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Illinois Great Rivers Conference**

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Illinois Area Office of The United Methodist Church

Illinois Great Rivers Conference

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon, you will join us. Within the bounds of Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference for the North Central Jurisdiction Conference of the United Methodist Church and Peoria, Illinois, our red carpet treatment nears final form. We can hardly wait for your arrival. To serve as midwives to a process that births four new Bishops is a joy, privilege and responsibility. Nothing reminds of this awesome task more than our theme “Living Together, In Unity, Amid Diversity, For Ministry.” When the smoke clears, may the “God of our weary years, and God of our silent tears,” be pleased by the way we lived together electing bishops.

From the hotel and Civic Center accommodations to shopping, seeing the sites, nearby First United Methodist Church, and the assistance of our host team and volunteers, enjoy Peoria, Illinois. Peoria is the largest city on the Illinois River, the home of Caterpillar, Inc., the birthplace of Richard Pryor and sports teams such as the Peoria Push (Roller Derby), the Peoria Rivermen (Hockey) and the Peoria Chiefs (baseball).

Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference has approximately 850 churches; 5 Childcare Agencies over 100 years old; three colleges; 5 Wesley Foundations among them the Wesley Foundation on the campus of the University of Illinois, the very first Wesley Foundation; plus missions and missionaries throughout the world. We are especially blessed through our longstanding connections with Liberia and Africa University.

As you read this welcome; our waiting is over. Most likely, you are here. May we dedicate ourselves to the cause of Christ in this election process!! The harvest awaits those who dare “to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Last but not least, we welcome you to the North Central Jurisdiction Conference. God be with you till we meet. See ya soon.

Sincerely,

†Jonathan D. Keaton

2012-2016 North Central Jurisdiction College of Bishops



Bruce Ough



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John Hopkins



Jonathan Keaton



Michael Coyner



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Hee-Soo Jung

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tuesday, July 12, 2016:

Nominations Committee – Marquette Salon B
Committee on Episcopacy – Illinois Room

Thursday, July 14, 2016:

Jurisdictional Committees for the 2016-2020 quadrennium will meet at 8:30 a.m. for the purpose of organization under the guidance of the following bishops:

Court of Appeals – Bishop Deborah Lieder Kiesey
Committee on Episcopacy – Bishop Michael Coyner
Committee on Investigation – Bishop Bruce Ough

Committee members will find room assignments for meetings at the conference site.

DAILY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday & Monday, July 10 & 11:

College of Bishops Meeting

Tuesday, July 12:

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Committee on Episcopacy
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Committee on Nominations
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Information and Registration Desk Open
6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.	Reception for Bishops – Peoria Civic Center Hall A
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Episcopal Nominee Forum sponsored by Black Methodist for Church Renewal (BMCR)

Wednesday, July 13:

8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Information and Registration Desk Open
10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Opening Service of Worship – <i>Bishop Jonathan D. Keaton</i>
11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Recess / Lunch
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Opening Business Session Welcome Roll Call Confirmation of Jurisdictional Committees and Secretarial Staff Committee on Rules of Order Committee on Episcopacy Committee on Elections
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	First Ballot Report of First Ballot Introductions based on the First Ballot
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Nominee Forums
4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Delegation Meetings
5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Second Ballot
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Recess / Dinner

From this point forward the agenda becomes fluid with balloting, reporting of the same, taking precedence. Cycles of balloting will be interspersed with the business of the jurisdiction, spot conversations as needed, and Celebrations of Ministry. The Celebrations of Ministry will highlight various ministries of funded jurisdictional agencies and noteworthy ministries across the jurisdiction.

7:30 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.	Balloting (various ballots and report of ballots throughout) NCJ Mission Council Report NCJ Treasurer Report Spot Conversations as Needed
9:45 p.m.	Delegation Meetings
10:30 p.m.	Recess

Thursday, July 14:

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Information and Registration Desk Open
8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Morning Prayers – Informal Gatherings for Prayer
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	2016-2020 NCJ Committee Organization Meetings
9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Service of Worship – <i>Bishop Hee-Soo Jung</i>
10:15 a.m. – 10 30 a.m.	Recess / Break
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Ballot and Report of Ballot
10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Nominee Forums
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Balloting (various ballots and report of ballots throughout) Spot Conversations as Needed Celebrations of Ministry
12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Recess / Lunch
1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Episcopal Address – <i>Bishop Deborah L. Kiesey</i>
2:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Balloting (various ballots and report of ballots throughout) Committee on Nominations Report Proposal for Michigan Area Other Jurisdictional Business Items Celebrations of Ministry
4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Recognition of Retirement Service (Offering to be taken for Imagine No Malaria)
5:15 p.m.	Recess & proceed to “Peoria Under the Stars” at Peoria Riverfront Museum (Shuttle service provided to Museum from Monroe Street Entrance of Peoria Civic Center starting at 5:00 p.m.) Planetarium Shows: 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Uniview 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Dynamic Earth 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. Uniview
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	“Peoria Under the Stars” Dinner
7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Reception of Retiring Bishops and Spouses at the Lobby of Peoria Riverfront Museum
8:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Recess / Proceed to Peoria Civic Center
8:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Balloting (various ballots and report of ballots throughout) Spot Conversations as Needed Celebrations of Ministry
10:00 p.m.	Recess

Friday, July 15:

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Information Desk Open
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayers – Informal Gatherings for Prayer
9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Service of Worship – <i>Bishop John L. Hopkins</i>
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Recess / Break

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Balloting (various ballots and report of ballots throughout) NCJ Business Celebrations of Ministry
12:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Recess / Lunch
1:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	NCJ Business
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Area Dinners (as desired)
8:00 p.m.	Consecration Service Rehearsal at Peoria First UMC

Saturday, July 16:

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Information Desk Open
8:30 a.m.	Bus Service to Peoria First UMC Begins
10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Service of Consecration – <i>Bishop Michael J. Coyner,</i> <i>Preaching</i> <i>Bishop Linda Lee, Service Coordinator</i> <i>Bishop Anne Sherer-Simpson, Council of</i> <i>Bishops Rep.</i>
11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Reception for New Bishops at Peoria First UMC

GENERAL INFORMATION

Conference Headquarters

The Peoria Civic Center is where the conference sessions will take place. The address is 201 SW Jefferson Avenue, Peoria, IL 61602. The telephone number is 309-673-8900.

Hotel Information

The Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette is located at 501 Main Street Peoria, IL 61602 with the Courtyard Peoria Downtown being adjacent to the Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette. A block of rooms sufficient to house the entire conference has been reserved at these hotels. Attendees are responsible for all aspects of their hotel reservations. To reserve your room call 309-637-6500 for the Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette or 309-671-5050 for the Courtyard Peoria Downtown and inform them you are with the North Central Jurisdiction Conference. The room cost for both hotels is \$138 per night plus tax. Parking garage is free.

Staybridge Suites/309-673-7829. Rates are Studio \$132, One Bedroom \$152, Two Bedroom \$179. All rooms have fully equipped kitchen. A hot breakfast is included.

Holiday Inn & Suites in East Peoria. The address is 101 Holiday St. East Peoria IL 61611. Phone 309-698-3333. This hotel is not within walking distance. It is approximately 2 miles from the Civic Center. Has hotel shuttle.

Reservations must be made by June 17.

Parking at Peoria Civic Center

Parking pass allows multiple entries and exits per day. Without a parking pass, payment is required for each entry. Handicap license plate or hanging tag required even with handicap parking pass. Cost of parking passes \$21-three day and \$28-four day.

Note: Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette and Courtyard Peoria Downtown are connected to the Civic Center by a walkway. Staybridge Suites is across the street from the Civic Center. A parking pass is not required if staying at these hotels.

Flight Information

Delegates who live more than 500 miles from Peoria may choose to fly to the Jurisdictional Conference. Because we anticipate fewer flights this year, we have not made arrangements with a travel agent to book flights. Fliers will book their own flights and will claim a reimbursement on the Travel Reimbursement Form issued at the Conference. A printout of your flight itinerary (showing the price) is required documentation for reimbursement. The Treasurer will compare the cost of your flight with typical fares on that day. Fliers must fly coach. The NCJ does not pay for baggage fees or other airline amenities. These costs must be considered as part of your per-diem. Delegates who live closer than 500 miles from Peoria are expected to drive to the event. If a delegate living closer than 500 miles requests a flight reimbursement, the Treasurer will provide a reimbursement for the flight or for the calculated driving miles, **whichever is less.**

Mileage Reimbursements

Delegates who drive to the NCJ Conference may request a mileage reimbursement by completing a travel voucher which will be available at the Conference. The travel reimbursement will be 30 cents per mile (round trip) for the first voting delegate in the vehicle and 5 cents per mile for each additional voting delegate riding in the same vehicle. Reimbursement requests for tolls must be accompanied by receipt. Vouchers may be submitted to the NCJ Treasurer during the Conference session or after the conference ends by mail, fax or e-mail. Instructions will be on the voucher form. Reimbursement checks will be mailed after the conclusion of the NCJ Conference. For security reasons, no checks will be written on the site of the NCJ Conference. Parking at the conference site is considered a per-diem expense and will not be reimbursed.

Per-diem for Delegates and First Reserves

The per diem will be \$125.00 per day for each day of actual attendance, up to four days (\$500). Per-diem checks will be written and mailed to delegates and first reserves a few weeks prior to the NCJ Conference Session. The Treasurer will depend on lists provided by the chairs of the delegations denoting the actual attendees. The Treasurer will assume that each delegate and first reserve intends to attend all four days. If a delegate arrives late or departs early, it is their responsibility to reimburse the NCJ for excess per diem. If a delegate who is not attending receives a check in the mail, it is his/her responsibility to get the per-diem to the reserve delegate who is replacing them. For security reasons, no checks will be written on the site of the NCJ Conference. Note: In some cases, the per diem offered by the NCJ may not be adequate for actual expenses incurred to attend the Conference. It is assumed that an individual will probably need to devote personal funds to serve the Jurisdiction as a delegate. If this presents a financial hardship, we encourage you to contact the head of your delegation or your Conference Treasurer.

Committee members, who are not delegates, but attend NCJ Committee meetings prior to or during the NCJ session will be under the same rules as delegates. They will receive the same per-diem for days attended based upon validation from their committee chair that those days of attendance were necessary. The same travel rules apply to committee members who are not delegates. Delegates who must arrive a day early (Monday) in order to attend Tuesday meetings will receive an additional day of per-diem after the close of the session. A form will be available for the committee chair to authorize an extra day of per-diem.

Registration

Registration is online this year at the North Central Jurisdictional Website. If you need a paper version please email njpatton@igrc.org. You will pick up your identification badge and on-site materials at the registration window located in the Terrazzo Lobby of the Peoria Civic Center starting on Tuesday, July 12, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. and then on Wednesday starting at 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Information Desk

Information Desks will be located in the Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette Lobby and also the Peoria Civic Center Terrazzo Registration Area during the conference. Peoria Convention and

Visitors Bureau will also be located at the Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette and the Terrazzo Lobby for all of your local information.

