

2019 Charge Conference Instruction Form



Churches with average worship attendance 50 and over

District Wide Charge Conference

One District-Wide Charge Conference will be held this year. Each district's date, time, and location are listed below. All completed forms (with attachments) are due to the district office **ONE MONTH** prior to the District-Wide Charge Conference date.

- Central District: Sunday, November 17 6:00 St. James UMC, Little Rock
- Northeast District: Saturday, December 7 10:00 Jonesboro First UMC
- Northwest District: Sunday, November 24 3:00 Russellville First UMC
- Southeast District: Saturday, November 16 10:00 Stuttgart First UMC
- Southwest District: Sunday, November 17 3:00 Malvern First UMC

Charge Conference Packet

- Charge Conference packets/forms may be found online at www.arumc.org under "Resources, then Forms and Documents" tab. **These forms MUST be downloaded first.** Upon downloading and saving the PDF version of the forms to your computer, you must use Adobe Acrobat or Adobe Reader to open the file in order to enter your data. The built-in Windows 10 and Mac OS PDF readers **will not** allow you to fill in the forms. Adobe Reader is free and can be downloaded from www.adobe.com.
- The *Pastor's Membership Report* and the *Pastor's Compensation Form* are set up to calculate totals. Navigation Tip: Use the "TAB" key to navigate through the forms. If you hit "Enter/Return" by accident, just backspace or "UNDO." The calculations are executed by tabbing to the next field.
- Contents of the Charge Conference packet should be approved by the Church Council/ Administrative Board/Governing Body **before submitting to the District Office.**
- Materials should not be presented in a binder, as this must be taken apart and placed in the permanent file. Please do not staple any forms together as all staples have to be removed for scanning.
- Mail, email, or deliver **ONE (1) copy** of the Charge Conference packet **ALONG WITH AN UPDATED CHURCH LEADERSHIP LIST** (received in a separate email from the District Office) for each church to your District Superintendent. Remember to print a copy for the church files.

2019 Board Recommendation for Charge Conference

The following church/charge held a meeting of the Church Council/Administrative Board/governing board to recommend each church's charge conference packet for approval at the District Wide Charge Conference:

Congregation name(s) here _____

The Board Meeting was held on _____, 2019 at _____.

The Board Meeting was chaired by _____.

*Recording Secretary is to initial each item
indicating the governing board has reviewed and is recommending the Charge Conference Packet.*

Items that require a vote to approve:	Recording Secretary initials	DISTRICT OFFICE USE
Membership Report (Including names read 1st year and 2nd year for removal) <input type="checkbox"/> Year 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2		
Pastor(s)' Compensation Record(s) (All appointed or assigned pastors)		
Lay Servants (attach list if needed) Name _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Initial Yr. Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Name _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Initial Yr. Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Name _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Initial Yr. Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Certified Lay Speakers Name _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Initial Yr. Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal		
Candidates for Ministry - Form 104 Name _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Initial Yr. Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Continuance Name _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Initial Yr. Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Continuance		
Nominations Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Approval of the slate of officers (slate must be in packet) <input type="checkbox"/> Any revisions (including nominations from the floor of the conference) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> List of all committees		
Required Written Reports:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor's Written Report (all appointed/assigned pastors) <input type="checkbox"/> Signed Trustee Report <input type="checkbox"/> Signed Finance Report <input type="checkbox"/> 200,000 Reasons' Report <input type="checkbox"/> Signed Policy on Misconduct of Sexual Nature <input type="checkbox"/> Culture of Call <input type="checkbox"/> Updated Local Church Leadership List <input type="checkbox"/> Retired Clergy Report(s) (if applicable)		
Policies to Submit:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Safe Sanctuary Policy <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Control Policy <input type="checkbox"/> Accountable Reimbursement Policy (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Accessibility Audit and Plan (if applicable)		

The Church Council/Administrative Board/governing board of the pastoral charge approves of submitted recommendations and reports, and forwards these submissions to the District-wide Charge Conference for adoption.

Recording Secretary's Signature _____

DISTRICT OFFICE USE
The Charge Conference approved the submitted packet on (date) _____ at _____. District Superintendent Signature _____

Please save this completed form with the congregation's copy of the Charge Conference File.

