

Guidance/Rules of Procedure

Men's Ministries Of Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Of Northern California-Nevada (CCNC-N)

I. Name

The name of the organization shall be the Men's Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), refer to the Men's Ministry below.

II. Affiliations

Men's Ministries is a regional manifestation of the Office of Disciples Men (ODM) and General Conference of Disciples Men (GCDM) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of the United States and Canada.

III. Purpose

The purpose and mission of the Men's Ministries shall be:

To empower men in their faith for spiritual growth and mission by:

- * Presenting opportunities for support and fellowship, mentoring and spiritual growth,
- * Providing education and leader development for congregational and community involvement,
- * Equipping men to use their influence and put their faith into action to carry out the mission and message of Jesus Christ.

IV. Membership

The constituency of the organization shall consist of all who identify as men and who are committed to the purpose of Men's Ministries and encourage and support its work.

V. Structure

The governing body of the Men's Ministries shall be the Executive Committee (EC).

1. The Executive Committee consists of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, At Large, Consultant, and Staff Liaison.

a. The President;

- Shall be responsible for the administrative affairs of the Men's Ministries.
- Preside at meetings.
- Represents the CCNC-N region in denominational, ecumenical, and other meetings.
- Shall be a member of General Conference Disciples Men or his designee
- Provide reports to the Ministry Council, Executive Committee (Regional Board), and Annual Gathering.

b. The Vice-President;

- Assist the President and preside over meetings when needed.
- Shall assume other responsibilities as may be assigned.

c. The Secretary;

- Keep accurate records and minutes of all meetings of the ministries.
- Responsible for formal correspondence coming from this body.
- Shall assume other responsibilities as may be assigned.

d. The Treasurer;

- Coordinate with the regional bookkeeper and staff liaison for the financial records and transactions of the ministries.
- Attend Regional Resource Committee meetings
- Arrange the financial and contractual obligations (signatures and checks) for events in coordination with the President and Staff liaison.

e. The Chaplain;

- Responsible for a worship part of events and meetings.
- Provide confidential counseling and spiritual guidance.

f. At Large;

- Provide and share personal perspectives or voices to promote the Men's Ministries.
- At least a minimum of two members.
- Serve as the between the membership/church/ethnicity and the Committee.

g. Consultant (on a need basis);

- Provide opinions, analysis, and recommendations to the Committee.

h. Staff Liaison;

- Serve as ex-officio (voice without a vote).
- Provide leadership and resource as necessary.
- Keep the EC informed of programs and tools available from the Region and the Office of Disciples Men (ODM).
- Assist the EC in finding ways to strengthen the ministry to and by men in local congregations.
- Coordinate registrations with Associate Minister.
- Coordinate payment transactions with the regional bookkeeper, the President and Treasurer.
- Liaison as necessary for Men's Ministries in other regional events and programs.
- Shall be a member of General Conference of Disciples Men (GCDM).

2. The EC shall:

a. Plan/schedule:

b. Develop:

- Necessary tools and vision for carrying out our purpose
- Resources and a communications network to assist local congregations in their ministry to and for men.

c. Recommend:

- Program and organizational resources to support congregational Men's Ministries, including working with materials provided by the Office of Disciples Men (ODM)

d. Sponsor:

- E.g. Meeting whether in person or zoom (Spring), Summer Summit in May or June, Work Mission (July or August), Tri-Regional Retreat (October)

e. Provide:

- Suggestions for theme and format of event, speakers, and venue
- Motivation and information for promotion of stewardship and Men's Ministries giving of their congregation and men's groups to general Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) outreach (DMF, Blessing work or Tool Box, etc)
- Opportunities for spiritual development, enrichment, and education for Executive Members and men in local congregations

f. Evaluate:

- Programming for Men's Ministries
- Need of our local congregations to minister to and with men

3. Membership of the EC shall be the following;

- a. An anti-racist, pro-reconciling ministry including people from various ethnic communities and diverse backgrounds.
- b. Nominated by all current membership and elected at the business session during the October retreat.
- c. Terms begin after the fall retreat of the year that they were elected and shall be for two years. Members may be serving again after being off EC for at least one year.
- d. No member may serve more than two consecutive terms in any position, except the President-Elect when he moves into the President position.

4. Meetings of the Executive Committee;

- a. Meetings (either in-person or via Zoom) shall be held every month or as needed.
- b. EC member may be asked to step down if he has missed more than half the EC meetings and events in a year.
- c. Specialized task groups, conference calls or zoom may be called to carry out assigned tasks or increase communications effectiveness.

5. Nomination;

- a. A nominating committee, consisting of President, Vice-President, and three other members representing the diversity of the Region, to serve a two-year term. The regional staff representative shall serve as an ex-officio resource member.
- b. Nominations shall be submitted by the committee to the Executive Committee for approval at least 2 weeks prior to the Fall Retreat.
- c. Every effort will be made to included nominees from ethnic constituencies and diverse backgrounds and ages.
- d. Vacancies not filled by the nominating committee will be appointed by the President and regional staff and ratified by the Executive Committee.

6. Amendment;

- a. Rules of CCNC-N Men's Ministries may be amended at any regular meeting of the Executive Committee provided that:
- b. Such proposed revisions or amendments have been circulated to the Executive Committee members at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting;
- c. Such amendments are adopted by at least two-thirds majority of the Executive Committee members present and voting (either in person, by phone, or electronically).

This Guidance/Rules of Procedure was approved on this date: _____