

## APPENDIX D

### WESLEYAN MEN

#### A. Constitution of Local Wesleyan Men

**7100. Article 1. Name.** The name of this organization shall be Wesleyan Men of \_\_\_\_\_ Wesleyan Church. (If the chapter serves more than one local church, the name of the city or region may be used.)

**7105. Article 2. Purpose.** Wesleyan Men shall seek to extend the kingdom of God through the ministries of The Wesleyan Church through soul-winning, service, stewardship and fellowship.

**7110. Article 3. Relationship.** The local chapter of Wesleyan Men shall function as a part of the local Wesleyan church, shall be subject to the supervision of the pastor (725:16) and shall be amenable to the local board of administration (782:3, 23). If the chapter serves more than one local church, it shall be amenable to the district superintendent and the district board of administration (1233:23; cf. 1310:8).

**7115. Article 4. Membership.** Membership in Wesleyan Men shall be open to all men of good character.

**7120. Article 5. Meetings.**

(1) The chapter should meet monthly for inspiration, instruction, business and fellowship.

(2) The annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held during the month preceding the close of the district fiscal year (1180:18).

**7125. Article 6. Local Wesleyan Men Officers.**

(1) **Executive Officers.** The executive officers of the local Wesleyan Men shall be the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, who, together with the pastor (725:18), shall constitute the local WM executive committee.

(2) **Other Officers.** Each local WM may also have such other officers and committees as it shall deem necessary, subject to the approval of the local board of administration (782:23).

(3) **Delegates.** In addition to the president of each WM chapter, who is a member of the district WM convention by virtue of his office (7130:2; 7155:2), each WM chapter shall be entitled to at least one delegate to the district WM convention. The district WM convention may establish a system of multiple representation from larger chapters.

(4) **Qualifications.** The executive officers and delegates of the local WM shall be laymen and members of The Wesleyan Church, except that the membership requirement may be waived in the case of a developing church. All officers and committee members must be members of the local WM and in harmony with the doctrines and standards of The Wesleyan Church.

(5) **Election Procedure.** Executive officers, delegates and such other officers and committee members as the bylaws shall require, shall be elected by the local WM at its annual business meeting (7120:2). Preceding the annual WM election, the local WM shall elect or the local WM executive committee shall appoint, a nominating committee consisting of three to five members, over which the pastor or his representative shall preside (725:18). The nominating committee shall select two or more nominations for the local WM president, to be approved by the local board of administration and elected at the annual WM business meeting, provided that the local board of administration may make such other nominations as desired. The nominating committee shall present nominations to the local WM for all other officers, committee members and delegates. Executive officers shall be elected by ballot, and other officers, delegates and committee members may be elected in any manner desired. In all cases, election shall be by majority vote of the members of the local WM present and voting. The election must be ratified by the local board of administration before becoming final (782:23).

(6) **Term of Service.** Local WM officers shall take office at the beginning of the district fiscal year (1180:18), and shall serve until the end of the district fiscal year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

(7) **Amenability and Vacancies.** All officers and committee members of the local WM shall be amenable for their official duties to the local board of administration, and may be removed for cause or whenever the best interests of the church or the local WM so require by a majority vote of the local board of administration (782:25). The local board of administration shall have authority to see that all vacancies are filled in the manner it deems best (782:26).

### **7130. Article 7. Duties of Local WM Officers.**

(1) **Criteria.** All officers shall carry out their duties in keeping with *The Discipline*, the constitution of Wesleyan Men, and the official WM handbook authorized by the General Board and issued by the general WM executive committee (cf. 1655:26; 7195:3).

(2) **Local WM President.** The president shall cooperate with the district WM president, exercise general leadership of the local Wesleyan Men

under the general oversight of the pastor (725:16), preside over business meetings and meetings of the local WM executive committee (7130:6), serve as an *ex officio* member of all local WM committees, report to each regular session of the local church conference (650:2; 655:5) and to the local board of administration as it shall order (782:4), and shall serve as an *ex officio* member of the district WM convention (7155:2).

(3) **Local WM Vice-President.** The vice-president shall assist the president as the president shall request, and shall assume the duties of the president in case the president is unable to serve.

(4) **Local WM Secretary.** The secretary shall keep a record of members, and shall record the minutes of all meetings, including those of the local WM executive committee (7130:6).

(5) **Local WM Treasurer.**

(a) Fiscal Procedures. The treasurer shall receive, record, hold and disburse all funds of the chapter in keeping with the financial plans of the general and district organizations of Wesleyan Men, and as ordered by the chapter or its executive committee subject to the approval of the local board of administration (782:23), remitting monthly all funds intended for the district or general church to the district WM treasurer (7165:5).

(b) Reports. The treasurer shall make a financial report to all regular meetings of the chapter, to the local WM executive committee and to the monthly session of the local board of administration as requested (782:4), and to all regular sessions of the local church conference (650:3; 655:5). He shall submit an annual statistical report of the local WM to the district WM convention and shall assist the pastor and the local WM president as they shall request in the preparation of their reports. His books shall be submitted to the local church auditing committee annually (863), and as ordered by the local board of administration (782:4).

