

**BY LAWS  
OF  
FELLOWSHIP OF UNITED METHODIST  
SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS AND RETREAT LEADERS**

**Article I.**

**Section 1.01 Name** The name of this ministry shall be Fellowship of United Methodist Spiritual Directors and Retreat Leaders (FUMSDRL).

**Section 1.02 Purpose** FUMSDRL is a network of United Methodist spiritual directors and retreat leaders and others who are interested in sharing of insights, thoughts, hopes and dreams for the ministry of spiritual formation. FUMSDRL provides opportunities to gather in connection for resourcing and support.

**Section 1.03 Origins** FUMSDRL was guided into existence through the support of The Upper Room. A written history of this process has been duly recorded.

**Article II. The Board**

**Section 2.01 General Powers** FUMSDRL is managed by the Board and its officers who will all be current members of FUMSDRL.

**Section 2.02 Meetings** Meetings shall be held at least quarterly by phone and e-mail communication, with an annual face to face meeting.

**Section 2.03 Number of Board Members** The number of members shall be six to nine (6 - 9).

**Section 2.04 Tenure and Qualifications** The terms of the board members shall be for three years. The terms will be staggered so that an equal number of members will come up for reappointment annually. Members may be reappointed at the end of their term for a maximum number of two consecutive terms. A Board member must be off the Board for two years before rotating back on. Deviation from these terms is at the discretion of the chair. A majority of the board members shall be members of The United Methodist Church.

**Section 2.05 Meeting Quorum** Those present at a duly called meeting constitutes a quorum.

**Section 2.06 Compensation** Board members shall serve without salary. They may be compensated for travel expenses and other expenses related to Board activities.

**Section 2.07 Budget** A budget shall be adopted and reviewed annually by the Board. Audits will be conducted as required. Our fiscal year is from January 1 - December 31.

**Section 2.08 Committees and Teams** The Board by resolution may designate and appoint one or more teams or committees. Said committees or teams shall operate in an advisory capacity and shall not have nor exercise the authority of the Board in the management of FUMSDRL.

**Section 2.09 Roles and Functions** Members of the Board will commit to praying for the ministry and members of FUMSDRL. The organization shall not violate any provision of the current United Methodist *Book of Discipline*.

### **Article III. Officers**

**Section 3.01 Number and Roles of Officers** The officers of the Board shall be a chair, vice-chair, secretary, and treasurer (also known as the Executive Committee) and others as named by the Board.

**Section 3.02 Election and Terms of Office** The officers of the Board shall serve a two year term. The Board shall elect the officers for the succeeding two years at the Board meeting in conjunction with the biennial national retreat / gathering. The officers shall assume office immediately following that meeting.

### **Article IV. Membership**

**Section 4.01 Membership** Dues and benefits for the membership of FUMSDRL shall be set annually by the Board.

**Section 4.02 Code of Ethics** Members shall be required to affirm ethical guidelines, as determined by the Board.

**Section 4.03 Meeting of the Membership** The Board shall plan a gathering of FUMSDRL at least biennially.

### **Article V. Regional Chapters**

**Section 5.01 Regional Chapters** Regional chapters may be implemented in consultation with the Board. Such chapters may use the organization's name such as: "Named" Chapter of FUMSDRL.

### **Article VI. Staff**

**Section 6.01 Staff** Staff may be employed for duties related to the function of the organization, as determined by the Board.

### **Article VIII: Internal Revenue Service Status**

**Section 8.01 IRS** As a 501c3 organization, FUMSDRL shall have no capital stock and is not organized for gain or profit. It is exclusively an organization for charitable, religious, and educational purposes.

### **Article VII. Gifts**

**Section 7.01 Gifts** The Board may accept on behalf of FUMSDRL any contribution, gift, bequest, or device for the general purposes of or for any special purpose of the organization.

### **Article IX: Amendment of Bylaws**

**Section 9.01 Amendments** Amendments to the bylaws must be presented to the Board in writing one month before a vote to amend is considered. These bylaws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the Board either present and voting or by written consent.

### **Article X: Review**

**Section 10.01 Review** These bylaws will be reviewed by the Board every 2 years.

Amended and unanimously approved by the Board, February 16, 2016

Amended and unanimously approved by the Board, July 30, 2019