“Peoria Under the Stars” & Midwest Barbecue

The Peoria Riverfront Museum and Planetarium - spend time touring museum and see a show in the planetarium. 222 SW Washington St, Peoria, IL 61602. Anyone is welcome to attend however meal reservations must be made online when you register.

- Within walking distance or we will have shuttles starting at 5:00 p.m. from Peoria Civic Center
- Retired Bishops' Reception – 7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in Museum Lobby
- Ticket Without Meal (Free)
- Ticket With Meal (\$20)

First Aid

There will an EMT onsite during the NCJ Conference sessions at the Peoria Civic Center. For emergencies at other times there are two hospitals nearby, St. Francis and Unity Health Point.

Lost and Found

Lost and found will be located at the Registration/ Information Desk in the Peoria Civic Center Terrazzo Lobby.

Prayer Room

A Prayer Room hosted by the Eastern Illinois University Wesley Foundation will be located in Room 134 of the Peoria Civic Center.

Volunteer Assistance

The Illinois Great Rivers Conference will have many volunteers located throughout the conference venues to assist with answering questions. Look for persons wearing red aprons and a volunteer badge.

BADGE COLORS

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| Bishops – Purple | Judicial Council Member – Red |
| Bishop’s Spouses – Purple | Jurisdictional Secretarial Staff – Gold |
| Delegates – Yellow | General Boards & Agencies – Black |
| Reserve Delegates – Orange | Visitors – White |

RIBBON COLORS

- Page, Usher, Marshal – Royal
- Staff – Maroon
- Volunteer – Kelly

Any Special Requests/Meetings/Meals

Groups needing meeting space, reception space, or meal space may contact either Peoria First United Methodist Church or Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette.

Peoria First United Methodist

Contacts may be reached at 309-673-3641

Meeting Space- Larry Whitler – Administrator and Facilities

Kitty Vaughn – Meals, Receptions

Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette

Contact: Ana Gonzales, Executive Meeting Manager

Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette

501 Main St. | Peoria, IL 61602

Direct line: 309.680.2326

Mission Opportunity

The NCJ Local Arrangements Committee is providing the opportunity for delegates and conferences to support the Midwest Mission Distribution Center with Personal Dignity and School Kits. Items donated at the NCJ Conference will be added to collection amounts at Annual Conferences. Which conference will have the largest collection?

MMDC Collections for 2016 Annual and Jurisdiction Conference

The Midwest Mission Distribution Center is seeking any or all supplies for the following kits:

Personal Dignity Kit	School Kit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hand towel • wash cloth • comb • nail clippers • toothbrush • shampoo w/ conditioner • deodorant • bar soap • razor– individually wrapped • toothpaste—2.5 oz or larger 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 spiral, 1 subject notebooks (8" x 10 1/2") • 3 pens (blue or black) • 3 unsharpened pencils • 1 pencil sharpener • 1 pencil eraser—2" or larger • 1 ruler 12" long with metric • 1 protractor 6" long with metric • 1 box of 24 crayons • 1 pair of round tip scissors (no plastic scissors)

Those wishing to help with the cost of shipping and/or the purchase of supplies in bulk can make their checks payable to **MMDC** and bring them with them or mail them to:

MMDC
PO Box 56
Chatham, IL 62629

For more details, please see <http://midwestmissiondc.org/projects/projects>.

Peoria Civic Center – Hall C Plenary Session Seating

Stage

Mic	Mic	Mic	Mic
1 - 7	8 - 14	15 - 21	22 - 28
29 - 35	36 - 42	43 - 49	50 - 56
57 - 63	64 - 70	71 - 77	78 - 84
85 - 91	92 - 98	99 - 105	106 - 112

Mic	Mic	Mic	Mic
113 - 119	120 - 126	127 - 133	134 - 140
141 - 147	148 - 154	155 - 161	162 - 168
169 - 175	176 - 182	183 - 189	190 - 196
197 - 202	203 - 208		

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Parliamentary Procedure

This is a quick guide to help you participate more fully in the plenary sessions as well as in committee work. For a more full explanation of parliamentary rules please refer to the Rules of Order section of this Advance Journal found in later pages.

The rules by which we agree to govern ourselves will be adopted at the opening session of the Jurisdictional Conference. These are based on the belief it is important that everyone has a right to be heard. The rules ensure the conference proceeds in an orderly fashion in its deliberations, the decisions which emerge from our time together have been carefully discussed, and all opinions have been heard.

You will help yourself and the Jurisdictional Conference if you study the Rules of Order in preparation for your role as a delegate.

To Speak to the Conference:

According to Rule 6, unless raising a point of order or parliamentary inquiry, a delegate shall not speak until recognized by the convener and granted the floor. A delegate desiring to speak shall move to the nearest aisle microphone and wait to be recognized by the presiding bishop. Once recognized, speak directly into the microphone. First, announce your name and annual conference as you begin to speak.

To Make a Motion:

If you desire to make a motion, present a resolution, or bring a matter of action before the conference please attempt to have it in writing beforehand. If your motion is an amendment, please indicate exactly where the changes belong – the words that are to be deleted and/or added. Be sure to sign your name and list your annual conference.

**DELEGATES TO THE 2016 NORTH CENTRAL
JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE**

(listed by conferences in order of election; * indicates chairperson / co-chairpersons)

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4 Delegates

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PLAN OF ORGANIZATION AND RULES OF ORDER

Setting of Time and Place for Jurisdiction Conference, Call to Order, Service of Communion and Memorial

The North Central Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church shall meet at the times set by the Council of Bishops and at the place determined by the Local Arrangements Committee, continuing the rotation shown in the 2016 Advance Journal. The conference shall have the power and duties as specified in paragraph 27, The 2012 Book of Discipline.

The resident bishop of the Episcopal area in which the conference is held shall call the conference to order followed by a Celebration of Holy Communion and Memorial. The names of bishops, bishops' spouses, and members of jurisdictional standing committees who have died since the last Jurisdictional Conference, plus delegates-elect who have died since their election, and others who in the judgment of the Local Arrangements may appropriately be remembered, shall be read.

I. ORGANIZATION AND AGENDA OF THE OPENING SESSION

The president of the College of Bishops shall preside at the opening session of the Jurisdictional Conference at which the agenda will be:

A. Greetings and Introductions by the Bishop of the Host Area

B. Roll Call

The roll shall be called by the secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference in the following manner:

1. The secretary of the College of Bishops of the jurisdiction shall report the names of the bishops who are present and who are absent.
2. The roll of delegates shall be called according to annual conferences. The chairperson of the delegation will report to the conference the number of delegates and reserves present.
3. The general or executive secretaries of the general church councils, boards and commissions of The United Methodist Church, who are members of annual conferences within the bounds of the North Central Jurisdiction, but who are not elected delegates of the Jurisdictional Conference, shall be seated within the voting area of the Conference and report their presence during roll call.

C. Report of the Committee on Rules of Order

1. The Plan of Organization and Rules of Order shall remain in effect until amended by a Jurisdictional Conference in regular or special session. Any amendments or additions recommended by the Jurisdictional Committee on Rules of Order for action by the Jurisdictional Conference must be in accordance with the Rules of Order.
2. A majority of the Jurisdictional Conference delegates shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
3. The committee shall report any proposals to change the election process or any question of credentials before the first ballot is taken.

D. Confirmation of the Jurisdictional Conference Committees and Secretarial Staff:

1. The secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference shall present, for confirmation, membership on the various on-site and standing committees as elected by the appropriate Episcopal areas or annual conferences.
2. The secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference shall present, for confirmation, those who are serving as members of the conference secretarial staff.

E. Report of the Committee on Episcopacy

The Committee on Episcopacy shall report on the number of bishops to be elected.

F. Report of the Committee on Elections

1. Appropriate Disciplinary materials, including ¶405.2 a. & b. of The 2012 Book of Discipline and the balloting procedure shall be explained.
2. The balloting procedure shall be explained.

G. Taking the First Ballot

The first ballot shall be taken. (See Rules of Order II, Procedures for Episcopal Elections).

H. Report of the Local Arrangements Committee

I. Report of the Jurisdictional Treasurer

II. PROCEDURES FOR EPISCOPAL ELECTIONS

~~The Committee on Elections, in consultation with~~ The Committee on Episcopacy, shall recommend the procedures for Episcopal nominations and elections.

- A. Episcopal Nominee Information Forms** for supplying biographical and other information regarding nominees shall be developed by the Committee on ~~Elections in consultation with the Committee on~~ Episcopacy. These forms shall include but not be limited to requests for: name and address; date and place of birth; family; formal education and continuing education; previous vocational record prior to ordination; ordination date(s) and conference(s); appointment and pastoral record, current annual conference membership and appointment; membership on boards and agencies: a) church (denominational and ecumenical) and b) community activities; publications, awards, and honors.

No later than September 1 of the year in which General/Jurisdictional Conference delegations are elected, the Jurisdictional Conference Secretary shall send the Episcopal Nominee Information Form and proposed procedures to annual conference secretaries and chairs of annual conference delegations. The annual conference secretary shall have responsibility to inform the population of the respective annual conferences of the availability of the forms through such means as will reach the widest possible audience. The Jurisdictional Conference secretary shall distribute a press release to the director of communications in each conference specifying when and where Episcopal Nominee Information Forms will be available.

Delegations are free to engage nominees beyond their Annual Conference after January 1 of the year of General Conference.

The Jurisdictional Conference secretary shall duplicate the Episcopal Nominee Information Forms which have been signed by the nominee and properly submitted. Seventeen days prior to the opening of Jurisdictional Conference, copies of all Episcopal Nominee Information Forms received shall be distributed via first class mail or email to delegates, first reserves, members of the College of Bishops, and other persons with Jurisdictional Conference responsibilities.

Nominees must submit the Episcopal Nominee Information Forms immediately after the close of their annual conferences, and no later than June 25, in order to be included in the packet of nominee information sent to all the Jurisdictional Conference delegates. The secretary of the jurisdiction shall assign a voting number to each clergy delegate and any others who have properly submitted an Episcopal Nominee Information Form.

A person who has not been assigned a voting number may secure one by requesting such in writing from the secretary. The bishop presiding shall report the additional name(s) and voting number(s) to the Jurisdictional Conference.

B. Balloting and Procedures

A 60% majority of the valid votes cast on any ballot is needed for the election of a bishop (see Rule 25-E).

Prior to every ballot, a bishop or member of the Committee on Episcopacy will lead the conference in prayer.