(6) Local WM Executive Committee (7125:1). The local WM president shall be chairman *ex officio* of the local WM executive committee (7130:2), and the local WM secretary shall be secretary *ex officio* (7130:4). The local WM executive committee shall direct the affairs of the local WM between business meetings of the chapter, shall make recommendations to the chapter and shall appoint all committee members not elected by the chapter. All plans and actions of the local WM executive committee may be reviewed by the local board of administration, which may veto any of the committee's plans or actions (782:23).

**7135. Article 8. Local Bylaws.** The local WM chapter may adopt such bylaws as it deems necessary, provided that they do not conflict with *The Discipline* or other directives of the General Church and district, and provided they are approved by the local board of administration (782:23), or in the case of a city or regional chapter, by the district board of administration (1233:22).

## **B. Constitution of District Wesleyan Men**

**7140. Article 1. Name.** All local Wesleyan Men chapters within the bounds of a district shall be known collectively as Wesleyan Men of the \_\_\_\_\_ District of The Wesleyan Church.

**7145. Article 2. Purpose.** The district Wesleyan Men shall carry out the basic purpose of Wesleyan Men (7105) within the bounds of the district, organizing chapters and securing their cooperation as an effective district unit of Wesleyan Men.

**7150. Article 3. Relationship.** The district WM shall function as a part of the district of The Wesleyan Church to which it belongs, shall be subject to the supervision of the district superintendent (1310:8) and shall be amenable to the district board of administration (1233:23, 27b).

### **7155. Article 4. District Wesleyan Men Convention.**

(1) **Purpose and Organization.** There shall be an annual district Wesleyan Men convention in each district at such a time and place as the district board of administration shall approve (1233:23), to receive reports (7165:2, 5), to elect district WM officers (7160:4), to make recommendations to the district board of administration and/or the general WM executive committee, to carry on all other business pertaining to the district WM, and to provide the members of the convention with a time of inspiration, fellowship and Christian challenge. The General Director of Wesleyan Men shall preside over the district WM convention when present (7195:2), and when he is absent, the district WM president shall preside (7165:2).

(2) **Membership.** The district WM convention shall be composed of the district superintendent (1303:6), the district WM officers (7165), the presidents of all local chapters (7130:2), and delegates from the local chapters (7125:3). Delegates shall be members of The Wesleyan Church, and shall be elected by the chapters at the annual meeting for the election of officers (7120:2).

(3) **Committees.** There shall be a nominating committee as set forth in 7160:4. The district WM convention may elect such other committees as it may deem necessary, and shall define the duties of the same.

(4) **Approval.** All plans and actions of the district WM convention shall be subject to the approval of the district board of administration (1233:23).

**7160. Article 5. District WM Officers.**

(1) **Executive Officers.** The executive officers shall be the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, who together with the district superintendent (1310:10) shall constitute the district WM executive committee.

(2) **Other Officers.** Each district WM may also have such other officers and standing committees as the district WM convention shall deem necessary.

(3) **Qualifications.** All officers and committee members must be covenant members of The Wesleyan Church, and wherever practicable, members of a local chapter of Wesleyan Men within the district. Executive officers shall be laymen.

(4) **Election Procedure.** The executive officers of the district WM and such other officers and committee members as the bylaws shall require shall be elected by the district WM convention (7155:1). The district WM convention shall elect or the district WM executive committee shall appoint a nominating committee, over which the district superintendent or his representative shall preside. Preceding the district WM convention, the nominating committee shall select two or more nominees for district WM president, for approval by the district board of administration and election by the district WM convention, provided that the district board of administration may make such other nominations as desired. The nominating committee shall present nominations to the district WM convention for all other officers and positions as requested (7155:1-3). Executive officers shall be elected by ballot and other officers may be elected in any manner desired. All offices and positions shall be filled by majority vote of the district WM convention present and voting. The election must be ratified by the district board of administration before becoming final (1233:23).

(5) **Term of Service.** District WM officers shall assume office at the close of the district convention at which they are elected and shall serve for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

(6) **Amenability and Vacancies.** All officers and committee members of the district WM shall be amenable to the district board of administration, and may be removed for cause or when the best interests of the WM or the district so require by a majority vote of the district board of administration.

The district board of administration shall fill all vacancies. (Cf. 1233:27b.)

**7165. Article 6. Duties of District WM Officers.**

(1) **Criteria.** All officers shall carry out their duties in keeping with *The Discipline*, the constitution of Wesleyan Men and the official handbook authorized by the General Board and issued by the general WM executive committee (cf. 7195:3).

