



# Evangelical Congregational Church

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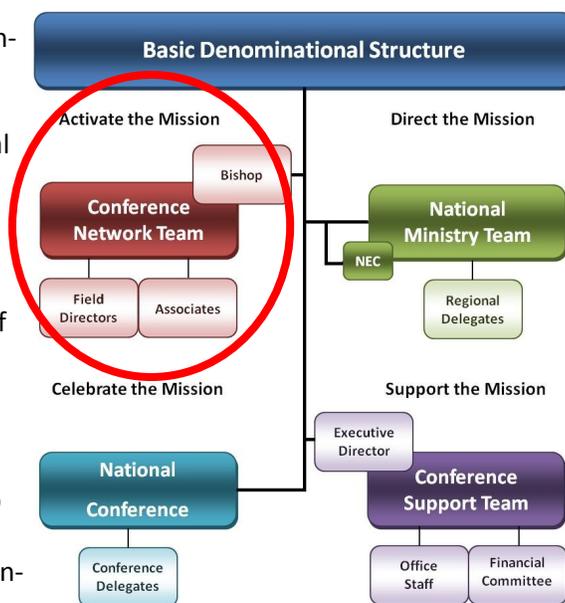
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## The Conference Network Team

The Conference Network Team is an organizational unit within the denominational framework that is designed to provide counsel and encouragement to Evangelical Congregational leaders and to assure that our church's ministries are working together in unity to realize our denominational vision. It develops denominational initiatives, provides guidance in matters of accountability for EC credentialed personnel, and can make formal recommendations to denominational bodies.

The Conference Network Team will be chaired by the Bishop and its membership would be the Church Health Associate, Global Ministries Associate, Kingdom Extension Associate, Ministerial Development Associate, and each of the District Field Directors. Currently, that would be 13; one representing each district. The Executive Director would serve as an advisory member.



## Stationing of Pastors

The Covenant Implementation Team foresees stationing taking place much as it does today.

Pastors are assigned by a Stationing Committee through a cooperative process (Stationing Committee, pastor and local church) rather than called to pulpit ministries by a local congregation as described in the Rules of

Conference. Pastors agree to willingly go where they are assigned and churches agree to accept the pastor assigned. The final decision regarding a pastoral assignment rests solely with the Stationing Committee.

A Stationing Committee This committee is chaired by the Bishop, and includes two Stationing Eld-

ers elected from and by each region of the denomination, and one District Field Director from each region elected by the Conference Network Team. The Stationing Elder must be an active or retired Itinerant Elder. The term of office for a Stationing Elder is five years with no term limit.

## The Conference Support Team



The Conference Support Team will support the mission and serve the church by supervising our operations – stewarding assets and providing the necessary services to accomplish the mission across the network. This group will oversee the work of many of the traditional Standing Committees of Conference.

- Publishing Committee
- Discipline
- National Conference Journal
- Other Publications
- Web-site(s)
- Audit Committee
- Church Center Management Team
- Conference Services Committee
- Tellers Committee
- Finance Committee
- Loan & Investment Committee
- Property Committee

The Executive Director will serve as the Chairman of the Conference Support Team. Members will include the National Conference Treasurer, Church Center Office Manager, Administrative Assistant to the Bishop, and the Bishop as ex-officio. The Bishop and the chairperson may appoint additional members who are to serve on the Team.

## National Conference Leadership

The CIT restructuring plan maintains the current structure of National Conference officers. The two adjustments to the current practice are that, since there are no longer Conference Ministers, there is a change in the

way the vice-chairman of conference is nominated and elected; and the election of the Secretary and Treasurer are handled by the National Ministry Team. This is in keeping with the desire to entrust the NMT with the operational and administrative aspects of the denomination.

**Presiding Officer (Chairman):** Bishop

**Vice-Chairman:** The vice chairman shall be elected by the National Ministry Team from a ballot provided by the Conference Network Team. Only Itinerant members of the Confer-

ence Network Team may be nominated.

**Secretary:** The Secretary shall be elected by the National Ministry Team from a ballot provided by the Conference Network Team. The secretary may, if necessary, choose assistants to accurately record all transactions of the conference. Only Itinerant members of the conference may be nominated.

**Treasurer:** A treasurer shall be elected by the National Ministry Team from a ballot provided by the Conference Network Team, and shall function as the conference may determine to handle funds of the National Conference.

**Vacancies:** The National Executive Committee, in consultation with the Conference Network Team, shall fill vacancies in the offices of vice chairman, secretary, or treasurer until the next session of the National Ministry Team when a new officer shall be elected.

**In keeping with the desire to entrust the NMT with the operational and administrative aspects of the denomination, there are two adjustments to the current practice of nominating and electing some NC officers.**