

Proposal to the Texas Annual Conference to Reduce the Number of Districts from 9 to 5

The Proposal

The Conference Leadership Team of the Texas Annual Conference proposes the following to be approved by the 2023 Annual Conference:

“The Annual Conference shall reduce the number of districts in the Texas Annual Conference from nine (9) to five (5) in keeping with ¶415.4 of the 2016 Book of Discipline*, and in consultation with the Cabinet, the Bishop shall create the new boundaries.”

The work of creating the five new districts will be fully implemented by December 31, 2023.

Called District Conferences in each district will be held to implement the new structure.

District response to this proposal will focus not only on structure, but especially on the missional Kingdom work of each district. The District Superintendents with the District Leadership Teams shall do this work together.

Rationale and Background

- The Conference Leadership Team engaged in a study with feedback from the following:
 - Clergy attending the ReConnect Gathering were asked to share input.
 - District Superintendents were asked to share input.
 - District Leadership Team Chairs were asked to share input.
 - Leaders of the TAC who hold ‘institutional memory’ and have served in leadership that would assist were asked to share input.
- Structural alignment will empower greater connectionalism with missional and financial advantages
- The restructuring of the number of districts mirrors the staffing of leadership of five district superintendents
- Districts will have greater agency in determining the best structure for their district by calling upon our current District Leadership Teams to help structure new districts and live into connectionalism.
- Knowing this proposal will cause incongruence with the original Discipling Document, a task force will be formed by the CLT to align the Discipling Document with this reduction of districts following the annual conference.

**¶415.4 of the Book of Discipline gives authority and responsibility to the bishop and the district superintendents to form (draw the boundaries) the districts once the number of districts have been determined by vote of the annual conference.*

Addendum B
Texas Annual Conference UMC
2022 Budget vs 2022 Actual vs 2023 Budget

	2022			2023
	Budget	Actual		Budget
World Service	\$ 3,708,535	\$ 2,983,200	World Service	\$ 3,410,616
Ministerial Education Fund	1,252,562	981,109	Ministerial Education Fund	1,151,948
Black College Fund	499,638	393,315	Black College Fund	459,502
Africa UM University	111,820	97,582	Africa UM University	102,835
Interdenominational Cooperative	97,941	78,136	Interdenominational Cooperative	90,091
General Administration Fund	440,359	349,475	General Administration Fund	404,983
Episcopal Fund	1,098,239	889,129	Episcopal Fund	1,010,022
Jurisdictional Apportionment	227,443	181,111	Jurisdictional Apportionment	232,667
General & Jurisdictional Totals:	\$ 7,436,537	\$ 5,953,057	General & Jurisdictional Totals:	\$ 6,862,664
Ctr for Church Leadership Formation	\$ 1,942,847	1,901,892	Ctr for Church Leadership Formation	\$ 677,053
Mission & Communications	1,657,390	1,602,862	Mission & Communications	1,168,003
Ctr for Connectional Resources	1,431,522	1,403,538	Ctr for Connectional Resources	769,050
Campus Ministry	1,028,459	1,050,955	Campus Ministry	631,238
District Superintendents	2,339,738	2,304,819	District Superintendents	1,479,332
Equitable Compensation	122,240	120,263	Equitable Compensation	125,050
Medical Benefits Program	1,044,031	1,037,053	Medical Benefits Program	168,436
Conference Totals:	\$ 9,566,227	\$ 9,421,382	Conference Totals:	\$ 5,018,162
Grand Totals (excludes fair share):	\$ 17,002,764	\$ 15,374,439	Grand Totals (excludes fair share):	\$ 11,880,826
Fair Share Goals			Fair Share Goals	
Oklahoma Indian Mission	\$ 11,770	\$ 3,525	Oklahoma Indian Mission	\$ 12,000
Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON)	58,663	18,101	Justice for All Immigrants (JFAI)	60,000
Conference Advance Special	39,092	11,342	Conference Advance Special	40,000
Lakeview Summer Camp Scholarship	293,275	84,335	Lakeview Summer Camp Scholarship	300,000
Texas Methodist College Scholarship	293,275	83,123	Texas Methodist College Scholarship	300,000
Fair Share Goals Totals:	\$ 696,075	\$ 200,426	Fair Share Goals Totals:	\$ 712,000
Grand Totals:	\$ 17,698,839	\$ 15,574,865	Grand Totals:	\$ 12,592,826

