

Report of the committee to identify the responsibility between the Trustees and the Administrative Board concerning the Community Life Center Program

This committee considered very carefully everything the Discipline has to say regarding this particular situation. We found that:

1. The Charge Conference has the final authority in the local church, above both the Administrative Board and the Board of Trustees.
2. The Administrative Board has responsibility for the general oversight of the administration and program of the local church, including among others the Council on Ministries and the Trustees (Pl51, 1, p. 88).
3. The Board of Trustees has responsibility for the supervision and care of all church property (Pl536, p. 471).
4. The Discipline does not state clearly whether the Administrative Board or the Board of Trustees has the authority in a situation involving both program and property. It does, however, state the proper channels through which a new program should be initiated. It should begin with the proper work area chairman or age level coordinator in the Council on Ministries. When all of the information has been obtained, the program should be presented to the Council on Ministries for acceptance or rejection there. If it is accepted by the Council on Ministries, it is then presented to the Administrative Board, who may then accept or reject it or request further study by the Council on Ministries, the Board of Trustees, or any other group who may have some responsibility for the program in question, before deciding whether to accept or reject it. If the program is accepted, it is then the job of the Council on Ministries to implement it.

with inadequate information
With this information in mind, the committee feels that the Board of Trustees acted prematurely in their decision against the Community Life Center Program. We recommend, therefore, that:

1. the chairman of the Council on Ministries appoint the appropriate member or members to investigate thoroughly the Community Life Center Program and present a report to the Council on Ministries for its approval or rejection, and to bring a full report to the November meeting of the Administrative Board;
2. the Administrative Board consider the report carefully from the standpoint of program and policy and, unless rejected on this basis, refer it to the Board of Trustees for their consideration of that part pertaining to property, with the request that the Board of Trustees report their findings to the Administrative Board at the following meeting;
3. Mr. Hubbard seek further clarification with the District Superintendent and the Bishop of the proper procedure when both program and property are involved in a single situation.

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