

THE CONNECTIONAL TRUSTEE MINISTRY

The Connectional Trustee Ministry operates in cooperation with the Department of Lay Ministry under the administration of the General Secretary of Lay Ministry.

The presiding officer is the President who is elected quadrennially during the Quadrennial Lay Ministry Institute by the voting delegates to the same. Eleven (11) additional Vice Presidents are elected from each of the eleven Episcopal Districts of the church at the meeting of the Episcopal District Caucus that is held during the Quadrennial Lay Ministry Institute.

The President is a member of the Executive Council and the full body (President and Eleven Vice Presidents) is a member of the Cabinet of the Department of Lay Ministry.

The Connectional Trustee Ministry shall, in cooperation with the General Secretary of Lay Ministry and the Connectional Trustee President:

1. Come together at the CME Unity Summit for training and development of materials appropriate for training and instruction of Trustees in the CME Church;
2. Promote attendance of and participation by its members in the Quadrennial Lay Ministry Institute, and other times agreed upon by the President and the General Secretary;
3. Make recommendations to the General Secretary about how the Department of Lay Ministry can assist in improving the Trustee Ministry;
4. Contribute to the Trustee Ministry President's report made quadrennially to the Quadrennial Lay Ministry Institute (report shall be limited to those activities coincident with the connectional responsibilities as delineated herein);
5. Utilize the means made available by the Department to develop literature, workshops, electronic media, etc. to train and educate trustees and laity in the church;
6. Cooperate in all facets of Lay Ministry for enhancing and promoting the means of grace consistent with Biblical principles and the direction of the Department of Lay Ministry.



PRESIDENT – CONNECTIONAL TRUSTEE MINISTRY

1. Shall operate in cooperation with the Department of Lay Ministry under the administration of the General Secretary of Lay Ministry.
2. Shall support and promote the Trustee Ministry as outlined in CME Book of Discipline and assist in strengthening and furtherance of the same.
3. Shall make a written report every four years at the Quadrennial Lay Ministry Institute.
4. Shall lead in the development and/or revision of a Trustee Manual for teaching and training of Trustees in the CME Church.
5. Shall lead in the communication and interpretation of the Duties of Trustees as outlined in the CME Book of Discipline and the CME Trustee Manual.
6. Shall lead in providing teaching and training processes for Trustees during the yearly CME Unity Summit.
7. Shall communicate with the Episcopal District Trustee Vice Presidents and provide encouragement and insight relative to the teaching and training of CME Trustees.
8. Shall assist in promoting Connectional Lay Ministry Day and encouraging the use of lay speakers during Connectional Lay Ministry Day Services.
9. Shall assist in promoting educational readiness of our youth in the application process for the Graham-Webb-Kennedy Scholarship.
10. Shall embrace the Department of Lay Ministry Beliefs and Objectives and promote furtherance of the same.

