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**Constitution
for the
Southwest Texas Conference
Organization of
United Methodist Men**

Article I. Name

The name of the organization shall be the "Southwest Texas Conference Organization of United Methodist Men, chartered and certified annually by the General Commission on United Methodist Men.

Article II. Mission Statement

The mission statement of the SWTC United Methodist Men is to make disciples for Jesus Christ and be doers of the word in all their relations.

Article III. Function

The function of the conference organization of the United Methodist Men shall be to work with the district organizations and the local units of United Methodist Men in developing programs to meet the needs and interests of men and the concerns and responsibilities of discipleship; to assist in personal witness and evangelism; to enable outreach in individuals and group mission and ministry; to encourage and support spiritual growth and faith development; and to promote the objectives and responsibilities of the General Commission on United Methodist Men.

Article IV. Membership

The conference organization of United Methodist Men shall be composed of all members of all local units (chartered or unchartered) within the bounds of the conference. The Bishop, District Superintendents, and the Conference Lay Leader shall be ex-officio members.

Article V. Organization

The SWTC organization of United Methodist Men is authorized in the 1996 Book of Disciplines of the United Methodist Church. This organization may be divided into districts, and sub-districts when necessary, with the election of appropriate officers.

Article VI. Meetings

The SWTC organization of United Methodist Men shall hold meetings as specified in the by-laws. The meeting held during the Annual Retreat shall be designated as the annual meeting. There shall be an annual report (which will include district reports) and a program plan designed to meet the needs of the Conference.

Article VII. Officers

The officers of the organization shall be; President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Program Coordinator, Historian, Scouting Coordinator and Prayer Advocate. These persons shall be elected at the annual meeting. Officers shall be elected for two years and may be re-elected for additional two-year terms for a maximum of not to exceed eight years. The President, Program Coordinator, and Secretary shall be elected in even years. The Vice-President, and Treasurer, shall be elected in odd years. The Scouting Coordinator, Historian and Prayer Advocate shall be appointed by the President and the Executive Committee.

Article VIII. Executive Committee

The executive committee of the Southwest Texas Conference organization of United Methodist Men shall be composed of the following; all officers, District Presidents, and all committee and task force chairpersons. The Bishop, Conference Lay Leader, Cabinet Liaison and Conference staff liaison and the chairperson of the Annual Conference on Ministries are ex-officio members of the executive committee with the power to vote. General administration and supervision of the affairs of the organization including establishing such committees and task forces it deems necessary, shall be vested in the committee. The executive committee shall make provisions for the annual audit of the books of the Treasurer.

Article IX. Coordination

The work of the Southwest Texas Conference organization of United Methodist Men shall be coordinated with the total program of the conference as initiated by the Bishop and Annual Conference Council on Ministries.

Article X. Finances

The program of the Southwest Texas Conference organization of United Methodist Men shall be financed by such means as the members may approve on the recommendation of the executive committee or other appropriate committee or task force.

Article XI. By-Laws

By-Laws in harmony with the provision of this constitution may be adopted by two-thirds majority of all members at a regular or called meeting, provided thirty (30) days notice is given to the Secretary to permit distribution of information to the officers and District Presidents.

Article XII. Amendment to the Constitution

This constitution may be amended at any annual, regular, or special meeting of the organization by two-thirds vote of all members present provided thirty (30) day notice of such proposed amendment is given to the Secretary to permit distribution of the information to the officers and District Presidents.