Texas Annual Conference UMC Fiscal Assets "Visual Balance Sheet" (as of December 31,2022)

Addendum C

Operating Reserves	Cash
\$ 10,109,139	\$ 2,659,307
Designated Reserves	Nonrestricted Investments
\$ 19,887,801	\$ 27,337,633
Current Liabilities	
\$ 0.00	
Restricted Investments	Restricted Investments
\$ 11,103,247	\$ 11,103,247
<u>\$ 41,100,187</u>	<u>\$ 41,100,187</u>

Addendum D

		December 2022 YTD			
Designated Reserves		Beginning Balance	Additions	Withdrawals	Ending Balance
Assistant to the Bishop					
40000	Human Trafficking Receipts	\$ 77,174.52	\$ -	\$ (420.89)	\$ 76,753.63
<i>Disaster Relief</i>					
40002	Disaster Relief	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
40002-1	General	114,873.32	11,115.00	(46,124.82)	79,863.50
40002-2	East Texas Tornado Relief	-	10,000.00	(8,374.46)	1,625.54
40002-3	Flood Buckets and Relief Kits	2,897.09	2,784.28	(4,698.43)	982.94
40002-4	Winter Storm Conference Appeal	29,218.90	-	(17,933.39)	11,285.51
40002-5	UMCOR - Help at Long Last Project	-	244,812.00	(55,713.19)	189,098.81
40002-6	UMCOR Winter Storm Solidarity Grant	125.00	-	-	125.00
40002-7	Winter Storm UMCOR Grant	(9,532.03)	9,532.03	-	-
40002-8	Hurricane Ida Moody PEF Grant	5,800.69	-	-	5,800.69
40002-9	Hurricane Ian Relief	-	4,300.00	-	4,300.00
	<i>Total Disaster Relief</i>	\$ 143,382.97	\$ 282,543.31	\$ (132,844.29)	\$ 293,081.99
40003	TAC Mission Advance Special	\$ -	\$ 605.00	\$ -	\$ 605.00
40004	Bishop Transition	-	30,900.00	(22,819.42)	8,080.58
40005	Peace with Justice Funds	5,853.89	661.66	-	6,515.55
40006	Golden Cross Fund	18,622.79	15,760.14	(5,633.55)	28,749.38
40007	Golden Care Fund	27,629.59	1,000.00	(2,162.95)	26,466.64
40008	Lakeview Scholarships	176,767.76	84,334.91	(154,545.99)	106,556.68
40009	SIC Quadrennial Conference	80,178.98	4,065.00	(69,689.70)	14,554.28
40010	HMH Community Health Grant	249,999.64	31,664.69	(199,386.05)	82,278.28
40011	Communications	-	-	-	-
40011-1	UMCOR Return to School Grant	-	-	-	-
<i>We Love All God's Children</i>					
40012	We Love All God's Children	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (7,900.00)	\$ -	\$ 2,100.00
40012-1	PEF Moody Grant	464,453.46	-	(309,944.81)	154,508.65
40012-2	Conference Advance	32,573.57	-	-	32,573.57
40012-3	Sanctuaries of Learning	4,919.13	-	(4,159.41)	759.72
40012-4	Imagination Libraries	1,330.00	-	-	1,330.00
40012-5	Bethany (Urban)	-	3,837,911.20	-	3,837,911.20
	<i>Total We Love All God's Children</i>	\$ 513,276.16	\$ 3,830,011.20	\$ (314,104.22)	\$ 4,029,183.14
Total Assistant to the Bishop		\$ 1,292,886.30	\$ 4,281,545.91	\$ (901,607.06)	\$ 4,672,825.15
Center for Leadership Formation					
40025	Campus Ministries	\$ -	\$ 1,289.27	\$ (1,163.45)	\$ 125.82
40025-1	Moody PEF Grant	12,000.00	14,000.00	(26,000.00)	-
40026	Campus Ministries (Bolsivar proceeds)	306,303.65	-	-	306,303.65
40026-2	Fiesta Property	-	320,282.03	-	320,282.03
40027	College Internship (Wilson proceeds)	9,736.25	14,045.88	(24,121.00)	(338.87)
40028	Ministerial Education	206,898.74	308,696.04	(271,480.39)	244,114.39
40029	Advancing Pastoral Leadership	61,098.67	184,815.85	(241,585.39)	4,329.13
40030	Cuban Pastor Grant	9,829.80	(1,147.00)	(5,063.50)	3,619.30
40031	Ambassadors Grant	-	44,234.90	(23,172.19)	21,062.71
<i>New Faith Communities</i>					
40051	New Faith Communities	\$ 2,579,572.86	\$ 746,589.40	\$ (2,492,048.26)	\$ 834,114.00
40052	Property proceeds Mallileu	578,422.82	-	-	578,422.82
40053	Property proceeds Beaumont St. Luke's	279,739.04	-	-	279,739.04
40054	Property proceeds (balance) Gears Rd.	60,000.00	-	-	60,000.00
40055	Property proceeds Lakemont	1,375,287.19	-	-	1,375,287.19
40056	Bethany (Urban)	-	3,837,911.19	(500,000.00)	3,337,911.19
	<i>Total New Faith Communities</i>	\$ 4,873,021.91	\$ 4,584,500.59	\$ (2,992,048.26)	\$ 6,465,474.24