2019 Pastor's Membership Report

This report is done on a yearly basis and is dated from **Charge Conference date to Charge Conference date.**

Church _____ Date _____

A. Membership at 2018 Charge Conference (A)

B. New Members (Attach as a list by each category)

Received into professing membership since the last charge conference.

- | | |
|--|-----------|
| 1. On profession of faith or restored. | (1) _____ |
| 2. Transferred from other United Methodist churches. | (2) _____ |
| 3. Transferred from other non-United Methodist churches. | (3) _____ |

Total Members Received (Lines 1+2+3) = (B)

Note: Include names of those received into baptized membership since the last charge conference on your attached list.

Do not include these in the count.

C. Removed from Membership (Attach as a list by each category)

- | | |
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| 4. By action of the Charge Conference. (# of names in F) | (4) _____ |
| 5. By trial court, or by withdrawal. | (5) _____ |
| 6. By transfer to other United Methodist churches. | (6) _____ |
| 7. By transfer to other non-United Methodist churches. | (7) _____ |
| 8. By death. <i>(Please include date of death.)</i> | (8) _____ |

Total Full Members Removed (Lines 4+5+6+7+8)= (C)

D. Membership at 2019 Charge Conference (A + B - C)= (D)

E. Names of Persons Filed with Charge Conference for Next Year's Removal:

(1st year reading)

F. Names of Persons Being Recommended for Removal at this Charge Conference:

(2nd year reading - record the number in C4 above)

Note that the Discipline requires these to be considered individually!

G. Have Membership Books Been Audited? ☐ Yes ☐ No If not, why not?

2020 Pastor's Compensation Form



Pastor: _____ Church: _____
 For Period of: January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

		2019	2020
Housing	Parsonage Provided – Write Yes or No		
	Date of (S)PPRC chairperson parsonage inspection		
	Housing Allowance - May only be used in lieu of parsonage		
Payment	Church Contribution to Pastor Compensation (Salary from Church)	1	
	Equitable Compensation or Mission Local Church Support - Compensation support received from the Annual Conference	2	
	Cash Allowances paid directly to pastor without documentation required (non-accountable plans not already included in line 1)	3	
	Utilities and Appurtenances – Amount paid to pastor for utilities and other housing related expenses under designation by the church. See IRS Publication 517 for more information.	4	
	TOTAL OR GROSS CASH PAYMENT - Add Lines 1-4	5	
Deductions	Flexible Spending Plan - This is a FSP that the pastor sets following IRS Cafeteria Plan Section 125 Rules. This may NOT be used for health insurance premiums. It is a before tax payroll deduction which is elected annually and is a Use it or Lose it amount.	6	
	UMPIP Contribution - This is a voluntary amount elected by the pastor to be paid into UMPIP. FOR CHURCH MATCH, PASTOR MUST CONTRIBUTE AT LEAST 1% OF COMPENSATION.	7	
	UMPIP Contribution - Is this tax-deferred? Write Yes or No	7b	
	403B Contribution to Other than UMPIP - This is a contribution to an IRA held with a bank or investment firm. There must a voluntary compensation reduction agreement on file with the church and you may elect it to be tax-deferred.	8	
	Total Payroll Deductions - Add lines 6-8	9	
Net	Net Compensation - Subtract Line 9 from Line 5	10	
Total	TOTAL CASH COMPENSATION - Transfer from Line 5	11	
Reimburse	Accountable Reimbursement - This is only paid out via voucher, with receipts required, and represents maximum available. Written Reimbursement Policy Must Be Agreed Upon and On File at Church	12	
Appointment	TOTAL COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENTS - Add Lines 11 and 12	13	
Benefits	Does the church provide group insurance for the staff in which the pastor participates? Write Yes or No	14	
	How much vacation time will be given your pastor this year? (p. 379 2018 Arkansas Conference Journal)	15	

For all full-time pastors, the church will be responsible for a pension benefit of 14% of total comp plus housing and will be direct billed by the conference office. This is a benefit and not included in the total compensation paid to the pastor.

