

Recommendation

Change Rule #55 in GNJ Rules of Order

Rule 55 of the Conference Rules shall be modified to read as follows:

55 Chairpersons and Officers –

a. The Committee on Nominations shall nominate, and the Annual Conference elect, all chairpersons and officers for agencies, boards, commissions, committees, councils and teams except where the Book of Discipline instructs differently . All terms shall be for the quadrennium, or such other period as specified by the action of the Conference.

b. The Committee on Nominations shall nominate all chairpersons and officers for agencies, boards, commissions, committees, council and teams [hereinafter Agency/Agencies] that the Book of Discipline requires to select its own chair and officers. These nominations shall not come before Annual Conference, but shall be presented directly to the respective Agencies for vote at their first meeting after Annual Conference. In the absence of a duly elected Chair, whose term has not yet expired, the District Superintendent assigned to the agency either permanently, or for the election process, shall chair the meeting until the new chair is elected.

(c) As in all nominations, special attention shall be given to seeking diversity in opportunities to serve to (i) people of diverse ages, genders, and racial and ethnic backgrounds; (ii) people with disabilities; and (iii) people from all size churches. (See Discipline, Paragraph 610.5).

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Change Rule #77 in GNJ Rules of Order

Amend Rule 77 to read as follows:

77) ~~Customary Draft~~ **Fund Allocations**

a. When present and endorsed, the customary draft from the United Methodist Publishing House shall be turned over to the Conference Treasurer for pensions for clergy of the central conferences.

b. Any funds remaining as of December 31st of each year of the Conference share of Peace with Justice Special Sunday giving shall be distributed by the Cabinet to food pantries hosted by United Methodist churches across the Conference.

Rationale: It appears that we are having difficulty finding grant recipients for Peace with Justice funds and continue to carry substantial balances over year after year. In the meantime, food insecurity (hunger) is a severe problem in many communities in the Conference. Matthew 6:19 warns us against holding our treasures on Earth while Matthew 25 exhorts us to feed the hungry.

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