

Standing Committees

General Policies

Standing committees are accountable to the delegates through the Leadership Council. Standing committees provide annual reports of their work to the Leadership Council, which forwards the reports to delegates.

Except as noted, all terms are for two years, with a maximum of three consecutive terms per Committee. Exceptions to the six-year limit are at the discretion of the Leadership Council. For the purpose of continuity, terms should be staggered. Appointments are made by the Conference Assembly upon the recommendation of the Gifts Discernment Committee. Standing committees are accountable to the Leadership Council.

Spending plan requests for standing ministries are made by the Leadership Council. Expenses of these ministries are monitored and approved by the Stewardship Committee.

Gifts Discernment Committee

1. Membership

The Gifts Discernment Committee consists of a chairperson (appointed by the Leadership Council), a program staff member, and up to four other members, recommended by the Leadership Council and confirmed by the Conference Assembly.

2. Purpose Statement

The Gifts Discernment Committee exists to utilize available spiritual gifts in the work of the Conference by recommending nominees as needed in a spiritually perceptive and sensitive manner.

3. Relationship to:

- a. *Leadership Council* — A representative from the Gifts Discernment Committee is a member of the Leadership Council.
- b. *Moderator and Conference Minister* — The chairperson shall be in communication for information and counsel.
- c. *Stewardship, Credentialing and Program Committees* — The Gifts Discernment Committee shall be in communication to be aware of needed persons and gifts.
- d. *Conference Delegates* — The Gifts Discernment Committee shall solicit suggestions from delegates for possible nominees for the various positions.

4. Functions

- a. Compile and maintain a description of the primary responsibilities of each position for which the Committee is asked to propose nominees.
- b. Recommend nominees in due time for:
 - 1) Non-staff Leadership Council members for Conference Assembly action.
 - 2) Members of standing committees in consultation with the respective chairpersons for Conference Assembly action.
 - 3) Any other positions as requested, including vacancies because of uncompleted terms.
- c. Be available as a resource when there is a search for staff persons.