

FLORIDA CONFERENCE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

STANDING RULES

January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2029

CONSTITUTION – Approved by General Conference.

BYLAWS – Approved by the National organization of United Women in Faith.

STANDING RULES OF THE FLORIDA CONFERENCE – Approved at the Annual Meeting by the Florida Conference organization of United Women in Faith. Recommended by the Florida Conference United Women in Faith Leadership Team, but not limited to that group. No Standing Rule is in order that conflicts with the Constitution and Bylaws.

POLICIES – Approved by the Florida Conference United Women in Faith Leadership Team.

VOTING BODY – The voting body of the Annual Meeting of the FL Conference United Women in Faith shall be composed of members of United Women in Faith organizations existing within the bounds of the Florida Conference who are duly registered for the event.

FUNDS – District Treasurers shall remit funds quarterly to the FL Conference United Women in Faith Treasurer. The FL Conference Treasurer shall remit funds quarterly to the National office.

I. FL Conference United Women in Faith Elected and Appointed Leaders

A. Elected Members

1. Elected members of the FL Conference United Women in Faith Leadership Team shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications Coordinator, and the Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations.
2. All elected members will assume their duties on January 1, following their election, for a two-year term of office, and have voice and vote on the Conference Leadership Team.

B. Members of the Conference United Women in Faith Committee on Nominations

1. The members of the FL Conference Committee on Nominations shall also be elected and shall be members of the Conference Leadership Team, with voice but no vote, except for the Chairperson who has voice and vote.
2. The Committee shall be composed of eight (8) persons, including the Chairperson and shall be representative of the Conference in matters of employment, age, and racial and ethnic background.
3. The Committee shall be divided into four (4) classes, with no member serving more than a four-year term.

C. Appointed Members

1. Haitian and Hispanic Outreach Coordinators

Nominated by the Committee on Nominations, the Haitian Outreach Coordinator and the Hispanic Outreach Coordinator shall be confirmed at the FL Conference Annual Meeting. They shall reach out to Haitian and Hispanic women throughout the Conference and bring specific recommendations to the Conference Leadership Team, District Leadership Teams, and local units for ways in which Haitian and Hispanic women may be served. They shall also develop and implement ways in which to increase the engagement of Haitian and Hispanic women with United Women in Faith. They will be responsible for implementing programs as directed by the Conference Leadership Team. They will be appointed for a two-year term and may serve for two terms. They shall have voice and vote on the FL Conference Leadership Team. They will also serve on the Committee on Program, Committee on Mission u, and Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice.

2. Other Designated Positions

The FL Conference President, with the approval of the Leadership Team, may annually appoint liaisons such as a Social Action Liaison, Legacy Liaison, and Rising Women Liaison to assist the Conference Leadership Team in the fulfillment of the Purpose. These liaisons will have voice and vote on the FL Conference Leadership Team.

D. Jurisdictional and National Leaders

United Women in Faith members of the Southeastern Jurisdiction United Women in Faith Leadership Team, directors of the National organization, and members of the Program Advisory Group who reside within the Florida Conference shall be members of the FL Conference United Women in Faith Leadership Team with voice and vote.

E. Ex-Officio Members

The Florida Conference United Methodist Church Bishop's representative shall be an ex-officio member of the FL Conference United Women in Faith Leadership Team with voice and no vote.

F. Jurisdictional and National Organization Representation

At the Annual meeting of the Florida Conference United Women in Faith prior to the quadrennial meeting of the Jurisdiction organization:

1. Three (3) voting delegates among the elected leaders from the FL Conference United Women in Faith Leadership Team will be elected for membership in the Jurisdiction organization. Haitian and Hispanic Outreach Coordinators may be included for inclusiveness.
2. Two (2) women will be elected as nominees for membership on the Board of Directors of the United Women in Faith National organization. One additional woman will be elected to serve as an alternate. Nominees must be professing members of The United Methodist Church.