1. Reporting the first ballot:

- a) In the event of an election, the name and vote tally of the elected person shall be announced first and that person introduced to the conference by a member of the Committee on Episcopacy. After such introduction, the bishop presiding will continue reading the names only on the rest of the first ballot.
- b) All persons receiving ten or more votes shall be introduced alphabetically by the chair of the Committee on Episcopacy. Upon introduction, each nominee will give name, community where presently residing, and current appointment. An opportunity for withdrawal from nomination shall be given by the bishop presiding.

If any of these nominees has not completed an Episcopal Nominee Information Form previously, one will be furnished by the secretary. The nominee will have thirty (30 minutes) to return the form to the secretary who will copy it for distribution to the delegates prior to the next ballot.

- c) The names and vote totals of the nominees will be read in descending order of votes received following the interviews and before the second ballot is taken.
2. Interviews. All nominees, having been introduced to the conference will be assigned rooms for interviews. Space for these interviews will be arranged by the Local Arrangements Committee ~~in consultation with the Committee on Elections~~. The interview moderators shall be the lay members of the Committee on Episcopacy with additional lay members of the Jurisdictional Conference being selected by the committee as needed. Three twenty-minute periods shall be scheduled with ten-minute breaks between each period, providing every delegate an opportunity to hear and question three candidates. This process will be followed by a thirty-minute period for delegation meetings.
 3. After the interviews and report of first ballot votes, balloting shall continue for the second and subsequent ballots in this manner: In the event of an election, the name and vote tally of the elected person shall be announced and that person introduced to the conference by a member of the Committee on Episcopacy. After such an introduction, the bishop presiding will continue the reading of the results of the ballot in descending order of votes received by those who obtained ten or more votes.
 4. Balloting shall continue until the elections are completed **by 12:00 noon on Friday (unless the conference shall suspend this rule)**. To facilitate the election process, a variety of opportunities for dialogue shall be offered: nominee interviews, spot conversations, delegation meetings or other processes determined by the ~~Committee on Elections~~ **jurisdictional conference**.
 - a. Spot conversations are for those situations when delegations might need a brief time together.
 - b. Delegation meetings provide opportunity for delegations to converse among themselves regarding the election and to receive further information regarding any of the nominees.
 5. A nominee may formally withdraw his/her name before the beginning of any ballot by either:
 - a. submitting a withdrawal in writing to the Jurisdictional Conference secretary who will immediately notify the bishop presiding and who, in turn, will report the withdrawal, or
 - b. submitting their withdrawal orally through a point of personal privilege (two-minute limit recommended).

III. THE OFFICERS OF THE JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE

A. Secretary of the Jurisdiction

1. The Jurisdictional Committee on Nominations shall present a nominee from the clergy or lay membership of the North Central Jurisdiction for secretary-designate. Other nominations may be made from the floor. The **Local Arrangements** Committee ~~on Agenda~~ shall schedule a time for election to be

held during the session of the Jurisdictional Conference. If there is more than one nominee, the election shall be by ballot. If, in the interim of the quadrennial sessions of the Jurisdictional Conference, the office of the secretary shall for any reason become vacant, the College of Bishops shall appoint a secretary to serve through the next session of the Jurisdictional Conference.

2. The secretary designate shall assume the responsibility of the office of secretary as soon after the adjournment of the Jurisdictional Conference as all work in connection with the session, including the preparation, printing and mailing of The Journal has been completed. The exact date of transfer of responsibility to the secretary-designate shall be determined by the College of Bishops, but shall not be later than twelve months after the adjournment of the Jurisdictional Conference. The secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference shall serve through to the end of the next Jurisdictional Conference.
3. The secretary of the jurisdiction is authorized to perform the following tasks:
 - a. Nominate assistant secretaries from the membership of the United Methodist church within the North Central Jurisdiction as is deemed necessary, to be presented to, and confirmed by, the Jurisdictional Conference at the opening session.
 - b. Edit and arrange for the publication of The Advance Journal prior to the conference, and carry out the same tasks for The Journal following the conference.
 - c. Prepare and send by November 1 preceding the opening of the next Jurisdictional Conference the nominating forms with instructions for jurisdictional councils, boards, and committees to each annual conference delegation chair.
 - d. Prepare and send the nominating forms for general church councils, boards, and committees to each annual conference secretary ~~no later than the May 1st prior to the opening of Jurisdictional Conference~~ **as may be necessary.**
 - e. Notify the members of the Committee on Nominations of the time and place of the meeting held at least one day prior to the opening of Jurisdictional Conference. Compile the notebooks necessary for the work of this committee based on The 2012 Book of Discipline and The plan of Organization.
 - f. **Work in consultation with the Committee on Episcopacy to develop the Episcopal Nominee Information Forms.**
 - g. No later than September 1 of the year in which General/Jurisdictional Conference delegations are elected, the Jurisdictional Conference Secretary shall send the Episcopal Nominee Information Form and proposed procedures to annual conference secretaries and chairs of annual conference delegations. At the same time, a press release is to be sent to directors of communication in each conference as to how these forms can be obtained.
 - h. Edit and make copies of the Episcopal Nominee Information Forms, and no less than 17 days prior to the start of Jurisdictional Conference, send a packet of the Episcopal Nominee Information Forms via first class mail or email to every delegate, all first reserves, members of the College of bishops, other

persons with Jurisdictional Conference responsibilities, and annual conference communicators.

- i. Prepare for the registration packets a list of voting numbers assigned to all clergy members of delegations eligible for the office of episcopacy and for any clergy not in a delegation who have submitted an Episcopal Nominee Information Form.
- j. Make the conference floor seating assignments for delegations and reserves.
- k. The secretary, ~~in consultation with the chair of the Committee on Credentials,~~ will provide a daily form on which to report in writing the attendance of the members of the delegation. Absence of delegates and substitutions by reserve delegates shall be recorded.
- l. **The secretary in conjunction with the Chairperson of the Committee on Episcopacy and the Chairperson of the Local Arrangements Committee will determine the presiding officers for sessions of the NCJ Conference. The President of the College of Bishops will preside at the opening business session.**
- m. Serve as a full member of the Jurisdictional Missions Council ~~and the Committee on Elections,~~ and in advisory capacity to the Local Arrangements Committee. ~~Serve ex officio on the Committee on Rules of Order, and the Committee on Journals.~~
- n. ~~At least six months prior to the Conference, the secretary shall contact the head of each delegation and request that they forward to the secretary a copy of the annual conference journals from the last quadrennium, in electric format. The copies are to be received at least two weeks prior to the Conference. The secretary shall provide these annual conference journals to the Committee on Journals for their inspection pursuant to their duties as outlined in the Book of Discipline.~~

B. Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer

1. The conference shall elect, on nomination of the jurisdictional Committee on Nominations, a treasurer and, if needed, an assistant treasurer. Consultation prior to the nomination with the Jurisdictional Association of Conference Treasurers is recommended.
2. The treasurer of the Jurisdictional Conference is authorized to perform the following tasks:
 - a. Pay the bills incurred in connection with the quadrennial session of the Jurisdictional Conference upon the approval of the chairperson of the Local Arrangements Committee or the chairperson of the Jurisdictional Mission Council or a designee of the Council.
 - b. Make other disbursements as may be authorized by the Jurisdictional Conference.
 - c. Pay travel and per diem expense to the duly elected delegates of the Jurisdictional Conference upon receiving properly completed and signed vouchers from them.
 - d. Execute contracts on behalf of the Jurisdictional Conference.

- e. Pay travel and other expenses incurred during the quadrennium by the Jurisdictional Mission Council, the Local Arrangements Committee, the Committees on Appeals, ~~Elections~~, Episcopacy, ~~Program and Arrangements~~, and other committees authorized by the Jurisdictional Conference upon receipt of properly completed and signed expense vouchers from the members of these committees. All other expense vouchers must receive approval from a designee of the Jurisdictional Mission Council before payment can be made by the treasurer.
- f. Prepare financial reports at least quarterly for the Jurisdictional Mission Council.
- g. Send quarterly invoices and statements to annual conference treasurers for North Central Jurisdictional apportionments.
- h. Prepare financial records and reports for an annual review of the books and a quadrennial audit.
- i. Prepare such reports as are required by the IRS and other government agencies.

IV. COMMITTEES

The Jurisdictional Conference shall have on-site and standing committees with functions as prescribed and other committees as it may order. Each committee shall develop a handbook of practices and procedures, a copy of which shall be retained by the Jurisdictional Conference secretary and treasurer. The delegation from each Episcopal area or annual conference shall nominate and elect from their delegation their representatives to these jurisdictional committees unless otherwise prescribed. These names shall be forwarded to the Jurisdictional Conference secretary by February 15 prior to the convening of the Jurisdictional Conference.

A. On-Site Committees

The College of Bishops shall select the chairperson of each on-site committee with due consideration given to geographical spread, the selection of racial and ethnic minorities, and women to serve in these areas of responsibility. The chairperson shall be chosen from the membership of these committees, and shall be responsible for convening their committees at the site of Jurisdictional Conference. At that time, they may elect other officers as needed.

~~1. Committee on Agenda~~

~~There shall be a Committee on Agenda composed of the chairpersons of all standing and on-site committees. The committee shall propose the agenda for each business session, and include a time for election of the jurisdictional officers.~~

~~The chairperson of the committee shall:~~

- ~~a. Confer with the presiding officer of each session regarding the proposed agenda, including orders of the day.~~
- ~~b. Decide on the validity of questions of privilege, and if valid, recommend them to the conference to be heard;~~
- ~~c. Prepare and present to the conference for its action any complimentary resolutions as occasion dictates;~~

- d. ~~Determine those to whom courtesies of the conference should be extended and make appropriate arrangements.~~

~~2.—Credentials~~

~~There shall be a Committee on Credentials composed of one member elected from each area.~~

- a. ~~The chairperson of the annual conference delegations shall report the attendance and absence of delegates, and name the available reserve delegates for absentees.~~

~~The chairperson of the Committee on Credentials shall tabulate by session the daily attendance and absence of delegates and the substitution by~~

- b. ~~reserve delegates, to be then reported to the Jurisdictional Conference secretary for publication in The Journal.~~

~~3.—Journals~~

~~There shall be a Committee on Journals composed of one member elected from each Annual Conference. The Jurisdictional Conference secretary shall serve *ex officio*.~~

- a. ~~This committee shall examine daily the record of the secretary, and report its findings to the conference with appropriate recommendations. Any error subsequently discovered in a section of The Journal which has been approved shall be reported to the conference for correction.~~

- b. ~~The Committee on Journals shall also examine the annual conference journals of the past quadrennium to see if they conform to the guidelines as set forth in The 2012 Book of Discipline, Para. 606.3.~~

1. Nominations

There shall be a Committee on Nominations for the purpose of nominating the Jurisdictional Conference secretary and treasurer, and persons to general church councils, boards and commissions, to the Jurisdictional Missions Council, and other positions necessary to fulfill jurisdictional structure. It shall be composed of:

- The active bishops of the jurisdiction;
- One clergy person from each annual conference;
- One lay person from each annual conference;
- One representative of the Division on Ministry with Young People with voice only;
- One representative with voice only from each of the following four racial/ethnic minority groups, to be elected by the group represented for assignment to the Jurisdictional Committee on Nominations: Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Native American International Caucus, MARCHA, and the Asian American United Methodist Caucus.

