

By-laws
Northern New England Chapter
of The Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts.

ARTICLE I
General Purpose and Objectives

Section 1. Title: the name of the organization shall be the Northern New England Chapter of the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts, hereinafter designated as The Chapter.

Section 2. Purpose and Objectives: To be a sharing and enabling fellowship within NH, Maine, and Vermont that affirms the sacramental life embracing all forms of art appropriate for the inclusive life of the church. The goals of The Chapter shall be in keeping with those stated in the National Constitution and in the National Fellowship Mission Statement: We are Christians called to minister through our creative gifts to foster worship that makes disciples of Jesus Christ. The Chapter shall be cooperatively related to the Program Area of Discipleship of the New England Conference. The chapter shall be self governing.

ARTICLE II
Membership

Section 1. Membership shall be open to all those who are interested in the enriching of local church worship, regardless of denominational affiliation.

Section 2. Full Members: Full membership is available to those who are members of the National Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts. Only Full members are permitted to vote and hold office.

Section 3. Dues: Annual dues are paid to the local Chapter as part of the National Fellowship dues.

ARTICLE III
Officers

SECTION 1. Elected Officers: Officers shall be elected for a two-year term and shall include a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and 3 Representatives (one from Maine, one from NH and one from Vermont). These officers shall constitute the Executive Board. Elections shall be held in even numbered years in the Fall. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of members present at the Annual Meeting or by a majority by mail ballot if a meeting is not held.

SECTION 2. Duties of officers shall be as follows:

- a. President: shall preside at chapter meetings, appoint committees, convene the Executive Board, and serve as ex-officio member of all committees.
- b. Vice President: shall carry out the responsibilities of the President in his/her absence; may serve as program coordinator.
- c. Secretary: shall keep minutes of the Executive Board and the Chapter, report news and events to the National Office, keep accurate membership records.
- d. Treasurer: shall keep accurate records of dues payments, shall receive and disperse monies from all sources. An annual reporting of these monies shall be given to the membership and to the National Office.

- e. State Representatives: shall be contact people for suggestions or grievances from their respective state.

ARTICLE IV
Meetings

SECTION 1. Meetings: There shall be an annual meeting of the Chapter in the fall.

ARTICLE V
Amendments

Section 1. Amendments: These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of full members present at the annual meeting or by a two thirds vote of full members by mail ballot.