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Date following name indicates year of election.

Boldfaced to show CNC nominations.

Names of laypersons are underlined.

Parentheses () indicate elected by action of Annual Conference in 2017.

Two asterisks ** by name indicate chairperson.

ACRONYMS

AC: Annual Conference	IWC: Area Indian Workers Conference
CLT: Conference Leadership Team	NCJ: North Central Jurisdiction
CCOYM: Conference Council on Youth Ministries Committee	RELC: Racial Ethnic Local Church
CFA: Council on Finance and Administration	UMC: United Methodist Church
CNC: Conference Nominating Committee	UMW: United Methodist Women
COSROW: Commission on the Status and Role of Women	UMM: United Methodist Men

A. STANDING COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON JOURNAL

Members-at-Large (6) (2 clergy; 2 laywomen; 2 laymen):

Sus'ann Busley 11

Merna Francis 09

Virginia Heller 14

****Mandana Nordbrock 09**

Joyce Showerman 13

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AREA ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE TEAM:

Bishop: David A. Bard

Clergy Assistant to the Bishop: John W. Boley (WM)

Chairperson: Nichea Ver Veer Guy (WM)

Vice-chair/Worship Chairperson: Marsha Woolley (D)

Directors of Connectional Ministries: Benton R. Heisler (WM), Jerome R. DeVine (D)

Coordinators: Laura Witkowski (WM), Nancy Arnold (D)

Director of Communications: Mark Doyal (WM)

Conference Secretary: Joy A. Barrett (D) (*effective 1/1/17, for West Michigan and Detroit*)

FULL COMMITTEE:

Executive Team plus the following:

Conference Lay Leaders: Anne Soles (WM), John Wharton (D)

Rules of Order & Standing Rules Chairpersons: Judy Coffey (WM), Todd Price (D)

Annual Conference Registrars: John Kosten (WM), Jen Peters (D)

Host District Superintendent: Anita Hahn (WM)

Board of Ordained Ministry liaisons: Annette Erbes (WM), Mary McInnes (D)

Reference and Daily Proceedings Chairpersons: Anne Soles (WM), Diane Brown (D)

Members at Large (2 persons, 1 from each conference; to be selected by the Executive Team
in accordance with needs for greater diversity): Alex Fernandez (WM), _ _ _ _ _

Cabinet Representative: John Hice

COMMITTEE ON RULES OF ORDER

Members at Large (9) (elected for a quadrennium following each General Conference):

- | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| **Judy Coffey 10 | Valerie DeLany 14 | (_____ 17) |
| David Lundquist 12 | Ryan Minier 15 | Mark Thompson 13 |
| Molly Turner 15 | Herb Vanderbilt 13 | Donald Williams 04 |

Ex-Officio:

- Conference Facilitator: Laura Witkowski
 Director of Connectional Ministries: Benton R. Heisler
 District Superintendent (for information only): Charles Boayue

B. CONFERENCE MINISTRIES

1. LEADERSHIP TEAM

<u>Position</u>	<u>Person</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Clergy</u> <u>/Lay</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>District</u>
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VOTING: Twelve to fourteen Voting Members, at least one of whom shall be a voting member of the Commission on Religion and Race (§643.5):

- | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|--------|--------|------------------|-----|
| 1. Lay Leader | <u>Anne Soles</u> | Female | Lay | Caucasian | GT |
| 2. DCM | Benton Heisler | Male | Clergy | Caucasian | GR |
| 3. DS | William Haggard | Male | Clergy | Caucasian | GR |
| 4. CFA | Susan Cobb | Female | Lay | Caucasian | GR |
| 5. At Large '16 | Patti Harpole | Female | Clergy | Caucasian | GT |
| 6. At Large '17 | (_____) | | | | |
| 7. At Large '14 | Cori Cypret | Female | Clergy | Caucasian | GR |
| 8. At Large '17 | (_____) | | | | |
| 9. At Large '17 | (Eric Mulanda) | Male | Clergy | African | LN |
| 10. At Large '14 | **Ned Weller | Male | Lay | Caucasian | HT |
| 11. At Large '14 | Dan Colthorp | Male | Clergy | Caucasian | KZ |
| 12. At Large '13 | Chris Lane | Male | Clergy | Caucasian | GT |
| 13. Bishop | David A. Bard | Male | Clergy | Caucasian | NA |
| 14. Communications | <u>Mark Doyal</u> | Male | Lay | Caucasian | LN |
| 15. Treasurer (eff.1/1/17) | <u>David Dobbs</u> | Male | Lay | Caucasian | --- |
| 16. Benefits Officer | Don Emmert | Male | Clergy | Caucasian | --- |
| 17. At Large (annual) | ----- | | | | |
| 18. At Large (annual) | ----- | | | | |
| 19. Any person residing within the bounds of the annual conference with membership on the Connectional Table: | Kennetha Bigham-Tsai | Female | Clergy | African-American | LN |
- For Information Only: NCJ Mission Council representative: Brad Bartelmay

* Representing Religion and Race

**2. AGENCIES AMENABLE TO THE LEADERSHIP TEAM:
CONFERENCE MINISTRIES**

MICHIGAN AREA UNITED METHODIST CAMPING BOARD

MEMBERS AT LARGE NOMINATED TO THE NEW AREA BOARD:

- | | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <u>Michelle Hills 14</u> | <u>Bill Polzin 11</u> | <u>(Susan Witte 17)</u> |
| <u>(Joel Wortley 17)</u> | | |

EX-OFFICIO (voice but without vote):

- Conference Staff: George Ayoub
 District Superintendent (for information only): Dwayne Bagley

CONFERENCE PERSONNEL

BOARD OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY

MEMBERS AT LARGE (15):

Emily Slavicek 14	Dan Duncan 15	Linda Farmer-Lewis 15
John Fisher 11	Constance Heffelfinger 10	Vern Jones 10
David Knapp 14	Clarice McKenzie 12	John North 15
**Amee Paparella 13	Kathryn Spitler 15	Veroneze Strader 14
Mark Thompson 14	Carol Voigts 13	(_____ 17)

EX-OFFICIO (VOICE AND VOTE):

Mission Coordinator of Social Action, Conference United Methodist Women:
Randie Clawson 15
 Conference Council on Youth Ministries Representative: _____
 Representative of Homeless Ministries (*CNC nomination*): _____
 Conference Peace With Justice Coordinator: Ellen Brubaker
 Christian Unity & Interreligious Concerns representative: Paul Hane

CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON YOUTH MINISTRIES / CONNECTIONAL YOUTH MINISTRIES

[This current structure is in transition.]