- a. ~~No member of the Committee on Nominations shall be nominated by that committee for membership on any council, board or commission of the general church. No staff member of a general council, board or commission of The United Methodist Church shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Committee on Nominations.~~

- b. The Committee on Nominations shall hold its first meeting at the site of the Jurisdictional Conference at least one day prior to the opening of the Jurisdictional Conference. The Jurisdictional Conference secretary shall notify the members of the time and place of the meeting.

~~4. Presiding Officers~~

~~There shall be a Committee on Presiding Officers composed of one member elected from each area. This committee shall select the presiding officer for each session of the conference, and in each instance report its selection to the conference prior to the adjournment of the previous session. The presiding officers shall be chosen from among the bishops in the active relationship. The president of the College of Bishops shall preside at the opening business session of the Jurisdictional Conference.~~

B. Standing Committees

The Jurisdictional Conference shall have the following standing committees with the term of office beginning, unless otherwise specified, with the adjournment of the Jurisdictional Conference, and continuing until their successors have been confirmed. Each committee shall be convened on call by a member of the College of Bishops and shall elect its own chairperson.

1. Appeals

There shall be a Court of Appeals appointed in accordance with provisions of The 2012 Book of Discipline, ¶2716.

~~2. Elections~~

~~There shall be a Committee on elections composed of one clergy and one lay person from each area plus the Jurisdictional Conference Secretary and the chair of the Committee on Episcopacy. The committee will assume responsibility for all decisions, activity and functions in regards to the Episcopal nomination process in consultation with the Committee on Episcopacy. The Committee, also in consultation with the committee on Episcopacy, will determine the method for balloting and make provisions for the equipment and supplies necessary for voting.~~

3. Episcopacy

There shall be a Committee on Episcopacy with membership, functions and terms of office as provided in The 2012 Book of Discipline ¶524.

- a. The bishop of each area shall make a written report to this committee not less than thirty days prior to the convening of the Jurisdictional conference. The report shall include, but not be limited to:
 - A review of the bishop's Episcopal administration during the quadrennium;
 - A report on annual conference program emphases, goals and achievements;

- Evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of the area; a statement on the major issues facing the Church in the area; matters of concern regarding the bishop's Episcopal assignment.
- b. The Committee on Episcopacy assumes the responsibilities of caring and honoring functions of the bishops which includes: ceremonial recognition of those bishops entering the retired relationship following Jurisdictional conference, attention to the needs of newly-elected bishops, a responsibility which begins at the moment of election, and recognition and hospitality for all Episcopal leaders within the jurisdiction in consultation with the Local Arrangements Committee.
- c. **The Chairperson of Committee on Episcopacy in consultation with the NCJ Conference Secretary and the Chairperson of the Local Arrangements Committee will determine the presiding officers for sessions of the NCJ Conference. The President of the College of Bishops shall preside at the opening business session.**

4. Committee on Investigation

There shall be a Committee on Investigation consisting of seven elders in full connection, with not more than one elder from each annual conference and two lay observers. Five reserve elders and one reserve lay observer also shall be elected. The committee shall be elected on nomination of the college of Bishops, and shall elect a chair at the site of Jurisdictional Conference. See The 2012 Book of Discipline, ¶2703.1

~~5. Rules of Order~~

~~There shall be a Committee on Rules of Order composed of one member elected from each area. The Jurisdictional Conference secretary shall be an ex officio member. All proposed amendments to the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, and all matters related to particular procedures of the Jurisdictional Conference shall be referred to this committee for recommendation to the Jurisdictional Conference. In the interim between Jurisdictional Conferences, the committee shall meet on call of the College of Bishops or by action of the Jurisdictional Conference. If no meeting is called by either of these means, the chair shall convene the committee for a single meeting prior to the Jurisdictional Conference. Prior to the meeting, the chair shall notify all chairs of standing committees of the deadline for submitting any proposed changes to the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order.~~

V. JURISDICTIONAL MISSION COUNCIL

Mission/Vision Statement:

The Mission of the North Central Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church is, by the call of God, to make disciples of Jesus Christ by providing spiritual leadership.

The Vision of the North Central Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church is of holy, bold disciples of Jesus Christ living in unique and connected faith communities energized by dynamic spiritual leadership, both lay and clergy.

The Core Process of the North Central Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church is to:

- Provide connections for unique leadership, spiritual and outreach development across the North Central Jurisdiction, and
 - Provide for the election and assignment of bishops in the North Central Jurisdiction.
- A. The Jurisdictional Mission Council shall consult with the College of Bishops and the North Central Jurisdiction Association of Conference Directors of Connectional Ministries in order to:
1. ~~articulate a~~ **Support the vision and mission** of the Church ~~within the jurisdiction~~ and **the development of models** for ~~implementing the vision; that mission within the jurisdiction.~~
 2. ~~clarify the vision to the annual conferences within the jurisdiction through conference council directors;~~
 3. ~~enable and support networking throughout the jurisdiction; constantly test the structures against the stated purpose and the vision;~~
 2. Constantly test the structures against the stated ~~purpose and the~~ vision **and mission.**
 3. Establish criteria for funding and ~~evaluate~~ **evaluation of** programs ~~funded by the jurisdiction; receiving funding.~~
 4. **Make annualized budget allocations to programs in the jurisdiction.**
 5. Prepare a financial budget for the succeeding quadrennium ~~for the operation of the Jurisdictional Mission Council; to submit for NCJ Conference action.~~
 6. ~~set a budget, allocate funds, and~~ Oversee the investments within the jurisdiction.
 7. **Review, each quadrennium, the NCJ Plan of Organization and Rules of Order and propose amendments to the same to the Jurisdictional Conference for its consideration.**
- B. The membership of the Jurisdictional Mission Council shall ~~number twenty persons elected for two quadrennial terms (eight years) in two classes of ten persons each. Those twenty persons shall be:~~ **consist of the following:**
- One ~~representative from~~ **person elected by** each annual conference within the jurisdiction. ~~for a total of twelve who have been nominated by the Jurisdictional Committee on Nominations from the pool of names submitted by annual conference delegations and elected by the Jurisdictional Conference.~~
 - ~~Eight (8)~~ **Seven (7)** members-at-large nominated by the Jurisdictional Committee on Nominations from the pool of names submitted by annual conference delegations and elected by the Jurisdictional Conference;
 - **Two Directors of Connectional Ministries as selected by the NCJ Association of Directors of Connectional Ministries.**
 - In addition, the following designated persons will serve the quadrennium in which they are named:

- ~~One bishop selected by the College of Bishops; a conference council director named by the North Central Jurisdiction Association of Conference Council Directors, and the secretary and treasurer of the jurisdiction.~~
- The NCJ Treasurer
- The NCJ Conference Secretary
- The NCJ Coordinator of Communications as selected by the NCJ Mission Council Executive Committee.
- ~~In the event that a member is unable to continue on the council for a second quadrennium the chair shall notify the Committee on Nominations by July 1 in the year of Jurisdictional Conference to name a replacement from the pool of names submitted by annual conference delegations for the four year balance of the member's term.~~
- The Jurisdictional Committee on Nominations shall be faithful to the commitments of the United Methodist Church to racial and ethnic inclusiveness, shall give consideration to the expertise needed to fulfill the functions of the Mission Council, and shall provide for full participation of clergy and laity.

C. Organizational Structure and Meetings

1. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Mission Council comprised of:
 - a) A chairperson, vice-chairperson and secretary elected by the Jurisdictional Mission Council;
 - ~~b) a finance person to work with the treasurer on matters of investment and budget;~~
 - b) One of the two (2) DCMs serving on the Mission Council as selected by the NCJ Association of Directors of Connectional Ministries;**
 - c) The bishop ~~named to the council;~~ **selected by the NCJ College of Bishops to serve as a member of the Mission Council;**
 - ~~d) the council director serving on the Mission Council;~~
 - ~~e) the officers of the jurisdiction being the secretary and treasurer;~~
 - ~~f) two at large members who will be designated according to need;~~
 - d) The NCJ Treasurer;**
 - e) The NCJ Conference Secretary;**
 - f) The NCJ Coordinator of Communications as selected by the Mission Council Executive Committee.**
2. The Jurisdictional Mission Council shall meet to organize by October 30th in the year of the Jurisdictional Conference. It shall have the authority to organize as it deems necessary. Organization shall include the election of officers and orientation of the membership. In addition to the organizational meeting, the full council shall meet two additional times during the quadrennium:
 - a) The agenda for the second meeting shall include evaluation of the effectiveness of the ministry programs funded in the current quadrennium.
 - b) The agenda for the third meeting shall include establishing recommendations for the allocation of funds for the quadrennium and setting the budget. Representatives from funded ministry groups, emerging

ministries, networks, and other appropriate resource persons shall be invited and encouraged to be present for all full council meetings at their own expense. They shall have voice but not vote except when invited to do so.

c) The Executive Committee shall have the discretion to meet as needed.

3. Periodic consultations with the College of Bishops and the Jurisdictional Association of Conference Directors of Connectional Ministries would be highly desirable for exchange of information and resources and opening of possibilities for new ministries to be supported. These may be arranged at the behest of the Mission Council, the College of Bishops, or the council directors. Consultations between any of these bodies shall be coordinated in such a manner as to minimize travel and the total number of jurisdictional meetings.

4. In order for the Jurisdictional Mission Council to understand the scope and nature of its ministry across the jurisdiction, each funded committee, agency or program of the North Central Jurisdiction shall have a member of the Jurisdictional Mission Council as its link or liaison to the Mission Council. During the quadrennium, the liaisons shall attend meetings and events of the committee or agency, receive its minutes, publications and financial reports, and act as a reminder to the affiliated groups of their "goal integrity" in regards to funding.

D. Financial Administration and the Jurisdictional Conference

1. On the first day of the Jurisdictional Conference, the Mission council shall present a proposed budget for the ensuing quadrennium, and based upon that proposed budget, determine the amounts to be apportioned to the annual conferences. All additional requests for funds shall be referred to this council.

2. At the final business session of the Jurisdictional Conference, the council shall present for action a revised budget with appropriate adjustments in conference apportionments. The Jurisdictional Mission Council shall recommend to the Jurisdictional Conference for action the per diem and travel expense of all jurisdictional delegates and others attending Conference in an official capacity.

a) The report of attendance by the ~~Committee on Credentials~~ **NCJ Conference secretary** shall be the basis for paying the per diem to the delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference.

b) The total expense for travel shall be paid to the delegate who is present and seated. If, during the session of the conference, a reserve delegate is seated in the delegate's place, the delegate shall adjust the travel reimbursement with the reserve delegate on the basis of the time served by each.

