

BYLAWS
CALIFORNIA-NEVADA ANNUAL CONFERENCE CHAPTER
OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF UNITED METHODISTS IN WORSHIP,
MUSIC, AND OTHER ARTS

ARTICLE I

Name - Location - Relationship

The name of the organization shall be the California-Nevada Annual Conference Chapter of the Fellowship of United Methodists in Worship, Music, and Other Arts. The office of the Chapter shall be located with its President. The Chapter shall be autonomous within the parent national organization of the Fellowship of United Methodists in Worship, Music, and Other Arts.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

Section I

To be a sharing and enabling fellowship that affirms our worship life embracing preaching, liturgy, music, drama, dance, architecture, and all visual arts appropriate for the inclusive life of the Church.

Section II

We achieve this by:

1. Encouraging a theological concern for and evaluation of our historic tradition in worship, music, and other arts.
2. Encouraging the creativity and newness in the worship experience through the sharing of ideas and programs which have proven successful in our individual churches.
3. Cooperating in the establishment and maintenance of guidelines and standards for leaders in worship, music, and other arts.
4. Providing through workshops, meetings, and conferences opportunities for growth in skills and spiritual life for persons of all ages.
5. Supporting and sensitizing the agencies of the United Methodist Church with counsel and leadership in worship, music, and other arts.

ARTICLE III
Membership and Voting Privileges

Section I

Full members of the California-Nevada annual Conference Chapter shall be members of the Fellowship of United Methodists in Worship, Music, and Other Arts. They shall pay annual dues as assessed by the national organization, and the annual dues assessed by the chapter.

Associate members of the chapter need not be members of the national organization and shall pay annual dues assessed by the chapter. They shall have voting privileges in chapter meetings but will not have privileges of national organization members in that body's matters.

Section II

The membership year for each member shall be determined by the anniversary date of their joining the organization, which is in compliance with the policy established by the national organization.

ARTICLE IV
Meetings

Section I

Meeting dates and location shall be determined by the members of the chapter. Business of the Chapter may be conducted at any regularly scheduled meeting or at special meetings called by the President for specific purposes.

Section II

For purposes of voting on matters pertaining to the chapter, those present shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V
The Executive Committee

Section I

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President or Convener(s) of the Chapter, the Secretary, and the Chairpersons of such committees as are deemed to be necessary by the membership. The Executive Committee shall be subject to the orders of the Council and none of its acts shall be in conflict with action taken by the Council.

Section II

The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President or Convener(s).

ARTICLE VI
Fellowship Council

Section 1.

The Council shall be composed of all elected officers, the jurisdictional representative, the immediate Past President or Convener(s), all committee Chairpersons and two Members at Large to be appointed by the President or Convener(s).

Section II--Officers and Duties

1. The elected officers of the Chapter shall be President or Convener(s), Vice-President, Secretary/Membership Secretary, and Chairpersons of such committees as are deemed necessary by the membership.
2. The officers shall be elected at a business meeting called by the President and shall hold office for two years. The term of office shall begin September 1 of the odd numbered year.
3. There may also be one representative from each District of the Annual Conference. They shall be elected at the same business meeting as other officers and their terms of office shall coincide with those of the other officers.
4. Duties of Officers
 - a. The President or Convener(s) shall preside at all meetings of The Fellowship Council and all general meetings of The Fellowship. The President may, in consultation with the Executive Committee, call meetings of the Council. The President shall appoint committees as directed by the Council.
 - b. The Vice-President, in the absence of the President shall assume the duties of that office. The Vice-President, in consultation with the Executive Committee, may be in charge of any special workshops deemed necessary or desirable by the Council.
 - c. The Secretary shall perform the duties usually associated with that office such as keeping membership and dues records, sending out newsletters, and other necessary duties within that office.
 - d. The funds of this chapter shall be kept by the Annual Conference treasurer and paid out in accordance with Article VII, Sec. 1,1,d. (See below).

Section III Council Meetings

1. The Council shall have general supervision of the affairs of The Fellowship; shall have the power to fill vacancies, to designate committees, to appoint a liaison person to the Conference Worship Committee, to make necessary appropriations, to suggest programs and work-shops to the membership, and to further the purposes of The Fellowship.
2. The Council shall meet at the request of the President or Convener(s). Special meetings of the Council may be called at the request of at least two members of the Council. Members present shall constitute a quorum.

Section IV Nominating Committee

1. A Nominating Committee composed of three (3) members; one (1) to be selected by the members at large, one (1) to be selected by the Council, and one (1) to be selected by the President or Convener(s), shall be formed at a business meeting the year preceding the election. The report of the committee shall be mailed to all members through the Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the election shall be held.
2. The Nominating Committee shall nominate 1 person for each elected office. Nominations shall be accepted from the floor at the business meeting.
3. District Representatives shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee as deemed necessary.
4. In the event that any officer or member of the Council finds it necessary to resign, a written resignation shall be submitted to the Chapter President or Convener(s), who shall appoint a replacement to fill the unexpired term. In the case of the President or Convener(s) the resignation shall be submitted to the Executive Committee.
5. All candidates for chapter office shall be full members of The Fellowship of United Methodists in Worship, Music, and Other Arts.
6. Elections shall take place at the business meeting before September 1 of the odd year.
7. Additional members of the Council (ex-officio) may be:
 - a. The Conference and District Worship Coordinators.
 - b. A liaison person with the Conference Board of Diaconal Ministry.
 - c. A liaison person with the Conference Board of

Discipleship.

- d. A liaison person with the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry.

ARTICLE VII Dues and Finance

Section 1

1. Dues shall be paid according to the following schedule:
 - a. Full members of the Fellowship will pay the amount specified by the National Council plus ten dollars (\$10.00) for local chapter dues. The local chapter dues are returned to the chapter on a quarterly basis by the Executive Director of the Fellowship and are for the exclusive use of the local chapter.
 - b. The membership year for the chapter will conform to the membership year established by the National Council, viz. the anniversary date of joining the Fellowship.
 - c. The program budget shall be self-sustaining. Fees for special workshops or events may be levied with the approval of the Executive Committee.
 - d. The funds of the local chapter shall be kept by the Annual Conference Treasurer and dispersed at the request of the President or Convener(s) or the Secretary.

ARTICLE VIII Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Chapter in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Chapter may adopt.

ARTICLE IX Amendment of Bylaws

- Section 1. These bylaws may be amended at any business meeting of the Chapter by a two-thirds vote of members present.
- Section 2. These amendments shall be submitted to the Council in writing by members of the Conference Chapter at least thirty (30) days before they are to be voted on.