

The Standing Rules Committee Revisions

5. A. The leadership, missional and administrative structures of the Alabama-West Florida Conference shall come together at a “common table” or organization known as the “Connecting Our Resources and Empowerment” Team or CORE Team. The means of electing and appointing representatives connected to the CORE Team, which includes boards, committees, councils, commissions and divisions of the Leadership Team, the Mission Team, and the Administrative Team, are spelled out in these Standing Rules (also see ~~SR 24~~ SR 26 and following).

13. C. In the election of these delegates, the ballots shall be furnished to the conference by the conference secretary at the time of voting. No vote shall be valid unless cast on the paper or electronic ballot designated by the presiding bishop.

14.B.

9. The remainder shall be at-large members divided among the eight districts ~~and selected by each district~~ and elected at the district conferences. In the event that there is a remainder of less than eight, the secretary shall make the determination on the basis of the last reported church membership totals of the districts, moving from the largest downward in scale.

16. Board Memberships and Trusteeships:

A. With the exception of the Board of Ordained Ministry, no person may serve on more than one quadrennial agency of this conference at the same time. Except as provided by the Book of Discipline, one's term on a quadrennial agency shall not exceed eight years within any twelve consecutive years. Elected membership on non-quadrennial agencies is limited to no more than eight of any twelve consecutive years, with the exception of the Board of Laity. For the sake of administrative and program continuity, this standing rule shall not apply where existing constitutions require the retiring chair to continue to serve for a period not to exceed two years. The quadrennial agencies are: the Conference Board of Global Ministries, the Board of Discipleship, the Board of Church and Society, the Board of Congregational Development, the Town and Country Commission, the Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry, the Committee on Ethnic Local Church Concerns (§632), the Board of Ordained Ministry, the Commission on Equitable Compensation, the Board of Pension and Health Benefits, the Council on Finance and Administration, **The Committee on the Status and Role of Women**, and the at-large members on the CORE Team.

19. A district conference shall be held annually in each district of this annual conference, with its program year starting in January. ~~The voting membership of the district conference shall be consistent with the directives of the United Methodist *Book of Discipline*, (§¶658-659).~~ The voting membership of the district conference shall be made up of the following leaders in the local churches within the district: the Lay Leader, Lay member(s) to Annual Conference, Church Council (governing body) Chair, SPRC Chair, Finance Chair, Trustee Chair, and the youth president or youth representative. The district committee voting membership shall also include these district leadership positions: District Lay Leader, District UMM president, District UMW president, District Trustees president, District Committee on Ministry Chair, District Committee on Superintendency Chair, District Committee of Church Location and Building Chair, any youth or young adult district lay representatives for the district, and all other elected members of the district leadership team. All appointed clergy in the district and clergy who have their charge conference in the district are also voting members of the district conference.

~~32. There shall be an Academy for Congregational Excellence, Inc. as authorized by the CORE Team, composed of officers and board members specified in the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Academy for Congregational Excellence.~~