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES

ALBION DISTRICT: <u>TJ Koughn</u>	HEARTLAND DISTRICT: <u>Ashley Hayer</u>
GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT: <u>Valerie DeLany 13</u>	KALAMAZOO DISTRICT: _____
GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT: <u>Lisa Hahn</u>	LANSING DISTRICT: <u>Rachel Krahulik</u>

Conference Administrator for Mission Trips: Joy Mills
 Annual Conference Liaison: Joel Fitzgerald
 Youth Leadership Retreats: Jorge Costales
 Youth Service Fund: Sami Marasigan
 Adult Workers With Youth Support: Zach McNees
 Michigan Area Coordinator of Youth Ministries: Bridget Nelson
 District Superintendent: Elizabeth Hill

OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:

(Dennis Bromley 17)	** <u>David Dekker 16</u>	Dave Meister 16
(John Morse 16)	(Jim Noggle 17)	(Jessica Utter 16)

Clark Retirement Community: Casey Montgomery
 Representative, NCJ Committee on Older Adult Ministries:

BOARD OF EVANGELISM

DISTRICT SECRETARIES OF EVANGELISM:

ALBION: _____	GRAND TRAVERSE: _____
HEARTLAND: Gary Bondarenko 15	KALAMAZOO: Joseph Shaler 15
GRAND RAPIDS: _____	LANSING: _____

MEMBERS AT LARGE (7):

Nelson Hall 10	Patti Haas 14	Chuck Hill 09
Bridget Janes 13	(_____ 17)	(_____ 17)
(_____ 17)		

EX-OFFICIO (VOICE AND VOTE):

General Church Agency: _____
 Conference Council on Youth Ministries Representative: _____

EX-OFFICIO (VOICE ONLY):

Regional Director of the Foundation for Evangelism: _____

BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES

MEMBERS AT LARGE (10):

Lynne Bemrose 15

Julie Elmore 14

Waltha Leavitt 14

****Delberta Troutman 10**

Joan Bosserd-Schroeder 15

Dave Hamman 15

Scott Marsh 15

Sandra Vandenbrink 14

Bill Cansfield 15

Ruth Jones 14

Kay Pratt 16

DISTRICT MISSION SECRETARIES (6)

ALBION: John Williams 06

HEARTLAND: Kathy Shepard 11

GRAND RAPIDS: Tim Wright 17

GRAND TRAVERSE: Mike Neihardt 17

KALAMAZOO: _____

LANSING: _____

Conference Secretary of Global Ministries (*nominated by the Bishop*):

Mark and Sharon Burkart 14

Conference UMCOR/Hunger Coordinator (*CNC nomination*): **David Morton 15**

Conference Coordinator of Cooperative Ministries: Jodie Flessner 13

Mission Coordinator of Education & Interpretation, Conference United Methodist Women:

Sue Stickle

Coordinator of Bible Distribution: Robert Mayo

United Methodist Women Program Advisory Group: Suzanne Hewitt

Conference Council on Youth Ministries Representative: _____

District Superintendent (*for information only*): Elizabeth Hill

Volunteer in Mission Coordinator (*CNC nomination*): (_____ 17)

Chairperson of Hispanic Ministry: Rey Mondragon (Detroit)

Refugee and Immigration Ministries Coordinator: Robert Cook 15

Health and Welfare Ministries Coordinator: _____

Urban Network Representative: Billie Dalton 14

Town and Country Representative: Linda Burton-Collier

EX-OFFICIO (*VOICE, NOT VOTE*) – *for information only*:

Haiti Task Force Representative: David Hills

BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAMPUS MINISTRY

MEMBERS AT LARGE (12):

Len Brown 14

Katherine Fahey 16

Bob Kleinhans 15

****Jeffrey Williams 13**

Blair Cutler 15

Don Graham 16

Scott Manning 16

(_____ 17)

Larry Edris 14

Mark Johnson 14

David Rhodes 15

(_____ 17)

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Michigan State University: Andrew Dillon

Western Michigan University: Debra Lindstrom

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Chairperson or Representative from Adrian College:

Chairperson or representative of Wesley Fellowship at Grand Valley State University:

College student (1) (*selected by each local Wesley Foundation Board and church-related college*):

Albion College: student

Adrian College: student

Central Michigan University: student

Ferris State University: student

Western Michigan University: student

Grand Valley State University: student

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry: _____

Conference Council on Youth Ministries Representative: _____

District Superintendent (*for information only*): Scott Harmon

COMMISSION ON RELIGION AND RACE

RACIAL/ETHNIC PERSONS (8):

African American (4): Loretta Lee 14 Marshall Murphy 14
Shirley McKinney 13 Betty McBride 13
 Native American (2): Karen May 15
 Hispanic American (1): Nohemi Ramirez 13
 Asian American (1): (_____ 17)

MEMBERS AT LARGE (4):

****Mike Johnson 13** Helen Reid 15 Vipin Singh 13
Lea Tobar 15

NOTE: Out of all the above members each district shall be represented.

General Commission Member (if any): _____

Conference Council on Youth Ministries Representative: _____

District Superintendent (for information only): Dwayne Bagley

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN

MEMBERS AT LARGE (11) (majority of whom shall be women; the chairperson shall be a woman):

Sue Emmons 13 Judy Krchmar 11 ****Amy Latimer 09**
Julie Spurlin-Hane 13 Kathryn Strouse 11 Mary Lou Vinson 13
 (_____ 17) (_____ 17) (_____ 17)
 (_____ 17) (_____ 17)

Mission Coordinator of Membership Nurture and Outreach, Conference United Methodist Women (1): Patricia Snyder 17

General Commission Member (if not in members-at-large): _____

Conference Council on Youth Ministries Representative: _____

COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY CONCERNS

Members-at-Large (10):

****Mark Babb 10** Christopher Bartlett 15 Jean Christie 14
Julie Lester 11 Sandra Lyon 15 Jan Manske 15
Darryl Miller 09 Marjory Timmerman 13 (_____ 17)
 (_____ 17)

DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM

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District Coordinators (6) (selected by district conferences):

