

Central Conference Affairs

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The General Conference recognizes the differences in conditions that exist in various areas of the world and the changes taking place in those areas. There shall be a Standing Committee on Central Conference Affairs assigned to the General Board of Global Ministries to serve as an independent coordinating body. This Standing Committee shall serve as the coordinating body to study the structure and supervision of The United Methodist Church in its work outside the United States and its territories and its relationships to other Church bodies. The Committee shall review and prepare such recommendations as it considers necessary for presentation to the General Conference. The Committee shall meet twice within the Quadrennium in order to review, consider and develop resolutions and petitions related to Central Conferences. The Standing Committee on

20 Central Conference Affairs shall submit its report and
21 recommendations in accordance with the timelines
22 governing General Agencies for submission of petitions and
23 resolutions to General Conference.

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25 The Standing Committee shall be comprised of a total of 36
26 members. Membership shall consist of one bishop, one
27 ordained minister, and one layperson from each central
28 conference who are assigned to the Board of Global
29 Ministries; one bishop, one ordained minister, and one
30 layperson from each ~~and~~ jurisdiction who are members of
31 the General Board of Global Ministries. An additional six at
32 large members will be named to ensure representation of all
33 Episcopal and other lay and clergy representation of the
34 Central Conferences. Special attention shall be given to the
35 inclusion of women, lay, ~~and~~ clergy, **youth and young**
36 **adults.**

37 The General Council on Finance and Administration shall
38 recommend to the General Conference for its action and

39 determination a provision in the budget of an appropriate
40 general Church fund for the expenses incurred by the
41 Standing Committee on Central Conference Affairs. The
42 Board of Global Ministries shall provide staff support to the
43 Standing Committee on Central Conference Affairs.

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