

## 2010 BOARD/AGENCY INFORMATION

### **Board/Agency/Commission** **Board of Church and Society**

#### **Minimum Position Requirements**

**Specific Expertise Needed** commitment to and knowledge of the Social Principles, ability to teach, interest in public policy and advocacy, writing and speaking skills

**Date/Location of Meetings** Aug/Sept and Jan at VUMAC

### **Board/Agency/Commission** **Board of Discipleship**

**Minimum Position Requirements:** Experience and enthusiasm for discipleship ministries

**Specific Expertise Needed** Experience, education, and/or skills in connecting local church and district leaders with needed resourcing, training, consulting, and networking that support spiritual formation, Christian education, evangelism, and worship. A willingness to consult with churches and offer training in areas of the discipleship ministries (which may at times include limited travel) preferred. A passion for making disciples of Jesus Christ to transform the world required.

**Date/Location of Meetings** Full board meets all day twice a year, usually on a Friday in September and a Saturday in January; individual divisions meet as needed, usually on a weekday

### **Board/Agency/Commission** **Board of Global Ministries**

**Minimum Position Requirements** for 2009 - 22 \*\* Please note by 2009 we must be down to 20

**Specific Expertise Needed** Immigration - Environment - Develop Mission Leadership

**Date/Location of Meetings** Three full board meetings: February, September or October and one meeting at Annual Conference. New Members will be informed of the meetings for 2009-2010 upon election. Members are assigned to one of the mission teams, which may meet 2-3 times per year.

### **Board/Agency/Commission** **Board of Laity**

**Minimum Position Requirements** Passion for lay ministry. Specific interest and/or expertise in one of the areas of work of the board: stewardship, retreats and conferences, and lay leadership development.

Knowledge of conference initiatives, programming, and efforts, particularly under the strategic vision of All Things New. A willingness to consult with churches and offer training in areas of the lay ministries (which may at times include limited travel) preferred.

**Specific Expertise Needed** See above

**Date/Location of Meetings** February, May, September at UMCenter

### **Life Span Ministries**

**Board/Agency/Commission** **Life Span Children's Council**

**Minimum Position Requirements**Experience and passion for ministry with children and their families.

**Specific Expertise Needed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date/Location of Meetings** Quarterly meetings - a weekday from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm - at the UMCenter in Glen Allen, generally January, March, May, and October.

**Board/Agency/Commission** **Youth Council of Life Span Ministries**

**Minimum Position Requirements**Membership may include persons regardless of age that, because of their specialized interests, education, training, and/or experience, have developed a passion for ministry with youth. Members should be willing to travel to meetings, work on projects between meetings, attend Conference youth events, and assist in resourcing the local church on developing and expanding Youth Ministries. Main responsibilities of members are referenced in paragraph 648 of the Book of Discipline..

**Specific Expertise Needed** For adult members, direct experience working in youth ministry is preferred.

**Date/Location of Meetings** 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in March and 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in September, usually at VUMAC.

**Board/Agency/Commission** **Single Adult Council of Life Span Ministries**

**Minimum Position Requirements**Membership may include persons regardless of marital status that, because of their specialized interests, education, training, and/or experience, have developed a passion for ministry with single adults. Members should be willing to travel to quarterly meetings, work on projects between meetings, and assist in resourcing the local church on developing and expanding Single Adult Ministries. Main responsibilities of members are: (1) to identify the needs, concerns, and potential contributions of single adults in the annual conference, districts, and local churches and (2) to cooperate with the boards and agencies of the annual conference in receiving and making recommendations to provide for the needs of single adults in The United Methodist Church.

**Specific Expertise Needed** See above

**Date/Location of Meetings** Once a quarter: two by conference call, two in person (usually at the Conference Center or VUMAC).

**Board/Agency/Commission** **Older Adult Council of Lifespan Ministries**

**Minimum Position Requirements** Disciplinary requirements are that a majority of membership should be older adults representing the diversity of older adults in the general population. Membership may also include persons regardless of age who, because of their specialized interests, education, training, and experience, have developed a passion for ministry with older adults. Members should be willing to travel to quarterly meetings, work on projects between meetings, and assist in resourcing the local church on developing and expanding Older Adult Ministries. Main responsibilities of members are: (1) to identify the needs, concerns, and potential contributions of older adults in the annual conference, districts, and local churches and (2) to cooperate with the boards and agencies of the annual conference in receiving and making recommendations to provide for the needs of older adults in The United Methodist Church..

**Specific Expertise Needed** See above

**Date/Location of Meetings** Generally February, April, August, and October with meetings in Glen Allen

**Board/Agency/Commission** **Commission on Ethnic Local Church Concerns (ELCC)**

**Minimum Position Requirements** Willingness to advocate for ethnic ministries and full inclusion of all persons in the life of the church and to promote and interpret ethnic local church concerns to the annual conference. A willingness to consult with churches and offer training in areas of the ethnic ministries (which may at times include limited travel) preferred.

**Specific Expertise Needed** Passion for keeping the vision of ethnic local church concerns before the annual conference and promoting dialogue among the ethnic constituencies, as well as with annual conference boards and agencies. Experience, education, and/or skills in: (1) connecting local church and district leaders with needed resourcing, training, consulting, and networking that support ethnic constituencies and (2) working within the annual conference, districts, and local churches to identify and nurture lay and clergy leaders of ethnic communities. Familiarity with general church emphases and initiatives.

**Date/Location of Meetings** Twice yearly, once in the spring and once in the fall

**Board/Agency/Commission** **Commission on Religion and Race**

**Minimum Position Requirements** Willingness to advocate for racial/ethnic inclusiveness in all levels of the church and to promote and interpret racial/ethnic concerns to the annual conference. A willingness to consult with churches and offer training in areas of the racial/ethnic ministries (which may at times include limited travel) preferred.

**Specific Expertise Needed** The Conference Commission on Religion and Race envisions a fully inclusive United Methodist Church, that is accountable and proactive in addressing racism, prejudice and divisiveness; where leadership, relationships and ministries are racially and culturally inclusive; and where all members strive, as disciples of Jesus Christ, to build God's beloved community throughout the church and the world. advocated for racial/ethnic justice, reconciliation and inclusiveness in the church and in society. Members of the Commission must have a passion for this area of work. Experience and/or skills in monitoring to help evaluate and ensure progress within the annual conference in enabling racial/ethnic empowerment and achieving racial/ethnic inclusiveness.

**Date/Location of Meetings** Twice yearly, once in the spring and once in the fall

**Board/Agency/Commission** **Commission on the Status and Role of Women (COSROW)**

**Minimum Position Requirements** Willingness to advocate for full inclusiveness of women in all levels of the church and to promote and interpret concerns to the annual conference. A willingness to consult with churches and offer training (which may at times include limited travel) preferred.

**Specific Expertise Needed** Willingness to serve as: (1) an advocate on behalf of women, individually and collectively, within The United Methodist Church, to ensure that the church has the benefit of the wisdom, life experiences, and perspectives of women; (2) a catalyst to seek creative methods to redress inequities of the past and to prevent future inequities against women within The United Methodist Church by bringing about new perceptions, new roles, and new empowerment for women in the church; and (3) a monitor to ensure inclusiveness in the programmatic and administrative functioning of The United

Methodist Church. Experience and/or skills in monitoring to help evaluate and ensure progress within the annual conference.

Date/Location of Meetings Twice yearly, once in the spring and once in the fall