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STRUCTURE, STANDING RULES AND POLICIES THE ARKANSAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Executive Summary

In the 2014 Session of the Arkansas Annual Conference, a task force was formed to study and suggest changes in the Structure and Standing Rules of the Conference. Further, it was recommended that the task force look for ways to condense the rules, study them for compliance with The Discipline of the United Methodist Church and suggest ways for the conference to function more efficiently. It became obvious in this process that this should be a two-year effort. The first step would be to place the two documents into one and as a second step to make proposals for substantive changes regarding operation of the Annual Conference. In keeping with the Standing Rules Task Force's charge to organize the Standing Rules, Structure and Policies of the Conference into a single document was created to make them more user/reader friendly.

The Task Force adopted a format similar to the Florida Annual Conference format for its Standing Rules, the entire text for the proposed document is derived from the 2014 Journal of the Arkansas Annual Conference without any major variance from that language except in a few instances where language may be suggested/added for clarity, classification and consistency of formatting and minor editorial changes as are clearly stated in the proposed document.

The task force wishes to thank Rev. Betty Scull for her dedicated work in preparing this document.

ACTION REQUIRED:

To adopt the new format as presented.