

The First Methodist Church

1620 NORTH ADAMS STREET

CARROLL, IOWA 51401



Parsonage
1717 North Main Street

HARVESTING OUR HERITAGE FOR TOMORROW'S WORLD



The Lord is the portion
of mine inheritance and
of my cup;
Thou maintainest my lot.
The lines are fallen
unto me in pleasant
places; Yea, I have
goodly heritage.

Psalms 16:5, 6—

GRACE

God always loves us. We do not do anything to earn God's love. God loves us no matter what we do. God's love is called grace.

HOLY CLUB

Charles and John Wesley brought together a group of students and teachers at Oxford University to pray, to study the bible, and to care for the poor.

ITINERANCY

To itinerate means to travel. In United Methodism, we have traveling clergy. Bishops assign clergy to serve congregations for one year at a time.

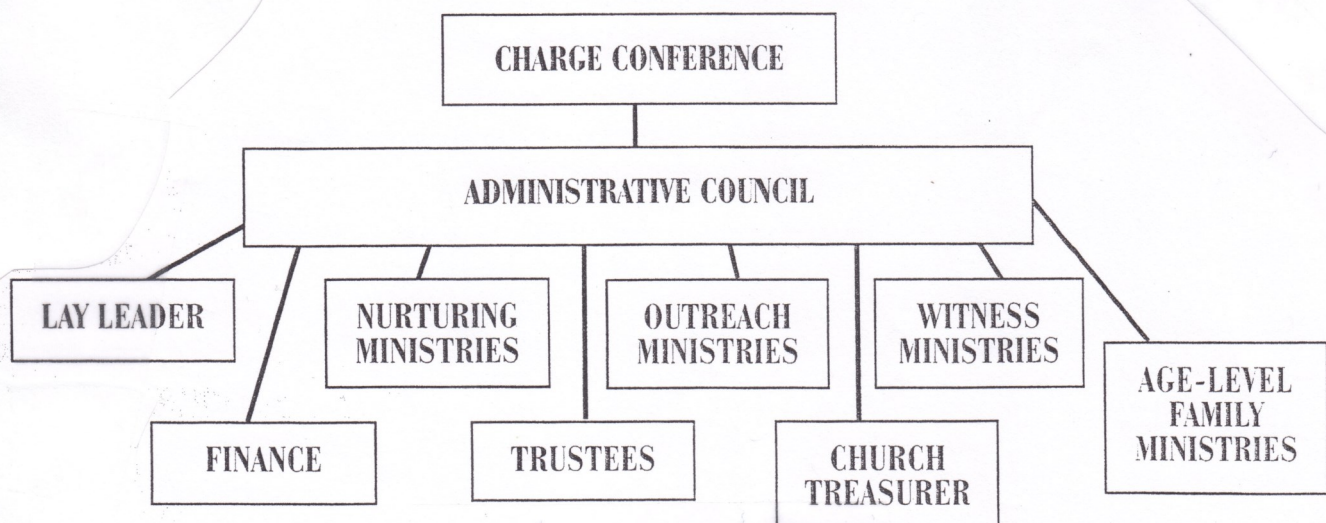
HISTORY

History is an organized way of recording, passing on, and interpreting the traditions that make us who we are.

INCLUSIVE

The United Methodist Church is open to all people. The church does not exclude people because of their age, gender, race, ethnic background, national origin, handicapping conditions, or so on.

THE LOCAL CHURCH (B)



DOCTRINE

Doctrine is an organized way of talking about what we believe and why we believe it.

GENERAL CONFERENCE

Elected representatives from the annual conferences meet every four years to determine the direction and mission of The United Methodist Church worldwide. Only the General Conference has the authority to make official statements for the church. Its statements are found in the *The Book of Discipline* and *The Book of Resolutions*.