3. Three (3) women will be elected as nominees for membership on the Program Advisory Group of the National organization. They must have been members of United Women in Faith on January 1 of the year of their nomination.

All of the above nominees shall be presented to the Florida Conference Annual meeting prior to the quadrennial meeting of the Jurisdiction organization as recommendations from the FL Conference United Women in Faith Committee on Nominations.

II. COMMITTEES

A. COMMITTEE ON CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

There will be seven (7) members of the committee, one-third of whom will be women of color. Members will include the Conference President, who will serve as Chairperson, the Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations, and either the Haitian or Hispanic Outreach Coordinator. Additional members will be nominated by the Committee on Nominations and will include one District President, one member of the Conference Leadership Team, and two (2) members selected to ensure inclusiveness and/or special expertise in the skills necessary for this committee.

B. COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS

The Conference Communications Coordinator will serve as Chairperson. Members of this committee will be recommended by the Conference President and approved by the Conference Leadership Team.

C. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance will be composed of the FL Conference Treasurer, who will serve as Chairperson, the Conference President and Secretary, and the Treasurers of the District organizations.

D. COMMITTEE ON MISSION U

1. **Relationship:** The Committee on Mission u is a standing committee of the Conference Leadership Team. Overall plans for Mission u shall be submitted to the Leadership Team for approval, including location, dates, study group leaders, resource persons, registration fee, and budget.
2. **Guidelines:** The Committee on Mission u shall develop plans for the event according to the guidelines and recommendations received from the United Women in Faith National organization.
3. **Leaders and Committee Members:** Elected leaders of the Committee on Mission u shall be the Dean, Assistant Dean, Registrar, Secretary, Business Manager, Media Technology Coordinator, and Chairperson of the Mission u Committee on Nominations. The FL Conference President, Treasurer, and Haitian and Hispanic Outreach Coordinators will also serve on this committee.
4. **Election Process:** The process for nominating and electing members of the Committee on Mission u is addressed in the FL Conference United Women in Faith Policies.

5. **Mission u Committee on Nominations:** There shall be a Mission u Committee on Nominations composed of three (3) persons. One shall be a District President and at least one shall be a person to insure inclusiveness on the committee. They shall select their own Chairperson. While she is serving, the Chairperson shall be a member of the Committee on Mission u. The District President should have tenure remaining through the following Mission u. Members of the Mission u Committee on Nominations will serve no more than two successive years.

E. COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Please see Section I.B. on page one of this document.

F. COMMITTEE ON POLICIES AND STANDING RULES

The FL Conference United Women in Faith Leadership Team will serve as the Committee on Policies and Standing Rules. The President will name a Sub-Committee of no more than three (3) members of the Conference Leadership Team to present to the Conference Leadership Team suggested changes to the Policies and/or Standing Rules.

G. COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM

This committee will include the Conference President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Haitian and Hispanic Outreach Coordinators, and others as the Leadership Team may determine. The Vice President will serve as Chairperson.

III. ADDITIONAL MEMBERS ON COMMITTEES

Elected/appointed leaders serving beyond the Conference level shall serve with voice and vote on committees to which their elected/appointed office relates, except the Committee on Nominations.

FL CONFERENCE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH STANDING RULES

Proposed additions or amendments to these Standing Rules may be submitted by any member, in writing, to the FL Conference United Women in Faith Leadership Team for consideration. Substantive changes, recommended by the Sub-Committee on Policies and Standing Rules and approved by the Conference Leadership Team, shall be sent to the membership of the FL Conference United Women in Faith organization at least 30 days prior to the FL Conference Annual Meeting, with adoption at the Annual Meeting by majority vote (50%+1). Standing Rules must be in harmony with the Constitution and Bylaws of the United Women in Faith National organization.

These Standing Rules will be in effect from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2029, unless there are major changes to the Constitution and Bylaws of United Women in Faith.

Approved by the FL Conference Leadership Team: 2/24/2026.

Approved by the FL Conference Annual Meeting _____.