

**Summary of Recommended Changes to
Bylaws of the Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ**
Submitted by the Bylaw Revision Committee

Current Bylaws

Recommended Changes

ARTICLE I. NAME AND SEAL.

2. Seal

Delete design type of and correct wording on seal

ARTICLE II. OBJECT.

Change “Object” to more appropriate “Purpose”

ARTICLE III. PRINCIPLES.

Add new “Organizational” section to recognize connection with national church

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP.

1. Voting Members.

Reword member descriptions and add members in in discernment/in care and Executive Committee of State Youth Council as voting members

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS.

2. Eligibility and Election.

Correct unnecessary capitalization

4. Vice Moderator

Add Moderator discretion to request Vice Moderator to act as Moderator

7. Ministers.

Delete entire section (separate article added later)

8. Other Officers.

Section remains but number changed to 7

ARTICLE VI. COORDINATING COUNCIL

Insert new article on Conference Minister(s) and Associate Conference Minister(s); Article VII becomes Coordinating Council article

ARTICLE VI. COORDINATING COUNCIL

1. Membership and Election.

Renumber as ARTICLE VII

1. Membership and Election. (a)

Reword opening paragraph and list membership and method of election
Add chairs of Finance Committee and Personnel Committee to Coordinating Council membership; reduce Commission representatives to one for each Commission; add four at-large members

1. Membership and Election. (b)

Add section giving Conference Minister(s) and Associate Conference Minister(s) voice but not vote at Coordinating Council meetings

1. Membership and Election. (c)

Reword section of when terms of office begin for Coordinating Council members

1. Membership and Election. (d)

Add new section on filling Coordinating Council vacancies

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ARTICLE VI. COORDINATING COUNCIL

- 5. **Standing Committees of the Coordinating Council. (a),(c),(d),(e)** Grammatical changes
- 5. **Standing Committees of the Coordinating Council. (c)** Add qualifications of two members of Finance Committee appointees; add chair of Finance Committee as member of Coordinating Council
- 5. **Standing Committees of the Coordinating Council. (d)** Add chair of Personnel Committee as member of Coordinating Council
- 5. **Standing Committees of the Coordinating Council. (f)** Add new section on composition, election, terms, qualifications, and duties of Audit Committee
- 5. **Standing Committees of the Coordinating Council. (f)** Section remains but letter changed to (g)

ARTICLE VII. BOARD OF TRUSTEES. Renumber as ARTICLE VIII

ARTICLE VIII. STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE CONFERENCE.

- 1. **Nominating Committee.** Renumber as ARTICLE IX
Add at-large members of Coordinating Council and Commission Chairs to list of nominees from Nominating Committee

ARTICLE IX. COMMISSIONS. Renumber as ARTICLE X; add election of Commission Chairs and four at-large members at Annual Meeting; add new section on filling Commission vacancies

ARTICLE X. MEETINGS,
1. **Annual.**

Renumber as ARTICLE XI
Clarification of local churches' ability to call a Special Meeting of the Conference; add statement concerning introduction of action not included in original notice of meeting; add statement concerning reading of Conference Mission Statement

2. **Special.** Add statement concerning introduction of action not included in original notice of meeting

3. **Quorum.** Revise definition of a quorum

5. **Moderator.** Add Moderator discretion to request Vice Moderator to act as Moderator

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ARTICLE XI. APPROPRIATIONS.

ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS.

ARTICLE XIII. CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

ARTICLE XIII. INDEMNIFICATION.

ARTICLE XIII. DISSOLUTION.

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Renumber as ARTICLE XII

Renumber as ARTICLE XVI

Add new Article on Conflict of Interest

Add new Article on Indemnification

Add new Article on Dissolution