

Report Of The Conference Action Committee

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

The Conference Action Committee met on Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at Unity Wesleyan Church.
Present were: Jerry Lumston – District Superintendent, Todd Reynolds, Scott Howard, Larry French,
Danny Janes, David Albertson, Forbis Kivett, Gary Morris

Rev. Lumston explained the duties of the Committee.

The committee elected Danny Janes to serve as the reporting secretary of the committee for District Conference.

Memorial #1

Whereas, the North Carolina West District has an established history of honoring their denominational obligations by fully remitting USF-EIF, and

Whereas, there is a trend away from denominational loyalty, as expressed by the failure to fully honor the aforementioned commitments, and

Whereas, an increasing number of Wesleyan churches are beginning to establish a pattern of neglecting the denominational needs;

Resolved, no individual should be appointed to a district leadership position or nominated for such position if they are a member of a church which has failed to fully remit the unified budget assessment assigned in the previous conference year.

The Committee recommends this proposal.

Standing Rules Of The North Carolina West District

A. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

6. Unified Church Assessment

The District Budget and United Stewardship Fund shall be 10.25% (General USF 2.75%, Education Instructive Fund 3.25%, and District Budget 4.25%) of the local church's assessable income for the preceding fiscal year and shall be remitted to the District ~~Treasurer~~-**Office** monthly. An additional one (1) percentage point may be assessed to provide for development expenditures and operations and maintenance costs for the South Mountain Retreat and Conference Center. The District Budget increase for this item could be adjusted from time to time by the District Board of Administration as needed, but could not exceed a total of the one (1) percentage point without the express approval of the District Conference. ⁽²⁰⁰⁸⁾

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Offical Policies and Procedures Of The North Carolina West District

C. CHURCH TO PASTOR RELATIONS

1. Pastoral Call Guidelines

~~The local church shall consider only one minister at a time, refraining from contacting another until a decision is made on the one in question. No minister shall allow his/her name to be considered by more than one church at any given time.~~

~~A pastor shall notify his/her Local Board of Administration immediately upon giving another church permission to vote on his/her name.~~

The terms of the proposed salary schedule and benefits shall be presented in writing at the initial interview. Based on similar qualifications, the salary and benefits of an incoming pastor should be the equivalent of the base salary and benefit package of the outgoing pastor.

Any church calling a prospective pastor for an interview or a trial sermon shall be responsible to pay travel expenses, including transportation, meals, and lodging. ⁽¹⁹⁹⁹⁾

❖ **The Conference Action Committee recommends the following changes to reflect paragraphs 691:1 & 691:3 of The Discipline of the Wesleyan Church.**

Whereas, calling the pastor is one of the most important acts that the local church can take.

These guidelines are meant to provide guidance to assist the church in this important process, and to provide a frame work for the pastoral candidates to work within.

Only one pastoral candidate at a time shall be presented to the congregation for a message. A decision by the local board of administration to recommend a pastor for a congregational vote, and the vote, if recommended, must take place before another candidate is considered.

A minister, who has agreed to give a candidating message and to submit to a pastoral vote at one church, cannot do the same with another church until the first candidating situation is resolved. If the local board of administration does not recommend the candidating pastor for a congregational vote within seven days the waiting restriction no longer applies.

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E. PROPERTY

1. Building and Repairs Authorization Requirement

Every Pastor, Church, or Building Committee contemplating ~~making major repairs~~, erecting new buildings, ~~for either Church or Parsonage building or investments for either~~, must first consult the Building and Church Property Committee in the Zone, ~~before starting any work~~. All Churches Building Committees, and Pastors must comply with the direction of the Building and Church Property Committee. The District Trustees shall withhold the signing of papers for loans until the Trustees are satisfied by a written report from the Building and Church Property Committee that the local church has complied with their instructions. It is recommended that The Church calling the Committee in its Zone pay the expenses of this Committee.

This requirement permits repairs to be made to church property, to restore it to original condition, free of debt, without contacting the Building Church Property Committee. ~~Authorization must be granted by the proper Committee for any repairs, which incur debt, or any major remodeling.~~

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Minutes Submitted by District Secretary,
J. Scott Howard