



Free Methodist Church USA
39th General Conference
RESOLUTION

INSTRUCTIONS:

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INTRODUCED BY: Executive Leadership Team (XLT)

ANNUAL CONFERENCE NAME:

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Resolution No. 424

Received Date: 1/2/2023

Resolution Committee Grade: _____

BOA Consideration: _____

GC Consideration: _____

RELATED TO PARAGRAPH – 4200-4300

Referred to Ministry Team Number:

SUBJECT OR TITLE: Include the Executive Leadership Team (XLT) in chapter 4 of the *Book of Discipline* as part of the denomination structure

Final Vote: Yes No

WHEREAS:

Whereas: Chapter 4 of the *Book of Discipline* outlines the administrative structures of Free Methodist Church USA;
and

Whereas: The Executive Leadership Team (XLT) has been formed as an important support network to the Board of Bishops; and

Whereas: The Executive Leadership Team is empowered to help catalyze and implement the vision of the Board of Bishops and the Free Methodist Church USA.

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED:

Therefore, be it resolved to include the Executive Leadership Team and a brief description of its make up and function in the fourth chapter of the *Book of Discipline* between ¶4200 and ¶4300.

Executive Leadership Team (XLT)

Under the direction of the Board of Bishops, the Executive Leadership Team (XLT) exists to aid and support superintendents, conference leadership teams, and other denominational entities in the implementation of the denominational vision frame (mission, values, strategy, and mission measures) and cultivation of the five values of The Free Methodist Way (TFMW).

Structure

The XLT is comprised of individuals who function either as Strategic Catalysts or Strategic Services in six clearly defined areas. The team may be temporarily or permanently expanded as determined by the Board of Bishops.

-The Strategic Catalysts serve in roles that align closely to the values of TFMW and consist of individuals who bring substantial experience, expertise, and fruitfulness to the area in which they are employed. While the Board of Bishops assumes broad responsibility for the cultivation of all five values, our bishops take specific responsibility for articulating and advancing our distinctive message of Life-Giving Holiness and guarding our commitment to God-Given Revelation. The three remaining values of TFMW will be advanced through the inspiration, experience, and resources of the following:

- o Strategic Catalyst for Justice (Love-Driven Justice)
- o Strategic Catalyst for Multiplication (Christ-Compelled Multiplication)
- o Strategic Catalyst for Global Engagement (Cross-Cultural Collaboration)

-Those who serve in roles of Strategic Services direct critical systems that provide functional value throughout the FMCUSA ecosystem. This team consists of the following roles:

- o Operations FMCUSA COO
- o Pastoral Formation Director
- o Communications Director

Function

The XLT aims to achieve its purpose in the following ways:

1. By improving implementation through focused attention, influence, and internal accountability for

execution in each of the defined areas.

2. By creating a collaborative team that will work with the Board of Bishops to ensure that the work of each defined area is shaped by the needs, insights and perspectives of all the other areas.
3. By providing superintendents, conferences and denominational entities with additional expertise, resources, and support to enhance widespread implementation of our denominational vision frame and the values of TFMW in contextually appropriate ways.
4. By identifying innovation, best practices, and denominational strengths and creating opportunities by which they can be widely distributed across the national church.
5. By ensuring improved coordination between missional initiatives and denominational systems and structures.
6. By identifying and removing roadblocks to effectiveness through regular review and evaluation of denominational systems and structures

Annual Conference Resolutions Committee Worksheet:

Mission: To love God, love people and make disciples.

Vision: To bring wholeness to the world through healthy biblical communities of holy people multiplying disciples, leaders, groups and churches.

1. Does the resolution have a direct relationship to the vision and mission of the Free Methodist Church?

Yes

No

2. How will the proposed change help us accomplish our vision and mission?

3. The Resolutions Committee rates this resolution as:

(A) Support - recommend adoption

(B) Recommended - worthy of review

(C) Rejected - anticipate General Conference rejection

Other Comments: