

RULES AND STRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Each year as we work, 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 as we do ministry together.

This year our committee drafted new proposed language for our Rules and Structure document surrounding the Bishop’s authority to rule that a motion from the floor of annual conference is actually a “resolution” and should be referred. This will clean up a loophole which formerly allowed persons to make motions live on the floor of annual conference which (actually being resolutions) should have been submitted under the rules for resolutions 90 days in advance.

We have also re-outlined our Rules and Structure document to more accurately reflect the new administrative structure of our conference staff. So, you will note a change in the numbering / outlining of the document as proposed from last year’s document.

As of the end of March 2024 the INUMC Board of Trustees referred 2023 resolution *R-2 Lassiat – Encouraging Leadership with Integrity* to the Rules and Structure Committee. The handling of this resolution is the business of the INUMC Petitions & Resolutions Committee, who will report on its ongoing status to the annual conference session in June 2024.

This year 2024 we also reviewed the upcoming resolutions submitted to the annual conference for consideration – discussing if they have impact upon or would affect changes to our rules or structure moving forward.

Our faithful and diverse team this past year has been made up of Meg Lassiat, Kate Singer, Barb Holcomb (Conf. Secretary), Perry Montgomery, Glenn Knepp, Craig Dobbins, Carolyn Marshall, Charlotte Overmyer, Brittney Stephan, Paul Wagner, Marti Lundy (Cabinet Rep.) and Larry Whitehead. I thank them for their faithfulness to the task this year.

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Convener of the Rules & Structure Committee