

Chapter 4

DISTRICT OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

A. List of District Officers, Boards and Committees

1250. The following summarizes for quick reference the various officers, boards and committees of the district:

- (1) The district *shall* have:
 - administration, board of (1200-1233)
 - auditing committee or auditor (1340)
 - building committee (1345)
 - children's ministries director (1489)
 - delegates to General Conference (1032; 1180:4; 1503-1526)
 - evangelism and church growth director (1426)
 - ministerial development, board of (1375-1390)
 - ordination council (1405)
 - review, board of (1370; 5218-5221)
 - secretary (1330-1332)
 - statistical committee (1350-1352)
 - Sunday school director (1483)
 - superintendent (1300-1310)
 - treasurer (1335-1337)
 - world missions director (1429)

- (2) The district *may* have:
 - assistant superintendent(s) (1320-1327)
 - camp meeting board (1180:20)
 - Christian education, board of (1440-1455)
 - Christian education director (1460-1463)
 - Church periodicals director (1355)
 - conference action committee (1165-1168)
 - conference journal editing committee (1178:1)
 - conference nominating committee (1172-1175)
 - educational director (1496)
 - executive committee of the district board of administration (1245)

evangelism and church growth, board of (1413-1423)
 judicial committee (5209)
 leadership training director (1486)
 secretary-treasurer (1180:33)
 Sunday school committee (1468-1480)
 trustees, board of (1180:22; 1360; 1365; 4855)
 world missions, board of (1430-1435)

- (3) The district *may* have the following auxiliary officers and committees:
 Wesleyan Men officers and committees (7155:3; 7160-7165)
 Wesleyan Women officers and committees (7365:3; 7370-7375)
 Wesleyan Youth officers and committees (7560; 7565-7575; 7585)
 Young Adults International officers and committees (7765; 7770)
 Wesleyan Kids for Missions coordinator (7370:7)

B. District Officials

1255. Identification. The district officials include the district superintendent, the assistant district superintendent(s), if any, the district secretary and the district treasurer. They are elected by the district conference with the exception of the assistant district superintendent(s) (1320), and the possible exception of the district treasurer (1335; 1180:33) by ballot and by majority vote, and are *ex officio* members of the district board of administration (1180:31-33; cf. 1203).

1258. Qualifications. A district official other than the district superintendent (cf. 1303:1) must be, at the time of election and throughout the term of service, a covenant member of a local Wesleyan church within the district and, if a minister, a ministerial member of the district where service is rendered (cf. 1272).

1262. Term of Office. District officials elected or appointed by the district conference or district board of administration (cf. 1250; 1255; 1275; 1303:2) may be elected or appointed for either one-year or two-year terms of service with the exception of the district superintendent (1303:2). All district officials shall assume office at the close of the district conference session at which they are elected and shall serve until the close of the district conference marking the end of their term or until their successors are elected and qualified with the possible exception of the district treasurer (1335; 1180:33).

1265. Amenability. A district official shall administer the respective office according to *The Discipline*, and as directed by the General Conference,

the General Board, the district conference and the district board of administration. District officials other than the district superintendent shall serve under the general supervision of the district superintendent, shall be amenable to the district board of administration and may be removed for cause or when the best interests of The Wesleyan Church and the district so require, upon a two-thirds majority vote of all members of the district board of administration (1233:27a). The amenability of the district superintendent is set forth in 1307 (cf. 323:1).

1268. Reports. A district official shall report to each session of the district conference concerning all official duties (1180:13) and to the district board of administration as may be required.

1272. Vacancies. The office of a district official may become vacant by death, by cessation of membership in a local Wesleyan church within the district, by resignation, by removal (1265) or in the case of a minister, by ceasing to be a ministerial member of the district. In all cases other than that of the district superintendent (1303:7), the filling of a vacancy in the office of a district official until the next session of the district conference shall be by a majority vote of all members of the district board of administration (1233:27a).

C. District Departmental Officers and Committees

1275. Identification. District departmental officers include the district director for Church periodicals (1355), the district director of evangelism and church growth (1426), the district director of world missions (1429), the district director of Christian education (1460), the district Sunday school director (1483), the district director of leadership training (1486), the district director of children's ministries (1489), district director of YAI (1494) and the district educational director (1496). All district departmental officers and members of district boards (other than the district board of administration, cf. 1206) and committees are subject to the regulations as set forth herewith in 1275-1292. (Regulations governing the auxiliaries are set forth in their respective constitutions.)

1278. Qualifications. A district departmental officer or member of a district board or committee (1275) must be a covenant member of a local Wesleyan church within the district at the time of election, with the exception of ordained ministers appointed to denominational service, and if a minister, a ministerial member of the district (cf. 1292).

1282. Term of Office. A district departmental officer (1275) or member of a district board or committee elected or appointed by the district

conference or district board of administration may be elected or appointed for either one-year or two-year terms of service, unless otherwise stated in *The Discipline* (cf. 1378; 1416; 1432). The district departmental officer or member of a district board or committee shall assume office at the close of the district conference session at which elected or, whenever elected by the district board of administration, at the time of the election and shall serve until the close of the designated term.

1285. Amenability. All district departmental officers and members of district boards or committees (1275) shall carry out their duties according to *The Discipline* and other directives of the General Church or district. They shall serve under the general supervision of the district superintendent and shall be amenable to the district board of administration. They may be removed by the district board of administration, by a majority vote, for cause or when the best interests of The Wesleyan Church and the district so require (1233:27b).

1288. Reports. A district departmental officer shall report to the district conference as required by *The Discipline* or by the district conference (1180:13), and shall make other reports to the board or committee under which service is performed, the district board of administration or the district superintendent as may be requested.

1292. Vacancies. The office of a district departmental officer or membership on a district board or committee (1275) may become vacant by death, by cessation of membership in a local Wesleyan church within the district, by resignation, by removal (1285) or in the case of a minister, by ceasing to be a ministerial member of the district, or in the case of a minister serving under the special provision of paragraph 1278, by discontinuing the appointment to denominational service. A vacancy may be declared and filled for the unexpired term by the district board of administration, by a majority vote.