Addendum E
Fiscal Investments (as of 12/31/2022)

Invested with	Name of fund	Restrictions	Investment Fund	\$ Amount	YTD 12-31-22 Performance
Wespath	TAC Fiscal Office Investments	no restrictions	Multiple Asset Fund	17,977,623.76	-16.63%
TMF 12530	TAC Programs	no restrictions	Loan Fund (variable rate)	9,360,009.14	1.11%
Wespath	TAC Mission Fund	missions endowment	Customized Fund	1,104,991.83	-16.63%
TMF 15850	TAC Retired Ministers Retreat	for retired ministers; no perm restr	Short term portfolio	12,777.76	0.47%
TMF 12721	TAC Ministers' Spouses	for ministers' spouses; no perm restr	Short term portfolio	14,407.21	0.47%
TMF 12724	TAC Spouses Assistance	for spouse assist.; no perm restr	Short term portfolio	4,017.58	0.47%
TMF 12725	TAC Spouses Crisis Response	for spouse crisis; no perm restr	Balanced Fund	15,673.12	-16.21%
TMF 16770	TAC N. Lunday Mem Endowment	for campus ministry; 5% distr/year	Balanced Fund	33,641.35	-16.21%
TMF 1096-01	TAC Emerging Leaders Endowment	for EL ministries; 5% distr/year	Balanced Fund	9,195,183.74	-16.21%
TMF 66980	TAC Young Clergy Mentoring Fund	for EL ministries; no perm restr	Loan Fund (variable rate)	199,556.20	1.11%
TMF 23150	TAC Verheyden Scholarship	for college st.; 90% earn. distr/year	Balanced Fund	19,512.26	-16.21%
TMF 43780	TAC Irvin Scholarship	for BOM schol.; 90% earn. distr/year	Balanced Fund	381,196.09	-16.21%
TMF 39016	TAC Boozer Scholarship	for scholarships; 90% earn. distr/year	Balanced Fund	15,373.23	-16.21%
TMF 39017	TAC E. T. Craven Scholarship	for scholarships; 90% earn. distr/year	Balanced Fund	16,891.94	-16.21%
TMF 39018	TAC W. A. Craven Scholarship	for scholarships; 90% earn. distr/year	Balanced Fund	16,942.47	-16.21%
TMF 39019	TAC Jackson Scholarship	for scholarships; 90% earn. distr/year	Balanced Fund	16,891.94	-16.21%
TMF 43108	TAC Archives and History	for building fund; no perm restr	Short term portfolio	4,412.72	0.47%
TMF 22780	TAC Cemetery Permanent Care	for cem. care; 90% earn. distr/year	Fixed Income Fund	30,354.68	-12.65%
TMF 43783	TAC Seafarer's Endowment	for any TAC outreach; 5% distr/year	Loan Fund (variable rate)	21,422.92	1.11%
TOTAL				38,440,879.94	
			- Non Restricted	27,337,632.90	
			- Restricted	11,103,247.04	