(2) **District WM President.** The president shall be responsible to cooperate with the General Director of Wesleyan Men and the general WM executive committee; to exercise general leadership of the district WM under the general oversight of the district superintendent (1310:8); to preside over meetings of the district WM executive committee (7165:6); to preside over sessions of the district WM convention except when the General Director of Wesleyan Men is present and presiding (7155:1; 7195:2); to seek to organize chapters of Wesleyan Men so as to serve each local church, whether through local church chapters, city, metropolitan, county, regional or zone chapters; to visit the local chapters as time and funds shall permit; and to report annually to the district conference (1180:13) and to the district WM convention, and at other times as ordered by the district board of administration (1233:11). He shall be a nonvoting member of the district conference (1090:8) unless he is elected as a lay delegate by his local church.

(3) **District WM Vice-President.** The vice-president shall assist the president as the president shall request and shall assume the duties of the president in case the president is unable to serve.

(4) **District WM Secretary.** The secretary shall record the minutes of the district WM convention (7155:1) and of the meetings of the district WM executive committee (7165:6) and shall perform such other duties as the district WM convention shall determine.

(5) **District WM Treasurer.** The district WM treasurer shall receive, record and hold all funds remitted by local WM treasurers or raised by the district WM itself, forwarding specified funds and disbursing other funds in keeping with the financial plans of the general WM executive committee and the district WM convention, and as directed by the district WM executive committee. All funds intended for the General Church shall be transferred monthly to the General Treasurer. The district WM treasurer shall report to the district WM executive committee as required, to the district board of administration quarterly (1233:11) and to the district conference (1180:13) and the district WM convention (7155:1) annually. His books shall be submitted to the district auditing committee annually (1340), and as ordered by the district board of administration (1233:18).

(6) **District WM Executive Committee** (7160:1). The district WM president shall be chairman *ex officio* of the district WM executive committee (7165:2), and the district WM secretary shall be secretary *ex officio* (7165:4). The district WM executive committee shall direct the affairs of the district WM between the annual district WM conventions, subject to the approval of the district board of administration (1233:23).

**7170. Article 7. District Bylaws.** The district convention of Wesleyan Men may adopt such bylaws as it deems necessary, providing that they are in accord with *The Discipline*, the constitution and purpose of WM, and other directives of the General Church and district, and subject to the approval of the district board of administration (1233:23).

### C. Constitution of General Wesleyan Men

**7175. Article 1. Name.** All local and district WM organizations shall be known collectively as Wesleyan Men, an auxiliary of The Wesleyan Church.

**7180. Article 2. Purpose.** General Wesleyan Men shall carry out the basic purpose of Wesleyan Men (7105) throughout the Church, securing the cooperation of the local and district WM organizations and coordinating them as an effective arm of the Church.

**7185. Article 3. Relationship.** Wesleyan Men shall function as a part of The Wesleyan Church, and shall be amenable to the General Board.

**7190. Article 4. General WM Officers.**

(1) **Identification.** The general officers of Wesleyan Men shall include the General Director of Wesleyan Men and four persons elected by the General Board (7190:3) to serve with him as the general WM executive committee.

(2) **Qualifications.** The general WM officers shall be covenant members of The Wesleyan Church and members of a local chapter of Wesleyan Men at the time of their election and during their term of service.

(3) **Election Procedures.** The General Director of Wesleyan Men and the members of the general WM executive committee shall be elected by the General Board following a regular session of the General Conference (1655:18), selecting one executive committee member from each representative area insofar as is practicable.

(4) **Term of Service.** The general officers of Wesleyan Men shall take office at such time as the General Board shall determine (1655:26), and shall serve for four years or until their successors are elected and qualified.

(5) **Amenability and Vacancies.** The General Director of Wesleyan Men, and the other members of the general WM executive committee shall be amenable to the General Board and may be removed by a majority vote of all its members. The General Board shall fill all vacancies (1655:39b).

**7195. Article 5. Duties of General WM Officers.**

(1) **Criteria.** The General Director of Wesleyan Men and the general WM executive committee shall perform their duties in keeping with *The Discipline*, the constitution of Wesleyan Men and the *Policy of the General Board*.

(2) **General Director of Wesleyan Men.** The General Director of Wesleyan Men shall exercise general leadership of Wesleyan Men; preside over district conventions of Wesleyan Men whenever present (7155:1); publicize and promote the interests of the organization; promote the organization of Wesleyan Men on the district and local levels, devoting as much time as possible to the work; and shall report annually to the General Board (1655:21), and quadrennially to the General Conference (1590:7). He shall be a nonvoting member of the General Conference unless he is a voting member by some other right (1503:2).

(3) **General WM Executive Committee.** The general WM executive committee shall advise the General Director of Wesleyan Men in all phases of his work, and shall prepare and issue the official WM handbook (1655:26). It shall cooperate with the General Secretary in developing procedures for the compiling of statistics on the local, district and general levels, so that a record of the work may be readily maintained.

**7200. Article 6. General Treasurer of Wesleyan Men.** The General Treasurer shall be the general treasurer of Wesleyan Men (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 WM executive committee.

#### **D. Amendments to Wesleyan Men Constitutions**

**7210.** The local, district or general constitutions of Wesleyan Men may be amended by majority vote of the General Board at any regular or special session.