The Pastor Parish Relations Committee recommends compensation after consultation with the pastor and the District Superintendent. The recommendation is reported to the Finance Committee and the Administrative Board/Council for discussion and agreement. The Charge Conference sets compensation. The church is obligated to compensate the pastor as this level until the end of the conference year. (§624.1)

_____ Pastor	_____ Treasurer	_____ S/PPRC Chairperson
_____ District Superintendent		

Pastor's 2020 Compensation Form Instructions



Housing

- **Parsonage Provided** – If your church provides a parsonage answer “Yes” otherwise answer “No”
- **Date of Parsonage Inspection** – Write the date of the last inspection of the church owned parsonage. If the church does not provide a parsonage then leave this line blank.
- **Housing Allowance** – List the amount of money the church provides for the pastor's housing allowance. This is only in lieu of a church owned or leased parsonage. The pastor does not have to provide the church receipts for reimbursements and these funds. This amount may be reported on box 14 of the pastor's W2.

Payment

- **Church Contribution to Pastor Compensation** – List the total pastor's salary as approved by the charge/church conference prior to any deductions. Do not include other compensation items listed below (Equitable Compensation, Cash Allowances, or Utilities and Appurtenances).
- **Equitable Compensation or Mission Local Church Support** – List all funds received from the Conference for the support of the salary for the pastor.
- **Cash Allowances** – List any amount paid to the pastor for non-accountable cash allowances. This may include, but not limited to car or travel allowance, discretionary funds, and/or expense accounts.
- **Utilities and Appurtenances** – List funds designated for use by the pastor for housing related expenses as provided for by IRS section 107. This may include utilities, furnishings, or other non-consumable housing related expenses. More information on this topic can be found in IRS Publication 517 or by visiting www.umc.org/gcfa/tax-packet.

Deductions

- **Flexible Spending Plan** – These plans sometimes referred to as Cafeteria 125 plans may only be used in conjunction with a bona fide group health care plan. If the church does not offer the pastor health care coverage through a group plan, then flexible spending plans may not be used for health care reimbursements. In other words, these plans cannot be used to reimburse medical expenses, including premiums for plans bought through the medical exchange.
- **UMPIP Contribution** – This is the voluntary contribution by the pastor to the United Methodist Personal Investment Plan (UMPIP). These funds may be withheld on either a tax-deferred or tax-paid basis. At least 1% of plan compensation (Line 5 plus housing) must be contributed in order to receive a 1% matching contribution.
- **UMPIP Contribution Tax Deferred** – If the contribution from the prior line is contributed on a tax-deferred basis then write “Yes” on line 7b. If the contribution is being made after-tax write “no.”
- **403B Contribution Other Than UMPIP** – List any amount being contributed to a retirement fund for the pastor other than UMPIP. Please indicate whether this is being made on a tax-deferred basis.

Reimbursements and Benefits

- **Accountable Reimbursement** – Fund established to reimburse the pastor for expenses. This should only be established with a written policy set by the church and requires written documentation of expenses. For more information and sample policies visit www.umc.org/gcfa/tax-packet.
- **Does the Church Provide Group Insurance for You** – Please write yes or no if the church provides group insurance for the staff for the 2020 calendar year in which YOU participate.

CERTIFIED LAY SERVANT ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CHARGE CONFERENCE



Initial Application or Request for Renewal

Report for year ending 2019

SECTION I: DATA ON THE LAY SERVANT

Name (Mrs. ___ Ms. ___ Mr. ___) _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Name of District _____

Name of Church _____

Church Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Church Telephone _____

SECTION II: STATUS OF THE LAY SERVANT

___ **For initial application** as a Certified Lay Servant

1. What year did you complete your Basic Course? _____

2. What year did you complete your Advanced Course? _____

3. What was the title of your Advanced Course? _____

___ **For renewal** as a Certified Lay Servant

1. What year did you complete your last Advanced Course? _____

2. What was the title of your last Advanced Course? _____

SECTION III: REQUEST OF THE LAY SERVANT

I request recommendation of my pastor and my church council/charge conference to begin/renew as a Certified Lay Servant for the ensuing year.

Date _____ Lay Servant _____

SECTION IV: RECOMMENDATION OF THE PASTOR

I recommend concurrence with the request of this person to begin/renew as a Certified Lay Servant for the ensuing year.

