

Several updates received approval that will have an impact on local church operations. Following are summaries of those of most interest to inform pastors and delegates.

General Conference 2022

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Officers & Leadership Requirements

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A church could add officers to the list if they desire (i.e. Sunday school teacher, youth sponsor, worship leader)

## Officers & Leadership Requirements

Authority for the annual budget will  
be delegated to the local board  
(¶ 782:28).

(Previous practice was that local  
church conference had authority  
unless it had delegated to board).

Annual Budget

The local board will serve as a board of trustees or designate 3-7 board members to serve as trustees (¶ 850)

Trustees

Changes requirement of monthly meeting to at least once per quarter (¶ 760).

(A board could still meet monthly if it chose to do so)

Local Board of Administration

The Local board elects the Nominating Committee. Two members should be elected from the local board and two or more that non board members.  
(¶ 782:20).

Nominating Committee

The annual reaffirmation process is now optional - each church can determine if it would be helpful in their context. (¶.593)

Membership Reaffirmation



The initial vote for a pastor and all subsequent pastoral votes will be for an extended call. (4 years / evaluation / vote on continuing call or sending to church for a congregational vote ¶ 705:1, ¶ 720:2).

Pastoral Votes

When property is sold, a greater amount of proceeds is eligible to be used for non-property needs. (§ 4735)  
(Missions/GP; technology upgrades, etc.)

Property Fund Restrictions

A pastoral vote with less than a two-thirds majority would require approval of the district board (§ 692:4) (previously “favorable vote by majority”)

Pastoral Vote

The funding model for the denomination has been restructured to assure that funds will be available to allow for planting churches. It also contains a recommendation that no church be asked to send/share more than 10%. (¶.1991)

Financial Plan Restructure

Significant reduction of the list of required officers, boards, and committees. A local church is free to elect additional committees and officers as they feel necessary (§ 800).

Local Church Officers and Committees

The General Conference voted that a study committee be formed to report back to the General Board within one year. The committee would include members from each district that submitted memorials regarding fidelity.

Multiple Memorials Regarding Fidelity

We affirm our deep commitment to our core mission of evangelizing the lost, discipling believers, equipping the Church, and ministering to society. This mission is foundational as we seek to be agents of the hope and holiness of Jesus Christ.

Statement of Affirmation

In order to establish our determination to remain faithful to our guiding principles, the General Conference unanimously adopted the following statement of affirmation

## Statement of Affirmation



Unprecedented times is a term often used to accurately describe our current reality. The Covid-19 pandemic has upended many things we have taken for granted for decades. Coupled with the ever-shifting sands of our culture on the social and political issues of our time, uneasiness, and a sense of angst hover in the air.

Statement of Affirmation

Changes thrust on us have raised questions and perhaps even fears and apprehension as we attempt to navigate the shifting landscape. More than once we have asked, "What next?"

Statement of Affirmation

Our General Superintendent, General Board, General Conference, district superintendents, and the presidents and board chairs of our college and universities, have prayed, discussed, and reasoned together on these matters and unanimously approved the following statement of affirmation:

## Statement of Affirmation

“We hereby declare that we remain deeply committed to proclaim, defend, and hold each other accountable for the historic and orthodox doctrinal positions of The Wesleyan Church as presented in our Articles of Religion, and

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We hereby affirm our full and ongoing support  
for the official Position Papers on the social  
issues of our time including our commitments:

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1. To affirm that persons of all races are created equal in the image of God and are entitled to equal justice under the law.
2. To affirm the sanctity of life and that all life is sacred from conception to death.

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3. To affirm that God's only design for marriage is between one man and one woman.
4. To affirm that religious freedom is a liberty essential for our pluralistic democracy."

## Statement of Affirmation

Loyalty has not changed. Love still thrives.  
Commitment remains strong. The core is solid.  
While commitment to our understanding of Biblical truth is unwavering, we do understand that there are other points of view on a range of social issues. There is room for courteous dialog on these issues within the boundaries of Biblical truth.

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As our leaders, we commit ourselves to pray earnestly for the power of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit to rest on the ministry of The Wesleyan Church. Our deep passion is to be agents of both grace and truth in this time and place in history.

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