

THE MINNESOTA UNITED METHODIST PARISH NURSES ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

Article 1: Name

The name of the organization shall be the Minnesota United Methodist Parish Nurses Association-also known as MUMPNA.

Article 2: Purpose

The Minnesota United Methodist Parish Nurses Association will:

Section 1:

Provide a forum to share our common experiences as Parish Nurses in the United Methodist communities of faith.

Section 2:

Provide leadership to foster the spiritual growth and development of Methodist Parish Nurses and the expansion of this ministry into more congregations by raising awareness of this position as an important contribution to the work of the church, encouraging more nurses to enter the field of Parish Nursing and support of appropriate salaries and budget for the sustainability of this ministry.

Section 3:

Increase visibility and recognition of this ministry within the Minnesota United Methodist Annual Conference.

Section 4:

Assure that Parish Nursing as a profession is recognized as a distinct ministry in the Minnesota United Methodist Annual Conference. This would include but not be limited to structures, forms, surveys, documents and communications.

Section 5:

Provide a tool for communication between the Minnesota United Methodist Parish Nurses Association and the Minnesota Annual conference.

Section 6:

Provide mutual collaboration and support for association members and all those serving in this ministry, through sharing experiences of our work, its successes, challenges, wisdom and resources.

Section 7:

Provide fiscal management for the organization MUMPNA (Minnesota United Methodist Parish Nurses Association) including development of budgets, allocations of funds, management of scholarships, development and maintenance of it's "not for profit" status and any other business of the organization.

Article 3: Membership

Section 1:

Membership in the Minnesota United Methodist Parish Nurses Association is currently defined by participation as a Minnesota United Methodist Parish Nurse. Parish Nursing is defined as being currently licensed as a Registered Nurse to practice in the State of Minnesota and having completed a Parish Nurse preparation course approved by the Minnesota United Methodist Parish Nurses Association.

Section 2:

All membership dues will be established by consensus at the Annual Meeting following rationale for change by the Board of Directors.

Section 3:

Associate members in the Minnesota United Methodist Parish Nurses Association shall be: clergy, health advocates, retired Faith Community Nurses, health cabinet members, and others interested in health ministry.

Article 4: Officers and Terms of Office

Section 1:

The Minnesota United Methodist Parish Nurses Association shall appoint the chairperson as liaison to the Minnesota United Methodist Annual Conference to represent the interests of the association and to act as conduit for information and support.

Section 2:

Using processes of discernment and consensus, the Minnesota United Methodist Parish Nurses Association shall elect officers for a term of two (2) years. The officers shall be Chair, Vice-chair/programming, Secretary, Treasurer, who will be full members of the organization. The board as a whole will serve as the Membership/Nominations committee. District Directors may be full or associate members of the organization. An executive committee will consist of at least 3 board members.

Article 5: Meetings

Section 1:

The Minnesota United Methodist Parish Nurses Association shall meet monthly (unless there is action of the Board to "skip" a meeting) to carry out the business of the organization with the exception of December. The Minnesota United Methodist Parish Nurses Association will hold an Annual meeting each year.

Section 2:

Decisions will be made by consensus.

Article 6: Committees

Section 1:

Committees will be established as needed.

Article 7: By-Laws

Section 1:

By-Laws will be reviewed every two years, by the Board on odd numbered years. Changes will be posted on the MUMPNA website 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Voting regarding the By-Laws will take place at the Annual Meeting.

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