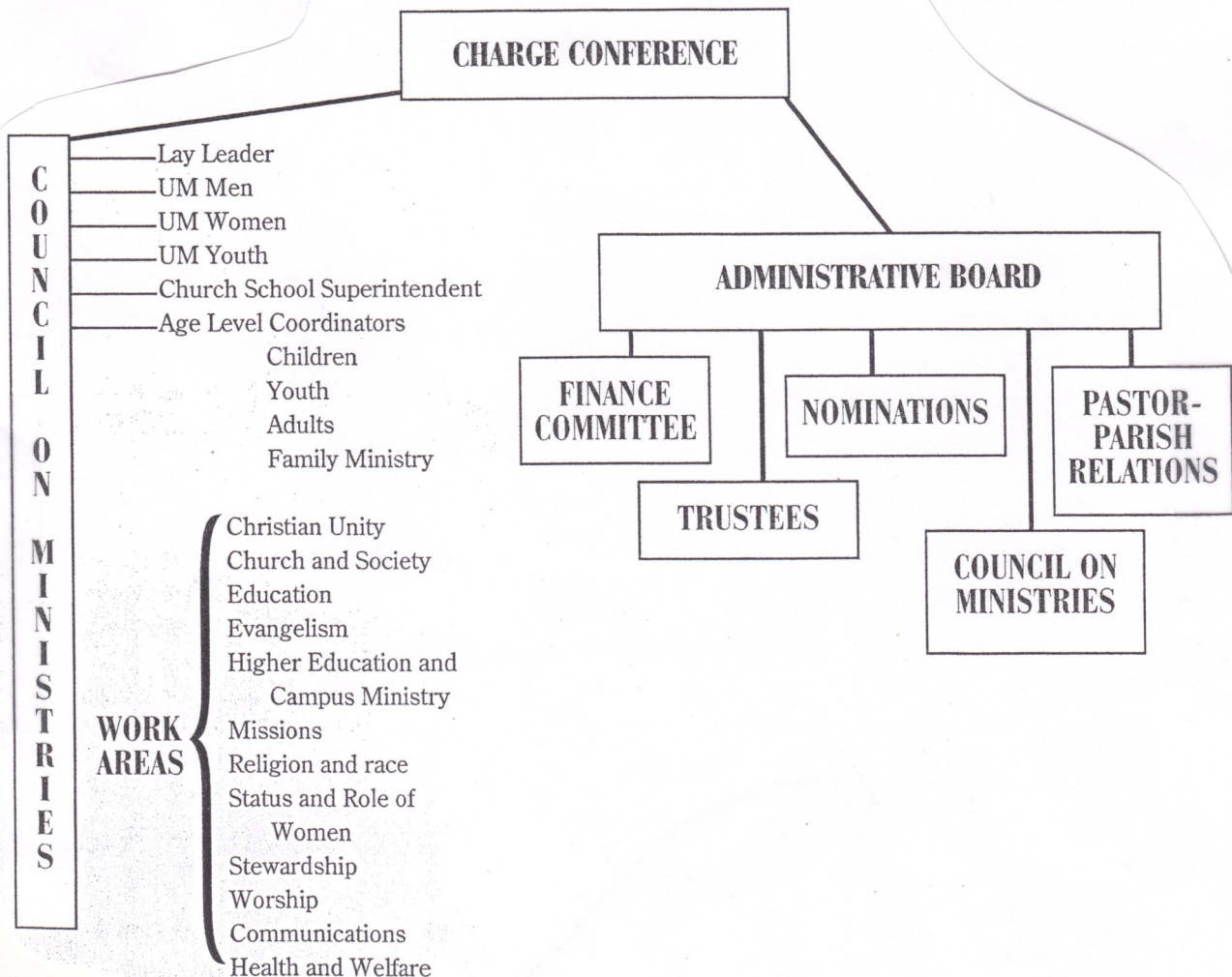
GENERAL RULES

In 1738, John Wesley wrote a set of directions for the societies under his leadership. The General Rules are guides for holy living, which are still included in the *Discipline* and accepted by the church.

EPISCOPACY

The government of the United Methodist Church is a system in which bishops, elected by Jurisdictional Conferences, lead the church in doing the work God calls it to do.

THE LOCAL CHURCH (A)



In 1901, the Industrial Society purchased the lot at 7th and Main, Northeast corner, for \$2,000 for the purpose of building a new church. This church building was beautiful-red brick with exquisite stained glass windows. It was dedicated July 13, 1902, cost approximately \$15,000.

Three of these beautiful stained glass windows were painstakingly removed from the old church when the present church was constructed and moved to the new church building. Most prominent is a reproduction of the painting "The Door of the Fold" by Parker, a gift of the youth-Epworth and Junior Leagues in 1901. The two rose windows facing west on the front of the present church were also saved.

On May 5, 1918, the rural Beulah Methodist Church, which was served by the same pastor, voted to unite permanently with the Carroll Church.

Through the years, the Methodist Church in Carroll and its various organization continued to serve the community and the world. Improvements were added from time to time, such as a pipe organ installed in the church in 1938.

Special anniversaries have been observed along the way.. In 1968, a year long celebration was held to observe our centennial year. D. Merle Hill was pastor.

The Church was the social center in those days. Families attended all church functions— Sunday worship, Sunday evening services, etc. Church functions included Father/Son and Mother/Daughter banquets, the May breakfast, and fundraising dinners for the public.

In 1950, the church building at 7th and Main was declared unfit for repairs by architects, and the Official Board launched a financial drive to raise money for a new church building. The old building was built on quicksand and the foundation was not sturdy because of this. Membership in 1951 was 598.

On November 12, 1951, twelve church families purchased lots at 17th and Adams Street. Ground breaking ceremonies were held April 8, 1956. Construction was delayed by steel strikes, but the building was completed in the fall of 1957. Cost approximately \$225,000.

Dedication was December 13, 1959; Ivan C Bys was pastor. A church building is not dedicated these days until it is paid for.

The new parsonage at 1717 N. Main was built in 1961 at a cost of \$35,000. It is still considered one of the best parsonages in the Iowa Conference.

In the 1960's our church sponsored deserving students as our "summer assistants". These young people took charge of very active MYF groups. Yes, they met all summer. The summer assistants also visited the hospital and in homes.



Located at Sixth and Court Streets
where the Public Library now stands.



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"A community claimed and commissioned by Christ."

