

The board of Trustees shall meet at the call of the pastor or of its president at least annually at such times and places as shall be designated in a notice to each trustee and the pastor at a reasonable time prior to the appointed time of the meeting. Waiver of notice may be used as a means to validate meetings legally where the usual notice is impracticable. A majority of the members of the board of trustees shall constitute a quorum.

Subject to the direction of the charge conference, the board of trustees shall have the supervision, oversight, and care of all real property owned by the local church, and of all property and equipment acquired directly by the local church or by any society, board, class, commission, or similar organization connected therewith; provided that the board of trustees shall not violate the rights of any local church organization elsewhere granted in the *Discipline*; *provided* further, that the board of trustees shall not prevent or interfere with the pastor in the use of any of the said property for religious services or other proper meetings or purposes recognized by the law, usages, and customs of The United Methodist Church, or permit the use of said property for religious or other meetings without the consent of the pastor or, in the pastor's absence, the consent of the district superintendent; and *provided* further, that the church local conference may assign certain of these duties to a building committee.

The board of trustees shall review annually the adequacy of the property, liability, and crime insurance coverage on church-owned property, buildings, and equipment. The board of trustees shall also review annually the adequacy of personnel insurance. The purpose of these reviews is to ensure that the church, its properties, and its personnel are properly protected against risks. The board shall include in its report to charge conference the results of its review and any recommendations it deems necessary.

When a pastor and/or a board of trustees are asked to grant permission to an outside organization to use church facilities, permission can be granted only when such use is consistent with the *SOCIAL PRINCIPLES* and ecumenical objectives.