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Suggested Title: Retirement and Term Episcopacy

Discipline Paragraph Number: 548.1

General Church Budget Implications: None

Global Implications: Yes

Modify ¶ 548.1 as follows:

An ordained minister who has served a term or part of a term as a bishop in a central conference where term episcopacy has prevailed shall, upon retirement from the effective relation in the ministry, be paid a retirement benefit from the Global Episcopal Pension Program, in accordance with its terms~~an allowance from the General Episcopal Fund in such sum as the General Council on Finance and Administration shall determine for the years during which the ordained minister served as a bishop.~~²⁰

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General Church Budget Implications: None

Global Implications: Yes

Rationale:

This amendment updates language to reflect the adoption of the Global Episcopal Pension Program, covering retirement benefits for central conference bishops, as outlined in ¶ 408 (e.g., ¶¶ 408.1c and .2-.4).

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Suggested Title: Donations to General Agencies

Discipline Paragraph Number: 807.1

General Church Budget Implications: None

Global Implications: None

Modify ¶ 807.1 as follows:

To receive, collect, and hold in trust for the benefit of The United Methodist Church; and its general funds, ~~or its general agencies~~ any and all donations, bequests, and devises of any kind, real or personal, that may be given, devised, bequeathed, or conveyed to The United Methodist Church as such or to any general fund ~~or agency~~ of The United Methodist Church for any benevolent, charitable, or religious purposes, and to administer the same and the income therefrom in accordance with the directions of the donor, trustor, or testator.

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General Church Budget Implications: None

Global Implications: None

Rationale:

This change reflects the reality that general agencies regularly and directly receive donations, bequests, and devises from donors. It is unnecessary, and often not possible, for GCFA to be an intermediary in such instances.

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Suggested Title: PAUMCS Name Change

Discipline Paragraph Number: 807.18

General Church Budget Implications: None

Global Implications: None

Modify the second sentence of ¶ 807.18 as follows:

Such guidance and consultation may, as the council deems appropriate, include: establishing relevant professional standards, training programs, continuing education, and certifications; encouraging participation in associations related to these services (for example, the Professional ~~Administrators Association~~ of the United Methodist Connectional Structure (PAUMCS) Church Secretaries, the United Methodist Network of Practice, the National Association of Commissions on Equitable Compensation of The United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Information Technology Association, and the United Methodist Church Conference Chancellors Association, or similar organizations); and providing staff and/or in-kind services to such associations.

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Suggested Title: PAUMCS Name Change

Discipline Paragraph Number: 807.18

General Church Budget Implications: None

Global Implications: None

Rationale:

This reflects the recent name change of the organization.

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Suggested Title: Administrative Services

Discipline Paragraph Number: 807

General Church Budget Implications: None

Global Implications: None

Insert the following language as a new subparagraph 18 in ¶ 807, and renumber accordingly:

To offer administrative services, and to charge reasonable and appropriate fees for such services, to other non-United Methodist churches and religious organizations. The council shall not expend general Church funds in the provision of such services.

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Suggested Title: Administrative Services

Discipline Paragraph Number: 807

General Church Budget Implications: None

Global Implications: None

Rationale:

Taking this step will help the ministry of GCFA by potentially spreading its fixed costs over a wider base, which will assist GCFA in serving the UMC denomination in a more cost-efficient manner.

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Suggested Title: Official Travel of Bishops

Discipline Paragraph Number: 818.6

General Church Budget Implications: None

Global Implications: Yes

Modify the second sentence of ¶ 818.6 as follows:

Official travel of an effective bishop shall be interpreted to include: (1) all visitations to local churches and to institutions or enterprises of The United Methodist Church within the area; (2) such travel outside the area, but within the jurisdiction or central conference, as is approved by the College of Bishops; and (3) such other travel as may be consistent with guidelines approved by the General Conference as being within the meaning of official travel.

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Discipline Paragraph Number: 818.6

General Church Budget Implications: None

Global Implications: Yes

Rationale:

This change makes it clear that “official travel” applies equally to bishops in the jurisdictions and central conferences.

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