

CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP

Connectional Table: To steward the mission, vision, and values for the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference.

Committee on Episcopacy: To support the bishop in oversight of the spiritual and temporal affairs of the Church and assist in the determination of the episcopal needs of the area and advise the jurisdictional committee.

Administrative Strategy Area: To steward the Conference's financial, physical, and human resources.

MINISTRY TEAMS

Trustees Committee: The Conference Board of Trustees will function as Christian stewards of property. This includes supervising and maintaining both the physical property of the conference and gifts made to the conference so that the ministries of the conference can be effective and all legal requirements related to the property are satisfied.

Council on Finance and Administration: To develop, maintain, and administer a comprehensive and coordinated plan of fiscal and administrative policies, procedures, and management services for the annual conference.

Human Resources Committee: To provide personnel, policy, and process training for the TWK Conference staff.

Equitable Compensations Committee: To provide guidance and consultation to individuals providing services to the Church in the following areas: local church business administration; administrative assistance; equitable compensation; information technology; and legal guidance to annual conferences. To recommend the base compensation standards for pastors to the annual conference.

Board of Pensions & Health Benefits: Shall have charge of the interests and work of providing for and contributing to the support, relief, assistance, and pensioning of clergy and their families, other church workers, and lay employees of the institutions, organizations, and agencies within that annual conference of The United Methodist Church, except as otherwise provided for by the general board.

Archives & History: To collect, preserve, and make accessible the historically significant records of the annual conference and its agencies, including data relating to the origin and history of the conference and its antecedents. To encourage and assist the local churches in preserving their records, compiling their histories, and celebrating their heritage.

Resolutions Committee: To review resolutions submitted to the annual conference and determine if they meet specifications to be presented as submitted or if they are not complete. They help set deadlines before the annual conference gathering and meet several weeks in advance to review submitted resolutions.

Standing Rule Review Committee: To maintain the Standing Rules as well as review any newly submitted standing rules that come through before or during the annual conference gathering.

Communications Strategy Team: Communicating creatively and consistently to connect and collaborate in making disciples of Jesus Christ.

MINISTRY TEAMS

Annual Conference Planning Team: to design and implement the forthcoming TWK annual conference.

Research & Evaluation Team: to collaborate with ministry teams and assist with the logistics for conducting and analyzing conference research studies.

Connect Strategy Area: seeks to nurture our relationship with one another as the Body of Christ. In doing so, we affirm the worth of all of God's people and connect disciples in the local church with ways to serve and be in relationship with their neighbors..

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Anti-Racism Coalition: To awaken the voice of justice in the United Methodist Church, by being unapologetically explicit in eradicating racism from our church and communities by sharing the love of Christ to all people in all places.

Commission on Religion & Race: To challenge, lead, and equip the people of The United Methodist Church to become interculturally competent, to ensure institutional equity and to facilitate vital conversations about religion, race, and culture.

Commission on Status & Role of Women: To challenge The United Methodist Church, including its general agencies, institutions, and connectional structures, to a continuing commitment to the full and equal responsibility and participation of women in the total life and mission of the Church, sharing fully in the power and in the policy-making at all levels of the Church's life.

Church & Society: Through education, action, and information consistent with the Social Principles and the policies adopted by the General Conference, the TWK conference team of Church and Society serves to connect the General Board of Church and Society and the district and local churches in relating the gospel of Jesus Christ to the members of the Church and to the persons and structures of the communities, nation, and world in which they live.

Creation Care: To serve as a catalyst for care of God's creation and commitment to its related justice work*, by equipping and empowering local churches and groups/individuals within them with resources and support for this work. (*environmental justice, climate justice, creation justice and racial justice.)

Christian Unity & Interreligious Relations: To facilitate and support ecumenical and interfaith relationships between local congregations and communities and between our conference and other similar organizational structures in other denominations.

Ethnic Local Church Concerns: To invite others to join in the embodiment of the love of Christ in the local church community through the practice of radical hospitality by sharing stories of transformation, creativity, tradition, culture and knowledge of ethnic constituencies.

Native American Ministries: To promote Native American Ministry Sunday and determine the distribution of funds from the offering. To promote understanding through education in the local church, the secular community and the Native American communities.

Hispanic/Latino American Ministries: To support the development, implementation, and evaluation of a Hispanic/Latino Ministries comprehensive plan of action and the strategies for working with the Hispanic/Latino persons of all generations in the community.

Health & Wellness: To provide resources and educational opportunities to support health initiatives which are holistic and therefore multifaceted. Individual, local, regional, and global healthcare concerns are a physical concern, mental concern, environmental concern, justice and political concern, a human right, cultural concern, and financial concern.

DISCOVER/SEND STRATEGY AREA To discover new ways in which the Holy Spirit is moving through the Conference, and call attention to them.

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Disaster Response: To provide leadership for disaster readiness, relief and recovery by offering training, resources and 'people power' to assist local churches in their own disaster response ministry, in a way that restores hope and represents Christ to the world. We are in partnership with the local, county, and state Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD), UMCOR and many other disaster response organizations.

Faith & Innovation: To unleash, establish, and generate faithful strategies for the fulfillment of the kingdom of God on earth. We do this through nurturing a conference-wide culture of innovation, developing models that further risk-taking mission, and connecting congregations with tools and resources. Faith and Innovation consists of three sub-teams, each consisting of five to seven volunteer members.

Volunteers in Mission: To offer a framework through which disciples can engage in short-term missions locally, nationally, and globally. We emphasize matching persons with opportunities because we believe that God calls all Christians "to bring good news to the oppressed [and] to bind up the brokenhearted" (Isaiah 61:1) and to love their neighbors as themselves.

Equip Strategy Team: To equip lay and clergy leaders who shape congregations that offer Jesus Christ to a hurting world, one neighborhood at a time

MINISTRY TEAMS

Board of Ordained Ministry: To assume the primary responsibility for the enlistment and recruitment of ministerial leadership for our churches and other ministry settings by working in consultation with the cabinet and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry to study and interpret the ordained, licensed, certified, and assigned ministerial leadership needs and resources of the annual conference, with due regard to the inclusive nature of the Church.

Board of Laity: To foster an awareness of the role of the laity both within the local congregation and through their ministries in the home, workplace, community, and world in achieving the mission of the Church. To develop and promote programs to cultivate an adequate understanding of the theological and biblical basis for lay life and work among the members of the churches of the annual conference.

Higher Ed/Campus Ministries: To interpret and promote the United Methodist ministries in higher education that are supported by the general Church and those specifically related to the annual conference. To train and provide resources for district committees and local church ministry areas of higher education and campus ministry.

Camp & Retreat: To create a loving place for churches, youth, and adults to discover their call, grow in faith, and find spiritual renewal. Within the TWK Conference are three Camp & Retreat locations: Beersheba Springs Assembly, Cedar Crest Camp, and Lakeshore Camp & Retreat Center.

Safe Spaces: To ensure that policies and procedures necessary for keeping ministry safe in order for sacred space to be created are developed, reviewed, appropriately presented and training provided for members of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference.

Youth: To connect, equip, and invest in youth and their leaders in order to develop communities of faith in which students from all backgrounds find belonging, serve their neighbors, and grow as followers of Christ.