

CHURCH AND SOCIETY TEAM

Description: This team focuses on social justice issues. The Church & Society Team will meet quarterly to develop direction as well as to update and review the progress of its ministry teams. Projects in any given year include assessment of all committees, initiatives, response, communication directives and guidelines. The Church & Society Team establishes benchmarks for each of the areas of ministries and designs assessment tools and processes for our Annual Conference's strategic approach to equipping the local church in making disciples for Jesus Christ.

Book of Discipline: *BOD 265.5, 629.2, 642, 643, 644, 653, 824.5*

Conference Rules: This New Team includes the responsibilities formerly assigned to Social Principles Implementation Ministry, Peace With Justice Ministry, Conference Commission on Religion & Race, Conference Commission on Status & Role of Women, Christian Unity & Interreligious Concerns, and Disability Concerns

Expectations: Promotes Special Sundays for the United Methodist Church. Works cooperatively with the General Board of Church and Society. Foster healthy relationships with leaders in other denominations and religious organizations. Take the lead in supporting and providing programs of education in areas of intercultural competency, institutional equity and vital conversations at every level of the conference.