

RULES AND STRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Each year as we meet, our task is to review and recommend revisions (when necessary) to the rules and structure of the Annual Conference to best achieve its mission and its disciplinary mandates.

This year we reviewed the resolutions submitted to annual conference for consideration – determining if they have impact or would effect changes to our rules or structure. One resolution titled R1 Gadlage “Removing Our Poll Tax”, if passed by the annual conference members, would require the addition of new language to our Rules.

Our committee reviewed a request by the Diversity, Mission & Justice leadership to restructure/reorganize their ministry area. The Rules Committee approved the simplified restructuring, so long as every area of DMJ which is required by the *Book of Discipline* is included somewhere in the structure.

There were also some changes to our rules in response to Judicial Rulings which were made “mid-term” by the Coordinating Council at the recommendation of the Rules Committee. See Judicial Rulings: #1436 and #1427. These led to extensive changes to Rules section D.3.d.

We also drafted a clarification statement regarding district clergy voting (at district conferences) for equalizing lay members. This was for use by the superintendents as they led district conferences.

Our faithful and diverse team this past year has been made up of Meg Lassiat, Dani Farmer, Kate Singer, Barb Holcomb (Conf. Secretary), Perry Montgomery, Glenn Knepp, Craig Dobbins, Paul Wagner and Marti Lundy (Cabinet Rep.), and newly added Brittney Stephan. We thank them for their faithfulness to the task this year.

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