

Delegation of Authority Statement

Date Requested by Board of Directors: 2/27/2013

Date Submitted to Ministries Council: 3/6/2013

Date Considered by Board of Directors: 3/27/2013

Policy Statement: The North United Methodist Church Board of Directors hereby delegates its authority to authorize individuals and groups to speak on behalf of the entire organization, North United Methodist Church, to the Ministries Council, with the restrictions outlined below.

Policy Exposition: When an individual or group wishes to represent themselves as making a statement on behalf of the church, such individual or group will need to seek authorization from the Ministries Council. In order for such representation to be granted, the Ministries Council will require:

- At least two thirds (2/3) of the current membership of the Ministries Council be counted in the vote
- A near unanimous (only one dissension allowed to still pass) vote be obtained.
- If needed, this vote can be accomplished by e-mail or phone.

This does NOT include the Appointed Clergy of North United Methodist Church. They are designated to speak on behalf of North Church by the Bishop through appointment as Clergy. If it is anticipated that these statements made by Clergy could be controversial or have on-going repercussions, the Appointed Clergy will notify the leader of the Ministries Council, who will relay said statements to the Council's membership.

If authorization to take a stance on behalf of the entire Church is granted for an event or activity, and that reflects a repetitious event (annual, monthly, etc.), authorization will NOT have to be re-obtained for future instances of the same event or activity. This authorization will continue until such time as the Ministries Council is petitioned to reexamine the authorization, the Board asks the Council to reexamine the authorization, or the Ministries Council itself chooses to reexamine the authorization. Organizers of said event or activity can act with confidence that they carry that authorization forward and the Board/Council will attempt to act as not to cause hardship to the group in question (e.g. by removing authorization with short notice for a long-planned event).

Effective Date: This delegation shall be effective immediately upon the vote of the Board of Directors of NUMC authorizing it.