



## **Open Positions for 2024 Nominations**

These Conference Boards, Committees, and Agencies have positions open for nomination in 2024. The number of positions available is indicated on the right. Thank you for considering nominating yourself or another leader for service. See page four for your next steps on the pathway to conference leadership!

### **Board of Pensions and Health Benefits 16**

As its name implies, the Board of Pensions and Health Benefits is the Conference agency tasked with administering the Conference-sponsored benefits plans, including recommending funding for those plans. The Board meets twice a year, in the spring and fall at the Conference office but with a Zoom option. Experience in medical and pension/retirement benefits is helpful but not necessary.

### **Committee on Episcopacy 11**

The Committee on Episcopacy supports, counsels, and advises the Bishop. This committee meets four times a year (3 Zoom meetings and 1 in person meeting). The openings available are for 5 lay women, 5 lay men, and 1 clergyperson. This Committee is seeking candidates who exhibit confidentiality, communication skills, a commitment to prayer, and dependability.

### **Committee on Registration and Assistance 7**

This committee ensures our Annual Conferences are run smoothly and in a way that is hospitable to all delegates and guests by coordinating volunteers, conducting registration, and certifying delegates. They meet once before Annual Conference, and perform their duties during Annual Conference. Computer skills and people skills are essential for serving, and you must be able to attend Annual Conference.

### **Connectional Ministries Team 6**

The work and ministry of CMT is focused in three areas: supporting discipleship in local churches, promoting advocacy efforts across the conference, and helping members secure grant funding for their work, particularly BEAT grants. The available positions on CMT are Representatives for Older Adult Ministries, Children's Ministries / Safe Sanctuaries, Disability Concerns, Native American Ministries, Global Ministries, and Refugee Resettlement. CMT meets 2-4 times a year.

### **Hispanic / Latino Congregational Development 5**

This standing committee of the Connectional Ministries Team plays an important role in developing and strengthening Hispanic and Latino congregations and ministries. They meet monthly. Nominees should have experience serving and worshiping in Hispanic and Latino or multi-ethnic congregations, and an open mind to new ideas and visions for cross-cultural and cross-lingual ministries. Laity nominees are especially encouraged.

**Committee on Daily Proceedings** **5**

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The Committee on Daily Proceedings ensures the clarity, transparency, and documentation of Annual Conference activities, business, and decisions made. They meet once on Zoom before Annual Conference and perform their duties during Annual Conference. You may be a good fit for this committee if you have good note taking skills, quick reading comprehension, and the ability to follow directions. You must be able to attend Annual Conference

**BEAT - Barnes Evaluation and Administration Team** **4**

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BEAT distributes funds from the sale of closed church property in an equitable, accountable manner to fund ministry initiatives across all districts. Today that committee has a robust process in place for granting funds. 2 Clergy and 2 Laity positions are open for 2024-2025. You may be a good fit for BEAT if you have experience in grant making or finance, and if you exhibit confidentiality, critical and creative thinking, maturity, and excellent judgment. You should be comfortable filtering information, coming to a decision, and supporting that decision in a public discussion. BEAT meets on the third Thursday of each month, and twice a month when they evaluate grant proposals. Attendance, preparation, and active participation are vitally important.

**Committee on Standing Rules** **4**

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“Standing Rules” outline definitions, procedures and details related to how business and other work should be conducted and accomplished. This committee addresses the submission of new standing rules, maintains existing rules, and makes sure the standing rules are consistent with the Book of Discipline. They meet 3-4 times per year over Zoom. Qualified nominees should know Robert’s Rules of Order.

**Georgia Pastor’s School Board of Managers** **4**

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The Pastor’s School Managers plan a week of professional development and continuing education each year at Pastors’ School for North Georgia and South Georgia clergy. They meet 4-5 times a year and must be able to attend Pastor’s School.

**United Methodist Men of the North Georgia Conference** **4**

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The UMMen supports and connects church United Methodist Men fellowships and encourages participation in 10 areas of ministry: Evangelism, Spiritual Development, Prayer, Hunger Advocacy, Missions, Disaster Response, Prison Ministry, Scouting, Leadership Development and Communications. The United Methodist Men welcome nominations for a Treasurer, Prayer Advocate, Evangelism Chairman, and Missions Chairman.

**Commission on Equitable Compensation** **4**

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The Commission ensures the conference is maintaining fair and competitive salary structures and compensation policies, administers funds to be used in base compensation supplementation, and advises the conference on an arrearage policy and pastoral support standards. The four openings are available for laity. You may enjoy serving on Equitable Comp if you have a sense of smaller church challenges, a gift for administration, and an appreciation for the missional needs of the districts. They meet twice a year, with much of their work done outside of meetings via email. The Commission seeks nominees from the Central West, South East, and South West Districts.