Date _____ Pastor _____

SECTION V: RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL/CHARGE CONFERENCE

The church council/charge conference of _____ (church/charge)
Recommends the above person begin/renew as a Certified Lay Servant for the ensuing year.

Date _____ Church Council Chair or District Superintendent _____

(To be completed by those requesting renewal as a Certified Lay Servant)

SECTION VI: MINISTRIES BY THE LAY SERVANT

During the past year, I have participated in ***caring ministries*** as follows:

- ☐ served as a volunteer in a care-giving institution ☐ provided one-on-one caring
☐ at a hospital, nursing home, or to a shut-in ☐ in membership/evangelism visitation
☐ served in caring/outreach projects (food pantry, prison ministry, etc)
☐ other caring activities (Please list) _____

During the past year, I have participated in ***leading ministries*** as follows:

- ☐ served as member of committee, board, commission, council, task force, etc.
☐ as a volunteer at a community agency
☐ at my local church
☐ beyond my local church
☐ on my District ☐ Conference ☐ Jurisdiction ☐ General Church level
☐ other leading activities (Please list) _____

During the past year I have participated in ***communicating ministries*** as follows:

- ☐ brought message in _____ worship services
☐ served as worship leader in _____ services
☐ delivered _____ devotional messages
☐ taught _____ classes
☐ shared my faith story _____
☐ other speaking activities (Please list) _____

During the past year I have participated in additional opportunities for ministry as follows (attach additional page if needed) _____

SECTION VII: PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH BY THE LAY SERVANT

In what activities have you engaged and/or what books have you read or used during the past year to help you develop your devotional life; improve your understanding of the Bible; improve your understanding of The United Methodist Church; and to improve your skills in caring, leading, communicating and speaking?

SECTION VIII: FEEDBACK BY THE LAY SERVANT

1. Do you feel called to be in service in any area of ministry, either in the church or outside the church, in which you are not currently involved? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, please let those areas below.)

2. What additional training or support do you need or would suggest to further your ministry?

3. Give any recommendations you have for improving Lay Servant Ministries in your District or Conference:

(Note: District Directors are encourage to respond to any comments within this section.)

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY
CHARGE CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATION
(or equivalent body)

This form is to be completed on all new or continuing candidates for ministry.

Candidate Name:
(please print)

Charge:

Date:

For Continuing Candidates: I hereby request **continuation** of my candidacy for ordained ministry in The United Methodist Church and request support and recommendation of the Charge Conference for continued certification as a candidate for:

Order of Deacons ☐

Order of Elders ☐

License as Local Pastor ☐

For New Candidates:

I hereby declare my candidacy for ordained ministry in The United Methodist Church and request the support and recommendation of the Charge Conference or equivalent body as specified by the district committee on ordained ministry for certification as a candidate for:

Order of Deacons ☐

Order of Elders ☐

License as Local Pastor ☐

CHARGE CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATION (or equivalent body)

Let those who consider recommending persons for candidacy as ordained ministers in The United Methodist Church ask themselves the following questions which were first asked by John Wesley at the third conference of Methodist preachers in 1746. (See Discipline ¶310)

1. Do they know God as a pardoning God? Have they the love of God abiding in them? Do they desire nothing but God? Are they holy in all manner of conversation?
2. Have they gifts, as well as grace, for the work? Have they a clear, sound understanding; a right judgment in the things of God; a just conception of salvation by faith? Do they speak justly, readily, clearly?
3. Have they fruit? (Elder and Local Pastor) Have any been truly convinced of sin and converted to God, and are believers edified by their preaching? (Deacon) Are others edified by their service?

Believing that _____ is called of God and is a suitable candidate for ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church, (the recommending body) _____ recommends him/her for certification as a candidate to the District Committee on Ordained Ministry. In making this recommendation, we attest to the fact that the declared candidate has been a professing member in good standing of The United Methodist Church or a baptized participant of a recognized United Methodist campus ministry or other United Methodist ministry setting for a minimum of one (1) year, has graduated from an accredited high school or received a certificate of equivalency, and has received by written ballot a two-thirds vote of this body.

