

COVENANT RELATIONSHIP

This is a covenant relationship between the Wisconsin Conference of The United Methodist Church (Conference) and Harbor House Crisis Shelter (HHCS), a ministry of Faith United Methodist Church, and a Wisconsin United Methodist Health and Welfare Ministry. The Health and Welfare Ministries Committee (Committee) will function as the point of contact between Harbor House Crisis Shelter and the Conference.

CONFERENCE EXPECTATIONS

1. Communicate with HHCS the requirements and changes in The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church (current edition), the rules of the Conference, and the actions of the Conference and the General Conference of The United Methodist Church, which may affect HHCS.
2. Communicate to HHCS the rules and regulations established by the General Council on Finance and Administration of The United Methodist Church regarding the uses of the name “The United Methodist Church” and the Cross and Flame insignia of the United Methodist Church.
3. Maintain membership and active participation in the United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries (UMA).
4. The Resident Bishop will designate a liaison to work with HHCS to facilitate information sharing and mutual accountability for the expectations agreed by both parties.
5. Support through the liaison, HHCS’s efforts to evaluate the benefits of and process of accreditation through the Educational Assessment Guidelines Leading Towards Excellence.
6. Periodically review the relationship of the Conference and HHCS and reaffirm the relationship as long as both parties agreed to in the Covenant of Affiliation.

HHCS EXPECTATIONS

1. Be guided in decision making by The United Methodist Social Principles (current edition), The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church (including the investment policies).
2. Abide by the rules and regulations established by the General Council on Finance and Administration of The United Methodist Church regarding the uses of the name “The United Methodist Church” and the Cross and Flame insignia of The United Methodist Church.
3. Maintain membership and active participation in the United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries (UMA).
4. Work with a liaison designated by Resident Bishop to facilitate information sharing and mutual accountability for the expectations agreed by both parties.
5. Periodically review the relationship of HHCS and the Conference and reaffirm the relationship as long as both parties agreed to in the Covenant of Affiliation.
6. Inform the Annual Conference session whenever HHCS begins a new program of service in response to emerging trends and community needs, particularly initiatives related to racial/ethnic groups, people with disability conditions, the disenfranchised and the undocumented immigrants.

7. Advocate and promote HHCS's mission and programs through the communication channels of the Conference, including the Conference Journal, the Conference proceedings, the Golden Cross appeal, the Conference website and other means.
8. Encourage collaboration among health and welfare ministries, Conference entities and local churches to respond to health and welfare needs within the Conference.
9. Assist HHCS in making high quality spiritual resources available to its guests.
10. Make available to HHCS: (1) Advice and assistance with the recruitment of an Executive Director; (2) information regarding the availability of grants (3) information regarding general resources available through Conference staff and General Church Boards and agencies; (4) assistance with the Conference's foundation with wills, trusts, and other methods of planned giving; and (5) fair consideration of request for conference wide fundraising appeals.
11. Celebrate annually at the Conference Session the contribution of HHCS to the mission of the church.
12. Give consideration to the financial needs of all Conference related health and welfare ministries in the Conference's annual budget setting process.
13. Make training resources available to HHCS staff and Outreach Ministries Team in mutually identified areas of interest, for example: (a) board membership and responsibilities (b) planned giving (c) providing spiritual life resources to guests (d) connectionalism within The United Methodist Church (e) strategic planning.
7. HHCS is a ministry of Faith United Methodist Church and therefore, all property will continue to belong to The United Methodist Church upon the dissolution of HHCS.
8. Cooperate with the Committee, the Conference Board of Global Ministries, and congregations in the HHCS service area in creating new and expanded health and welfare ministries within the Conference.
9. Provide high quality spiritual life resources to HHCS guests.
10. Provide to the Conference for publication in the Yearbook and Journal an annual summary of operations.
11. Seek written approval of the Conference Council on Finance and Administration prior to engaging in conference-wide fund raising efforts.
12. Provide to the Committee, the HHCS mission statement; other foundational statements and amendments made from time to time.
13. Elect members of The United Methodist Church to the Outreach Ministries Board of Faith United Methodist Church, including both lay and clergy.
14. Arrange an annual on-site visit with the Conference District Superintendent of the Chippewa District and/or the District Representative from the Board of Global Ministries.
15. Provide the Committee an annual list of names, addresses, and church affiliation (if known) of members of the HHCS Outreach Ministries Board.
16. Identify in promotional materials that HHCS is a ministry of Faith United Methodist Church and therefore, affiliated with the Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church.

- 14. Instruct the Conference Chippewa District Superintendent to engage in face to face conversation with the Executive Director at least once a year in order to be familiar with the and supportive of the HHCS focus and outreach.
- 15. Instruct pastor(s) appointed to Faith United Methodist Church that one of the missional reasons for his/her appointment is to be involved in developing an active and on-going relationship between the congregation and HHCS.
- 16. Indemnify and hold HHCS harmless from and against any claims, causes of action, and costs (including reasonable attorney’s fees) which may arise from any Conference operations.
- 17. Carry general liability insurance in coverage amounts sufficient to insure the Conference, its officers, employees, volunteers, and constituent boards and agencies from and against any claims by third parties for activities undertaken by the Conference.

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- 18. Carry professional and general liability insurance in coverage amounts sufficient to insure HHCS, its officers, employees, volunteers, and constituent boards and agencies from and against any claims by third parties for activities undertaken by the HHCS.

Resident Bishop, Wisconsin Conference of United Methodist Church

Date: _____

Laurie Howard Slind, Chair, Outreach Ministries, Faith United Methodist Church

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