

Report of the Action Committee

June 18, 2022

#6. CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

It shall be the duty of each ordained and licensed minister to be in attendance at the entire District Conference session unless otherwise excused by ~~the District Conference or~~ the District Board of Administration.

~~#8B. The date, time and meeting place of the District Action Committee shall be included in the district calendar which is printed on the back of the District Conference Journal. The District Action Committee shall assist any delegates who desire to bring action to the floor (cf. Discipline 1150). Proposed resolutions coming through the District Action Committee must be sent to the District Office **by April 1.** ~~two weeks prior to the meeting of the District Action Committee.~~~~

#12A. The District Board of Administration shall consist of thirteen members, including the District Superintendent (chair), the Assistant District Superintendent, the District Secretary, the District Treasurer, and nine members-at-large elected by the District Conference in such a manner that six members of the District Board of Administration shall be lay members. The members at large, the District Secretary, and the District Treasurer shall serve two-year terms. **It is recommended that no more than two members of the DBA are from the same congregation at any time.**

#17. Refresh Retreat & Family Camp DISTRICT CAMPS

~~The District may operate three camps annually: Refresh Retreat & Family Camp, Youth Camp and Kids' Camp.~~

A.—~~The Refresh Retreat & Family Camp committee shall plan and promote, provide staff and oversee the operation of Refresh Retreat & Family Camp (except for the main camp services). The Refresh Retreat & Family Camp chairperson shall be appointed by the DBA. The Refresh Retreat & Family Camp committee shall consist of the chairperson, assistant chairperson, District Superintendent ex officio, and additional members as needed who shall be appointed by the Family Camp committee and approved by the DBA.~~—The District Superintendent or his/her appointee (approved by the DBA) shall **oversee** ~~chair~~ the main camp services along with the Refresh Retreat & Family Camp committee chairperson. The DBA shall establish the dates of Refresh Retreat & Family Camp and engage the camp evangelists and musicians. The Refresh Retreat & Family Camp committee shall submit their budgets to the spring DBA meeting.

B.—~~The Youth Camp committee may be appointed by the District Youth Cabinet. The director of Youth Camp may be the District Youth President or an appointee of the District Youth Cabinet approved by the DBA. The Youth Camp committee may operate the camp, submitting their budgets to the spring DBA meeting.~~

~~C. The Kid's Camp committee may be appointed by the District Children's Ministries committee. The director of Kid's Camp may be the District Director of Children's Ministries or an appointee of the District Children's Ministries committee approved by the DBA. The Kid's Camp committee may operate the Kid's Camp, submitting their budget to the spring DBA meeting for approval.~~

#23. AUDITING

The District Board of Administration shall provide for the auditing of all district's **financial records** ~~treasurers' books~~ annually, either by an elected District Auditing Committee or by employing a certified public accountant, chartered accountant, or public accountant.

#32. MEMBERSHIP IN THE WESLEYAN PENSION FUND

Every **pastor** ~~one~~ receiving **full-time** work **through the district or one of its churches** at ~~the hands of the District~~ shall be a member of the Wesleyan Pension Fund, in accordance with the Discipline, paragraph 4400-25. The money for this shall be sent to the pension fund of The Wesleyan Church. It shall not be used to purchase individual retirement benefits or be given to the pastor to purchase his/her own retirement insurance or for his/her own use.

#38. ELECTION OF LOCAL CHURCH OFFICERS

A. Each local church shall elect its officers near the close of the fiscal year, and the beginning of the term of office shall be left to the discretion of the local church. Each local church, upon the election of their ~~local trustees and~~ Local Board of Administration ~~members~~, **church officers, and other ministry leaders** shall update their church leaders in the **TWCHub** Wesleyan Pastor Portal.

#41. BUILDING PROJECT ADJUSTMENT **(delete the entire paragraph)**

~~All appeals from the local church for the deducting of "extra funds" raised during the year and designated specifically for a district approved building project from its United Stewardship Fund obligation must be filed with the District Superintendent by March 1st. "Extra funds" refer only to those additional funds raised for the approved building project and do not include monies that have already been deducted from USF Base; ongoing mortgage payments, past or future; nor operating budget monies used for the project.~~

43. GROUP WORKERS' COMPENSATION

The Western New York District provides a group workers' compensation insurance in which all District churches in New York State are required to participate unless proof of comparable insurance can be shown to the District Board of Administration. Churches shall pay the worker's compensation premium ~~to the Insurance Treasurer~~ within 60 days of the billing date unless special consideration has been granted.

44. NON-PAYMENT OF UNITED STEWARDSHIP FUND AND DISTRICT BUDGETS

The pastor, vice-chair, and treasurer (or the chairperson of the finance committee if the church has such an office) of a church that does not meet its USF and District Budget obligations shall be required to **submit a letter to the DBA outlining reasons why they are in default** ~~meet with the District Board of Administration~~ before the convening of District Conference ~~to explain the reason for default~~. For a local church that has not met its budget requirements for two consecutive years, the District Board of Administration may **categorize them as a developing church** ~~recommend a special vote of District Conference to approve the pastor's appointment~~.

46. BUDGET ASSESSMENT CAPS - (a 1% increase)

The District Budget shall be computed on only the first **\$606,000** ~~\$600,000~~ of assessable income. This budget cap shall be reviewed annually by the District Board of Administration, and any changes be recommended to District Conference.

Submitted by the 2023 District Action Committee:
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