VI. PROCEDURES FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOMINATIONS TO GENERAL AND JURISDICTIONAL AGENCIES

The annual conferences shall select the nominees for membership on the various general and jurisdictional councils, boards and commissions in accordance with the requirements of The 2012 Book of Discipline, ¶705, and the Plan of Organization of the Jurisdictional Conference. It is strongly urged that bishops be full participants in this process.

1. To secure nominations for general church councils, boards and commission, the Jurisdictional Conference secretary shall **prepare and send as may be necessary the nominating forms for general church councils, boards, and committees** to the Annual Conference secretaries ~~by the May 1 before the convening of the Jurisdictional Conference.~~ All nominations from the various conferences shall be returned to the Jurisdictional Conference secretary within one week after the close of the annual conference session and no later than fifteen days prior to the convening of Jurisdictional Conference.
2. To secure nominations for jurisdictional councils, boards and committees, the Jurisdictional Conference secretary shall send nominating forms with instructions to delegation chairpersons by November 1 preceding the opening of the next Jurisdictional Conference. All nominations from the various conferences shall be returned to the Jurisdictional Conference secretary by February 15 prior to the Jurisdictional Conference.
3. The Committee on Nominations shall utilize worksheets prepared by the Jurisdictional Conference secretary proving the following information relative to the general church councils, boards and commissions;
 - Number of persons to be nominated; tenure if other than the quadrennium;
 - Names of incumbent members identified as being eligible or ineligible and including the conferences which they represent;
 - The names of persons each annual conference is nominating and the particular general church councils, boards or commissions to which they are being nominated;
 - Number of nominees from each annual conference in ratio relative to annual conference membership within the jurisdiction;
 - Relative representation as indicated in The 2012 Book of Discipline, ¶705.1.b.
4. Each annual conference nominating group shall be encouraged to give strong consideration to returning effective agency members for a second four-year term. No person shall be eligible to serve on any general church council, board or commission for more than the time provided in The 2012 Book of Discipline, ¶ 710.4.

VII. RULES OF ORDER

The Rules of Order adopted by the immediately previous General conference shall be the Rules of Order of the Jurisdictional Conference insofar as they apply. The Plan of Organization and Rules of Order shall remain in effect until changed by this or a succeeding Jurisdictional Conference. They may be amended or changed according to Rule 28 which is printed with other rules in The Advance Journal for delegates to the North Central Jurisdictional Conference.

A. Daily Schedule

Rule 1: Hours of meetings **and Order of Agenda** are to be set by the Local Arrangements Committee **in consultation with the College of Bishops.**

Rule 2: After the opening session (which is set by the Plan of Organization), the daily sessions of the conference shall be ~~conducted as proposed by the Committee on Agenda~~ **adjusted by the NCJ Conference Secretary in consultation with the College of Bishops** and adopted by the Jurisdictional Conference. **Validity of questions of privilege, complimentary resolutions, and courtesies will also be determined in the same manner.**

B. Presiding Officers

Rule 3: Authority of the Chairperson

- a. The bishop presiding shall be the legal chairperson of the Jurisdictional Conference.
- b. The chairperson shall decide points of order raised by the members and shall rule on points of order not raised by the members, as the chair deems necessary to conform to these Rules of Order, subject in both cases to an appeal to the conference by any member without debate, except that the chairperson and the appellant, in the order here named, shall each have three minutes for a statement in support of their respective positions. A tie vote in the case of appeal shall sustain the chair (see Rule 25b). Any member who raises a point of order shall cite by number the rule adjudged to have been violated.
- c. The bishop presiding shall have the right to recess a session of the Jurisdictional Conference at any time at the chair's discretion and to reconvene at such time as the chair shall announce. The bishop presiding shall also have the right to stipulate that the session shall reconvene with only delegates' authorized guests permitted to attend such a session following recess.

Rule 4: Calling the Conference to Order

When the chairperson stands and calls the conference to order, no member shall speak, address the chair, or stand while the chairperson stands.

C. Rights and Duties of Members

Rule 5: Attendance and Seating Reserves

- a. No member, unless hindered by sickness or otherwise from being present, shall be absent from the sessions of the conference without permission of the conference; all absentees shall be reported by the chairpersons of the annual conference delegations to the ~~Committee on Credentials~~ **NCJ Conference Secretary** on forms provided by the secretary for that purpose.
- b. Reserve delegates may be seated upon authority of the chairpersons of the delegations who shall report the substitutions in writing to the ~~Committee on Credentials~~ **NCJ Conference Secretary** on a form provided by the secretary. Any reserve delegate seated in the place of a delegate shall have been duly elected by his/her annual conference and shall meet the requirements set forth in The 2012 Book of Discipline, ¶514 & 515. If the

~~committee~~ **NCJ Conference Secretary** disapproves the substitution, after consultation with the chairperson of the delegation, he/she may report to the Jurisdictional Conference with a recommendation. The ~~chairperson of the Committee on Credentials~~ **NCJ Conference Secretary** shall make a daily written report ~~to the secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference,~~ listing all changes of seating ~~approved by the committee~~. These reports shall be recorded in The Journal.

- c. The general or executive secretaries of the general church councils, boards and commissions of the United Methodist Church, who are members of annual conferences within the bounds of the North Central Jurisdiction, but who are not elected delegates of the Jurisdictional Conference, shall be seated within the voting area of the conference. These persons shall have the privilege of the floor, without vote, on matters affecting the interests of their respective councils, boards and commissions. The expenses for these persons shall not be assumed by the Jurisdictional Conference.

Rule 6: Directions for Securing the Floor

Unless raising a point of order or parliamentary inquiry, the delegate shall not speak until granted the floor. A delegate desiring to speak to the conference shall move to a microphone and wait to be recognized by the presiding officer. Once recognized, the delegate shall first announce her or his name and the annual conference represented, which the presiding officer shall then announce to the conference.

Rule 7: Interrupting the Speaker

No member who has the floor may be interrupted except for a point of order, a misrepresentation, a parliamentary inquiry, a point of information, or to call attention that the time has arrived for a special order.

Rule 8: Speaking More than Once; Length of Speech

No member shall speak a second time on the same question if any member who has not spoken desires the floor, no more than twice on the same subject under the same motion, and no longer than three minutes unless that time shall be extended by the conference. This three-minute limit may be amended by a majority vote of the conference at any time and for any period of duration.

Rule 9: Point of Order

A delegate wishing to raise a point of order shall address the presiding officer and say, "I rise to a point of order." The presiding officer shall interrupt the proceeding; if a delegate is speaking, that one shall immediately yield the floor. The presiding officer shall then direct the delegate raising the point of order to state the point as briefly and concisely as possible, citing the authority of the point, but the delegate shall not presume to decide the question or argue the point. A point of

order is decided by the presiding officer without debate, unless in doubtful cases the chair submits the question to the body for advice or decision. When the presiding officer rules on a point, debate is closed, but the decision may be appealed.

Rule 10: Voting Area of the Conference

Only delegates within the area of the conference when the vote is taken shall be entitled to vote. All delegates within the area at the time a question is put shall vote, except such as have been excused for special reasons by the conference.

Rule 11: Voting Procedures

- a. Voting shall be as recommended by the ~~Committee on Elections~~ **Local Arrangements Committee** unless otherwise ordered by the conference.
- b. No other business shall be in order when a vote is being taken, or when the previous question has been called, until the process is completed, except such as relates to the vote itself or such business as the chair may deem appropriate.

Rule 12: Division of the Question

Before a vote is taken, any delegate shall have the right to call for a division of any question, if it is subject to such division as the delegate indicates. If no delegate objects, the division shall be made, but if there is an objection, the chair shall put the question of division to vote, not waiting for a second.

D. Business Procedures

Rule 13: Motion for Adoption of Reports

Whenever a report of a committee, signed by the chairperson and secretary thereof shall be presented to the conference for its action, it shall be deemed in proper order for consideration by the conference without the formality of a motion to adopt.

Rule 14: Required Forms for Resolutions, Reports, Motions, Amendments

All resolutions and committee reports shall be prepared as directed by the secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference. Motions, including amendments, shall be presented in writing.

Rule 15: Alterations of Motions, Etc.

When a motion is made and seconded, or a resolution is introduced and seconded, or a committee report is read or is published, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the conference and may not be altered except by action of the conference.

Rule 16: Un-debatable Motions

The following motions shall be acted upon without debate:

- a. To adjourn, when unqualified, except to adjourn the conference finally (See Rule 19);
- b. To suspend the rules;
- c. To lay on the table;
- d. To take from the table;
- e. To call for the previous questions (See Rule 21);
- f. To reconsider a non-debatable motion (See Rule 26);
- g. To limit or extend the limits of debate;
- h. To call for the orders of the day.

Rule 17: Rights of the Main Question

The main question may be opened to debate under the following motions: to adopt, to commit or to refer, to substitute, to postpone and to reconsider, No new motion, resolution, or subject shall be entertained until the one under consideration shall have been disposed of, except as provided in Rule 11b. The foregoing does not apply to secondary motions if otherwise allowable in the existing parliamentary situation.

Rule 18: Precedence of Motions

If any one or more of the following motions shall be made when one or more other motions are pending, the order of their precedence in relation to one another shall be the same as the order of their listing below (see also Rule 24):

- a. To fix the time at which the conference shall adjourn. (This motion is subject to amendment, or it may be laid on the table);
- b. To adjourn;
- c. To take a recess;
- d. To lay on the table;
- e. To order the previous question (see Rules 16e, 21, 23);
- f. To limit or extend the limits of debate;
- g. To postpone to a given time;
- h. To commit or refer;
- i. To amend or to amend by substitution (one amendment being allowed to an amendment);
- j. To postpone indefinitely.

Rule 19: Exceptions to the Motion to Adjourn Being in Order

The motion to adjourn, when unqualified, shall be taken without debate and shall always be in order, except:

- a. When a delegate has the floor;
- b. When a question is actually put, or a vote is being taken and before it is finally decided;

- c. When the previous question has been ordered and action there under is pending;
- d. When a motion to adjourn has been lost and no business or debate has intervened;
- e. When the motion to fix the time to which the conference shall adjourn is pending. The foregoing does not apply to a motion for final adjournment of the conference.

Rule 20: Tabling Related Motions

No motion which adheres to another motion or has another motion adhering to it can be laid on the table by itself. Such motions, if laid on the table, carry with them the motions to which they respectively adhere or which adhere to them.

Rule 21: Previous Question

Any member who moves the previous question (that is, that the vote now be taken on the motion or motions pending) shall also indicate to what it is intended to apply if any secondary motions are also pending. If said member does not so indicate, it shall be regarded as applying only to the immediately pending question. This motion shall be taken without debate and shall require a two-thirds vote of those present and voting for its adoption. If it is adopted, the vote shall be taken on the motion or motions to which it applies without further debate. (See also Rules 16, 23, 24).

Rules 22: Referring Reports, Etc.

