

# **NOMINATIONS VOLUNTEER FORM 2021 and CONFERENCE BOARDS and AGENCIES PURPOSES**

**The United Methodist Church Purpose:**

*Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World*

**Wisconsin Annual Conference Vision:**

*Radical Inclusion and Racial Justice*

## **2021 VOLUNTEER FORM**

If you are interested in serving on an Annual Conference Board or Agency, fill out this form:

**Name:**

**Church and City:**

**Phone Number:**

**Email:**

**Board, Commission, Council, or Committee where you feel called to serve:**

(You are welcome to list more than one.)

**Skills, training, experience and interest you offer:**

**Please email this form to Sue D'Alessio at [sdalessio@wisconsinumc.org](mailto:sdalessio@wisconsinumc.org)**

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## **Conference Boards, Commissions, Councils and Committees Purposes**

### **Boards**

#### **Camp and Retreat Ministries (BCRM) (Conf Journal 4.0)**

**Purpose:** Create Camp and Retreat Ministry community, equip disciples, and model care of creation that reflects God's grace and love.

#### **Church and Society (BCS) (629)**

**Purpose:** Following the General Board of Church and Society guidance, promote and support ministries and actions of justice and peace in the Conference and local churches.

#### **New Ministries Strategy Board (NMSB) (Conf Journal 4.0)**

**Purpose:** Identify potential new ministries, continue to fund and support new and beginning ministries, continue to train new leaders; determine goals and priorities and evaluate work in new ministries.

#### **Global Ministries (BGM) (633)**

**Purpose:** Maintain the connectional relationship and provide for global ministries responsibilities related to the objectives and scope of the work of the GBGM. Interpret, promote, cultivate, relate across the UM structure; advocate, envision, engage, strategize around comprehensive mission ideas and programs, relief efforts, disaster response; recruit and support missionaries, handle loans, gifts, applications; encourage, relate to, and assess needs of health and welfare institutions; assure physical accessibility in churches; support VIM Coordinator and ministries.

#### **Higher Education and Student Ministry (BHESM) (634)**

**Purpose:** Relating to the General Board of Higher Education and Student Ministry, interpret, recommend policies, train and provide resources for districts and local churches including all the mission and special Sunday offerings; promote UM Loan Fund; evaluate and support the programs of BHESM; determine and present financial needs and scholarships for the ministries; relate to UM schools, colleges and universities; oversee and support campus ministries and Wesley foundations.

#### **Laity (CBOL) (631) (also Conf Journal 3.3.14)**

**Purpose:** Foster an awareness of the role of the laity in all areas of life including theological and biblical grounding; develop and promote stewardship of time, talent, and possessions; provide training for lay members of AC; provide support and directions for the ministry of the laity in all levels and promote Laity Sunday; provide organization, direction, and support for the development of local church leaders

#### **Joint Board of Pensions, Insurance and Equitable Compensation (639) (652. 653?)**

**Purpose:** Provide for and contribute to the support, relief, assistance, and pensioning of clergy and their families, other church workers, and lay employees of the institutions, organizations, and agencies within the AC; administer Conference-supplemented pastor's salaries except for new church starts, mission congregations and developing congregations (Conf New Ministries Strategy Board)

#### **Trustees (2512)**

**Purpose:** Serve as stewards of Conference property and its agencies; oversee endowments and sales or purchases of properties.

## **COMMISSIONS**

### **Archives and History (641)**

**Purpose:** Collect, preserve, and make accessible the historically significant records of the Annual Conference and its agencies, including origin and history documents; encourage and assist the local churches in preserving their records, compiling their histories and celebrating their heritage; provide for the permanent safekeeping of the historical records of all abandoned or discontinued churches.

### **Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships (CUIRR) (642)**

**Purpose:** Act in cooperation with the AC CT in CUIRR issues; interpret, advocate, and work for the unity of the Christian church; recommend and stimulate conversation around goals, objectives, and strategies to assist the conference in the development of ecumenical relationships, mission programs, and experimental parishes.

