

# DRAFT – Conference Model

## EPC/PEC Model

### Conference Structure

The structure will be based on a new covenant that focuses on our shared relationships and mutual accountability to one another in all settings of the church in the life of our conference.

- \* The Marks of Faithful and Effective Authorized Ministers of the UCC
- \* The Marks of Faithful and Effective Churches of the UCC (in the process of being created)

The Associations will remain the same initially with the understanding that we may evolve into a new model: either a three association/regional model, one association model (the conference acting as an association) or another yet to be envisioned model. This conversation and discernment time will take place at a joint spring meeting of the PNE and PSE Conferences in 2019.

### Focus areas of the structure

#### Program (this list is not comprehensive)

Church Development  
Justice and Witness Ministries  
Disaster Ministries  
Youth Events  
Mission Events  
Ecumenical Relationships  
Lay and Authorized Minister Training  
Clergy Convocation  
Clergy Retreats

#### Governance

Annual Meetings  
General Synod Delegation  
Conference Council (Consistory/Board)  
Constitution and By-Laws  
Conference Policies  
Financial planning and investments

#### Pastoral (this list is not comprehensive)

Search and Call  
Committees on Ministry  
Committees on Church  
Spiritual Leadership  
Pastoral Transitions  
Crisis Intervention  
Communities of Practice  
Church Legacy

#### Staff

Record Keeping  
Communication/Technology  
Budget/Finance  
Registrar  
Resource Sharing  
Pastoral Support/Counseling  
National Church Representation

## **Unified Conference Council**

A Unified Conference Council will upon the approval of the Resolution to Unite PNE and PSE Conferences, be elected in the fall of 2018 with five representatives and one co-convenor from each conference to create the new governance structure of the new conference.

The Unified Conference Council will act on behalf of the whole church/body of Christ, as embodied by the PNE/PSE Conferences.

The role of the Unified Conference Council is to create the constitution and by-laws, form policies and propose a budget for the new conference to be presented to the PNE Board and PSE Consistory prior to a 2019 joint Fall Meeting. Upon approval from both Consistory and Board, the constitution and by-laws, policies and budget will be presented to the whole body at the 2019 joint Fall Meeting for adoption.