It shall be in order for the conference to refer to a committee a section or part of a report or resolution which is before the conference for consideration or any amendment offered thereunto.

Rules 23: Procedure for Amending by Substitution

When a resolution or committee report is properly before the conference for consideration, even if amendments are pending, a substitute may be offered by any member moving that the same be substituted for the report, resolution, or amendment under consideration. The substitute shall be an alternative to what is before the house and not simply a negation of the main motion. Debate on the motion to substitute will be limited to the question of substitution only. No amendments to the main motion or the substitute will be considered during this period of initial consideration. Following the debate on the motion to substitute, a vote on substitution will occur. If the motion to substitute prevails by a majority vote, then the substitute becomes the main motion. If the motion to substitute does not prevail, then the main motion remains on the floor for further consideration. Debate, including the offering of amendments, then moves forward according to these Rules. A motion for the previous question

shall not be in order on the motion to substitute until after opportunity has been given for at least three speeches on each side of the question.

Rule 24: Unlawful Motion after Speech

It shall not be in order for a member immediately after discussing a pending question, and before relinquishing the floor, to make a motion whose adoption would limit or stop debate.

Rule 25: Exceptions to Majority Vote

A majority of those voting, a quorum being present, shall decide all questions with the following exceptions:

- a. One-third of those present and voting shall suffice to sustain a call for a count vote in case the decision of the chair is doubted.
- b. A tie vote sustains the chair. (See Rule 3b)
- c. A two-thirds vote shall be required to sustain a motion to suspend (Rule 27) or amend the rules. (Rule 28) A call for the previous question is a motion to suspend the rules and therefore requires a two-thirds vote.
- d. A majority of 60% shall be required to approve a proposal for a constitutional amendment.
- e. A majority of 60% shall be required for an Episcopal election.

Rule 26: Reconsideration

A motion to reconsider an action of the conference shall be in order at any time if offered by a member who voted with the prevailing side. If the motion it is proposed to reconsider is non-debatable, the motion to reconsider may not be debated. (Rule 16f)

E. Suspending, Amending, and Supplementing

Rule 27: Suspension of the Rules

The operation of any of the provisions of the Plan of Organization or of these Rules of Order may be suspended at any time by a two-thirds vote of the conference. (Rule 25c)

Rule 28: Amending Rules

The Plan of Organization and these Rules of Order may be amended or changed by a two-thirds vote of the conference, provided the proposed change or amendment has originated in the ~~Committee on Rules of Order~~ **NCJ Mission Council**, or has been presented to the conference in writing and referred to ~~this committee~~ **the Mission Council**. ~~The Committee on Rules of Order~~ **The Mission Council** shall report on the proposed change or amendment not later than the following day. If submitted on the last business day of Jurisdictional Conference, it will be referred to the ~~Committee on Rules of Order~~ **The Mission Council** for the next session of the Jurisdictional Conference.

Rule 29: Robert's Rules of Order as the Supplement Authority

In any parliamentary situation not covered by the Plan of Organization or these Rules of Order, the Jurisdictional Conference shall be governed in its actions by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

F. Additional Rules

Rule 30: Persons Without Right to Make or Second Motions

A person seated in the conference with the right to speak, but without vote, does not have the right to make a motion or second a motion.

Rule 31: Effective Date

All legislation of the Jurisdictional conference shall become effective January 1 following the session of the conference at which it is enacted, unless otherwise specified.

North Central Jurisdiction of The UMC Quadrennial Budgets

Acct # Description	Budget 2008-2012	Budget 2013-2016	Budget 2017-2020
INCOME			
40100 Apportionments	\$921,240.00	\$1,112,300.00	\$874,300.00
41100 Special Missions	\$0.00		
42100 Interest Income - Merrill Lynch	\$45,000.00		
42200 Interest Income - Credit Union	\$0.00		
49900 Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00		
TOTAL INCOME	\$966,240.00	\$1,112,300.00	\$874,300.00
EXPENSES			
51100 Jurisdictional Conference Expense	\$299,000.00	\$274,000.00	\$274,000.00
51300 Jurisdictional Conference Secretary	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
51400 Jurisdictional Conference Treasurer	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
51500 Jurisdictional Court of Appeals	\$15,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
52100 Mission Council	\$49,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$60,000.00
52150 Fellowship of Mission Secretaries	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
52200 Committee on Episcopacy	\$42,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
52300 Archives & History	\$2,500.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
52400 Reuben Job Center	\$98,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$0.00
52500 Town & Country Network	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	*
52550 Urban Network	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	*
52600 Volunteers in Mission	\$32,000.00	\$25,000.00	*
53100 Korean Ministries	\$175,000.00	\$150,000.00	*
53300 Hispanic Ministry Center of the NCJ	\$46,000.00	\$45,000.00	*
53350 Hispanic Caucus	\$44,000.00	\$44,000.00	*
53400 Native American Ministry	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	*
53450 Native American IC NE Region	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	*
54100 Youth Ministry	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	*
54150 Asian American Fellowship	\$40,000.00	\$35,000.00	*
55100 Religion and Race	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	*
56100 Continuing Consultation - Exec. Committee	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	*
57100 Midwest Mission Distribution Center	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	*
58100 General Conf. Expense for Host A/C	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$200,000.00
58200 Jurisdictional Conf. Expense for Host A/C	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
59100 Transitional Assistance - MN/Dakotas	\$40,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$0.00
59900 Ethnic, Supportive & Emerging Ministries	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$500,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,153,000.00	\$1,117,300.00	\$1,124,300.00
TOTAL CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(\$186,760.00)		(\$250,000.00)

* Eligible for Block Grants

Formal Request for Action by the NCJ at it 2016 meeting in Peoria, IL

The West Michigan and Detroit Annual Conferences formally approved at their separate 2015 sessions of Annual Conference the following motion and officially request the NCJ to take action on the three points directed to the NCJ (underlined):

“Subject: Creation of a New Michigan Area Conference of the UMC

Motion:

Be it resolved that the West MI/ Detroit Conference(s) of the United Methodist Church agrees to take all necessary action in order to create a new conference to be the legal successor to the two existing conferences in the Michigan Area of the United Methodist Church.

Be it further resolved that the Detroit and West Michigan Conferences make a request to the North Central Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church at their meeting July 13-16, 2016, in Peoria, Illinois, to:

- 1) approve the creation of the new annual conference,**
- 2) define the boundaries of the new conference as the entire state of Michigan, and**
- 3) approve the new conference be effective not later than January 1, 2019.**

Be it further resolved that we recommend the Bishop name a design team to develop a detailed plan of implementation to be brought to a combined session where the two conferences would vote as one body on any amendments and approval of the detailed plan.

Be it further resolved that reports will be given to the 2016 and 2017 sessions of the Detroit Conference and the West Michigan Conference for discussion, amendment and approval of components of the plan as they are designed.

Be it further resolved that the new conference be formed in accordance with these guiding principles:

- The local congregation is the most significant arena in which disciple making occurs.
- A continuous process of evaluation and realignment of structures, programs, institutions, resources and personnel in order to increase the effectiveness of the Church in its mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
- Collaboration that encourages the natural formation of partnerships based on shared vision and priorities.
- A process which allows portions of the plan to be presented to each annual conference for debate and amendment prior to adopting the Final Plan.
- A willingness to be held accountable, both personally and corporately, to our covenant relationships to God and one another for the transformation and healing of the world.
- A spirit of openness to explore new ways, models, and methods of being the Church, in an increasingly diverse world, with the expectation of learning from our successes and failures.”

Report of Committee on Episcopacy **2013-2016**

Five meetings were held by the North Central Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy in the 2013-2016 Quadrenium. We worked to carry out our responsibilities as charged in Paragraph 524, The 2012 Book of Discipline.

The Committee consisted of twenty-two members. The first meeting was the organizational meeting in which members were able to gain knowledge of one another. The tone was set which enabled members to be positioned for working together in conducting all assigned responsibilities.

In the organizational meeting in January 2013, members chose the executive committee, Maggie Jackson, chair; Irma Clark, vice-chair; Joy Barrett, secretary; and additional three members, David Bard, Lilian Gallo Seagren, and Ed Fenstermacher. The Standing Committees were as follows: Relationship with Area Committees on Episcopacy (Gary George, Ed Fenstermacher, Mary jo Dahlberg, Jackie Euper), Assessment Process for Areas and Bishops (Janelle Jones, Sara Isbell, James Preston, Laurie Haller, David Bard, Lilian Gallo Seagren), Elections (Rhonda Whitaker, Bruce Boyd, Frank Beard, Diane Odeen, Rebecca Trefz, Mike Slaughter), and Retirement Recognition (Amanda Stein, Norma Morrison, Laurie Dahlman, Irma Clark). In addition to committee assignments, group assignments were made to consultation teams (which met with active bishops) as well as assignments keeping track of retired bishops/spouses.

Recommendation I Character of Bishops

The Committee on Episcopacy, having had personal conferences with active bishops of the jurisdiction recommends that the character of Bishops Sally Dyck, Bruce Ough, Hee-Soo Jung, Julius C. Trimble, and Gregory V. Palmer be passed and they be continued in the effective relationship.

The Committee on Episcopacy also recommends that the character of retired Bishops Judith Craig, , Emerson S. Colaw, Sharon Brown Christopher, Charles W. Jordon, Linda Lee, William B. Lewis, Donald A. Ott, Sharon Z. Rader, C. Joseph Sprague, and Woodie W. White, be passed, and they be continued in the retired relationship.

Recommendation 2

The Committee on Episcopacy recommends that Bishops John Hopkins, Deborah L. Kiesey, Michael J. Coyner, and Jonathon D. Keaton, having met the requirements as listed in paragraph 409 of The 2012 Book of Discipline, and their character having been passed, be released effective August 31, 2016, from their obligation to travel through the connection at large, from residential and presidential supervision and to be placed in the retired relation and that they receive all rights, privileges, and support as provided in The Book of Discipline.

On behalf of the North Central Jurisdiction, the Committee on Episcopacy wishes to express sincere appreciation to Bishops Kiesey, Hopkins, Coyner, and Keaton for their dedication and service they rendered to the church of Jesus Christ through their ministries.

Recommendation 3

The Committee recommends that the North Central Jurisdictional Conference proceed to elect four bishops at the 2016 session.

Other business of the committee:

Received written reports from the nine active NCJ Bishops reflecting on their quadrennial ministry and provided input into not losing an Episcopal area due to a decrease in membership of the North Central Jurisdiction.

