

1 ADVANCE LEGISLATION

2 Changes recommended by the Advance Committee

3 from 2004 Book of Discipline

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5 Changes in ¶820, Advance Program

6 Amend ¶820.1 as follows:

7 “The Advance for Christ and His Church (Hereafter referred to as the
8 Advance) is an official program within The United Methodist Church through
9 which support may be designated for projects approved by the Advance
10 Committee.

11 Note: Last sentence is currently found in ¶1310.3b

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13 Amend ¶820.2(c) as follows:

14 “Rather than being given to a specific project, an Advance Special Gift may
15 be given to the following designated programmatic units of the General Board
16 of Global Ministries: Evangelization and Church Growth Program Area,
17 Community and Institutional Ministries Program Area, Mission Contexts and
18 Relationships Program Area, Mission Personnel Program Area, **and** United
19 Methodist Committee on Relief ~~and other agencies as are designated~~. In such
20 cases the ~~agency~~ **program unit** shall determine the Advance Special
21 project(s) to which such a gift shall be allocated, inform the donor where the
22 gift has been invested, and, as far as practicable, establish communication
23 between donor and recipient.”

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Amend ¶820.3(c) as follows:

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“Funds received through the Advance shall be used solely for project support

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and are not to be used for administration or promotional costs. **There will be**

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a transaction fee for all online contributions as charged by the financial

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institution.”

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Amend ¶820.3(e) as follows:

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“Upon receipt of funds for a general Advance Special, each administering

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~~agency~~ **program unit** shall communicate promptly with the donor,

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acknowledging receipt of the gift and suggesting avenues for communication

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if communication has not already been established.”

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Amend the second sentence of ¶820.4 as follows:

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“Individual may remit directly to respective ~~agencies~~ **program units** in a

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manner determined by the treasurer of the General Council on Finance and

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Administration, with these remittances reported to the annual conference

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treasurer by the respective ~~agencies~~ **program units**.

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Changes in ¶ 821, General Directives

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Amend ¶821.2 as follows:

47 The treasurer of the General Council on Finance and Administration shall be
48 treasurer of the Advance and One Great Hour of Sharing. **The treasury**
49 **function for the Advance is performed by the treasurer of the General**
50 **Board of Global Ministries on behalf of the General Council on Finance**
51 **and Administration.**

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53 Amend ¶821.3 as follows:

54 Promotional expenses for Advance Specials shall be borne by the respective
55 participating ~~agencies~~ **units** in proportion to the amount received by each in
56 Advance Specials. The causes of the Advance shall be coordinated with other
57 financial appeals and shall be promoted by the General Commission on
58 Communication.

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60 Amend ¶821.6 as follows:

61 Should a clear emergency arise, any feature of the structure and administration
62 of the Advance may be altered on the approval of a majority of the Council of
63 Bishops and of the General Council on Finance and Administration **in**
64 **consultation with the Advance Committee.**

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67 Changes to ¶¶1301-1326, Administrative Order, General Board of Global Ministries.

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69 Delete ¶1310.3(b):

70 ~~“Cultivation of the Advance shall be through channels of the Church other~~
71 ~~than United Methodist Women.”~~

72 Note: This language is proposed to be incorporated into ¶820.1

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74 Add new paragraph with subparagraphs as follows after ¶1311:

75 **Advance Committee**

76 **There shall be an Advance Committee, which shall have general oversight**
77 **of the Advance for Christ and His Church (¶820).**

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79 **1. The Advance Committee shall be organized under the authority and**
80 **direction of the General Board of Global Ministries. It shall consist of**
81 **twenty (20) members as follows: Ten (10) directors of the General Board**
82 **of Global Ministries; five (5) conference secretaries of global ministries**
83 **(representing the five jurisdictions and elected by their jurisdictional**
84 **associations) and five (5) members at large appointed by the Director of**
85 **the Advance for Christ and His Church in consultation with the General**
86 **Secretary of the General Board of Global Ministries.**

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88 **2. Director of the Advance**

89 **a) There shall be a Director of the Advance, nominated by the General**
90 **Secretary and elected by the General Board of Global Ministries. The**
91 **salary and benefits of the director and other administrative costs of the**
92 **Advance shall be borne by the General Board of Global Ministries.**

93 **b) Responsibilities of the Director of the Advance shall be:**

94 **(1) To coordinate the total program of the Advance, including its**
95 **promotion, cultivation and administration;**

96 **(2) To coordinate the staff work required of the participating units of**
97 **the General Board of Global Ministries within the Advance;**

98 **(3) To report directly to the Advance Committee concerning the**
99 **program and progress of the Advance; and**

100 **(4) To keep a record of all general Advance Special projects.**

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102 **3. General Advance Special Projects. It shall be the responsibility of the**
103 **Advance Committee to determine which projects are approved to receive**
104 **general Advance Special Gifts (§820.2). The Advance fosters partnership**
105 **between those who give and those who receive, and it affirms the right of**
106 **persons to determine the priority of their own needs.**

107 **a) Projects shall be proposed by authorized persons closely related to**
108 **the project and shall be recommended to the Advance Committee by the**
109 **administering programmatic unit.**

110 **b) The Advance Committee may consider and approve proposals for**
111 **either specific projects or broadly designated causes, such as a type of**
112 **work, a country, a region, or an administrative unit.**

113 **c) No project within the boundaries of an annual conference shall be**
114 **approved by the Advance Committee for promotion, cultivation, and**
115 **administration as an Advance Special without consultation with the**

116 **resident bishop and the board or agency delegated to have responsibility**
117 **for mission by the annual conference.**

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119 **4. Administering Units. Units authorized to recommend projects and**
120 **receive and administer funds for general Advance Special projects shall**
121 **be the following designated programmatic units of the General Board of**
122 **Global Ministries: Evangelization and Church Growth Program Area,**
123 **Community and Institutional Ministries Program Area, Mission Contexts**
124 **and Relationships Program Area, Mission Personnel Program Area, and**
125 **the United Methodist Committee on Relief. The administering**
126 **programmatic units shall report annually to the Advance Committee on**
127 **the financial progress of projects and assist in providing programmatic**
128 **information as requested.**

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131 Changes to ¶654, Conference Advance Programs

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133 Amend ¶654.4 as follows:

134 “With the approval of the annual conference, a district within the conference
135 may authorize and promote Advance Specials for church extension and
136 missionary needs with the district, such funds to be administered by a district
137 ~~missionary society~~ **committee on mission** organized for that purpose or by a
138 similar body set up by the district. Such special funds secured and

139 administered on a district level shall be reported by each local church to the
140 annual conference as conference Advance Specials.

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