### **Communications and IT (646)**

**Purpose:** Meet the communication, publication, multimedia, public and media relations, interpretation and promotional needs of the Annual Conference; provide resources and consultation with churches with agencies within the Annual Conference.

### **Religion and Race (CORR) (643)**

**Purpose:** Interpret, support, provide programs, partner with agencies in the Annual Conference and local churches; review and make appropriate recommendations for total inclusiveness and equity within the conference staff and structure, in Board of Ordained Ministry recruitment and credentialing; provide resources, training and consultation for local churches in all areas of equity and justice related to CORR.

### **Status and Role of Women (COSROW) (644)**

**Purpose:** Be informed about the status and role of all women in the total life of the conference – gather data, regularly update and disseminate; initiate cooperation with United Methodist Women; develop ways to inform and sensitize the conference leadership and focus on major priorities on issues which affect women; connect and communicate with General COSROW.

## **COUNCILS**

### **Finance and Administration (CF&A) 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620-28**

**Purpose:** Develop, maintain, and administer a comprehensive and coordinated plan of fiscal and administrative policies, procedures, and management services for the annual conference.

### **Connectional Table Resource Team (CTRT) (Conference Journal 3.2.2e)**

**Purpose:** Revitalize all the local congregations by offering support and training in: spiritual formation, age-level ministries, stewardship (in collaboration with the UM Foundation and the Council on Finance and Administration); partner with church growth, health and vitality initiatives; strengthen Circuit Ministries; assist pastors and local congregations with the implementation of ministry initiatives through coaching, peer support, and accountability groups; provide Conference-wide need-based training events

### **Conference Youth Council (CYC) (649)**

**Purpose:** Strengthen youth ministry in local churches and districts of the Annual Conference; initiate and support plans, activities, and projects that are of particular interest to youth; advocate for youth inclusion and issues; administer the Youth Service Fund; promote outreach, evangelism, and nominations of youth.

## **COMMITTEES**

### **Ethnic Local Church Concerns (ELCC) (632)**

**Purpose:** keep the vision of ELCC before the conference; provide guidance and resources to local churches in ministry to ethnic constituencies; coordinate Annual Conference (AC) strategies in this area; provide a forum for dialog among ethnic constituencies; provide training for AC leaders; promote and interpret ELCC to the AC; work with the AC to identify and nurture leaders of ethnic communities

### **Nominations (Conf Journal 3.0)**

**Purpose:** Serve as the nominating agency for all the Conference agencies whose nominations are not prescribed elsewhere in The Book of Discipline, or specifically prescribed for in the Conference Rules.

### **Program and Arrangements (Conf Journal 3.3.9)**

**Purpose:** Prepare agenda, consent agenda, arrangements and procedures for the Annual Conference (AC) Session in collaboration with the bishop and Cabinet; provide all clergy and lay members, chairpersons of committees and agencies with procedures for the preparation and submission of resolutions to AC.

### **Rules (Conf Journal 3.3.10)**

**Purpose:** review and process all proposals for changes in Conference rules and forward to Annual Conference for action; codify changes for publication in the Yearbook and Journal.

### **Petitions (Conf Journal 3.3.13)**

**Purpose:** Provide lay and clergy members, local Church Ad Council chairs, Annual Conference board and agency chairs, with procedures for the preparation and submission of petitions for General Conference as to subject matter; evaluate each petition for form, content, and implications and report them to the AC; provide educational information on issue identification and petitioning process at the AC session 2 years prior to General Conference

### **Conference Personnel (610.2) (Conf Journal 3.3.17)**

**Purpose:** Establish and implement policies and procedures, salary scales, and criteria for all Conference staff positions; oversee personnel searches (other than DSs and Assistant to Bishop); work in consultation with appropriate program and administrative groups during the search process and provide general oversight and coordination for those positions.

### **Hispanic/Latino Ministry (Conf Journal 3.3.21)**

**Purpose:** implement the National Plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministries in the Conference.