ALBION: David Morton 17

GRAND TRAVERSE: Lyle Ball 15, Janet Ball 15, Dave Stockford 16

HEARTLAND: Lyle Ball 15, Janet Ball 15

KALAMAZOO: Vicki Eichstaedt 15

GRAND RAPIDS: Dan O'Malley

LANSING: Bruce Wheaton 14

Volunteer In Mission Coordinator: _____

Board of Global Ministries Representative: _____

District Superintendent (for information only): Charles Boayue

Director of Communications: Mark Doyal

COMMITTEE ON HISPANIC / LATINO MINISTRIES

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE (10):

Tamara Brubaker 11 Patsy Coffman 11 Michelle Fitzgerald 15
Jennifer Jue 13 Dora Plummer 15 Ingrid Portillo 11
Ivelisse Tiburcio 14 Lea Tobar 11 (_____ 17)
 (_____ 17) ****Rey Mondragon 15 (DAC)**

CO-OPTED MEMBERS (maximum of 4; may be asked to fill the following positions such as but not limited to):

- Training Coordinator: Nohemi Ramirez
- Grant Application Coordinator:
- Immigration Advisor:

EX-OFFICIO:

- District Superintendent: William Haggard
- Conference Treasurer: David Dobbs (eff. 1/1/17, for West Michigan and Detroit)
- Director of Connectional Ministries: Benton Heisler
- Staff employed by the Conference Leadership Team and assigned to the Committee on Hispanic/Latino Ministry: Sonya Luna

NEW CHURCH ESTABLISHMENT AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE (12) (3 of these shall have been in the first 10 years of a new church start):

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Tom Arthur 10 | Matt Bistayi 14 | Jay Brooks 12 |
| Bill Chu 15 | James Lambrix 12 | Kim Metzger 15 |
| Heather McDougall 14 | Ken Nash 12 | Scott Otis 14 |
| **Matthew Stoll 13 | (_____ 17) | (_____ 17) |

- Conference Council on Youth Ministries Representative: _____
- Michigan Area Director of Congregational Excellence & New Church Development: Gary G. Step
- Michigan Area Director of New Church Development & Congregational Excellence: Dirk Elliott
- District Superintendent (for information only): David Kim

COMMITTEE ON PRISON MINISTRY AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CONCERNS

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE (9) (including at least 1 from each district):

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| **Victor Asbury 10 | (Elaine Eicher 16) | Dennis Hoag 12 |
| Donna Jean Sperry 15 | Beverly Williams 14 | (_____ 17) |
| (_____ 17) | (_____ 17) | (_____ 17) |

- Conference Council on Youth Ministries Representative: _____
- Conference Adjunct Staff for Prison and Restorative Justice Ministries: _____

RACIAL ETHNIC LOCAL CHURCH COMMITTEE

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE (11) (nominated by CNC):

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Daniel Davis 10 | Paul Hane 14 | Loretta Lee 15 |
| **Mildred Mallard 11 | Scott Manning 15 | Daniel Nuygen 13 |
| Enrique Ramirez 14 | Molly Tate 13 | (_____ 16) |
| (_____ 17) | (_____ 17) | |

- Conference Council on Youth Ministries Representative: _____

MICHIGAN AREA INDIAN WORKERS CONFERENCE

- CHAIRPERSON: Fran Church Pratt
- VICE-CHAIRPERSON: Valerie Johnson
- SECRETARY: Valerie Maidens
- TREASURER: Valerie Maidens
- WEST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVE: Anita Hahn
- DETROIT CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVE: Carmen Misener
- YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE: _____

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE (2 persons elected by each Native American United Methodist congregation; the pastor may be a delegate or alternate, as determined by the church):

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| WEST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE | DETROIT CONFERENCE |
| Bradley Indian Mission UMC | Oscoda UMC |

CONFERENCE PERSONNEL

Chippewa Indian UMC
 Salem Indian Mission UMC
 Greensky Hill Indian Mission UMC
 Kewadin Indian Mission UMC
 Northport Indian Mission UMC
 PaWaTing MaGedwin Kikaajik (Native American Elders Program)

Saganing Native American Mission UMC
 Zeba Indian Mission UMC

EX-OFFICIO (*voice but not vote; on because of category*):

Bishop: David A. Bard

Cabinet: Anita Hahn

Director of Connectional Ministries: Benton Heisler

UMCOR / HUNGER COMMITTEE

Chairperson (*CNC nomination*): **David Morton 15**

Haiti Task Force representative: David Hills 16

Conference Disaster Response Coordinator: Dan O'Malley 14

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE (*8 or less*) (*named by the committee*):

Wayne Disegna

Nicki Holland

Linda Tafolla

Nichea Ver Veer Guy

Michelle Wisdom-Long

3. AGENCIES AMENABLE TO THE LEADERSHIP TEAM: COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS MINISTRIES

COMMISSION ON COMMUNICATIONS

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE (7):

Joseph DeLany 10

Shelia Huis 12

Robert Huisling 14

Heidi Rawson 14

Ken Vanderlaan 13

John Warnock 10

(_____ 17)

EX-OFFICIO (VOICE AND VOTE):

Conference Council on Youth Ministries Representative: _____

EX-OFFICIO (VOICE BUT WITHOUT VOTE):

Any Conference Staff persons employed in communications or media tasks:

Michigan Area Director of Communications: Mark Doyal

Annual Conference Media: _____

COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE (7):

Lois Baumer 09

John (Jack) Conklin 15

Don Hiler 11

Jim Searls 15

****Melanie Young 12**

(_____ 17)

(_____ 17)

HISTORIAN: Dan Yakes

ARCHIVAL CONSULTANT: _____

EX-OFFICIO (WITH VOICE AND VOTE):

Archivist: Justin Seidler

Conference Council on Youth Ministries representative: _____

Consultant: Kenneth Gackler

4. AGENCIES AMENABLE TO THE LEADERSHIP TEAM: DISTRICT & LOCAL CHURCH MINISTRIES

DISTRICT COUNCILS ON MINISTRIES or the equivalent

Each district shall select/elect its own manner of organization as a District Council on Ministries to accomplish program ministries within the several districts. One person from each district shall be designated to work with those from other districts as needed.

