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VI.e WITNESS MINISTRY TEAM - CHURCHES OF EXCELLENCE IN EVANGELISM

Three Rivers District

Gold

- *Not applicable*

Silver

- Limestone Cove

Bronze

- Gethsemane

Honorable Mention

- Bluff City
- Embreeville
- Wesley Memorial

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X.f COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS (CON) - 2021 - 2024 QUADRENNIUM

Corrections to the Committee on Nominations list found in the Book of Reports.

As a member of Annual Conference you have the right to make suggested changes to the Nominations Committee report. However, due to the fact that conference leadership teams are of a specific size and composition, you cannot add a person to a conference leadership team unless you specify the person on the team that your nomination would replace. This would have to be done as a part of your motion.

VI.b.1 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM

Total Membership = 11

9 elected, 2 Ex- Officio: Cabinet Representative, Staff Resource Person.

Chairperson..... (L) Melia Warren (SS)
 Vice Chairperson..... (L) Lindsey Piercy (TV)
 Secretary **(L) Rachel Dow (SS)**

(L) Melia Warren (SS)(2)	(L) Kandi Hutton (SS)(1)	(L) Sherri Smith (SM)(2)
(C) T. J. Burdine (MV)(2)	(L) Rachel Dow (SS)(1)	(L) Barbara Patterson (NR)(1)
(L) Lindsey Piercy (TV)(2)	(L) Ashley Wade (SS)(2)	(C) Jake Herron (HI)(1)
(L) Margaret Fraizer (AP)(1)		

Ex-Officio Members:

Staff Resource Susan Groseclose
 Cabinet Representative Mike Sluder

XIII.b DISMANTLING RACISM TASK FORCE OF THE DISCIPLESHIP TEAM

The membership consists of 18-25 persons. Preferably at least two 2 people per district. Ex-Officio being the Resident Bishop, Communications Committee Representative, and three Cabinet representatives. The role of this taskforce is to assist the Cabinet in helping to lead the Conference in identifying and dismantling racism.

(C) Josh Swanson (AP)(1)	TBD	(C) Laura Plaster (CM)(1)
(C) Robert Nyaga (CM)(1)	(C) Andrew Lay (HI)(1)	(C) Brenda Bell-McAdams (MV)(1)
(C) Don Hanshew (NR)(1)	(C) Charlotte Williams (SS)(1)	(C) Drew McCallie (SS)(1)
(C) Barbara Clark (SM)(1)	(C) Sarah Slack (SM)(1)	(C) Jimmy Sherrod (TV)(1)
(C) Leah Burns (TV)(1)	(L) Jacqueline Westfield (HI)(1)	(L) Carrie Hopper (TV)(1)
(L) Anthony Oliveira (NR)(1)	(L) Brett Jonas (SM)(1)	(L) Donna Mosby (TV)(1)
(L) Steven Reis (TR)(1)	(L) Betty Yeomans-Barton (TR)(1)	

Ex-Officio Members:

Resident Bishop	Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett
Communications Committee Representative.....	Ben Smith
Cabinet Representative	Angela Hardy-Cross, Mike Sluder, Tim Jones

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NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES TEAM

Mission: The Native American Ministries Committee of the Holston Annual Conference seeks to advocate for ministry with and by Native Americans to share the diverse culture, history and traditions of Native peoples, with an emphasis on those peoples original to and/or living in Holston Conference.

Vision: The committee is in the process of reorganizing and reprioritizing its activities. Over the next four years, the committee will be working to:

- Become a resource for and promote the importance and observance of Native American Ministries Sunday
- Become a resource for and promote awareness of the Native American community residing within the bounds of our annual conference, and develop leadership among the Native community
- Advocate for inclusion of Native American United Methodists to serve at all levels of the church.
- Develop a series of annual events for Conference clergy and laity designed to provide education about Indigenous culture, spirituality, and contemporary issues of importance to Native Americans and Native Nations including, but not limited to, addressing the epidemic of violence against indigenous women and children, the abuses perpetrated at Indian board schools, economic and infrastructure disparities, and addressing climate justice globally

- Develop resources for use by clergy and laity in planning and observing Native American Sunday including, educational events, printable materials, worship planning materials, and a list of available speakers
- Identify and work to secure sources of supplemental funding for NAMC activities and Native American Ministries in Holston Conference to include possible grants and designated donations

The committee met three times in 2021 (August, November, and December), and will continue to meet on the second Thursday of each month via Zoom. It also requested a change to its standing rules to increase its size from seven to nine members with a goal of one member from each District to take effect July 2022.

A primary part of NAMC's mission is the promotion of Native American Ministries Sunday. A review of the NAMS special offerings collected between 2016 and 2020 indicated that less than 5% of Holston churches are participating in the special offering. The committee felt the lack of participation may have been due to a lack of materials and planning resources for use by clergy and worship leaders, the committee's lack of financial resources for raising awareness, and the denomination's scheduling of NAM Sunday during a season of multiple liturgically prominent Sundays.

To address these issues, the committee has determined that it is in the best interest of Holston Churches to move their observance of NAM Sunday to the third Sunday of November each year. This would place this special observance between All Saints/All Souls and Thanksgiving and also place it in National Native American Heritage month, allowing local churches to take advantage of external promotion, availability, and heightened awareness of all things Native American. The committee has also added a significant number of resources for worship planning and general education about Native Americans to its page on Holston.org, will continue to add to and update the collection, and is working to create and introduce a 4-year cycle of educational events for clergy, laity, and the larger community beginning in 2023. Rather than asking participants to travel to a central location, the committee has divided the Conference into upper, middle, and lower regions. The one-day events will be rotated through the regions over a three-year period (one region per year), with a larger, multi-day conference-wide retreat taking place in the fourth year.

Of equal importance to the committee are issues faced by indigenous people and nations today including, but not limited to, addressing the epidemic of violence against indigenous women and children, the abuses perpetrated at Indian boarding schools, economic and infrastructure disparities, addressing climate justice globally, and reconciliation and reparation for those actions and events caused by the Doctrine of Discovery. The committee will be working to both become a resource point for information on these issues and finding ways the conference and local churches can take action to address them.

To meet its goals of advocating for the inclusion of Native American United Methodists in all levels of the church as well as becoming a resource for and promoting awareness of the Native American community residing within the bounds of our annual conference, the committee will conduct one or more surveys of Holston churches. The surveys will be designed to determine the presence of both enrolled American Indian members and members who are unenrolled descendants of American Indians, identify activities of churches, church groups, and individual members of churches who are doing any kind of outreach to American communities including the nature of that outreach. The committee will use the data obtained from the surveys to determine what services or programs local churches or church groups and the Conference could provide to best serve its Native American members.

Finally, the committee has requested and will seek funding to be able to be available for and more present in the community, especially at Native gatherings and events and as presenters for local churches and civic organizations, to be able to participate in the planning and presentation of Holston's Annual Conferences, to be able to participate in the South East Jurisdiction's Association of Native American Ministries annual conference, and to obtain training for committee members to be the best resources possible for this ministry.

This report was approved for submission by the Native American Ministries Committee on February 10, 2022, and is submitted by Rev. Valerie Ohle, Chair

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