

BY-LAWS

North Alabama Chapter of The Fellowship of United Methodists in Worship, Music & Other Arts

NAME - The Fellowship, North Alabama Chapter

PURPOSES

- 1- to support, educate, and strengthen worship, music and other arts ministries in local United Methodist churches
- 2- to sponsor and support festivals and workshops to enable item #1
- 3- to promote the work of The Fellowship on conference, jurisdictional and national levels
- 4- to provide resources, communication, training and enrichment, support and fellowship for chapter members
- 5- to assist with the work of the Worship Committee of the North Alabama Conference and the Board of Diaconal Ministries
- 6- to provide a week long music and arts experience at Camp Sumatanga for children and youth to achieve the above purposes

MEMBERSHIP - Effective January 1, 1992, national and chapter dues will be billed as a single payment from the national office. Thus, all members of The Fellowship will be members of the chapter. (Chapter dues will be returned to the chapter quarterly.)

According to the Constitution a member of the national organization will automatically be a member of the chapter where one exists. One may not join only the chapter.

OFFICERS/STRUCTURE - General officers shall be elected from the membership for a two-year term and shall consist of a Chairperson, Chairperson-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Chairperson-Elect automatically becomes the Chairperson for a full term following his/her initial term.

Other officers shall be Dean and Dean-Elect for Music & Arts Week - Youth and Children's Divisions. The first year the elected serves as Dean-Elect of one of the two camps. The second year as Dean. The Dean-Elect is considered "in training" the first year. This design requires an annual election for the new Deans-Elect.

These officers all serve on the Executive Committee.

The general officers shall be elected during the fall meeting on even numbered years. A nominating committee appointed by the Chairperson shall submit a slate of nominations of general officers to the fall meeting. The Music and Arts Week Committee shall submit nominations of Deans-Elect annually. Those elected will assume their office following the fall meeting.

Any vacated offices will be filled by appointment of the Executive Committee for the completion of the original term.

MUSIC AND ARTS WEEK COMMITTEE - The Music & Arts Week staff shall be this committee of The Fellowship. This committee shall bring to the fall Fellowship meeting the evaluation of Music & Arts Week. This committee may select clinicians for future years.

CHAPTER MEETINGS - The chapter shall have a minimum of two meetings per year: one in the fall and one in the spring.

AMENDMENTS - The By-Laws of this chapter may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a general meeting or by a two-thirds vote of the return of a mail ballot. Notice of any proposed amendment(s) must be submitted in writing to all members at least thirty days prior to the voting process.

STANDING RULES - Any items not covered in the By-laws or included as an Amendment are to be defined as Standing Rules. These are to include the status reports of all active Task Force Committees and all other actions so empowered by the chapter.

STANDING RULES

No. 1

COPYRIGHT: It shall be required of the Dean of Youth Division and Dean of Children's Division of Music & Arts Week to acquire copyrights on music from their respective camps to be recorded for inclusion on any audio or video taped material as required by law.

SUBMITTED AT THE OCTOBER 12, 1991 MEETING AND APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

SIGNED BY THE OFFICERS: