

### **Recommended Connectional Table (CCT) Structure**

The following realigned structure of the North Carolina Conference Connectional Table has been approved by the North Carolina Conference Structure Review Team and affirmed by the current 2015/2016 Conference Connectional Table. The following is recommended to Annual Conference 2016 for approval and incorporation in the Annual Conference structure.

12 At Large members.

These 12 members will serve on each of the ministry Teams (3 each on Stewardship, Outreach, Christian Formation, Leadership) and provide connection from the ministry committees to the full connectional table and to the Cabinet.

4 – Connectional Ministries Staff

1 - Treasurer

1 – Lay Leader

1 – New Faith Community

1 – Communications

1 – Ministerial Relations

1 – Academy for Leadership Excellence

1 – Bishop

23 – Total

The Connectional Table is a membership table vice constituency table. No one on CCT sits on any of the ministry committees.

Each Ministry Team (Stewardship, Outreach, Christian Formation, Leadership Development) is represented by 3 at-large members. Each team has a chairperson, as we currently have. The other 2 members are set in a different year class year 1 and year 2. They will rotate from team-team on a two year rotational basis. This firmly establishes membership model and not constituency model. At the end of the quadrennium, the chairs also rotate.

This a “realigned model” of the current CCT and not a full restructure. Thus, those who have already served two quadrennium as at-large members must rotate off.

We are intentional about diversity. Thus, we insure at least one of the 12 is a youth. We also hold that at least 25% should be non-white with equal distribution female/male. The voting members are the 12 at large members who also serve on the ministry teams and Conference Lay Leader. Other members serve with voice but no vote.

At least once each year, joint visioning retreat with the Cabinet. June/July following Annual Conference. This upcoming year, the Connectional Table will begin with training, expectations, and visioning in a joint meeting with the Cabinet.

As the CCT engages the process over the next quadrennium, the CCT will continue to evaluate its work and structure to continually seek the most effective model to carry forward the vision of the NC Conference.

## **The Work of the Connectional Table**

The work of the Connectional Table is to focus and guide the mission and ministry of the United Methodist Church within its boundaries. As such, the Connectional Table:

1. In full partnership with the presiding Bishop and in collaboration with the Cabinet, the Connectional Table envisions, assists in development, and helps resource the ministries necessary to live out mission and ministry of the local and Global UMC within its boundaries.
2. Ensures the alignment of the total resources of the annual conference to best bring about the envisioned ministry.
3. Develops and nurtures relationships and connections among the local, district, annual conference, and general church ministries.
4. Provides encouragement, coordination, and support for the ministries of nurture, outreach, and witness in districts and congregations for the transformation of God's world.
5. Develops and strengthens ethnic ministries, including local churches and concerns.
6. Provides for advocacy and monitoring functions to ensure that the ministries of the conference are consistent with the stated values of the UMC.

Members of the Connectional Table do not serve on any other conference ministry committee, board, or agency. Typically, the Connectional Table meets four times each year to vision, develop, shepherd, facilitate, and monitor the ministries of the Conference as we seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. At the beginning of each ministry year, usually immediately following Annual Conference, the Connectional Table meets with the Bishop and Cabinet to vision and coordinate ministry focus and efforts for the next year. The Connectional Table then aligns ministry focus and ministry resources to best bring about vision as mutually developed with the Bishop and Cabinet.

Members of the Connectional Table should be mature and passionate Christians with an evidenced life of ministry engagement and leadership. Members should demonstrate a collaborative spirit and the desire to work as an effective team. Creative energy and a deep yearning to seek and bring about God's vision are key characteristics for effective work. Compassionate, courageous, and faithful responses to the needs of our local and global world are essential traits for our Connectional Table work.