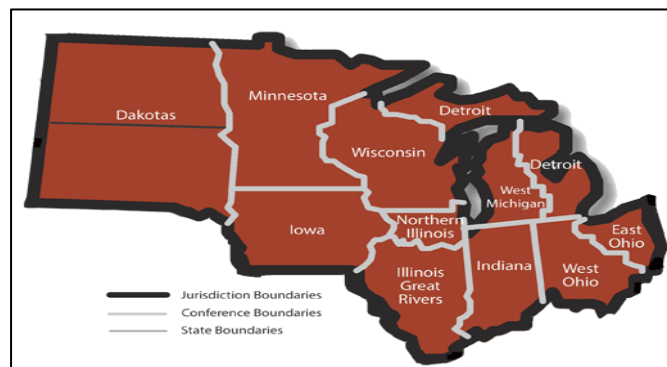
The Committee worked hard to be responsible to its tasks of being concerned for both our Bishops and the Episcopal areas and to do this in the most collegial and confidential way. We thank our Bishops and Areas Committees for the cooperation we have received over the course of our work this quadrennium.

We want to thank each of our members for their loyalty to the process. They were tireless in their efforts to enable the committee to have success. And we extend a special word of gratitude to Sara Isbell for her leadership in monthly times of focused prayer for our bishops, both active and retired.

Dr. Maggie Jackson, Chair

Final Report for Special Apportionment **Dakotas-Minnesota Episcopal Area**

First of all, thank you on behalf of the Dakotas Conference, the Minnesota Conference, and the newly created Dakotas-Minnesota Episcopal Area. Without the support from our brothers and sisters from Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Ohio, and Michigan, it would have been very difficult to overcome the challenges we faced with having a bishop serve two conferences over such a large area.



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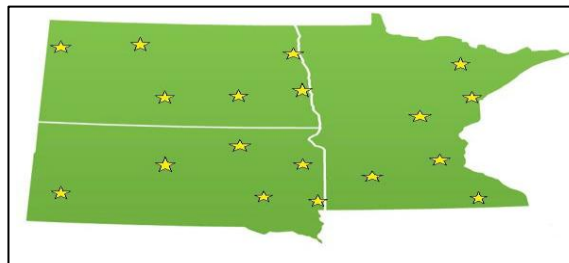
The creation of the new Dakotas-Minnesota Episcopal Area faced many challenges. Many of the challenges of this episcopal area merger were not unique as our conferences were going to have to learn how to share a bishop. One of the challenges that is unique in our jurisdiction was creating such a geographically large episcopal area. In terms of land area, the new episcopal area is almost four times the size of the next largest episcopal area. The population centers, the conference leadership, and the strategic priorities are all fairly evenly distributed across this region.

One of the opportunities identified to overcome the geographic challenges was to extend the Dakotas Conference's video conferencing system to cover the whole area. This would not be a cheap solution and that is why the Dakotas and Minnesota Conferences requested a Special Apportionment to help with the effort.

SCOPE OF WORK

Prior to seeking help from the jurisdiction the Dakotas Conference had a bridge (the piece of equipment used to connect the different locations) that could allow for six meeting locations to join. The Dakotas Conference had six meeting locations setup already and was able to add the Minnesota Conference Center as another meeting location. The Dakotas Conference was able upgrade the bridge for \$107,333 with funds raised from private donations as well the conference's apportioned budget. The new bridge would allow for up to twenty meeting locations with the ability to simultaneously hold separate meetings. The new bridge also allowed for users to connect to meetings through a laptop or desktop with the appropriate software and a good internet connection. The system is the best thing to meeting face to face and has proven to be very reliable even with users with no video conferencing experience.

Where the Dakotas and Minnesota Conference needed assistance was in increasing the number of meeting locations. Below are the current meeting locations.



Over the last three years, a considerable amount of time and energy has been spent in making this expansion happen. Each potential meeting location was evaluated to determine the best possible use of the resources. Five sites were added in the Minnesota Conference and six sites in the Dakotas Conference. Here is a very brief cost breakdown of the major expenses:

- Equipment: \$68,527 (not including installation costs)
- Service Agreements: \$117,553 (licensing, customer service, equipment replacement, etc)

REALIZED BENEFITS

Omnipresent Bishop: While the Minnesota Conference has been slowly adopting video conferencing, the bishop has come to rely on video conferencing. Scheduling meetings, especially around the bishop's busy schedule, has been simplified as the physical location of the meeting participant does not prohibit them from being able to join and fully participate. Just in February 2016, the Bishop was able to personally invite six different churches gathered in five different locations to participate in the Dakotas Conference's revitalization program. Earlier that month, the bishop was able to physically attend a meeting in Minneapolis at 10:00 a.m. and still participate in a meeting in Mitchell, South Dakota scheduled for 11:00 a.m. The presence and leadership of the bishop is important in being able to make progress in our mission. (*side note: I'm sure the bishop enjoys spending less time on the road, especially in the winter months.*)

Inter-Conference Cooperation: The leadership of the Dakotas and Minnesota Conferences have had much more opportunity to meet through video conference. Currently the conferences are working on aligning their structures to make it less complicated for the bishop to lead. The conferences are also working on a joint grant proposal to address clergy debt. The conferences are starting to share staff in the area of camping and congregational development. Without the video conference system expansion, this level of cooperation would not have happened. As a bonus, the video conference system has been able to help other conferences in our jurisdiction.

NCJ Korean Missions Report

The NCJ Korean Missions seeks to support, guide and resource Korean immigrant families and churches. In 2015 we were able to see God at work in many ways. While there are trials, there is great victory because of Christ's love and grace.

We have seen the development of new congregations this quadrennium at Madison KUMC in Madison, Wisconsin, and a church plant on the campus of Purdue University in Indiana. While in the early stages, the pastor and few congregants are passionate to spread the gospel and reach out to their fellow brothers and sisters.

NCJ also supports missional churches. This past year, they were the New Life Church in Findlay, Ohio; Grace Church in Minnesota; and Iowa City Korean UMC. New Life had been on the verge of closing, yet with renewed purpose and hope, is slowly seeing an increase. With a new Korean company opening nearby and a partnership with St. Andrews UMC, where they now worship, they are hopeful. Grace Church is primarily a campus ministry with 80 percent of the members being students. Grace endeavors to reach out to these students in an effort to become a home away from home through worship, bible studies and meals, while sharing the gospel message. Iowa City KUMC is also primarily a campus ministry that has set new goals and vision for the next three years to become a vital ministry through bible studies, worship and breaking bread together.

Most exciting is what is taking place through the NCJ Korean Missions in supporting next generation ministries. Jesus Love Church in Glenbrook has been revitalized in the support of their youth and children's ministry. In Ohio, the support of having their first Youth and Summer Retreat Camp has allowed youth to become passionate for God. In Jesus Love Korean UMC in Urbana, Illinois, the attendance has tripled with the children's ministry growing, having their first Vacation Bible School and being able to develop the "Jesus Loves Me" mommy and me program.

Through these avenues, they have grown steadily, strengthened financially, and are becoming missional themselves through prayer and giving. They were able to have their first missions' trip to Mongolia. Madison KUMC has experienced this as well. Recognizing how they have been supported by NCJ Korean Missions, they are actively giving back through their fund raising efforts to support those who are struggling. They have begun a "mommy and me" baby ministry for graduate students, held a winter VBS, and through fundraising efforts, gave back to the community. They have sent \$652 to the "Nepal Earthquake relief fund" and \$843 to UMCOR just in 2015.

We continue to develop pastoral leadership, which was held in July, October and November. This is a time of renewal, encouragement, sharing, support, visioning and resourcing. The feedback has consistently been that it is encouraging and necessary. The NCJ Korean Missions has been intentional about strengthening next generation ministry leaders and programs. We have been supporting Chicago's Journey Church, which is new and fresh, yet struggling and slowly trying to rebuild with their new pastor.

In all this, God is alive and active. It is exciting to see how God is building up new leaders and revitalizing churches.

Reported from Hoon K. Lee

North Central Jurisdiction Town and Country Association of The UMC

The North Central Jurisdiction Town & Country Association is an organization of lay and clergy, for the purpose of building supportive rural and town and country networks among the NCJ conferences. We provide a connectional system that seeks to improve town and rural ministries, build links with the General Board of Global Ministries, and provide training that focuses on the needs of people and churches in the town and rural areas, for the benefit of moving toward vitality and mission for Christ.

We are designed to have a representative from each conference who is passionate for rural or town and country churches, along with the GBGM Director of Partnerships, NCJ Council Representative, Town and Rural Resource Program (TARRP) of East and West Ohio Conferences, NCJ – Urban Network President, and the Rural Chair of the Rural-Urban Network Advisory Board of the GBGM, and the NCJ Representative to the National UMRA. Together we link persons between annual conferences, the jurisdiction, UMRA advocacy group, and the

GBGM. Our support comes from the NCJ Mission Council and three conferences. Most conferences no longer have a Town & Country structure from which funding is received.

In January 2013, we partnered with the GBGM and the other U.S. jurisdictions to create a national training event called “*Shift Happens*,” held in Houston, Texas. NCJ had the highest attendance because we were the only jurisdiction with a networking structure for rural and urban leaders. Participants from across the nation learned, were inspired, and trained in both large and small workshop settings. The NCJ T&C and the Urban Network met with their jurisdictional attendees to share what was going well in their various areas of ministry. Through our connectional resources, we were able to offer a high quality national leadership event and network with people who share a common context and similar challenges.

Because of less travel resources in small rural and urban churches, we are beginning a shift in going out to the conferences to train. Two board members recently trained in the SE District of Wisconsin, with GBGM support. TARRP trainings could also be duplicated in other settings. This may be one of the avenues we use in the future - districts and conferences requesting help in moving rural and town & country churches towards vitality via learning their context, asset-based ministry planning, connectional partnerships, along with mentoring and coaching.

The future lends itself to creating and producing curriculums for rural context. We will look for opportunities to partner with annual conferences, the NCJ Mission Council, the GBGM, TARRP, and the UMRA to create a library of video classes, articles, and webinars as finances are available. We thank the NCJ Mission Councils who have supported our work since 1979.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Debra Ketcham,
President of the NCJ Town & Country Association

NCJ Urban Network

The core of what we do as urban practitioners is network as an incarnational presence. The NCJ urban network has been actively engaging the changing context and gifts of post-Christendom. Efforts to get feedback from cabinets about what support we could provide has revealed some of these changes. The following includes some of the new reality, and is not meant to be exhaustive.

Many annual conferences are tailoring the formation and training experiences of clergy more closely. Cabinets seem to prefer to have urban practitioners mentor and network more closely within their own context which matches the urban network preference for contextual asset-based missional ministry. If it could be useful, the NCJ urban network has developed resources for an urban ministry 101 toolkit for those starting urban ministry assignments. Members of the executive committee of the steering committee have met regularly via conference call and tried to stay apprised of opportunities for networking or even consultation. Several have served as trainers in their own set of local networks.

One of the disconnects and gifts of post-Christendom is the desire for our churches to grow – but many of our ministries are stuck in an attractional model that has distracted churches from making face to face transformational relationships in the city that could become ministry, new faith, partnerships, and advocacy. Many new people are choosing urban ministries for more than hospitality – they are choosing to be a part of some distinctive ministry that conveys core value messages of Christianity. In short, prophetic is attractional.

