

MISCELLANEOUS

701 USE OF CONFERENCE NAME FOR ENDORSEMENT

(4/6/78)

The name of the Penn Central Conference of the United Church of Christ or its Board of Directors shall not be used in publicity or support of any individual, organization or concern group position, however honorable or just.

702 OFFICIAL CONFERENCE POSITIONS

(4/6/78)

When a request is received regarding the official position of the Penn Central Conference of the United Church of Christ on any issue, concern or cause, the staff shall be permitted to share the wording of any approved vote of the delegates to an Annual or Special Meeting of Conference with responsible persons requesting it.

703 UNDER 30 GENERAL SYNOD DELEGATES

(2/17/70)

The Board of Directors adopts the action and intent of the Seventh General Synod that at least 20% of our delegation to General Synod Meeting be persons under thirty (30) years of age at time of election. In order to facilitate and implement this action within Penn Central Conference each Association which has more than two delegates to the General Synod shall have one delegate under thirty (30) years of age (at the time of election). The other Associations shall be encouraged to have one of their delegates to be under thirty (30) years of age at time of election.

704 OFFICE OF COMMUNICATION

(3/3/75)

In response to action of the Board (1/9/75) and Executive Committee (3/6/75) regarding the placement of the Office of Communication within the structure of the Conference, the following paragraphs regarding purpose and relationship were adopted:

The purpose of the office of Communication in Penn Central Conference is to develop strategies for and make recommendations on distribution of information to the churches of Penn Central in an effort to unite us through knowledge about the programs and ministries of the Conference, the denomination, and the local church, and to disseminate information to the public whenever appropriate and possible.

The relationship of the Office of Communication within the structure of Penn Central Conference will be through the Board of Directors with the Conference Minister providing staff relationship to the Office of Communication. When it is impossible for the Conference Minister to attend a meeting of the Office of Communication, another staff person shall be asked to attend that meeting.

705 DEATH OF CLERGY

(4/29/65)

In the event of the death of a clergy person of the Conference, Conference staff shall inform the President (or a designated contact person) of each Association with a request that the Association President notify all ministers of the Association.

706 CLERGY/SPOUSE MEMORIAL SERVICES

(3/25/65)

Memorial Services of clergy and/or spouses shall be left to the discretion of the Association in which the minister has standing. Upon the death of a clergy spouse, the Conference shall be officially represented at the funeral or, if that cannot be done “in person,” a letter shall be sent from the Conference Minister with a request that it be read at the funeral service.

707 SUPPORT ZONES FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE INSTITUTIONS

(1/5/78)

Support of Health and Human Service Institutions zoned to Penn Central Conference shall be assigned to Associations as follows:

Institutions

Support Area

Bethany Children’s Home

Lebanon, Lancaster, Harrisburg, Central, Northern Associations

Hoffman Homes for Youth

Gettysburg, Mercersburg, York Associations

Homewood Homes

Gettysburg, Mercersburg, York Northern Associations

Phoebe-Devitt Homes

Central, Lebanon, Harrisburg, Lancaster Associations

UCC Homes

Harrisburg, Lancaster, Lebanon Associations

Uplands Retirement Village

all Associations in consultation with the Conference Minister

Direct appeals for financial support may be made only to those congregations in the designated area. (The distribution of information by any Health and Human Service Institution, however, is not limited to this policy.)

708 PENN CENTRAL EDITION UNITED CHURCH NEWS

(Amended 2012)

Penn Central Conference will provide and encourage electronic communications, including newsletters, updates and resources. Where no email exists, we will continue to send to clergy and those who particularly desire our communications by regular mail. Sign-ups for online communications shall be made available at meetings and in Conference settings as often as practicable. The Minister [Director] of Communications shall work with other staff to maintain the email address list of all clergy and of interested lay members.

709 GENERAL SYNOD ALTERNATE DELEGATES

(4/9/92)

An Alternate Delegate who becomes the Delegate for his/her class shall remain the Delegate for the balance of the stated term.