

MidMaine Trustee Webinar

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Welcome!

Webinar Orientation

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Servant Ministry

Christian Discipleship-The ministry of all Christians consist of privilege and obligation. The privilege is a relationship with God that is deeply spiritual. The obligation is to respond to God's call to holy living in the world. In the United Methodist tradition these two dimensions of Christian living are wholly interdependent.

BOD paragraph 135

Tonight's Trustee topics

- Roles and responsibilities in the local church
- Relationships and responsibilities beyond the local church
- Legal Issues
- Insurance
- Parsonages
- Leases
- Bequests
- Endowments
- Accessibility Grants

Roles and Responsibilities

- Church/Charge Conference
 - Elects leadership, is ultimately responsible for all decision making.
- Church Council/Board
 - Executive body that enacts the direction of the Church Conference
- If your church has single board governance

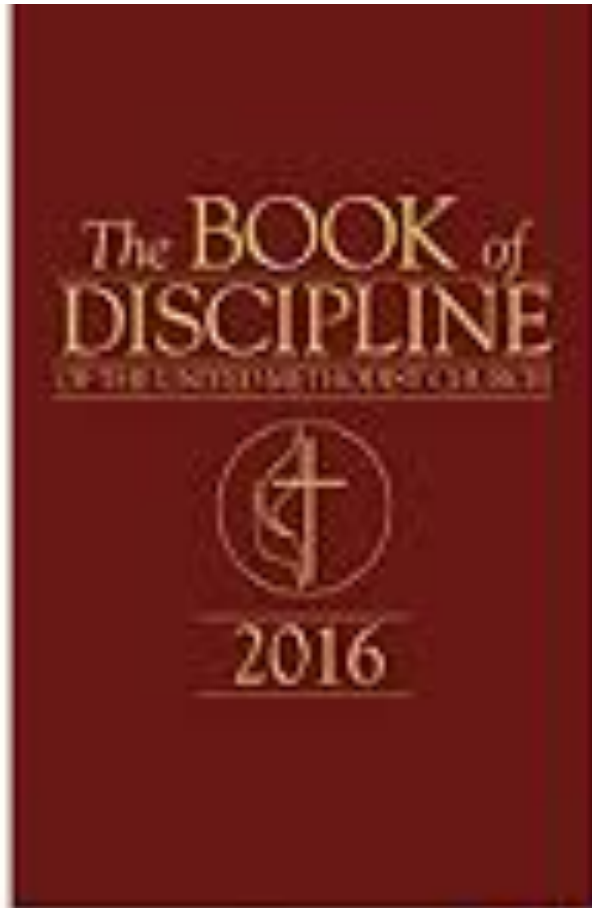
- Trustees (3-9, minimum 2/3 professing members)
 - Directed by and Accountable to the Church Conference via the Church Council/Board
 - Responsible for the assets of the church, physical, invested, legal.
 - Elects its own leadership in January

Relationships and responsibilities beyond the local church

- District Superintendent (consult and approve)
- District Church Building and Location Committee BOD 2519
- NEUMC Trustees
- Conference Treasurer
- General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA)
- Fred C Church Insurance
- State of Maine
- District Superintendent (resource for BOD)

BOD 2525-6, 2529-2533, 2541-2547

<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/board-of-trustees>



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Maine State Laws (Secretary of State)

- Minimum # of Trustees
- Incorporation
- Mandated Reporting
- Occasional Use and Sales Tax
- Property Tax
- Locally determined: actual property taxes
- Endowments

<https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/13/title13ch99sec0.html>

Insurance: Fred C Church & Church Mutual

<https://www.neumc.org/propertyworkerscompensationinsurance>

- Prevention
- Reporting workplace injuries
- Reporting damage to facility
- Sensor program
- Legal considerations
 - Liabilities: Mandated reporter training, safe sanctuary, law suits

Parsonages

- Working with the S/PPRC
- Annual Inspections
 - Safety, maintenance, quality of life
- Privacy

Leases

- Trust clause BOD paragraph 2501
- DS permission
- District Committee consultation
- Parsonages
- Steeples <http://www.steeplecom.com>
- Church space safe sanctuary, mandated reporter training
- other

Parsonage rental (2016 BOD ¶25410)

Lease must be signed by 2 church officers and include:

1) 3 letters of approval

a) MME Committee on church and location

b) Pastor

c) District Superintendent

2) An annual inspection will be done by the tenant with 2 representatives of the church.

3) Trust Clause (2016 BOD ¶2503)

In trust, that said premises shall be kept, maintained, and disposed of as a place of residence for the use and occupancy of the ordained ministers of the United Methodist Church who may from time to time be entitled to occupy the same by appointment; subject to the Discipline and usage of said church as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference and by the annual conference within whose bounds the said premises are situated.

This provision is solely for the benefit of the grantee, and the grantor reserves no right or interest in said premises.

Bequests

- Bequests vs Memorial Gifts
- Other legal gifts
- Considerations
- Planning and support

Resource: <http://www.umfne.org>

Endowments

Record of endowments (included in annual Report of the Trustees)

location

restrictions by donor

restrictions by Church Conference

directions by Church Council/Board

Use of Endowments

Resource: <http://www.umfne.org>

Grants

- <https://www.neumc.org/boardoftrusteesgrants>

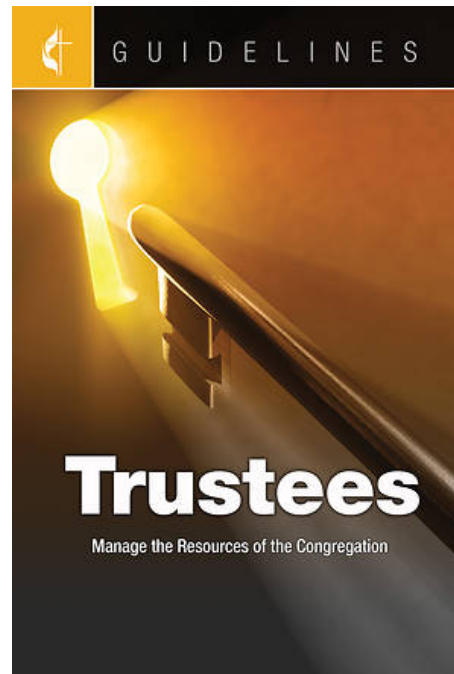
“Grants support emergencies and handicapped accessibility projects not funded by other agencies and other Committees within the Conference.

Grants potentially cover lead paint, asbestos removal, radon and oil tanks; handicapped accessibility to churches, not parsonages is fundable. (Parsonage handicap accessibility grants are available by request in compliance with Resolution 123.)

Grants can be used to cover general support ordered by code enforcement officials, emergency lighting and sprinklers. Nursery schools are the responsibility of churches that receive donations in exchange for space. Church-run nurseries may be considered under certain conditions.”

Resources

- <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/trustees3>



Trustee's prayer

Holy God of strength and mercy,

Bless these men and women as they do the work of Trustee in your beloved churches. Grant them the spiritual gifts, skills, and experience to make their work effective so that your ministry may flourish. Fill their work with the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. Guide them in their prayer, study of scripture, and service, becoming more like your son Jesus Christ even as they serve him. AMEN