

DRAFT – Conference Model

EPC/PEC Model

Conference Structure

The structure will be based on a new covenant that focuses on our shared relationships and mutual accountability to one another in all settings of the church in the life of our conference.

* The Marks of Faithful and Effective Authorized Ministers of the UCC

* The Marks of Faithful and Effective Churches of the UCC (in the process of being created)

The Associations will remain the same initially with the understanding that we may evolve into a new model: either a three association/regional model, one association model (the conference acting as an association) or another yet to be envisioned model. This conversation and discernment time will take place at a joint spring meeting of the PNE and PSE Conferences in 2019.

Focus areas of the structure

Program (this list is not comprehensive)

Church Development
Justice and Witness Ministries
Disaster Ministries
Youth Events
Mission Events
Ecumenical Relationships
Lay and Authorized Minister Training
Clergy Convocation
Clergy Retreats

Pastoral (this list is not comprehensive)

Search and Call
Committees on Ministry
Committees on Church
Spiritual Leadership
Pastoral Transitions
Crisis Intervention
Communities of Practice
Church Legacy

Governance

Annual Meetings
General Synod Delegation
Conference Council (Consistory/Board)
Constitution and By-Laws
Conference Policies
Financial planning and investments

Staff

Record Keeping
Communication/Technology
Budget/Finance
Registrar
Resource Sharing
Pastoral Support/Counseling
National Church Representation

Unified Conference Council

A Unified Conference Council will upon the approval of the Resolution to Unite PNE and PSE Conferences, be elected in the fall of 2018 with five representatives and one co-convener from each conference to create the new governance structure of the new conference.

The Unified Conference Council will act on behalf of the whole church/body of Christ, as embodied by the PNE/PSE Conferences.

The role of the Unified Conference Council is to create the constitution and by-laws, form policies and propose a budget for the new conference to be presented to the PNE Board and PSE Consistory prior to a 2019 joint Fall Meeting. Upon approval from both Consistory and Board, the constitution and by-laws, policies and budget will be presented to the whole body at the 2019 joint Fall Meeting for adoption.