Generationally, more millennials are seeking smaller and more monastic experiences. Some seminaries like Duke or Perkins or Christian Theological in Indianapolis, are developing urban ministry experiences for cohorts of 6-8 students. Some conferences are looking at models beyond the UMC that feature smaller and more missional communities that may never have all the trappings of a local church. Urban ministry is becoming more nimble, intentional and focused. These models may need translating, but exhibit, perhaps, a deeply Wesleyan focus on more accountable community.

Many of our urban ministries can no longer afford a full-time clergy person. Efforts at expanding the reach of a local ministry must utilize the gifts of laity and be based on assets in a place for ministry. An asset-based ministry training was conducted in Milwaukee in 2012, featuring Dr. Phil Amerson of GETS, Bishop Hee Soo Jung, Rev. Dan Dick, and a panel of diverse urban ministry practitioners. Over 50 attended from the jurisdiction with a special cohort of people who came from circuits or groups in their own small cities. The urban network would encourage stronger networking with informal and more formal connectional training efforts.

Broadway UMC <https://www.faithandleadership.com/death-and-resurrection-urban-church>, or Barnes UMC <http://www.indianapolismonthly.com/news-opinion/rev-charles-harrison-crime-fighting-coalition-is-in-the-line-of-fire/> and First UMC Waukesha <http://fumcwaukesha.org/community-partners/> are examples of asset-based ministry development.

Between the losses and gifts of post-Christendom, the smaller and focused ministry we see emerging, and the asset-based development happening more and more, it seems as if a smaller more missional ecclesiology is emerging in the city that is content to give itself to face to face transformation on the ground. We praise God, the source of new life.

If you have questions, connect with the authors of this report:
The Revs. Dan Schwerin, Brian Williams, Gail Alexander, Laura Young, and Jessi Langlie. Thank you.

Center for Hispanic Ministries Report

It is a privilege for us to be in ministry thanks to the support of the North Central Jurisdiction during this quadrennium. Your support has enabled the Center for Hispanic Ministries of the North Central Jurisdiction to work in partnership with Hispanic local churches and several annual conferences. Together we have been able to further the ministry of the United Methodist Church among Hispanics in the jurisdiction.

During the last four years we have been able to work with Hispanics from Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, and Iowa. For the first time in our jurisdiction because our partnership with some of these churches, they have been able to become stronger and some self-supporting. It has been an exciting opportunity and a privilege to see the hand of God at work in many of the places where the United Methodist Church is ministering among Hispanics.

We have worked with some of the churches providing them with tools to further the impact of their ministry in the Hispanic communities. Some of these tools, included but not limited to, work in consultation with the pastors and their churches' leadership by providing workshops that address their particular church need to increase their impact in the communities, bringing pastors together to share common needs and ways to address them, inviting potential youth leaders to contemplate the possibility of becoming pastors in the future, providing classes that further the education of both local pastors and lay leaders in the churches, and providing continuing consultation with pastors who look for a sound board from the members of our Board of Directors. It has been indeed an exciting four years.

In the previous quadrennium, we had led in providing classes to lay people and local pastors only in the Great Rivers Conference in Cobden, Illinois. This quadrennium we were able to add this ministry at other sites like the Indiana Conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana and Wisconsin Conference in Whitewater, Wisconsin. Presently, we are working on starting a similar program in Green Bay, Wisconsin. We have led these classes using a process and system developed and used by the John Wesley Seminary in Monterrey, Mexico. We have established a working covenant with this Seminary. This furthers the education and tools for ministry to lay leaders and local pastors.

At the request of the Mission Council, this quadrennium our ministry became a not-for-profit corporation and 501C organization. We thank the General Council on Finance and Administration for their help on the latter. We also want to thank attorney William "Bill" White from Madison, Wisconsin for his help during this entire process. We have been providing all the financial and on-going reports to the Mission Council as prescribed by them. Throughout the years we have met with the Mission Council anytime we have been invited and are looking forward to continuing to work with them in partnership. We are in frequent contact with the liaison person, Gail Burgess, assigned by the Mission Council to our ministry. We thank her for her work and support.

Your support during this coming quadrennium is essential for the continued progress of our ministry together with the Hispanic churches and annual conferences. We will be in attendance at the North Central Jurisdiction meeting to be available to meet and talk with anyone who may want further information and/or have questions. We are looking forward to your continued support.

Thank you,
Rev. Awilda Nolla, Chairperson
NCJ Center for Hispanic Ministries



United Methodist Volunteers In Mission –
North Central Jurisdiction
(UMVIM-NCJ)
Advance #901375

We thank the Mission Council and the North Central Jurisdiction for their continued faith in our work shown by the funding that has been provided over the last quadrennium! These monies have been used to *pursue the goal* of Transformation of the World by making Disciples of Jesus Christ *through the servants* that are involved in the United Methodist Volunteers In Mission program in the North Central Jurisdiction.

This UMVIM-NCJ office has helped direct this dynamic program by:

- a. Promoting the best practices of being a representative of Jesus Christ and the United Methodist Church on a mission journey or as an individual.
- b. Resourcing Conference UMVIM Coordinators to help guide conference teams, churches, and individuals.
- c. Establishing, vetting, and resourcing and promoting project sites in the United States at the invitation of the United Methodist conference it resides in.
- d. Training United Methodists in this Jurisdiction to be leaders who are in missional connection with and culturally in tune with their hosts.

HIGHLIGHT: In 2015 we realized the goal of hiring a Disaster Response Liaison, Jason Frazer of East Ohio to be the Jurisdictional link between UMCOR and the Conference Disaster Response Coordinators. An UMCOR Grant for \$50,000 per year **for two years** gave the impetus. Jason also arranges for and conducts UMCOR trainings for Early Response Teams, Train-The-Trainer, Connecting Neighbors, Site Assessment, etc., promotes UMCOR and long term disaster sites, puts out a Disaster Related email each month and is making the ERT Badges for the North Central Jurisdiction, plus much more! Jason will be in charge of the Jurisdictional Volunteer Leadership Academy every 18 months or so. ***It is our hope to raise funds to continue this position past the two years in the grant.***

In addition the UMVIM-NCJ office:

- Connects, consults and resources with the Annual Conference UMVIM Coordinators
- Promotes and conducts yearly training in all aspects of UMVIM (teams and individuals)
- Maintains the USA Opportunity List for all projects and all conferences in the USA
- Resources the programs of UMVIM-NCJ: Rx ConneXion (medical), Mission Discovery (youth and young adult), teachUM (educational) and Disaster Response on a yearly basis.
- Promotes Individual Volunteers, Primetimers, Global Justice Volunteers, Ubuntu Journeys and US 2's programs for Global Ministries and United Methodist Women
- Has a facebook presence for UMVIM-NCJ, teachUM, Mission Discovery and Medical teams

- Hosts training events: medical consultation (annual), Mission Discovery journeys (annual), and a quadrennial RoundUP.
- Publishes up-to-the minute e-newsletters 1-2 times a month.
- Offers Accident/Medical Insurance for UMVIM Journeys.
- ***Is hiring a new coordinator, Lorna retires on Dec 31, 2016. Interviews are now!***

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Commission on Religion and Race Quadrennial Report

The NCJ Commission on Religion and Race has shifted the manner in which the Commission remains focused on the goal of eliminating racism while enabling the Annual Conferences to remain contextually relevant and equitable in this ever changing jurisdiction. With the continued collaboration, training and support from the General Commission staff, NCJCORR has moved from a passive monitoring function to one of advocacy and training. NCJCORR has aligned programming to complement and further the GCORR goals of developing new leaders in the church, which will lead to new ideas and innovations that will help the church adapt to changing times while building vital diverse congregations.

Three jurisdictional learning events were hosted:

- Living into the Vision: 'The Beloved Community' - Bloomington, Illinois 2012
- Living into the Vision: 'Living Beyond our Comfort Zones' - Independence, Ohio 2013
- Living into the Beloved Community 'Beyond the Divide: Building Partnerships'- Lansing, Michigan 2015

The 2014 Annual gathering in Chicago found the executive team engaged in a facilitated conversation about the future work of NCJCORR. This intense strategic dialogue allowed reflection on accomplishments while dreaming of a future that meets the contextual reality of the jurisdiction. These conversations provided the executive team with a thorough understanding of the paradigm shift in GCORR’s ministry as a response to the question of relevancy of the agency in the 2012 General Conference. The General Commission on Religion and Race has restructured and designed an interactive Ministry Model that is centered on three priorities: supporting and leading **vital conversations**, developing **culturally competent leadership** and ministries, and promoting **institutional equity** while upholding the agency’s historic commitment to racial justice within the Church.

After review and reflection the executive team outlined what NCJCORR will be known for and work toward as values in the Jurisdiction.

1. (Build) Vital Beloved Communities/Congregations:
 - a. Reaching out to all ages;
 - b. Being present with and respectfully walking with people;
 - c. Advocacy; and
 - d. Communication
2. Develop Intercultural Leaders
 - a. Tools to lead, guide and resource Annual Conferences
3. Work through our struggles Create Safe Space
 - a. Find and share solutions
4. Celebrate Diversity

A good first step, this experience must be honed and further developed into specific goals. This experience with the executive team has resulted in requests for GCORR staff to conduct customized training for Conference staff, plus GCORR partnered with one annual conference in NCJ to walk with them through planned change. Additionally, multiple Annual Conferences are actively providing training to congregations with Cross Cultural - Cross Racial appointments. NCJCORR remains committed to providing practical resources and support to Conference leaders throughout the jurisdiction to help them engage and embrace the cultural diversity present in our congregations and communities.

Respectfully Submitted: P. Hammond McDavid, Ph.D. - Chairperson NCJCORR

Locations of Past North Central Jurisdictional Conferences

In the historic list which follows, the name of the conference where the jurisdictional conference was held is given first followed by the specific city in that conference. Note the names of conferences that no longer exist are included:

1940	ROCK RIVER: Chicago	1984	MINNESOTA: Duluth
1944	MINNESOTA: Minneapolis	1988	NORTHERN ILLINOIS: DeKalb
1948	INDIANA: Indianapolis	1992	DETROIT: Adrian
1952	WISCONSIN: Milwaukee	1996	NORTH INDIANA: Fort Wayne
1956	SOUTH IOWA: Des Moines	2000	WISCONSIN: Madison
1960	WEST MICHIGAN: Grand Rapids	2004	IOWA: Davenport
1964	EAST OHIO: Cleveland	2008	WEST MICHIGAN: Grand Rapids
1968	CENTRAL ILLINOIS: Peoria	2012	EAST OHIO: Akron
1972	SOUTH INDIANA: Indianapolis	2016	ILLINOIS GREAT RIVERS: Peoria
1976	SOUTH DAKOTA: Sioux Falls	2020	INDIANA
1980	WEST OHIO: Dayton		

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