

2019 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE  
MICHIGAN CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN STANDING RULES

There were several places in the document that editorial changes were made that cleared up the language but were not substantive and do not need to be part of the vote.

Every place that Executive Committee was used is now Leadership Team. Every place that Administrative Committee is used is now the Executive Committee. In addition, these sections have been revised to agree with what is happening.

**II. COMMITTEES**

**B. Leadership Team**

2. The following shall be members of the Leadership Team with voice and vote: the immediate Past President, the Chairperson of the Committee on Standing Rules, Historian/Custodian, Communication Committee members – Social Media Coordinator and Webmaster, and the Dean(s) of the Conference Mission u. It shall also include such other persons as the conference organization of UMW may determine.

**J. Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice Policies**

1. There shall be a Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice Policies composed of at least seven and no more than eleven members, one third of whom shall be women of color, insofar as possible. The members shall be the President, who shall serve as chairperson, the Mission Coordinator for Social Action, the Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations, one District President, whose tenure shall be two years (rotated alphabetically by district), one additional member of the Conference Leadership Team, and ~~two~~ additional members selected to ensure inclusiveness and/or special expertise in the skills necessary to accomplish the task. Additional members shall serve no more than three years.
2. The committee will:
  - a.) Develop and recommend to the leadership team:
    - 1) Plans for the implementation of the Charter of Racial Justice.
    - 2) Plans for training district and local leadership in the implementation of the charter.
  - b) Monitor conference-approved action plans to implement the charter.
  - c) Regularly evaluate progress made on conference, district and local implementation plans.
3. The committee will meet at least semiannually and on call of the chairperson.

**K. Committee on Communications**

1. There shall be a Committee on Communications composed of the Communications Coordinator/s as Chairperson/s, Social Media Coordinator, Webmaster, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and District Communication Coordinators.
  - a. The Committee shall meet at least annually at the Annual Leadership Development Training Event during the supper time and shall communicate as often as necessary.
  - b. District Presidents may be invited to the meeting and should attend if their District communication coordinators cannot.
  - c. Discussion should include evaluating all things related to Communications at the Conference and District levels.
2. The Committee shall be responsible for the publication of the Michigan Conference VOICE newsletter, the directory, the historical reports, and any requested flyers and program books.
3. The Committee shall be responsible for distribution of the Michigan Conference VOICE newsletter via the conference website, mass emails, or hard copies by request.
4. The Committee shall be responsible for the administration of social media and the maintenance of the website.
5. The Committee shall be responsible for overseeing the following:
  - a. The Conference organization shall promote (by mail or other methods of communication) only such activities as are directly associated with the work of United Methodist Women as outlined by United Methodist Women national organization.
  - b. Names and addresses, including email, of elected leaders of Local Units, the Districts, and the Conference shall be used only for communication about the program of United Methodist Women.

**L. Committee on the Directory**

1. There shall be a Committee on the Directory composed of a Communications Coordinator as chairperson, the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Chairperson of Standing Rules, and others as needed to provide the information.

2. All required reports are due to the Directory Chairperson by January 31<sup>st</sup>, preferably sent electronically.
  3. The Chairperson, with the committee help as needed, shall annually edit, publish, and mail or electronically distribute the Directory by March 1.
  4. Directives about the contents and distribution of the Directory are listed in the Procedures Book.
- M. Committee on the Historical Reports
1. There shall be a Committee on the Historical Reports composed of a Communications Coordinator as chairperson, the President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer.
  2. All required reports are due to the Historical Reports Chairperson by January 31<sup>st</sup>, preferably sent electronically.
  3. The Chairperson, with the committee help as needed, shall annually edit, publish, and mail or electronically distribute the Historical Reports by March 1.
  4. Directives about the contents and distribution of the Historical Reports are listed in the Procedures Book.
- N. Committee on the Newsletter
1. There shall be a Committee on the Newsletter composed of a Communications Coordinator as chairperson, the President, the Vice President, Treasurer, and District Communications Coordinators. The President may appoint other members to the Committee when necessary.
  2. The Michigan Conference VOICE newsletter Committee shall make recommendations on matters of policy. The final authority for policies shall rest with the Leadership Team.
  3. The Michigan Conference newsletter shall be published by the Conference organization for the purpose of providing information to the Local, District, and Conference organizations, for uniting all work of the Conference organization and minimizing correspondence.
  4. All material shall reflect the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women. It shall be subject to the approval of the Editor/s and the Conference President.
  5. Directives about the contents and distribution of the Newsletter are listed in the Procedures Book.
- O. Committee on Mission u
1. Members of the Conference Leadership Team serving on the Committee on Mission u shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary of Program Resources, Communications Coordinator and Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations. Others may be members at large, named by the Committee on Mission u.
  2. Leadership Team members who are not members of the Committee on Mission u including, the Mission Coordinators (Social Action, Education and Interpretation, Membership Nurture and Outreach, Spiritual Growth), District Presidents, members of the Committee on Nominations, members of the Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice Policies, and appointed leaders are expected to attend at least one of the Conference Mission u events at Conference expense.
  3. Officers and committee members may be asked to help with various duties during the events.
  4. The committee will have its own standing rules and procedures.
  5. The committee will have its own budget and bank account.
    - a. The Conference Leadership Team has the responsibility to supply a form for a scholarship application to Mission u.
    - b. The Dean/s of Mission u shall receive a \$60 Special Mission recognition upon completion of a two-year-term.
    - c. The committee will select the emphasis for the mission offering.
  6. There shall be several Mission u events throughout the state, that may include
    - a. Mission u West – held in July at Albion College
    - b. Mission u South – held in July at a southeastern church
    - c. Mission u East – two events held in August at Lake Huron Center
    - d. Mission u North – held in October at Gaylord First UMC

## V. FUNDS

- B. Meeting Expenses within the Conference Organization
7. The Conference President and the District Presidents are included in the lay equalization attendance pattern of the Michigan Annual Conference. The President is listed in the Michigan Annual Conference Rules of Order Membership 5.2.1.5. The District Presidents are part of the Board of Laity selection mentioned in 5.3.4 and 5.3.5. The annual conference shall pay for registration, room and board. Any travel expenses shall be assumed by the conference UMW organization unless otherwise covered.