COOPERATIVE MINISTRY COMMITTEE (CMC)

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE: (5 to 9 members) *(At least one half the CMC shall be members or pastors of a church which is: part of a cooperative parish; on a multi-point charge; or a part-time appointment.)*

Don Buege 15

Betty Kusterer 13

Bryce Feighner 13

Melissa Claxton 16

****Jodie Flessner 13**

District Superintendent: John Hice

C. FINANCE AND PROPERTY MINISTRIES

CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE (15) *(majority of 15 to be laity; 5 from congregations of less than 200 members (elect their own chair):*

Brad Bartelmay 12

Patricia Bromberek 13

Cameron DeLong 15

Georgia Marsh 09

Molly Williams 13

Jim Bosserd 13

Arnold Burke 14

Joe Huston 15

Russell McReynolds 09

(_____ 17)

Roger Bradshaw 14

****Susan Cobb 10**

Susan MacGregor 08

Patrick Tiedt 08

(_____ 17)

EX-OFFICIO (VOICE BUT WITHOUT VOTE):

Bishop: David A. Bard

Clergy Assistant to the Bishop: John W. Boley

Conference Treasurer: David Dobbs (eff. 1/1/17, for West Michigan and Detroit)

Director of Connectional Ministries: Benton R. Heisler

United Methodist Foundation of Michigan Director: David S. Bell

District Superintendent: Dale Miller

Conference Council on Youth Ministries Representative: _____

General Council on Finance and Administration Member:

TRUSTEES OF WEST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE (12): *(elect their own chair)*

David Apol 14

David Bloss 11

Cliff Radtke 09

Carolyn Spragg 14

Lyle Ball 11

Jorge Costales 16

John Scott 11

(_____ 17)

Michael Belt 15

****William Gehman 08**

Deborah Skinner 14

(_____ 17)

District Superintendent *(for information only)*: Kennetha Bigham-Tsai

Conference Treasurer: David Dobbs (eff. 1/1/17, for West Michigan and Detroit)

Conference Director of Connectional Ministries: Benton R. Heisler

BOARD OF PENSION AND HEALTH BENEFITS

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE (12):

David Dekker 08

****Louis Grettenberger 09**

Al Minert 15

Eric Simmons 13

Kevin Dick 15

David Hills 15

Kenneth Norton 14

Walt Urick 12

Deborah Fennell 10

Jennifer Loding 10

Kelly Potes 13

Vondy Woodbury 15

Wespath (General Board of Pension and Health Benefits) representative: Joel Fitzgerald
 District Superintendent (*for information only*): Kennetha Bigham-Tsai
 Conference Treasurer: David Dobbs (eff. 1/1/17, for West Michigan and Detroit)
 Conference Benefits Officer: Don Emmert

JOINT DISTRIBUTING COMMITTEE (JDC)

Members (3):

Deb Fennell 15 ****Louis Grettenberger 15** Pros Tumonong 15

Alternates (3):

David Dekker 15 (David Dobbs 17) (_____ 17)

Ex-Officio without vote:

JDC Liaison with Wespath Benefits and Investments: Ron Coleman

COMMISSION ON EQUITABLE COMPENSATION

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE (12) (*equal number of laypersons and clergy; at least 3 racial/ethnic representatives;*

1 layperson and 1 clergyperson from congregations of fewer than 200 members):

Don Buege 12	DeAnn Dobbs 12	Bill Dye 13
Jerry Hagans 14	**Nancy Patera 08	Molly Shafer 15
Diane Stubbs 15	Geraldine Wright 11	(_____ 17)
(_____ 17)	(_____ 17)	(_____ 17)

EX-OFFICIO (VOICE AND VOTE):

District Superintendent: Anita Hahn

EX-OFFICIO (VOICE BUT WITHOUT VOTE):

Treasurer or Assistant: David Dobbs

D. HUMAN RESOURCES MINISTRIES

ABUSE PREVENTION TEAM

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE (6):

**David Elmore 15	Judy Herriff 15	Sarah Hescheles 16
James Paparella 14	(_____ 17)	(_____ 17)

Conference Staff: Naomi García

COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY

Conference Lay Leader or Associate Conference Lay Leader: Anne Soles 12

Members at Large (7) (*4 of 10 shall be clergy; representation of racial/ethnic persons included*):

Jennifer Browne 08	Koom Cho 13	Tom Clement 11
**Jay Hook 10	Robert Hundley 16	Jody Pratt 09
Carolyn Spragg 16		

Selected by the Bishop (2):

(Chuck Judson 16) (_____ 17)

Ex-Officio - Members of Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy:

Nichea Ver Veer Guy Benton Heisler

BOARD OF LAITY

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE (2) (*1 shall be a clergyperson*):

(_____ 17) (_____ 17)

Conference United Methodist Women representative: Linda Darrow 17

Conference United Methodist Men representative: _____

Coordinator of Scouting: Keith Anderson 10

Conference Council on Youth Ministries representative: _____

Conference Director of Lay Servant Ministries: **Jody Pratt 13**

District Lay Leaders:

- ALBION: Elaine Eicher 15
- HEARTLAND: Larry Wyman, Sr. 16
- GRAND RAPIDS: Suzanne Hewitt 16
- GRAND TRAVERSE: Denny Olin 14
- KALAMAZOO: Wynne Hurlbut 13
- LANSING: Nona Spackman 17

Conference Lay Leader (*chairperson*): ****Anne Soles 12**

Associate Conference Lay Leader: _____

CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT DIRECTORS OF LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES

CONFERENCE DIRECTOR: **Jody Pratt 13**

- ALBION: Victoria Fisher
- HEARTLAND: Carol Baker 15
- GRAND RAPIDS: Jody Pratt

- GRAND TRAVERSE: Melody Olin 16
- KALAMAZOO: ****Doug Tipken 16**
- LANSING: _____

BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY

(Nominated by the Bishop) (term up to 3 quadrennium/12 years)

CLERGY:

- | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Eric Beck 14 | Terri Bentley 14 + | Patricia Brook 15 |
| Patricia Catellier 14 | Bo Rin Cho 15 | Martin Culver 08 ^+ |
| Thomas Davenport 12 | (_____ 17) | Mark Erbes 12 * |
| Jodie Flessner 11 | Diane Gordon 11 | Julie Greyerbiehl 14 |
| Devon Herrell 14 | Harris Hoekwater 13 | Mary Ivanov 08 |
| Deborah Johnson 10 ^ | William Johnson 13 ^ | Jennifer Jue 11 |
| E. Jeanne Koughn 12 | (_____ 17) | Rob McPherson 15 |
| James Mitchum 12 | J. Lynn Pier-Fitzgerald 13^ | Carolyn Spragg 08 ^ |
| **Sherri Swanson 12 | Mark Thompson 15 | Christina Wright 15 |
| (_____ 17) | (_____ 17) | (_____ 17) |

LAITY:

- | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| <u>Laurie Dahlman 12</u> | <u>Annette Erbes 11</u> | <u>Claire Hills 13</u> |
| <u>Allen Horstman 09</u> | <u>Phyllis Jackson 10</u> | <u>Steve Lett 11</u> |
| <u>William Russner 14</u> | (_____ 17) | (_____ 17) |

EX-OFFICIO (VOICE AND VOTE) ¶635:1a

- Chairperson of Order of Elders: Dean Prentiss 16
- Chairperson of Order of Deacons: Greg Lawton 13
- Chairperson of John Wesley Assoc.: Jaqueline Raineri 17
- Cabinet Representative: Dwayne Bagley
- General Board of Higher Education and Ministry member:

**denotes Chairperson of Board

+ denotes Licensed Local Pastor

* denotes Chairperson of Conference Relations Cmte

^ denotes Retired Clergy person

CABINET

BISHOP: ****David A. Bard**

CLERGY ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP: John W. Boley

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS, MICHIGAN AREA:

West Michigan Conference

- ALBION DISTRICT: Dale M. Miller
- HEARTLAND DISTRICT: divided among WM's other DSs
- GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT: William E. Haggard KALAMAZOO DISTRICT: Dwayne E. Bagley
- GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT: Anita K. Hahn LANSING DISTRICT: Kennetha J. Bigham-Tsai

Detroit Conference

- ANN ARBOR DISTRICT: Mark E. Spaw
- BLUE WATER DISTRICT: Elizabeth A. Hill
- CROSSROADS DISTRICT: John H. Hice
- DETROIT RENAISSANCE: Charles S.G. Boayue, Jr.
- MARQUETTE DISTRICT: Scott A. Harmon
- SAGINAW BAY DISTRICT: David I. Kim

CONFERENCE PERSONNEL

FULL CABINET *(includes the above plus the following)*

Director of Connectional Ministries, West Michigan: Benton R. Heisler
 Director of Connectional Ministries, Detroit: Jerome R. DeVine
 Director of Congregational Excellence & New Church Development, Michigan Area:
Gary G. Step
 Director of New Church Development & Congregational Excellence, Michigan Area:
Dirk Elliott
 Director of Michigan Area Communications: Mark Doyal
 Conference Treasurer: David Dobbs (eff. 1/1/17, for West Michigan and Detroit)
 Conference Benefits Officer, Detroit: Donald J. Emmert
 Conference Lay Leader, West Michigan: Anne Soles
 Conference Lay Leader, Detroit: John Wharton

COMMITTEE ON LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Intentionally left blank as the Conference Leadership Team reviews this function and fulfills in alternative ways.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE (8) *(nominated by the Cabinet):*

(** _____ 13)	(_____ 13)	(_____ 13)
(_____ 13)	(_____ 13)	(_____ 13)
(_____ 13)	(_____ 13)	

Youth representative *(named by CCOYM):*

AREA CONFERENCE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (CNC)

[Structure and membership for the new Area CNC, refer to legislative item #15.]

The committee shall consist of the following persons:

- Six (6) from each conference
 Detroit: Paula Timm, Laurie de la Garza, Ruby Anderson, Don Archbeau,
Taylorie Bailey, Janet Larner
 West MI: David Selleck, Herb Vanderbilt, Melissa Claxton, Simmie Proctor, Virginia Heller, Laurie Dahlman
- The DCM from each Conference
 West MI: Benton Heisler
 Detroit: Jerome DeVine
- The Lay Leader, or their designee, from each conference
 West MI: Anne Soles
 Detroit: Bonnie Potter
- The Rules of Order/Standing Rules chair from each conference
 Detroit: Todd Price
 West MI: Judy Coffey
- A representative from the Cabinet designated by the Bishop: Mark Spaw

CONFERENCE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE (9):

<u>Tom Boutell 15</u>	<u>Joan Hook 11</u>	<u>Georgia Marsh 10</u>
<u>Max Wagner 14</u>	<u>James White 14</u>	** <u>Ellen Zienert 10</u>
(_____ 17)	(_____ 17)	(_____ 17)

EX-OFFICIO (WITH VOICE AND VOTE):

Bishop or Clergy Assistant to the Bishop: Bishop David A. Bard, John Boley
 Director of Connectional Ministries: Benton R. Heisler
 District Superintendent: Dale Miller

JOINT COMMITTEE ON CLERGY MEDICAL LEAVE

(¶ 652 in 2016 Book of Discipline)

Representative from Board of Pension: David Dekker 17, Al Minert 17

Representative from Board of Ministry: _____

Cabinet Representative: Kennetha Bigham-Tsai

**MICHIGAN COUNCIL ON
ALCOHOL PROBLEMS REPRESENTATIVES**

William Amundsen
John L. Moore
**Mike Tobias

Richard Braun
Vernon K. Smith

Eileen Ellis
Donna Sperry

TRUSTEE OF METHODIST THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL IN OHIO (MTSO)
Edward Ross 16

TRUSTEES OF BRONSON HEALTHCARE GROUP

2008 Floyd Parks

UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION OF MICHIGAN

Directors (12) *(6 from each Conference, elected by the Foundation):*

Class of 2017

Nancy Craig (WM) (14)

**Ransom Leppink (WM) (12)

Gary Glanville (D) (14)

Joe Perez (D) (15)

Joy Stair (D) (12)

Class of 2018

Joy Barrett (D) (11)

Karen Thompson (WM) (13)

Sue Woodard (DAC) (11)

Class of 2019

Lauren Frey (D) (11)

Ed Ross (WM) (15)

Brad Bartelmay (WM) (15)

----- (WM) (17)

Ex-Officio (without vote):

President & Executive Director: David S. Bell

Senior Executive: Wayne C. Barrett

Resident Bishop: David A. Bard

Conference Treasurer: David Dobbs (eff. 1/1/17, for West Michigan and Detroit)

COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION

[removed by 2012 General Conference action; re-created by Judicial Council action]

Clergy Members (in consultation with the Board of Ordained Ministry):

Rick Blunt 15 Joe Graybill 15 Cathi Huvaere 15 Cindy Skutar 15

Professing Members (in consultation with Conference Laity):

Paula Hines 15

Wynne Hurlbut 15

Craig Schroeder 15

Clergy Alternates:

Kathy Cadarette 15

Julie Liske 15

Glenn Litchfield 15

Professing Member Alternates:

