

# CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION OF UNITED METHODIST MEN

The Constitution for the Conference Organizations of United Methodist Men is found in the following Paragraphs 647 from the *United Methodist Book of Discipline*.

Conference Organizations must develop their own By-Laws.

## ¶ 647. **United Methodist Men** – *Constitution of United Methodist Men in the Conference*

*Article 1. Name* –In each annual conference there shall be a conference organization named United Methodist Men, auxiliary to the jurisdictional committee on United Methodist Men and to the General Commission on United Methodist Men (¶2301).

*Article 2. Function* –The function of the conference organization of United Methodist Men shall be to build and support the district organizations of United Methodist Men in developing resources to meet the needs and interests of men and the responsibilities of discipleship; to empower personal witness and evangelism; to enable outreach in individual and group mission and ministry; to encourage and support spiritual growth and faith development; and to promote the objectives and responsibilities of the General Commission on United Methodist Men. In the absence of a district organization the conference organization, in consultation with the District Superintendent, shall fulfill the district responsibilities (¶669).

*Article 3. Authority* –Each conference organization of United Methodist Men shall have the authority to promote its work in accordance with the plans, responsibilities, and policies of the General Commission on United Methodist Men.

*Article 4. Membership* –The conference organization of United Methodist Men shall be composed of all men and clergy of local churches or charges (chartered or unchartered) within the bounds of the conference.

### *Article 5. Officers and Committees* –

- a) The conference organization shall elect a president, at least one vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer.
- b) The resident bishop shall serve as the honorary president and be a member of the conference organization and its executive committee.
- c) The conference lay leader (or designated representative) shall be a member of the conference organization and its executive committee.
- d) Additional officers (including Civic Youth-Serving Agencies/Scouting Coordinator) and committees shall be elected or appointed in accordance with the guidelines of the General Commission on United Methodist Men and/or the bylaws of the conference organization of United Methodist Men.

### *Article 6. Meetings and Elections* –

- a) There shall be an annual meeting of the conference organization of United Methodist Men, at which time there shall be presented an annual report and a program plan designed to meet the needs of the men of the conference. Officers and committees shall be elected in accordance with the requirements of the organization's bylaws.
- b) The voting body of the annual meeting of the conference shall be determined by the organization's bylaws but shall include conference and district officers and committee chairpersons as determined, members of the General Commission on United Methodist Men, and members of the jurisdictional committee on United Methodist Men residing within the bounds of the conference.

*Article 7. Relationships—*

- a) The president of the conference organization of United Methodist Men is a member of the annual conference, as set forth in ¶32.
- b) The president of the conference organization of United Methodist Men shall represent the conference organization on the jurisdictional committee on United Methodist Men. In the absence of the president a designated vice president may represent the conference organization.
- c) Designated officers or members shall represent the conference organization on the various agencies, councils, commissions, and committees of the annual conference as the constitutions, bylaws and rules of such agencies provide.
- d) The conference organization shall encourage men to participate in the total life and work of the Church and shall encourage them to assume positions of responsibility and leadership as part of their discipleship.

*Article 8. Finances –* The Conference United Methodist Men shall secure funds for the fulfillment of its purpose. All funds from whatever sources secured by the Conference United Methodist Men belong to the organization and shall be disbursed only in accordance with its constitution and/or by-laws and by its order.

- a) Conference United Methodist Men may have their own bank accounts.
- b) It is recommended that there be an annual financial audit.

*Article 9. Amendments –* Proposed amendments to this constitution may be sent to the recording secretary of the General Commission on United Methodist Men prior to the last annual meeting of the commission in the third year of the quadrennium.

*Article 10. Connectional Reporting –*

- a) Each annual conference shall file a current copy of their constitution with the General Commission on United Methodist Men.
- b) Each annual conference shall submit an annual report to the General Commission on United Methodist Men for its annual meeting.