Powers

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are set forth in *The Book of Discipline* and the Articles of Incorporation of the corporation. In the event that any provision contained herein is in conflict with any provision of *The Book of Discipline*, the provisions of said *Book of Discipline* shall control.

ARTICLE VIII

General Provisions

Section 1. Corporate Seal. The corporate seal, if desired, shall be in such form as shall be approved from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the corporation shall be the calendar year, or as otherwise provided by the procedures, rules of order, or plan of organization adopted from time to time by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, or by *The Book of Discipline*.

Section 3. Waiver of Notice. Whenever any notice is required to be given under the Act, the Articles of Incorporation of the corporation, or these Bylaws, a waiver thereof by a Director may be made, before or after the date and time stated in such notice, by delivery of a written waiver of such notice signed by such Director to the corporation for filing or inclusion with the minutes or corporate records, or, to the extent provided by the Act, by attendance at the meeting to which such notice relates.

Section 4. Amendment to Bylaws. Except as otherwise provided herein, these Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed, and new bylaws may be adopted only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors in office, upon at least seven (7) days' written notice of the intention to alter, amend, repeal or adopt new bylaws; provided, however, that unless the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference has provided otherwise in its rules or plan of organization, no amendment, repeal or adoption of bylaws for the corporation shall be effective without the prior written approval of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, as indicated by a vote of said Conference at a regular or special session thereof, in accordance with *The Book of Discipline*. Notwithstanding the above, under no circumstances shall these Bylaws be amended so that the corporation may operate in violation of the provisions of *The Book of Discipline*.

Section 5. Books and Records. The corporation shall keep a copy of the following records at the corporation's principal office:

- (a) Its Articles of Incorporation or restated Articles of Incorporation and all amendments to them currently in effect.
- (b) Its Bylaws or restated Bylaws and all amendments to them currently in effect.

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(c) Resolutions adopted by the Board relating to the number or classification of Directors.

(d) A list of the names and business addresses of its current Directors and officers.

Section 6. Gender. As used in these bylaws, the masculine gender shall be deemed to include the feminine and the feminine the masculine.

ARTICLE IX

Indemnification

Section 1. Indemnification of Directors, Officers, Employees or Agents; General Provisions.

(a) The corporation shall indemnify any director or officer or former director or officer of the corporation against liabilities and reasonable litigation expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred by him in connection with any action, suit or proceeding in which he is made or threatened to be made a party by reason of being or having been such director or officer, except in relation to matters as to which he shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to have acted in bad faith or to have been liable or guilty by reason of willful misconduct in the performance of duty or if his activities were, at the time taken, knowing or believed by the person to be clearly in conflict with the best interests of the corporation or if the person received an improper personal benefit. The indemnification authorized by this Section shall be in addition to that permitted by Sections 55A-8-51 through 55A-8-57 of the North Carolina General Statutes, as now or hereafter amended.

(b) Expenses incurred by a director, officer, employee or agent in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the corporation in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding as authorized by the Board of Directors in the specific case upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the director, officer, employee or agent to repay such amount unless it shall be ultimately determined that he is entitled to be indemnified by the corporation as authorized in Sections 55A-8-51 through 55A-8-57 of the North Carolina General Statutes, or as authorized in these bylaws in accordance with those statutory provisions cited herein.


(c) As used in this Section, the term "person" includes the legal representative of such person.

Section 2. Right of Corporation to Insure. The corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of an individual who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation against liability asserted against or incurred by him in that capacity or arising from his status as a director, officer, employee or agent, whether or not the corporation would have power to indemnify him against such liability under applicable law.

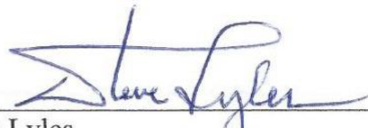
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