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Responsibility to Review the *Book of Resolutions*
Discipline No. 510.2b
Financial Implications: None
The Connectional Table

Amend ¶ 510.2b as follows: ~~The Connectional Table and~~ The program boards and agencies shall review all valid resolutions and recommend to the General Conference the removal of time-dated material.

Rationale:

The language of ¶ 510.2b is from GCOM responsibilities that the Connectional Table prefers to place in the responsibilities of program boards and agencies.

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Include the Connectional Table to be Consistent with ¶ 806.1b(1)

Discipline No. 818.3

Financial Implications: None

The Connectional Table

Amend ¶ 818.3 as follows: In the interim between the quadrennial sessions of the General Conference, such proposed churchwide financial appeals shall require the approval of the General Council on Finance and Administration, **the Connectional Table** and the Council of Bishops. In case of emergency, the executive committee of ~~either~~ of these bodies may act in such manner for the body itself, but only by a three-fourths vote.

Rationale:

Adding the Connectional Table in ¶ 818.3 ensures consistency with ¶ 818.2 enabling the Connectional Table to fulfill its function (¶ 901) as the church's entity "where ministry and money are brought to the same table to coordinate the mission, ministries, and resources of the United Methodist Church."

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Amend ¶ 819 as follows: World Service Specials ~~Gifts~~—**1. World Service Specials are official programs within The United Methodist Church through which support may be designated for projects approved by the General Conference and in the interim by the General Council on Finance and Administration and the Connectional Table.**

2. A World Service Special ~~Gift~~ **donation** is a designated financial contribution made by an individual, local church, organization, district, or annual conference to a project authorized as a World Service Special project. All general boards and commissions (**see ¶ 810.2**) except those units of the General Board of Global Ministries authorized to receive general Advance Specials ~~Gifts~~ are authorized to recommend World Service Special ~~Gift~~ projects for approval ~~by the Connectional Table~~, provided the project is specifically related to one or more of the Disciplinary functions of the recommending agency.

3. General guidelines governing the types of projects that may be recommended as World Service Special projects shall be approved by the General Conference on recommendation of the Connectional Table and the General Council on Finance and Administration.

4. The World Service Specials ~~Gifts~~ program shall be under the **administrative supervision of the General Council on Finance and Administration, and programmatic** supervision of the Connectional Table which **jointly** shall: (a) establish project approval criteria consistent with the guidelines adopted by the General Conference; (b) establish the process by which projects may be recommended and approved; (c) approve projects to receive World Service Special ~~Gift~~ support; and (d) provide adequate staff administration and program accountability.

5. Churches and individuals shall give priority to the support of World Service and conference benevolences and other apportioned funds. World Service Special ~~Gift~~ giving shall be voluntary and in addition to the support of apportioned funds. World Service Specials ~~Gifts~~ shall not be raised as a part of a fund apportioned by an annual conference.

6. Local church treasurers shall remit World Service Special ~~Gifts~~ **donations** in full to annual conference treasurers, who shall remit each month to the General Council on Finance and Administration the total amounts received during the month as World Service Specials ~~Gifts~~. The council shall remit such ~~gifts~~ **funds** in full to the administering agencies, which shall acknowledge the receipt of every ~~gift~~ **donation** to the donor or the local church.

7. General promotion of this program, for purposes of name identification and visibility, shall be the responsibility of the General Commission on Communication.

8. Specific cultivation of approved projects shall be done by the administering agencies to specific audiences that have demonstrated their interest and concern for the ministry contained in the approved project. Expenses for specific cultivation shall be borne by the administering agencies. No promotional or cultivation expenses shall be paid from World Service Special ~~Gifts~~ receipts. Such expenses shall not exceed amounts approved by the General Council on Finance and Administration ~~and the Connectional Table~~ under guidelines approved by the General Conference.

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Revise World Service Specials
Discipline No. 819
Financial Implications: None
The Connectional Table

Rationale:

The changes in this paragraph reflect the coordination between GCFA and the Connectional table with regard to special gifts. The Connectional table brings “ministry and money to the same table to coordinate the mission, ministries, and resources of the United Methodist Church.” (§ 901) The General Council on Finance and Administration supervises and administers such special gifts.

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Delete Parenthetical Reference to ¶ 806

Discipline No. 905.7a

Financial Implications: None

The Connectional Table

Amend ¶ 905.7a as follows: To collaborate with the General Council on Finance and Administration in the preparation of budgets for the apportioned funds (~~¶ 806~~), to submit to each quadrennial session of the General Conference budgets of expense for each of the general funds of the church, and to make recommendation regarding all other funding considerations to come before the General Conference.

Rationale:

Deleting (¶ 806) clarifies the specific budgets for which the Connectional Table, in collaboration with GCFA, has responsibility. The current language lacks clarity because ¶ 806 contains a reference to ¶ 810.1, which identifies budgets beyond the official responsibility of the CT.

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Responsibility to Monitor Twelve-Year Rule of General Secretaries

Discipline No. 905.7d

Financial Implications: None

The Connectional Table

Delete sub-paragraph ¶ 905.7d: ~~To monitor the tenure of General Secretaries to ensure the proper implementation of the rule limiting service to 12 years (¶ 714.1).~~

Rationale:

Each agency is accountable to the General Conference. Including ¶ 905.7d in Connectional Table responsibilities is unnecessary given ¶ 714.1: “No elected general program agency staff shall hold the same position more than twelve years.” Each agency retains the right to annually suspend this provision by a two-thirds vote.

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