Louella Burke 15

Laura Dix 15

Max Waagner 15

None of the members or alternates shall be members of the Board of Ordained Ministry, the cabinet, or immediate family members of the above.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Gerald Hagans 12

William Johnson 12

Molly Turner 12

Reserves:

Ellen Brubaker 12

Richard Erickson 12

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE

CHANCELLOR

Andrew Vorbrich 10

FACILITATOR

(Laura Witkowski 11)

CONFERENCE LAY LEADER

Anne Soles 12

CONFERENCE TREASURER *(Nominated by CFA)*

David Dobbs *(effective 1/1/17)*

(David Dobbs was elected to serve as Conference Treasurer for West Michigan, Detroit and Michigan Conferences of the UMC for 2017-2020)

ASSOCIATE LAY LEADER
(_____ 17)

DIRECTOR OF CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES
Benton R. Heisler 09

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS
Mark Doyal 09

CONFERENCE SECRETARY

Secretary: **Joy Barrett 17** (*effective 1/1/17*) (*Joy Barrett was elected to serve as Conference Secretary for West Michigan, Detroit and Michigan Conferences of the UMC for 2017-2020*)

Assistants to the Secretary (appointed annually):

Head Usher - Jamie Buchner
Head of Legislation - Joe DeLany
Head of Scribes - Blair Cutler Hunt
Journal Editor - Kathy Hippensteel

STATISTICIANS

Statistician: **Ron Iris 17** (*effective 1/1/17*) (*Ron Iris was elected to serve as Statistician for West Michigan, Detroit and Michigan Conferences of the UMC for 2017-2020*)

Assistant to the Statistician (appointed annually):
(Tom Fox) (Kathy Fox)

F. DISTRICT COMMITTEES

DISTRICT BOARDS OF CHURCH LOCATION AND BUILDING

(Nominated by D.S. - elected annually by Annual Conference)

Albion District --

Mark Crawford 05
**Martin Overheiser 08

Rob Hughes 10
Larry Rizer 89

Lin Johnson 15
Robert Stover 14

Grand Rapids District --

**David Apol 09
Luann Hoffman 13

Dennis Bekken 12
Steve Meredith 09

(Carl Black 17)
(Mike Ramsey 17)

Grand Traverse District:

Eugene Baughan 11
Lyle Matteson 11
Walter Urick 06

Tom Bowman 02
Ann Porter 16

Patti Haas 15
**John Scott 16

Heartland District --

Lyle Ball 03
Chuck Huffman 16
Randall Roose 05

Ray Francis 15
(Charles Kaliszewski 17)

Melvin Houck 13
**Steve Pung 04

Kalamazoo District --

Jay Brown 13
(Mark Reid 17)
(Ryan Wenburg 17)

Nate Hawthorne 16
(Ron Van Lente 17)

Wynne Hurlbut 14
Jack Weiler 15

Lansing District --

Darcy Bozen 15
**Jim LeBaron 06
Jeanne Randels 14

Tom Burchman 14
Mike Mowery 15
Dick Rice 16

Deb Federau 16
Paul Powers 14

DISTRICT COMMITTEES ON DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENCY

(* Denotes District Superintendent's Appointment)

Albion District --

District Lay Leader: Elaine Eicher 15
 Members at Large:
 **Peggy Baker 14 Jane Case 13 Shirley McKinney 13
 Karen Scheetz 12 Max Waagner 16 Greg Wolfe 14

Grand Rapids District --

District Lay Leader: Suzanne Hewitt 16
 Members at Large:
Deb Hodges 16 Jayne Thomas Porritt 10 Dick Riley 16 **Jerry Selleck 12

Grand Traverse District --

District Lay Leader: Denny Olin 14
 Members at Large:
 (Jack Conklin 17) **Brian Highway 12 Daniel Hofmann 16
Valerie Maidens 05 (Linn Murray 17) Cheryl Peterson 12
 Ken Tabor 13

Heartland District --

District Lay Leader: Larry Wyman, Sr 16
 District Superintendent: William Haggard 15
 Members at Large:
Linda Andersen 13 (Larisa Draves 17) Jane Duffey 13
 (Waltha Gaye Leavitt 17) Randall Roose 15 John Skinner 15
 Debbie Thomas 15

Kalamazoo District --

District Lay Leader: Wynne Hurlbut 13
 Members at Large:
Lisa Coe 13 Marlene Cutler 16 Larry Edris 16
 David Haase 11 **Barry Petrucci 07 Deb Search-Willoughby 13
 (Ron Van Lente 17)

Lansing District --

District Lay Leader: Nona Spackman 17
 Members at Large:
 **Bryce Feighner 08 Jerry Granger 08 Russell McReynolds 10
Marilyn Rothert 11 Joyce Showerman 06 (Nona Spackman 17)
 Molly Turner 12

DISTRICT COMMITTEES ON ORDAINED MINISTRY

(Nominated by D.S., approved by Annual Conference)

Albion District --

Ordained Ministry Representative: E. Jeanne Koughn 15
 District Superintendent: Dale Miller 17
 Pat Brook 10 (Mike Conklin 17) Julie Elmore 16
George Howard 16 Bruce Kintigh 09 E. Jeanne Koughn 15
 David Morton 86 (Emily Slavicek 17) Barb Vallieu 10

Grand Rapids District --

Ordained Ministry Representative: Bill Johnson 13
 District Superintendent: William Haggard 12
Jane Bosserd 13 Dan Davis 11 **Susan Hagans 15
 Bill Johnson 13 Mark Miller 14 (J. Lynn Pier-Fitzgerald 17)

Grand Traverse District --

Ordained Ministry Representative: James Mitchum 14
 District Superintendent: Anita Hahn 11
 Tom Ball 08 (Eric Falker 17) **Barbara Fay 11
Charlene Heim 09 Debie Horn 12 (Allen Horstman 17)
 James Mitchum 14 Richard Morrison 13 (Melody Olin 17)
Denny Olin 14 Dale Ostema 96

Heartland District --

Ordained Ministry Representative: Diane Gordon 14

District Superintendent: Dwayne Bagley 16

Terri Bentley 14

(Mercia Foster 17)(Kate Walsch 17)William Dye 15

Diane Gordon 14

Larry Wyman 13

**Charlie Farnum 14

Rebecca Morrison 12

Ellen Zienert 14

Kalamazoo District --

Ordained Ministry Representative: Thom Davenport 14

District Superintendent: Dwayne Bagley 16

Patricia Catellier 16

(Cora Glass 17)Wynne Hurlbut 13(Kari Selleck 17)

