

APPENDIX C

WESLEYAN MEDICAL FELLOWSHIP

Constitution of Wesleyan Medical Fellowship

7000. Article 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be Wesleyan Medical Fellowship.

7010. Article 2. Purposes. The purposes of Wesleyan Medical Fellowship are to enlist the interests of physicians, dentists and members of other medical professions in Christian projects around the world sponsored by The Wesleyan Church; to establish effective communications on a regular basis with the people in The Wesleyan Church who are in medical and related professions; to collect and to disburse funds for the operation of medical, educational, charitable and religious activities; to provide professional counsel when desired to any agency of The Wesleyan Church, especially the General Department of World Missions; to offer guidance, assistance and fraternal interest to students preparing for medical professions; to provide a means of bringing together Christian medical personnel and others for social, religious and educational benefits; and to promote by seminars and other types of learning forums the professional ethics of its members.

7020. Article 3. Function. The Wesleyan Medical Fellowship shall function as an auxiliary of The Wesleyan Church.

7030. Article 4. General Wesleyan Medical Fellowship Officers.

(1) **Identification.** The general officers of Wesleyan Medical Fellowship shall include the General Director of Wesleyan Medical Fellowship and four persons elected by the General Board to serve with the General Director of Wesleyan Medical Fellowship as the general WMF executive committee (7040:3).

(2) **Election procedure.** The general WMF executive committee shall appoint a nominating committee of not less than three members to present nominations for the General Director of WMF and the general WMF executive committee to the General Board for election, prior to each General Conference. The General Board shall elect the officers to allow proper distribution throughout the geographic expanse of The Wesleyan Church.

(3) **Term of service.** The General Director of WMF and other members of the general WMF executive committee shall serve for four years,

beginning at the close of General Conference, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

(4) **Qualifications.** The general WMF officers shall be covenant members of The Wesleyan Church at the time of election and throughout their tenure.

(5) **Amenability and vacancies.** The General Director of WMF and other members of the general WMF executive committee shall be amenable to the General Board. They may be removed from office by a majority vote of all members of the General Board, which shall have power to fill any vacancy (1655:39b).

7040. Article 5. Duties.

(1) **Criteria.** The General Director of WMF and the general WMF executive committee shall perform their duties in keeping with the Constitution of Wesleyan Medical Fellowship, the *Policy of the General Board for Wesleyan Medical Fellowship* and *The Discipline of The Wesleyan Church*.

(2) **General Director of WMF.** The General Director of WMF shall exercise general leadership over the Wesleyan Medical Fellowship; preside over area conventions of Wesleyan Medical Fellowship whenever present; publicize and promote the interests of Wesleyan Medical Fellowship; and shall report to the General Board annually and to the General Conference quadrennially. The General Director of Wesleyan Medical Fellowship shall be a nonvoting member of the General Conference unless qualified as a voting member by some other right (1503:2).

(3) **General WMF Executive Committee.** The general WMF executive committee shall advise the General Director of WMF in all phases of this work, make recommendations to the General Board concerning Wesleyan Medical Fellowship membership dues (1655:26), and cooperate with the General Secretary of The Wesleyan Church in developing procedures for the compiling of statistics so that a record of the work may be readily maintained.

7050. Article 6. Special Committees. The general WMF executive committee may appoint such other committees as deemed necessary.

7060. Article 7. General Treasurer. The General Treasurer of The Wesleyan Church shall be the treasurer for Wesleyan Medical Fellowship (1976), receiving, holding and disbursing all funds in keeping with the financial policies adopted by the General Board for the support of auxiliaries and the recommendations of the general WMF executive committee (1655:26).

7070. Article 8. Membership and Dues. Membership in the

Wesleyan Medical Fellowship is open to all persons of good character. Members of the medical and allied professions may be full members. Other persons of good character who support the goals and purposes of Wesleyan Medical Fellowship may be associate members. Dues shall be recommended by the general WMF executive committee and set by the General Board (7040:3).

7080. Article 9. Meetings. The Wesleyan Medical Fellowship shall have a quadrennial meeting at the time and place of General Conference and other meetings at the call of the general WMF executive committee with adequate notices to all members.

7090. Article 10. Amendments. The Constitution of Wesleyan Medical Fellowship may be amended by the General Board at any regular or special session by a majority vote (cf. 1557).