

***Discipline 2004 Errata***  
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Page 7: Add the name of Bishop Timothy W. Whitaker, elected 2001, following John G. Innis.

Page 7: Change spelling of Bishop Minerva G. Carcano to Carcaño.

Page 33, ¶ 37: omits 7 states from the Western Jurisdiction: Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

Page 99, ¶ 161.D: At the end of the printed text add the following text:

It is recommended that methods of mediation be used to minimize the adversarial nature and fault-finding that are often part of our current judicial processes.

Although divorce publicly declares that a marriage no longer exists, other covenantal relationships resulting from the marriage remain, such as the nurture and support of children and extended family ties. We urge respectful negotiations in deciding the custody of minor children and support the consideration of either or both parents for this responsibility in that custody not be reduced to financial support, control, or manipulation and retaliation. The welfare of each child is the most important consideration.

Divorce does not preclude a new marriage. We encourage an intentional commitment of the Church and society to minister compassionately to those in the process of divorce, as well as members of divorced and remarried families, in a community of faith where God's grace is shared by all.

Page 229, ¶ 331.14(c) should refer to (§ 14 [a-b]) and (§ 6 [d]).

Page 249, ¶ 346.1: reference to ¶ 559.4 should be ¶ 586.4.

Page 253, ¶ 348: Move “written plainly on the back:” from line 2 to end of 2., so that the first sentence of 2. ends “returned to the minister with the following inscription written plainly on the back:”

Page 257, ¶ 354: In order to correlate with changes made in ¶ 327 in 2004, change the sentence, "This leave shall be counted as part of the six year limit for probationary members (¶ 327)..." to read, "This leave shall be counted as part of the eight year limit for probationary members (¶ 327)...." Delete the remainder of the sentence.

Page 271, ¶ 362 , second full paragraph, line 8, should refer to ¶ 362.1(b).

Page 328, ¶ 540.3(g). Add Cote d'Ivoire as the first episcopal area listed in the West Africa Central Conference.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Note that the General Conference also stated:

The West Africa Central Conference is authorized to elect a bishop to serve as episcopal leader in a new Cote d'Ivoire Episcopal Area. The Cote d'Ivoire Episcopal Area is responsible to set up and fully fund its own episcopal fund during the 2005-2008 quadrennium with no funding from either GCFA or the Episcopal Fund of the United Methodist Church. Further, the annual conference within the Cote d'Ivoire Episcopal Area shall be represented at the 2008 General Conference with two delegates (one lay and one clergy). Finally, the Commission on Central Conference Affairs, in consultation with the Council of Bishops and the Connectional Table, shall bring enabling legislation to the 2008 General Conference to include the Cote d'Ivoire Episcopal Area in the Episcopal Fund of The United Methodist Church.

Page 335, ¶ 547.3: reference to ¶ 537.21 should to be ¶ 543.17.

Page 355: Add a sentence to ¶ 603.9a so it reads:

The conference lay leader is the elected leader of conference laity and is an officer of the annual conference. The lay leader shall be a professing member of a local church in the annual conference. The conference lay leader shall participate in annual conference sessions as a partner in ministry with the bishop.

Page 362: Add a paragraph to follow ¶ 607. This new paragraph incorporates parts of 2000's ¶ 603.9 that were removed from 2004's ¶ 603.9:

*The Conference Lay Leader*--1. The conference lay leader is the elected leader of conference laity and will have responsibility for fostering awareness of the role of the laity both within the congregation and through their ministries in the home, workplace, community, and world in achieving the mission of the Church and for enabling and supporting lay participation in the planning and decision-making processes of the annual conference, district, and local church in cooperation with the bishop, district superintendents, and pastors.

2. The conference lay leader shall relate to the organized lay groups in the conference such as United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women, United Methodist Youth, and Scouting Ministries, encourage and support their work, and help them coordinate their activities. The conference lay leader shall also have the general responsibility in: (1) developing the advocacy role for laity in the life of the Church; (2) increasing the participation of laity in the sessions and structure of the annual conference; and (3) encouraging laypersons in the general ministry of the Church.

3. The conference lay leader shall be the chairperson of the conference board of laity, or its equivalent structure, and shall be a member of the annual conference, the conference council on ministries or equivalent structure, the executive committee, if any, of the conference council on ministries, the conference committee on nominations, the conference committee on episcopacy, and the committee planning annual conference sessions; and may be designated by virtue of office to membership on any conference agency by the annual conference.

4. The conference lay leader shall be responsible for presenting a report to the annual conference.

5. The conference lay leader may serve on the conference board of ordained ministry and will participate in the Service of Ordination at annual conference.

6. The conference lay leader shall meet with the cabinet when matters relating to the coordination, implementation, or administration of the conference program, or other matters as the cabinet may determine are on the agenda.

7. The conference lay leader will meet regularly with the Bishop to discuss the state of the annual conference, the Church, and the needs for ministry both locally and globally.

8. The conference lay leader shall ensure that the annual conference has a conference director of lay speaking ministries filled in the manner determined by the annual conference and the conference lay leader shall participate in Lay Speaking Ministries.

9. The conference lay leader shall be elected for a term of not less than four years by the annual conference as the annual conference may determine. The method of nomination and term of office shall be determined by the annual conference. Associate lay leader(s),

to work with the conference lay leader, may be elected by the annual conference as it may determine. The conference lay leader and associate lay leader(s) will receive reasonable reimbursement for approved dues and expenses necessary for their ministry.

10. The conference lay leader shall be a member of the Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders.

11. This legislation shall take effect immediately upon adjournment of the 2004 General Conference.

Page 465, ¶ 710.5: reference to ¶ 907.1*b* should be ¶ 906.1*a*.

Page 519, ¶ 1104.7: reference to ¶ 1115 should be ¶ 1116.

Page 522, ¶ 1108.1: reference to ¶ 818.a should be ¶ 818.1.

Page 651, ¶ 1903.17: (*see* ¶ 818) should read (*see* ¶ 814).

Page 654, ¶ 2002: end the sentence by adding the following, "monitoring the practices of the entire church so as to further ensure racial inclusiveness."