

The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, 2016
Errata 5/7/18

New additions appear in red.

¶ 34, page 36, line 17. After the first sentence, add “Such elections shall include open nominations from the floor by the annual conference, and delegates shall be elected by a minimum of a simple majority of the ballots cast.”

The paragraph will now read:

The annual conference shall elect clergy and lay delegates to the General Conference and to its jurisdictional or central conference in the manner provided in this section, Articles IV and V. Such elections shall include open nominations from the floor by the annual conference, and delegates shall be elected by a minimum of a simple majority of the ballots cast. The persons first elected up to the number determined by the ratio for representation in the General Conference shall be representatives in that body. Additional delegates shall be elected to complete the number determined by the ratio for representation in the jurisdictional or central conference, who, together with those first elected as above, shall be delegates in the jurisdictional or central conference. The additional delegates to the jurisdictional or central conference shall in the order of their election be the reserve delegates to the General Conference. The annual conference shall also elect reserve clergy and lay delegates to the jurisdictional or central conference as it may deem desirable. These reserve clergy and lay delegates to the jurisdictional or central conferences may act as reserve delegates to the General Conference when it is evident that not enough reserve delegates are in attendance at the General Conference.

This constitutional amendment was duly approved by the General Conference and the requisite two-thirds affirmative vote of the aggregate number of members of the several annual conferences present and voting, and those votes were canvassed by the Council of Bishops meeting in May 2018 and announced according to *The Book of Discipline*, ¶ 59.

¶ 46, page 39, bottom of page. To the end of the paragraph, add “provided that episcopal elections in central conferences shall be held at a regular, not an extra, session of the central conference, except in the case where an unexpected vacancy must be filled.”

The paragraph will now read:

The bishops shall be elected by the respective jurisdictional and central conferences and consecrated in the historic manner at such time and place as may be fixed by the General Conference for those elected by the jurisdictions and by each central conference for those elected by such central conference, provided that episcopal elections in central conferences shall be held at a regular, not an extra, session of the central conference, except in the case where an unexpected vacancy must be filled.

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conferences present and voting, and those votes were canvassed by the Council of Bishops meeting in May 2018 and announced according to *The Book of Discipline*, ¶ 59.

¶ 50, page 41, line 32. After the last paragraph, add “These provisions shall not preclude the adoption by the General Conference of provisions for the Council of Bishops to hold its individual members accountable for their work, both as general superintendents and as presidents and residents in episcopal areas.”

The paragraph will now read:

The bishops, both active and retired, of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and of The Methodist Church at the time union is consummated shall be bishops of The United Methodist Church.

The bishops of The Methodist Church elected by the jurisdictions, the active bishops of The Evangelical United Brethren Church at the time of union, and bishops elected by the jurisdictions of The United Methodist Church shall have life tenure. Each bishop elected by a central conference of The Methodist Church shall have such tenure as the central conference electing him shall have determined.⁹⁴

The jurisdictional conference shall elect a standing committee on episcopacy to consist of one clergy and one lay delegate from each annual conference, on nomination of the annual conference delegation. The committee shall review the work of the bishops, pass on their character and official administration, and report to the jurisdictional conference its findings for such action as the conference may deem appropriate within its constitutional warrant of power. The committee shall recommend the assignments of the bishops to their respective residences for final action by the jurisdictional conference.

These provisions shall not preclude the adoption by the General Conference of provisions for the Council of Bishops to hold its individual members accountable for their work, both as general superintendents and as presidents and residents in episcopal areas.

[Editor’s note: In the first line of the addition, “that adoption” has been changed to “the adoption” as a grammatical correction.]

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¶ 162.A, page 120, third paragraph, line 7. Delete the words “members of.” The sentence will now read: “We further assert the right of historically underrepresented racial and ethnic persons to equal and equitable opportunities in employment and promotion...”

¶ 256.3.c(1), page 189, second line from the bottom of the page. Replace “council” with “leadership team.” The sentence will now read: “The leadership team shall be composed of:”

¶ 256.3.c(3), page 191, line 15. In the subparagraph following subparagraph (n), replace the subparagraph designation (m) with (o). The subparagraph will now read:
“(o) It is strongly recommended that the council develop a program budget for their ministry.”

¶ 263.6.c, page 211, second line from the bottom. Delete the second occurrence of “: 50 percent (General Board of Global Ministries)”. The sentence will read: “(2) Strengthen, develop and equip Native American rural, urban, and reservation congregations, ministries, and communities: 50 percent (General Board of Global Ministries).”

¶ 268.3, page 218, fifth line from the bottom. Capitalize “Lay Servant Ministries.”

¶ 268.3.e, page 219, line 7. Replace “(see ¶ 666.10)” with “(see ¶ 666.11)”.

¶ 268.4.e, page 220, line 6. Replace “(see ¶ 666.10)” with “(see ¶ 666.11)”.

¶ 310.2.e, page 232, line 3. Replace “(¶ 666.6)” with “(¶ 666.7)”.

¶ 320.5, page 242, line 5. Replace “¶ 358.1, .2, .4” with “¶ 357.1, .2, .4”.

¶ 320.5, page 242, line 6. Replace “¶ 1506.5a” with “applicable provisions of the Clergy Retirement Security Program.” The sentence will now read: “Retirement provisions for local pastors shall be the same as those for clergy members in ¶ 357.1, .2, .4, with pensions payable in accordance with applicable provisions of the Clergy Retirement Security Program.”

¶ 331.10.b, page 263, line 13. In the final sentence, replace “(see ¶ 331.6d)” with “(see ¶ 331.7)”.

Page 404, bottom of the page. Replace the footnote number “25” with “28.” The footnote is correctly designated as note 28 in the text above.

¶ 2549.2.c, page 771, line 14. In the final sentence, replace “Commission on Pan-Methodist Cooperation and Union” with “Pan-Methodist Commission.” The sentence will now read: “If the annual conference board of trustees sells or leases the property, consideration should be given to selling or leasing the property to one of the other denominations represented in the Pan-Methodist Commission.”

¶ 2549.7, page 773, footnote 12. Replace “1202” with “1282.”

Index, page 825, first column. In the first entry for appointments, in annual conference, journal, replace “451.7” with “415.7”

Index, page 855, second column. After the Index entry for Fellowship of Local Pastors, add the following new Index entry: “Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts, ¶¶ 630.4c, 1114.14”