**Thom Davenport 14

Ron Hansen 15

Rob McPherson 10

Karen Wheat 12

(Fred Douglas 17)

David Hills 16

Cliff Radtke 13

Lansing District --

Ordained Ministry Representative: Mark Erbes 12

District Superintendent: Kennetha Bigham-Tsai 13

Kathy Dobie 07

Joseph Huston 12

Nancy Powers 13

Kathleen Smith 11

Mark Erbes 15

Steve Ireland 16Tom Raymond 16

Irene Vittoz 15

(Julie Greyerbiehl 17)Lonnie Lowery 08**Eric Simmons 12**REPORT SUBMITTED BY****CONFERENCE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

David Selleck, Chair

Laurie DahlmanSimmie Proctor

Lisa Batten

Virginia Heller

Herb Vanderbilt

Melissa Claxton

Harris Hoekwater

Jeremy Williams

G. WESLEY FOUNDATION BOARDS**CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY WESLEY FOUNDATION BOARD****Director:** Charles Farnum, 1400 S Washington St, Mt Pleasant 48858, (989) 545-1761**Deputy Director:** Kendall Farnum**Heartland District Superintendent:** N/A**Chair Conference BHEM:** Jeff Williams**Student E-Board Treasurer:** Chris Bonnen (17)**Members at Large:**Bryan Crouch (16)Carol Paquette (16)Linda Wicander (14)Jan Huffman (12)Linda Smith (16)Dianne Young (13)Kelly Murphy (15)

Lyne Stull-Lipps (16) (chair)

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY WESLEY FOUNDATION BOARD**Director:** Devon Herrell, 628 S. Warren, Big Rapids, MI 49307, (231) 796-8315**Board of Directors:**Lyle Ball (13)Jeff Jennings (13)

Becky Morrison (13)

Kim DeLong (15)

Deb Johnson (14)

Karen Thompson (13)Cathy Woolen (13)Denise Cospier (17)Steve Hanford (14)Ruth Leckrone (15)

Mike Simon (16)

Scott Loomis (17)

Gary Liu (15)**Officers of Board:**

President:

Vice-President:

Treasurer:

Deb Johnson (15)

Becky Morrison (15)

Karen Thompson (13)

KALAMAZOO WESLEY FOUNDATION BOARD

Director: Lisa Batten, 2350 Ring Road North, Kalamazoo, MI 49006, (269) 344-4076

Representatives at Large:

2017	<u>Gail Secord</u>	<u>Deb Lindstrom</u>		<u>Blair Hunt</u>
2018	Shelly Wisdom-Long	<u>Jill Murphy</u>	<u>Derek Andre</u>	<u>Sara House</u>
2019	<u>Tracy Farnsworth</u>	<u>Alex Lueth</u>		<u>Diane Owen-Rogers</u>
2020	<u>Tom Lundquist</u>	<u>Don Weaver</u>		<u>Paul VanWestrienen</u>

Wesley Foundation Students:

Paul Reissman, Sarah Goodenow

Ex-Officio Membership:

Wesley Foundation Director: Lisa Batten
 Kalamazoo District Superintendent: Dwayne Bagley
 Senior Pastor, Kalamazoo First: Stephen Charnley
 Associate Pastor, Kalamazoo First: Julie Kline
 United Methodist Women, Kalamazoo First: Barb van Westrienen
 Bishop David A. Bard

Officers: July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

President: Debra Lindstrom
 Vice-President: Gail Secord
 Secretary: Jill Murphy
 Treasurer: Tracy Farnsworth

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY WESLEY FOUNDATION

Director: William Chu, 1118 S. Harrison Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823, (517) 332-0861

Officers of Wesley Foundation Board of Directors:

Chair: Andrew Dillon
 Finance: Kim Metzger
 Personnel: Andrew Dillion
 Marketing: Stephanie Sundheimer
 Building:
 RSO President: Rachel Tuller

At Large: Ben Eichler, Kim Metzger, Rachel Tuller, Alex Marinville, Andrew Sacha

Representative of Lansing District UMW: Rhonda Crackel

Ex-Officio:

District Superintendent: Kennetha Bigham-Tsai
 University UMC Pastor (*only 1*): William Bills

WESLEY FELLOWSHIP AT GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

Director: Gregory W. Lawton, 4539 Luce St., Jenison, MI 49428

Board of Trustees

2017	Gordie Barry (Chair)	Mark Thompson (Vice Chair)	
	Suzanne Benet (Faculty Advisor)		<u>Bob Kleinhans</u> (Treasurer)
	<u>Kinnith Gibbs</u> (Secretary)		<u>Connie Swinger</u> (member)
	at large)		
	<u>Nancy Janisch</u> (Ecumenical Ex-Officio Member)		

H. OFFICERS OF CONFERENCE ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS

2017-2018 BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

***Chair**

Sherril L. Swanson Grand Rapids Faith UMC, 2600 7th St NW, Grand Rapids 49504
(616) 453-0693

***Vice Chair/Conference Relations**

Mark R. Erbes Holt UMC, PO Box 168, Holt 48842-0168 (517) 694-8168

***Registrar – Full & Provisional Membership (Elder's & Deacon's Orders; Ordination; Commissioning)**

Julie A. Greyerbiehl Williamston UMC, 211 S Putnam St Williamston, 48895-1309
(517) 655-2430

***Registrar – Local Pastors and Associate Members**

Jodie R. Flessner Caledonia UMC, 250 Vine St SE, Caledonia 49316 (616) 891-8669

***Registrar – Certification in Specialized Ministries**

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L. EQUALIZATION OF LAY and CLERGY MEMBERSHIP

Under Rule 8

(Calculations for the 2017 Annual Conference)

