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ADVISORY COUNCIL VICE-CHAIR

Whereas, The Wesleyan Church has recognized the elevated importance of lay representation from its inception (**8**);

Whereas, The local board of administration has as its vice-chair a lay person (**773**);

Whereas, The vice-chair is an important connection for the district and denomination;

Whereas, The vice-chair shares in the responsibility of caring for the pastor and provides oversight of their compensation and benefits (**773**);

Whereas, In ideal situations, the vice-chair is an advocate for and partner with the pastor,

Whereas, In a developing church, there is an advisory council as opposed to a local board of administration (**510:3**);

Whereas, Paragraph **510:3** does not explicitly make provision for a vice-chair on the advisory council; and

Whereas, Pastors of developing churches also need the same kind of care, advocacy, and partnership that pastors in established churches need;

Resolved, That paragraph 510:3 make provision for a vice-chair of the advisory council; and

Resolved, That paragraph 510:3 be edited as follows:

> **510:3** As soon as qualified members are available, the district superintendent, in cooperation with the pastor, may appoint a local advisory council of three to five members, **and may designate one of them as the vice-chair**. The pastor shall serve as chair of this council**.** (cf. **807**; **1310:17**). The council shall exercise the duties and powers of a local board of administration (**782**), making all recommendations to the district superintendent or the district board of administration instead of the local church conference (**1310:17**). **The vice-chair shall provide oversight for the pastor's compensation and benefits when neither the district superintendent nor a representative of the district superintendent is present.** All investments in land, buildings, and equipment (**1233:33**; **4650**–**4670**), matters involving employed staff, and other major decisions must be authorized by the district board of administration; and all actions of the local advisory council shall be subject to the review and approval of the district superintendent. The local advisory council shall be responsible to assist the district superintendent in qualifying the church as quickly as possible for organization as an established church.

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