

CT Make-Up Proposal

The Connectional Table's Purpose

“The purpose of the Connectional Table (CT) is for the discernment and articulation of the vision for the church and the stewardship of the vision for the church and the stewardship of the mission, ministries, and resources of The United Methodist Church as determined by the actions of the General Conference and in consultation with the Council of Bishops. As part of the total mission of the church, the CT is to serve as a steward of the vision and resources for mission and ministry, provide fiscal responsibility, and establish policies and procedures to carry out the mission of the church,” Book of Discipline, ¶904.

This proposal presumes that sending groups would take into account diversity between lay and clergy, by gender, and according to race, ethnicity, national origin, etc., as well as central conference membership when possible.

- o **Bishops - (6) voting**
 - o Chair of the CT (assigned by the COB)
 - o Ecumenical Officer of the COB
 - o One bishop from each of the regions: U.S., Africa, Europe, the Philippines (assigned by each region) – Chosen by the regional Bishops
- o **Agency Representatives – (12) non-voting**
 - o **Non-Voting:** All General Secretaries and the President of UMPH
- o **Commission on the General Conference Representative**—Secretary of the General Conference (non-voting)
- o **Caucus Representative - (1) voting**— One representative assigned by IEDSG
- o **Ecumenical Partners - (2) non-voting**
 - o British Methodist Church Representative
 - o Representative from the Coordinating Council of Latin American Methodist Churches
- o **Representatives from the Regions - (20) voting**
 - o Five Members from Africa (2 clergy, 3 lay, at least 2 women, one laity under 23 at the time of election, nominated by College of Bishops of the Central Conference)
 - o Five members from Asia (2 clergy, 3 lay, at least 2 women, one laity under 23 at the time of election, nominated by College of Bishops of the Central Conference)
 - o Five members from Europe (2 clergy, 3 lay, at least 2 women, one laity under 23 at the time of election, nominated by College of Bishops of the Central Conference)
 - o Five members from North America (2 clergy, 3 lay, at least 2 women, one laity under 23 at the time of election, with one nominee coming from each Jurisdiction.