	Clergy	Lay
Total Clergy Members (Rule 8, B)	557	
<i>(2016 Annual Conference Disciplinary Question #57, p78)</i>		
Pastoral Charges Entitled to Elect Professing Lay Members (§32 & Rule 8, C, 2a)		
Total Pastoral Charges on the Six Districts (A-47, GR-60, GT-47 H-45, K-57, L-45)		301
Additional Laity for charges served by more than one clergy		20
Albion (2)	Grand Rapids (5)	Grand Traverse (5)
Battle Creek First	Genesis	Crystal Valley/Walkerville
Jackson First	Grand Rapids Cornerstone (2)	Harbor Springs/Alanson
	Grand Rapids Northlawn	Indian River
	Lowell	Kingsley
		Traverse City Central
Heartland (1)	Kalamazoo (5)	Lansing (2)
New Life	Kalamazoo Sunnyside	Lake Odessa Lakewood
	Kalamazoo Westwood	Lansing Mt. Hope
	Portage Chapel Hill	
	St. Joseph First (2)	
Lay Members described in the Constitution §32 Article I & Discipline ¶602.4 (Rule 8, C, 2b)		
Diaconal Ministers: Jane Case; Daphna Flegal; Margaret Foster; Helene Hill		4
Active Deaconesses: Valerie Mossman-Celestin		1
Home Missioners under episcopal appointment within Conference: <i>none</i>		0
Conference President, United Methodist Women: Linda Darrow		1
Conference President, United Methodist Men: <i>(presently vacant)</i>		0
Conference Lay Leader: Anne Soles		1
District Lay Leaders:		6
Albion: Elaine Eicher	Grand Rapids: Suzanne Hewitt	Grand Traverse: Denny Olin
Heartland: Larry Wyman, Sr.	Kalamazoo: Wynne Hurlbut	Lansing: Nona Spackman
Conference Director of Lay Servant Ministries <i>(in §32 only)</i> Jody Pratt		1
Conference Secretaries of Global Ministries: <i>(in §32 only)</i> Mark Burkart, Sharon Burkart		2
President or equivalent-Young Adult Organization: <i>(No Current President)</i>		0
President, Conference Youth Organization: <i>(No Current Youth President)</i>		0
One (1) young person between the ages of 12-17 from each District		6
One (1) young person between the ages of 18-30 from each District		6
Chair of Annual Conference College Student Organization <i>(in ¶602.4 only) none</i>		0
Total provided in Constitution and Discipline		28
		349
Number of additional Lay Members needed for equalization: $(557 - 349 = 208)$		
Additional Lay Members (Rule 8, C, 3c)		
1. Members of General and Jurisdictional boards, councils, and standing commissions or their divisions, departments, committees, units and other sub-groups and Jurisdictional UMW & UMM organizations residing within Conference:		3
NCJ Missions Council: Laura Witkowski		
NCJ UMW Organization: Ruth Whaley		
NCJ UMM Organization: Lee Donley		
2. Lay Chairpersons of West Michigan Conference Boards:		2
Global Ministries: Delberta Troutman		
Lay Ministries: *Anne Soles		
Trustees: William Gehman		
3. Treasurer of the West Michigan Conference: David Dobbs		1
4. Conference Facilitator: *Laura Witkowski		0
5. Lay Members of the following agencies:		
• <u>Conference Leadership Team</u>		3
*Anne Soles; Sue Cobb; Mark Doyal ; *David Dobbs; Ned Weller ;		
• <u>Council on Finance and Administration</u>		8
Jim Bosserd; Roger Bradshaw; Arnold Burke ; *Sue Cobb; Cameron DeLong ;		
**Susan MacGregor; Georgia Marsh; Chris McKenna; Patrick Tiedt ;		
Molly Williams ; *David Dobbs		

• <u>Conference Program Committee</u>	3
Judy Coffey ; *Mark Doyal; Nichea VerVeer Guy ; Annette Erbes ; *Anne Soles; *Laura Witkowski;	
• <u>Rules of Order Committee</u>	4
*Judy Coffey; David Lundquist ; Valerie DeLany ; Don Williams ; Ryan Minier	
• <u>Committee on Journal</u>	4
Sus'ann Busley ; Merna Francis ; Mandana Nordbrock ; Joyce Showerman ;	
6. Chairpersons of District Leadership Team or equivalent	1
Albion: Max Waagner Heartland: (none at present)	
Grand Rapids: David Nellist Kalamazoo: Buff Coe	
Grand Traverse: Jim Mort Lansing: (none at present)	
7. Conference Missionary Secretary: *Mark Burkart, *Sharon Burkart	0
8. Conference Secretary and all Lay Assistant Secretaries: Joy Barrett; Joe DeLany ; Blair Hunt	2
9. Conference Statistician: Ron Iris	0
10. Conference Chancellor: Andrew Vorbrich	1
11. Director of Communications: *Mark Doyal	0
12. Directors of WMC Campus Ministries:	0
13. Chairperson/coordinator of these other Conference agencies, committees and groups:	7
Abuse Prevention Team: David Elmore	
Archives and History: Melanie Young	
Communications: (none at present)	
Disability Concerns: Mark Babb	
Disaster Response Team: Dan O'Malley	
Episcopacy: Jay Hook	
Equitable Compensation: Nancy Patera	
Hispanic/Latino Committee: (<i>DAC chair/no vice chair</i>)	
Michigan Area Indian Workers Conference: Fran Church Pratt	
New Church Establishment and Development: Matt Stoll	
Nominations: David Selleck	
Leadership Development: <i>none</i>	
Older Adult Ministries: David Dekker	
Personnel: Ellen Zienert	
Prison Ministries and Restorative Justice Concerns: Victor Asbury	
Racial/Ethnic Local Church: Mildred Mallard	
Religion and Race: Mike Johnson	
Status and Role of Women: Amy Latimer	
UMCOR/Hunger: David Morton	
14. General and Jurisdictional Conference delegates and reserves elected for the last General and Jurisdictional Conference:	1
*NicheaVerVeer Guy; Laurie Dahlman ; *Laura Witkowski, *Anne Soles	
15. Conference Program Staff: I. Naomi Garcia ; Sonya Luna	2
16. Associate Conference Lay Leaders: <i>none currently</i>	0
17. Conference Council on Youth Ministries Coordinator: <i>none currently</i>	0
18. Conference Journal Editor: (none at present)	0
Total provided by Rule 8, C, 3c (Items 1-18)	42
Lay Members to be Elected by the Districts: (Rule 8, C, 3e)	166
Albion: 28 Grand Rapids: 28 Grand Traverse: 28	
Heartland: 28 Kalamazoo: 27 Lansing: 27	

Totals: CLERGY: 557 LAY: 557

Also, each District is to elect two (2) alternates PLUS one (1) young person between the ages of 12-17, and one young person between the ages of 18-30 and one (1) reserve member for the age group of 12-17 and one (1) reserve member for the age group of 18-30. (The young person age 12-17 may be elected by either the District Conference or the District Youth Council.)

Names in Bold are lay equalization members

* Denotes already included in a previous category

** Denotes Lay Member from their Local Church – not counted again as lay member for equalization