

Title: Team Transparency and Greater Participation of Annual Conference in Mission Planning

1 Book of Discipline: ¶ 32, ¶608

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3 Book of Resolutions: n/a

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5 Conference Committee/Agency that would be responsible for implementation if passed: Conference  
6 Leadership Team, Conference Operational Team

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8 Financial Implications: None

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10 Brief Rationale: The Upper New York Annual Conference will benefit from taking greater  
11 responsibility for the missional MAPs (Ministry Action Plans) guiding the deployment of our  
12 resources.

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14 **Whereas**, the Apostle Paul built churches with the transparency and Christ modeled and taught, saying,  
15 “we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God’s word; but by the open statement of the truth, we  
16 commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God” (2 Corinthians 4:2);

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18 **Whereas**, the “annual conference” is defined in paragraph 32 of the United Methodist Discipline as,  
19 “clergy and lay members” who meet annually to accomplish the work of the church;

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21 **Whereas**, in paragraph 608 of The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist, the “annual  
22 conference” is invested with the responsibility to “focus and guide the mission and ministry of The  
23 United Methodist Church within its boundaries;”

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25 **Therefore**, be it resolved that all missional planning documents of the Conference Operational Team  
26 and Conference Leadership Team that are ready for implementation or being implemented be  
27 immediately made available to all members of The Upper New York Annual Conference.; and

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29 **Therefore, be it further resolved** that the particular strategies articulated by the Conference Operational  
30 Team and Conference Leadership Team for the pursuit of our common mission be regularly submitted  
31 to the Upper New York Annual Conference for debate, refinement, and approval by vote.

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