Signed

Date

Signature of authorized elder, district superintendent, or bishop

Conference

District

This Declaration of Candidacy for Ordained Ministry should be sent to the district office for the candidate's file.

Nominations - Complete EITHER the Traditional Structure OR the Simplified Structure Form

You may use this page to list your Nominations or submit your own Nominations list.

Leadership Nominations - Traditional Structure

Church

Administrative (Church) Council		Email	Phone	Address
Name				
Chair				
List names of committee members below - contact information not needed.				
Class of 2020		Class of 2021		Class of 2022

Finance		Email	Phone	Address
Name				
Chair				
List names of committee members below - contact information not needed				
Class of 2020		Class of 2021		Class of 2022

Trustees		Email	Phone	Address
Name				
Chair				
List names of committee members below - contact information not needed.				
Class of 2020		Class of 2021		Class of 2022

Staff-Parish Relations		Email	Phone	Address
Name				
Chair				
List names of committee members below - contact information not needed.				
Class of 2020		Class of 2021		Class of 2022

Nominations Committee (Pastor is Chair)				
List names of committee members below - contact information not needed.				
Class of 2020		Class of 2021		Class of 2022

Treasurer		Email	Phone	Address
NAME				

Lay Leader		Email	Phone	Address
NAME				

Annual Conference Lay Member and Alternate				
	Name	Email	Phone	Address
Lay Member:				
Alternate:				
Additional Lay Members (For churches with more than one clergy - elect one Lay Member per Clergy)				

Nominations - Complete EITHER the Traditional Structure OR the Simplified Structure Form

You may use this page to list your Nominations or submit your own Nominations list.

Leadership Nominations - Simplified (Alternative) Structure

Church

The following persons will serve as the governing board, fulfilling the Disciplinary functions of Church Council, Trustees, Finance, and Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Committee.

NOTE: Elect 9-15 persons - Indicate which member is serving as Chair, Lay Leader, Lay Member to Annual Conference, SPPR Contact & Trustee Chair. It is HIGHLY recommended that the CHAIR serve as the SPPR Contact and Trustees Chair.

Term to Serve	Person's Name	Phone Number	Person's Email	Role [Board Chair; Lay Leader; Lay Member; PPR Contact; Trustee Chair]
Class of 2020				
Class of 2021				
Class of 2022				
Ex Officio Members MAY BE ELECTED (with vote)				
UM Women Rep.				
UM Men Rep.				
UM Youth Rep.		Youth under 18 is not a Trustee		

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

¶258.1 – The committee is composed of not more than nine persons in addition to the pastor and lay leader. It shall include at least one young adult, and may include one or more youth.

Pastor (Chairperson)		
Lay Leader		
Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022

NOTE: The use of this Simplified Structure is based on ¶247.2 of the 2016 Book of Discipline.

District Superintendent approval is required to transition to the Simplified Structure. Variants of the Simplified Structure may be required by your DS, such as organizing a separate and independent S/PPRC.

2019 PASTOR'S WRITTEN REPORT

In churches with appointed associate pastors or deacons, each clergyperson should complete a report.

Pastor's Name: _____ **Church:** _____ **Date:** _____

REPORT OF RETIRED CLERGY TO THE CHARGE CONFERENCE 2019

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

The Church in which your Charge Conference Membership is held:

¶ 357.5 All retired clergy members who are not appointed as pastors of a charge, after consultation with the pastor and the district superintendent, shall have a seat in the charge conference and all the privileges of membership in the church where they elect to hold such membership except as set forth in the Discipline. They shall report to the charge conference and to the pastor all marriages performed, baptisms administered, and other pastoral functions. If they reside outside the bounds of the annual conference where membership is held, they shall forward annually to the charge conference where membership is held a report of their Christian and ministerial conduct, signed by the district superintendent or the pastor of the affiliate charge conference where they reside.

Charge _____

Church Address (City) _____ (State) _____

Current Pastor _____

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES (During Last Quarter 2018 and 2019 to Date)

A. Worship Services Conducted:	#
B. Marriages Performed:	#
C. Baptisms Conducted:	#
D. Communion Services Celebrated:	#
E. Notes and Other Activities Related to the Ministerial Office:	

Signature _____ Date _____

Send a copy to the appointed pastor of your church.
The Pastor will include it with the Charge Conference packet.
Please keep a copy for your files.

200,000 Reasons Report 2019

Church

Date

Please describe how your congregation is participating in 200,000 Reasons by helping hungry children and their families. What plans do you have to expand your current ministry or to start new ones?

Report of the Trustees

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Churches with 50 or more in average attendance

The trustees are amenable to the Charge Conference and as such are required to make an annual report.

Church: _____ Charge: _____

District: _____ Conference: _____

Period beginning (prior Charge Conf. date) _____ and ending (current Charge Conf. date) _____

1. Is the local church incorporated (§2529.1)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Name or names in which title to each piece of property is recorded, as shown by civil land records (§2538, 2536) Does each deed contain Trust Clause (§2503)?

	Name(s)	Trust Clause	County Clerk Office	Book	Page
Church Buildings		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Church Buildings		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Parsonages		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Land		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Other		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

3. Who is the custodian of deeds/other legal papers? _____

4. Where are they kept? _____

(It is recommended these documents be kept in a safety deposit or lock box, or contact the district office for guidance.)

5. Do you have a long-term plan for the maintenance and replacement of facilities and equipment?
☐ Yes ☐ No

6. Have the buildings been inspected for fire, mold, and other safety hazards within the past year?
☐ Yes ☐ No If not, what are your plans for addressing safety hazards?

7. Has an accessibility audit for church properties been conducted and placed on file in the church office (§2533.6) and submitted to the District Office?
☐ Yes ☐ No (Accessibility Audit Form may be found at: <http://www.gcfa.org/forms>).
If not, what are your plans for creating accessibility?

Report of the Trustees

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8. Insurance (§2533.2, 2550.7). Please list the results of the annual review as required by the 2016 Book of Discipline.

Item Insured/ Insurance	Replacement Value	Amount of Coverage	Type of Coverage	Company	Policy Number	Restricted by Coinsurance (yes or no and amount)	Expires When
Church Buildings						<input type="checkbox"/> Y Amount: <input type="checkbox"/> N	
Parsonage(s)						<input type="checkbox"/> Y Amount: <input type="checkbox"/> N	
Church Furnishings & Equipment						<input type="checkbox"/> Y Amount: <input type="checkbox"/> N	
Parsonage Furnishings & Equipment						<input type="checkbox"/> Y Amount: <input type="checkbox"/> N	
Vehicle(s)						<input type="checkbox"/> Y Amount: <input type="checkbox"/> N	
General Liability						<input type="checkbox"/> Y Amount: <input type="checkbox"/> N	
Worker's Compensation						<input type="checkbox"/> Y Amount: <input type="checkbox"/> N	
Directors/Officers/Error s & Omissions/Crime						<input type="checkbox"/> Y Amount: <input type="checkbox"/> N	
Professional Liability Coverage (Including Sexual Misconduct)						<input type="checkbox"/> Y Amount: <input type="checkbox"/> N	

9. Provide a detailed list of endowments, income-producing and permanent funds.

Item	Date Received	Amount	Where Invested	Income

Trustee Chair (printed) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Report of the Trustees

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**A copy of the Safe Sanctuary Policy is to be submitted
along with this signature page
indicating a current review and approval.**

Safe Sanctuary Policy

The Safe Sanctuary Policy has been reviewed (and revised, if necessary) and approved.
A copy is on file in the church office and district office.

Pastor's Signature

Printed Name

Trustee Chair Signature

Printed Name



POLICY STATEMENT ON MISCONDUCT OF A SEXUAL NATURE

*This form is to be filled out for each church, properly signed and dated. This is to be done annually. Clearly indicate the name of the church in the proper places. This policy **shall** be read by the Board/Council, Pastor(s), and staff, adopted by the local Church and signed by the pastor, all staff and volunteers in children, youth, and vulnerable adult areas.*

I. Statement of Policy

The _____ United Methodist Church affirms the 2000 Book of Resolutions, Sexual Abuse within the Ministerial Relationship and Sexual Harassment within the Church, which states that sexual abuse within the ministerial relationship and sexual harassment within the church as incompatible with biblical teachings of hospitality, justice and healing. In accordance with the 2012 Book of Discipline (§161.F), "We affirm that all persons are individuals of sacred worth, created in the image of God." As the promise of Galatians 3-28 states: "...you are all one in Christ Jesus." We support equality among all persons without regard to ethnicity, situation, or gender.

Misconduct of a sexual nature within the life of the church interferes with its moral mission. For the purpose of this statement, sexual misconduct includes sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Sexual abuse within the ministerial relationship occurs when a person within a ministerial role of leadership (pastor, educator, counselor, youth leader or other position of leadership) engages in sexual contact or sexualized behavior with a congregant, client, employee, student, staff member, co-worker, volunteer, person being counseled or any other person to whom the minister relates in his/her capacity as a minister. **Sexual harassment means any unwanted sexual advance or demand, written, electronic, verbal or physical that is reasonably perceived by the recipient as demeaning, intimidating, or coercive.** Sexual misconduct involves a betrayal of sacred trust, a violation of the ministerial role or exploitation of those who may be vulnerable for any reason.

_____ United Methodist Church stands in opposition to the sin of misconduct of a sexual nature in the Church and society at large and commits itself to fair and expedient investigation of any charge of sexual misconduct within the church and to take action deemed appropriate and in compliance with the Book of Discipline. Further, this church will make reasonable efforts to create an environment of hospitality for all persons, male or female, which is free of misconduct of a sexual nature and encourages respect, equality and kinship in Christ.

II. Procedures

A. If you experience what you consider to be sexual misconduct, you may choose to keep a written record of your experiences including dates, times, places, and witnesses and should keep any written material you may have received from the person you believed to have acted inappropriately. You may, if you wish, confront the person with the inappropriate behavior and demand that it cease. If you choose not to confront the person alone, you may ask someone to accompany you to confront the person and seek a correction of the behavior and reconciliation. **If you choose not to confront the person or if the behavior continues, you are encouraged to report the incident to the chair of the person's appropriate evaluating committee or the staff/pastor relations committee, (e.g., a member, pastor or church staff member would be reported to the chair of the staff/pastor relations committee; a district superintendent to the chair of the committee on superintendency; a bishop to the chair of the committee on episcopacy).** If the conflict is not resolved to your satisfaction, the committee chair shall convene the entire committee to meet with the accused, the person bringing the accusations, and each supporting person. If the situation is not resolved to your satisfaction following these efforts, then you may follow the Discipline's procedures for grievances, complaints, and charges.

B. If you are confronted by someone who believes that he or she has experienced or observed inappropriate behavior on your part, listen to the accusation and change the behavior as may be needed or otherwise resolve the situation and reconcile the relationship where possible. **If you are unable to resolve the situation with your accuser, contact the chair of your appropriate evaluating committee or the staff/pastor relations committee.** Ask to meet with your accuser and committee chair to attempt to resolve the conflict. The accused and the person bringing the accusation both have the right to bring a supportive person to this meeting. If the conflict remains unresolved, the committee chair shall convene the entire committee to meet with the accused, the person bringing the accusations, and each supporting person. If the situation is not resolved to your satisfaction following these efforts, the Discipline's procedures for grievances, complaints, and charges may be followed.

C. If you receive a report from someone else regarding a third person's alleged inappropriate behavior, listen seriously and objectively. Help the person follow the steps outlined above. If you are a clergy/church professional in a paid supervisory position in the local church or a conference agency, and an employee or member is reportedly being harassed, you should immediately take corrective and/or preventative action.

D. Remember that all mandated reporters must immediately report any reasonably suspected child maltreatment to the Arkansas Child Maltreatment hotline in accordance with state law. Where child maltreatment is reasonably suspected, please consult the church's Safe Sanctuary policy for additional information.

POLICY STATEMENT ON MISCONDUCT OF A SEXUAL NATURE

Date adopted by the Church Council/Administrative Board / /2019

Signatures of Administrative Board/Church Council Chairperson and all paid staff.

