

BYLAWS

SYNOD PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S NETWORK

of the

SYNOD OF THE TRINITY – PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH U.S.A

OCTOBER, 2010

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization, created under the authority of the Synod of the Trinity of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, is Synod Presbyterian Men's Network of the Synod of the Trinity. It is affiliated with the national council of Presbyterian Men, U.S.A.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote, encourage, coordinate, and nurture Christian faith and discipleship among all men.

Further, to encourage Presbyterian Men to the service and mission of the church and civil community:

1. Deepening of faithfulness within the Christian community.
2. Development of communication among the laity.
3. Recruitment of the laity for special tasks and volunteer service.
4. Training lay leadership.
5. Initiation of programs and projects of special interest and value to laity.
6. Interpretation and support of the mission of the Church.
7. Effective responses to the urgent needs of society.

ARTICLE III

The Synod Presbyterian Men's Network

Section 1. The governing body of the Synod Presbyterian Men's Network shall be related to the Synod of the Trinity.

Section 2. The Synod Presbyterian Men's Network shall be composed of:

- (a) Laity representative by each Presbytery in accordance with its established procedures. Each Presbytery is to elect at least one delegate, but no more than three in any case, to the Synod Presbyterian men's Network.
- (b) Visitors are welcome. They may have input, but will not have a vote.

Section 3. The Synod Presbyterian Men's Network shall determine the organization, program, and financing of the program of men's work, subject to the limitations of these Bylaws and the direction of the Synod of the Trinity.

Section 4. The Synod Presbyterian Men's Network shall coordinate its functions with the work of the whole Church in cooperation with the Synod of the Trinity.

Section 5. The Synod Presbyterian Men's Network shall meet semi-annually at such a time and place as the Executive Committee shall determine. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee. Notice of all meeting shall be given at least 30 days in advance of the date of the meeting. The quorum for all meeting shall be 10 members, one of whom shall be a member of the Executive Committee of the Synod Presbyterian Men's Network.

Section 6. The Synod Presbyterian Men's Network shall be divided into 4 regions with the following Presbyteries: A Convenor shall be named to each region by the President.

East – Donegal, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Philadelphia

Central – Carlisle, Huntington, Northumberland, Redstone

West – Lake Erie, Pittsburgh, Shenango, Kiskiminetas

South – Beaver-Butler, West Virginia, Upper Ohio Valley, Washington

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1. The Synod Presbyterian men's Network shall elect a President, Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and 4 regular Convenors. All officers shall be elected for a one-year term and can be re-elected at each annual meeting. All officers shall serve from the adjournment of the annual meeting, following the meeting at which they are elected, and shall serve their full one year term or until their successors are duly elected.

Section 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Presbyterian Men's Network and the Executive Committee.

The President shall serve as our representative to other governing bodies and gatherings as designated.

Section 3. The Vice President shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President and shall be the Coordinator for the 4 Convenors in the 4 regions.

Section 4. The Secretary shall record and distribute all minutes and keep an accurate roll of all members.

He shall keep the By-laws current and oversee any changes in them.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall account for all monies received and disbursed.

He shall arrange for the collection and recording of funds received from various sources.

Section 6. The Synod of the Trinity will be encouraged to supply a staff resource person.

ARTICLE V

Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the Synod Presbyterian Men's Network shall be composed of the following members:

(a) The President, Vice President, the four Regional Convenors, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Immediate Past-President of the Synod Presbyterian Men's Network, and the Spiritual Advisor.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President, or at the call of any three members of the Executive Committee. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

All recommendations from the Executive Committee shall be submitted at the next annual meeting of the Synod Presbyterian Men's Network.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall have the power to fill vacancies in any office of the Synod Presbyterian Men's Network or on the Executive Committee, until the next annual meeting of the Synod Presbyterian Men's Network.

Section 4. Members of the Executive Committee who are unable to attend a properly called meeting will so advise the President. The member will also select a fellow PM to attend in his place.

ARTICLE VI

Amendments

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting at a meeting of the Synod Presbyterian Men's Network provided that the proposed amendment was included in

the call of the meeting, or provided that the proposed amendment has approval of the Executive Committee and was mailed out to the members of the Synod Presbyterian Men's Network at least 10 days before the annual meeting. Any other amendment may also be proposed at any meeting of the Synod Presbyterian Men's Network from the floor, but said amendment shall not be voted on until the next meeting.

Section 2. The Executive Committee is empowered to make any amendments required by action of the Synod of the Trinity. Such changes shall be reported at the next meeting of the Synod Presbyterian Men's Network.

ARTICLE VII

Adopted

These Bylaws were adopted and become effective as of October, 2011.