

DISTRICT CONSTITUTION OF UNITED METHODIST MEN

The Constitution for the District Organizations of United Methodist Men is found in the following Paragraphs 668 from the *United Methodist Book of Discipline*.

District Organizations must develop their own By-Laws.

¶ 668. United Methodist Men –Constitution of United Methodist Men in the District –

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

Article 2. Responsibilities –The responsibilities of the district organization of United Methodist Men shall be to work with local units 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 conference organization and the General Commission on United Methodist Men. The district organization shall also encourage and promote the chartering and annual recertification of local units through the General Commission on United Methodist Men (¶2302 and ¶257).

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

Article 4. Membership – All men and clergy of local churches or charges (chartered and unchartered) of the district shall be considered members of the district organization.

Article 5. Officers and Committees –

- a) The district organization shall elect a president, at least one vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer.
- b) 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 district organization of United Methodist Men.
- c) The district superintendent shall be a member of the district organization and of its executive committee.
- d) The district lay leader (or designated representative) shall be a member of the district organization and of its executive committee.

Article 6. Meetings and Elections –There shall be an annual meeting of the district organization of United Methodist Men, at which time there shall be presented an annual report as well as a program plan designed to meet the needs of the men of the district. Officers and committees shall be elected in accordance with the requirements of the organization’s bylaws.

Article 7. Relationships –

- a) Designated officers or members shall represent the district organization of United Methodist Men on the various boards, councils, commissions, and committees of the district as the constitution, bylaws, and rules of such agencies provide.
- b) The district president shall be a member of the conference executive committee.
- c) The district organization shall encourage men to participate in the total life and work of the Church and shall encourage them to assume positions of leadership as part of their discipleship.

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

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 district shall file a current copy of their constitution with the conference organization of United Methodist Men.
- b) Each district shall submit an annual report to the conference organization of United Methodist Men prior to its annual meeting.