Signature	Signature	Signature

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Church: _____ Charge: _____

District: _____ Conference: _____

Period beginning (prior Charge Conf. date) _____ and ending (current Charge Conf. date)

Employer Identification Number (EIN) _____

I. Organization

a) Has the committee been organized according to the 2016 Book of Discipline (§258.4)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b) Names of Officers for 2019

Chairperson: _____ Vice Chairperson _____

Treasurer(s): _____ Financial Secretary _____

II. Budget and Commitment Plan

a) How frequently does the Financial Secretary/Treasurer send members and contributors regular reports of their giving?

☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Semi-annually ☐ Annually ☐ We do not send reports

b) Is the Finance Committee fulfilling its responsibility to make plans to raise sufficient funds to meet the budget adopted by the Church Council (§258.4)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

c) Does the Financial Secretary/Treasurer report regularly to the Church Council on the giving trends in the church/charge? ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, then how are giving trends reported?

III. The Handling of Church Funds

a) Does the Treasurer regularly make reports to the Committee on Finance and the Church Council on the financial position of the church (§258.4b)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, how are the Committee on Finance and the Church Council informed on financial matters?

b) Will your church pay 100% of their Conference Tithe and District Apportionments this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If no, what is your plan to pay the Tithe and District Apportionments this next year?

c) What bank(s) have been designated by the Church Council as a depository (§258.4d)?

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- d) Are the church offerings counted by a counting committee of at least 2 (two) unrelated individuals? (§258.4a)?
☐ Yes ☐ No

List names below:

_____	_____
_____	_____

- e) Are all funds deposited promptly in accordance with procedures developed by the Finance Committee (§258.4a,d)?
☐ Yes ☐ No

- f) Are financial officers of the church bonded or insured (§258.4b)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, why not?

- g) Have the financial records of the church and all its organizations been audited (or financially reviewed) for the prior fiscal year (§258.4d)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

- a. Who conducted the audit or a financial review? _____
- b. When will you conduct an audit or financial review? _____
- c. Were there any recommendations or exceptions? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- d. If there were recommendations or exceptions, how has the church addressed them?

- h) Were all pastors and staff issued W 2's and not 1099's? ☐ Yes ☐ No

_____ Finance Chair (printed) _____ Signature _____ Date

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**A copy of each policy is to be submitted
along with this signature page
indicating a current review and approval.**

Financial Control Policy

The Financial Control Policy has been reviewed (and revised, if necessary) and approved.
A copy is on file in the church office and district office.

Pastor's Signature

Printed Name

Finance Chair Signature

Printed Name

Accountable Reimbursement Policy

Required when compensation packages include Accountable Reimbursement

The Accountable Reimbursement Policy (if applicable) has been reviewed (and revised, if necessary) and approved. A copy is on file in the church office and district office.

Pastor's Signature

Printed Name

Finance Chair Signature

Printed Name

Culture of Call 2019



Church _____

Pastor _____

List persons involved in conversations or exploring a call to lay or ordained ministry:

Name and Email Address	Age Generation	Potential Service (if known) Mark all that apply	Has person met with Pastor
Name Email	<input type="checkbox"/> Elementary School <input type="checkbox"/> Middle School <input type="checkbox"/> High School _____ Grad Date <input type="checkbox"/> Generation Z (College) <input type="checkbox"/> Millennial (20s & 30s) <input type="checkbox"/> Generation X (40s & 50s) <input type="checkbox"/> Baby Boomers (60s & 70s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lay Vocational Ministry <input type="checkbox"/> Elder <input type="checkbox"/> Deacon <input type="checkbox"/> Licensed Local Pastor <input type="checkbox"/> Beyond local church <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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List persons from your congregation currently preparing for ordained or licensed ministry:

Name and Email Address	Age Generation	Potential Service (if known) Mark all that apply	Certified Candidate by dCOM
Name Email	<input type="checkbox"/> High School _____ Grad Date <input type="checkbox"/> Generation Z (College) <input type="checkbox"/> Millennial (20s & 30s) <input type="checkbox"/> Generation X (40s & 50s) <input type="checkbox"/> Baby Boomers (60s & 70s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Elder <input type="checkbox"/> Deacon <input type="checkbox"/> Licensed Local Pastor <input type="checkbox"/> Beyond local church	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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