**North Georgia Housing and Homeless Council** **3**

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The Housing and Homeless Council is an agency of the North Georgia Conference that provides grants to churches and other non-profit organizations who minister to people experiencing poverty and homelessness. They meet 4 times per year on Zoom. The three available positions are for laity from Central West, North East, North West Districts. The Council seeks nominees who have experience working in homeless ministry or navigating various government agencies/programs in this same area and who are willing to encourage participation in the annual offering in their church and a heart for mission and outreach.

**Board of Trustees** **2**

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Our Board of Trustees is charged with the responsibility, and is legally vested with the authority, to steward property assets held in trust by our Annual Conference, on behalf of our Annual Conference. In addition to receiving, collecting, investing, and holding in trust such assets, our Board of Trustees is responsible for taking all necessary legal steps to safeguard and protect the interests and rights of the annual conference. Trustees meets three times per year. Two positions are available for laity.

**Council on Finance and Administration** **2**

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Similar to local church Finance Committees, responsibilities of the Council on Finance and Administration (CF&A) include oversight of the financial staff, responsibility for auditing the financial statements, ensuring adherence to the budget based on revenue collections, and providing assistance in raising the funds to support the budget. CF&A approves conference-wide financial appeals by related ministries, advises local churches on financial and property matters, and sets the apportionment formulas. Individuals with a background in finance or accounting are encouraged to serve on CF&A. They meet 3-5 times per year at the Conference Center with Zoom as an option. Two positions are available for laity.

**Committee on Resolutions** **2**

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Resolutions, as defined by our Book of Discipline, are the “official expressions of the United Methodist Church,” that are affirmed by the Annual Conference and then forwarded to our General Conference as petitions for consideration and vote. The resolutions committee is responsible for reviewing, revising, and presenting resolutions to the annual conference.

**Pan-Asian Congregational Development Committees** **2**

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This standing committee of the Connectional Ministries Team plays an important role in developing and strengthening Asian congregations and ministries. They meet every other month. Nominees should have experience serving and worshiping in Korean churches, other Asian communities, or multi-ethnic congregations.

**Black Congregational Development** **2**

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This standing committee of the Connectional Ministries Team plays an important role in developing and strengthening Black churches. They meet monthly. Nominees should have experience serving and worshiping in Black or multi-ethnic congregations.

## Appointed Positions Available

These positions are appointed by the Bishop. Bishop Dease welcomes nominations for these roles that she will then appoint.

### **Conference Youth Secretary** **1**

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### **Committee on Nominations** **1**

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This committee identifies leaders and manages the Nominations process. At-large members of the Committee on Nominations meet three times a year, in January, March, and April, and conduct business over email.

### **Committee on Investigation** **4**

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This committee considers judicial complaints against clergy. There are openings for 2 Clergy and 2 Laity. They meet only when necessary to address a case. Knowledge of the Book of Discipline, strong ethics, no fear of service in this role are critical for service.

### **Administrative Review Committee** **2**

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This committee ensures disciplinary procedures for involuntary leave of absence or retirement or discontinuation of provisional membership are properly followed. They meet when needed.

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## Your Pathway to Conference Leadership

If you are ready to nominate yourself or someone you know for any of the positions listed above, you can do so at [ngumc.org/nominations](https://ngumc.org/nominations). If you nominate someone else, the system will automatically send them a link to accept the nomination.

Any professing member in a North Georgia United Methodist Church, or any licensed, provisional, or ordained clergy person may be nominated. Nominees must have a reference from their pastor, District Superintendent, Church Lay Leader, or District Lay Leader. A request for these references is sent automatically by the software platform.

The Nominations Committee will review all nominees and match the needs of each board, committee, council, and team with the gifts and interests of those nominated. You will be contacted in March or April if you have been selected to serve.

All members of Boards and Committees are required to take an intercultural training. We are currently using the Implicit Bias training from GCORR, an excellent resource that will positively impact your work on North Georgia Committees, in your church, and in your community. The Conference Nominations Team will provide you with more information after you are nominated and you will be asked to complete the training before May 1.

Once the Nominations Report is approved at Annual Conference, members begin service on July 1 and serve for a four-year period called a quadrennium. The chair of your committee will arrange for onboarding and training specific to the work of the committee.

If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Brian Tillman at [brian.tillman@ngumc.net](mailto:brian.tillman@ngumc.net) or Alina Crews at [acrews@ngumc.org](mailto:acrews@ngumc.org).

**Ready to start your journey to conference leadership? Nominate yourself or someone else at [ngumc.org/nominations](https://ngumc.org/nominations).**