

COMMITTEES & TEAMS

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All of these teams are nominated with “special attention...to the inclusion of clergywomen, youth, young adults, older adults, persons from churches with small membership, people with disabilities, and racial and ethnic persons” (§610.5). Each of these teams shall designate one of its members as a “coordinator of witness ministries” to fulfill the responsibilities assigned to this role in *The Book of Discipline*, §610.

All persons elected for these teams serve one four-year term, unless the *Book of Discipline* or notation below specifies a different length of service. A person can serve two consecutive terms. If a person wishes to continue to serve on the same committee or team after serving two terms, they must sit out for one year then submit a Conference Volunteer Form of their willingness to serve again.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE (C.2.a. *INUMC Rules and Structure Document* reference)

Task: Fulfill the disciplinary mandates and maintain the connectional relationships described in §636 “to ensure that the disciplinary procedures for involuntary leave of absence... involuntary retirement... or administrative location ... are properly followed.”

MEETINGS:

When: As needed

Where: at the Conference Center

How Often: sporadically when called

How Long: couple hours -- varies

COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION – CLERGY (C.2.c.)

(2016 Discipline §2703 – Judicial Council Decision 1296)

MEETINGS: As needed.

COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION – DIACONAL (C.2.d.)

(§2703.2b)

MEETINGS: As needed.

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM (C.2.e.)

Task: Strengthen communications within the United Methodist Churches of Indiana and among all levels of the connection. This team fulfills the disciplinary mandates and maintains the connectional relationships of the Commission on Communications. (§646)

MEETINGS: In transition; to be determined

COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY (C.2.g.)

Task: Fulfill the disciplinary mandates and maintain the connectional relationships of the Committee on Episcopacy. (§637)

When: During the day.

Where: Bishop's Conference Room at the Conference Center.

How often: Approximately four times a year.

How long: Three hours each meeting with periodic work to do outside meetings.

EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE COMMITTEE (C.2.h.)

Task: Provide for the housing needs of The Resident Bishop and family and provide for the connectional relationship with the Jurisdiction.

When: As needed.

Where: Varies – Episcopal parsonage or Conference Center

How often: As needed.

How long: Approximately one hour.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON CLERGY MEDICAL LEAVE (C.2.i.)

Task: Fulfill the disciplinary mandates and maintain the connectional relationships described in ¶652 to “manage clergy medical leave.”

When: As needed.

Where: Conference Center

How often: As needed.

How long: Approximately one hour.

ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRY TEAMS

BOARD OF PENSIONS AND HEALTH INSURANCE (C.3.a.)

Task: Ensure that all employees related to the Annual Conference have access to appropriate benefits. This board fulfills the disciplinary mandates and maintains the connectional relationships of the Conference Board of Pensions (¶639).

When: During the day.

Where: Conference Center and Zoom

How often: Approximately six times a year.

How long: 2 to 3 hours

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (C.3.b.)

Task: Ensure wise stewardship of the real and monetary assets of the Annual Conference and represent its legal interests. This group fulfills the disciplinary mandates and maintains the connectional relationships described in ¶640 and ¶2512.

When: During the day.

Where: Conference Center and Zoom

How often: Approximately 2 to 3 times a year.

How long: 2 to 3 hours

COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION AND EQUITABLE COMPENSATION (C.3.c.)

Task: Ensure sound fiscal management of the funds entrusted to the Annual Conference and care appropriately for the salary needs of any clergy whose appointed charge is unable to provide at least Conference minimum compensation. This council fulfills the disciplinary mandates and maintains the connectional relationships of the General Council on Finance and Administration (¶611) and Equitable Compensation (¶625).

When: During the day.

Where: Conference Center and Zoom

How often: Approximately six times a year.

How long: 2 to 3 hours

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRY TEAMS

COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY (C.4.a.)

Task: Preserve the records and promote the stories of existing and antecedent Conferences of The United Methodist Church and its antecedent denominations in Indiana. This commission fulfills the disciplinary mandates and maintains the connectional relationships described in ¶641.

When: Varies

Where: Zoom

How often: Approximately three times a year.

How long: 1.5 to 2 hours

DIVERSITY, MISSIONS AND JUSTICE (DMJ) (C.4.c.)

Task: Connect local churches to resources for the purpose of consciousness-raising, missional action, and institutional change for the transformation of the world through relationship building that values each individual as a child of God; and maintain the connectional relationships between the global, national, and general church priorities and the conference, district, and congregations of the United Methodist Churches of Indiana.

This team fulfills the disciplinary functions and maintains the connectional relationships assigned to the Board of Global Ministries (¶633), the Advance program (¶656), the Board of Church and Society (¶629), Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns (¶642), the Commission on Religion and Race (¶643), The Commission on the Status and Role of Women (¶644), and the Commission on Disability Concerns (¶653). In addition, it fulfills the disciplinary responsibilities and maintains the connectional relationships of the Conference Committee on Ethnic Local Church Concerns (¶632) and the Committee on Native American Ministry (¶654).

DMJ Chairs

Christian Unity Coordinator (¶ 642)

Commission on Religion and Ethnicity (CORE) (¶ 2002)

Commission on the Status and Role of Women (COSROW) (¶ 2101)

Compassion and Inclusion (¶ 629)

(includes Disability Advocacy, LGBTQIA Inclusion and other areas of Compassion of Inclusion)

Creation Care Alliance

Ethnic Local Church Concerns (¶ 632)

Immigration Rights (¶ 162)

Jail & Prison Ministry and Reform (¶ 629.3)

Native American Ministries (¶ 654)

Peace with Justice Ministries (¶ 629.2)

MISSIONS Chairs

Conference Secretary of Global Ministries (¶ 1302)

Disaster Relief Co-Coordination

Friends of Africa University, Ministry Partner

Global Health and Wellness (¶ 1314.5)

Operation Classroom, Ministry Partner

Urban / Community Ministry

Volunteers in Mission (¶ 538)

DMJ At-Large Members

Grant Committee (no vote required)

DMJ Operational Team (no vote required)

Meeting needs varies with each of the above committees. For specifics, please contact DMJ Associate Director.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (C.4.d.)

Task: Identify, recruit, and support leaders for the committees, boards, and other structures of the Indiana Conference.

When: During the day.

Where: Zoom

How often: Approximately 5 to 6 times a year.

How long: 1 to 2 hours

PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS TEAM (C.4.e.)

Task: Receive, review and present to Annual Conference Session with recommendation all petitions and resolutions appropriately submitted to the Annual Conference.

When: During the day.

Where: Zoom

How often: Approximately 2 to 3 times a year.

How long: 1 to 2 hours

RULES AND STRUCTURE COMMITTEE (C.4.f.)

Task: Review (and recommend revisions when necessary) the rules and structure of the Annual Conference to best achieve its mission and its disciplinary mandates.

When: During the day.

Where: Zoom

How often: Approximately 4 to 6 times a year.

How long: 1 hour

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TEAMS

Leadership Development Operational Team (C.6)

Task: The Leadership Development Operational Team will address the priority of discovering and developing, and deploying fruitful lay and clergy leaders to accomplish the mission of the Conference. Leadership Development defines a fruitful leader as a passionate influencer, who empowers others for intentional transformation in Christ. Through the following groups, Leadership Development provides for the functions and maintains the connectional relationships required by The Book of Discipline: Council on Youth Ministry (§649), Young Adult Ministry (§650), and Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry (§634), through designated task teams. Leadership Development will include the Board of Ordained Ministry (BoOM) which is required by The Book of Discipline (§635.1) and other BoOM sub-committees as determined by BoOM in collaboration with Leadership Development. It will also include the Board of Laity (§631) and the Committee on Lay Servant Ministries (§631.6). The Conference Board of Discipleship (§630) shall also be constituted through Leadership Development.

When: Saturdays

Where: Conference Center and Zoom

How often: Four times a year.

How long: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

BOARD OF CAMPS AND RETREATS (C.6.a.)

Task: Support the work of the Annual Conference and the mission of The United Methodist Church of *making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world* in the areas of outdoor ministries, camping, and retreat facility support with attention to the responsibilities of camping ministries as assigned by *The Book of Discipline*. (§630.1 b, c) This team works to establish annual priorities and performs their work either as a body or by developing task groups for specific activities.

When: During the day

Where: Camp location and/or Zoom

How often: Four times a year.

How long: 4 to 6 hours + two-day retreat usually in the Fall

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT TEAM (C.5.a.)

Task: Support the work necessary to begin new congregations and to revitalize existing congregations in their ministries of outreach. Review grants and allocate financial support for project requests. Engage in strategic conversations with Church Development staff to enhance processes, policies, and procedures of the ministry.

When: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Zoom

How often: Quarterly meetings, established with the committee members' calendars at the initial meeting of the new committee each year; typically in February (or early March, depending upon when Lent falls), May, August, and November

How long: 4 to 5 hours

COUNCIL ON INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP (C.6.d.)

Tasks:

- Lead and assist the congregations and districts in the conference in their efforts to communicate and celebrate the redeeming and reconciling love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ.
- Foster and promote a holistic approach to the development of Christian disciples including evangelism (new discipling relationships), Christian education, and spiritual formation. To develop a unified and comprehensive program for leadership training to serve all age groups in the home, church, and community.
- Support the prioritization and execution of intentional discipleship initiatives through the Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church (INUMC) by working with Leadership Development to guide effective intentional discipleship programming and training.
- Maintain the connectional relationship between General Board of Discipleship and the conference.

When: To be determined.

Where: To be determined.

How often: To be determined.

How long: To be determined.

EMERGING YOUTH LEADERSHIP MINISTRY TEAM (C.6.e.)

Task: Create opportunities for youth across the Conference to develop as leaders in ministry and mission, as well as to participate in the governance of the life of the Annual Conference and other connectional opportunities. This team fulfills disciplinary mandates and maintains the connectional relationships described for the Council on Youth Ministry. (¶649)

Youth & College Students

Young Adults & Adult Ministry Leaders

When: Varies

Where: Varies

How often: Varies

How long: Varies

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