Gracious Affiliation Agreement - How it is created and what it does. One of the three agreements drafted by GCFA.

Three Agreements drafted by GCFA

The Full Communion Agreement drafted by GCFA. Agreement recognizes that a relationship exists between the United Methodist Church and Full Communion Expression. Agreement requires (1) recognition that the United Methodist Church and the Full Communion Expression as constituent members of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church; (2) recognition of the authenticity of each other's sacraments and welcome one another to partake in the Eucharist; (3) affirmation of the authenticity of each church's Christian ministry, and (4) recognition of the validity of each other's offices of ministry. By recognizing the validity of each other's offices of ministry, neither the United Methodist Church nor the Full Communion Expression shall be required to automatically accept transfer of any clergy or Bishop; the United Methodist Church and Full Communion Expression shall maintain the absolute right to determine qualifications for transfer of clergy and Bishops. In addition, the Full Communion Agreement shall mutually bind the United Methodist Church and the Full Communion Expression to recognize and enforce the Gracious Affiliation Agreements and Gracious Reaffiliation Agreements entered into pursuant to ¶678, 679 and 680 of the Book of Discipline.

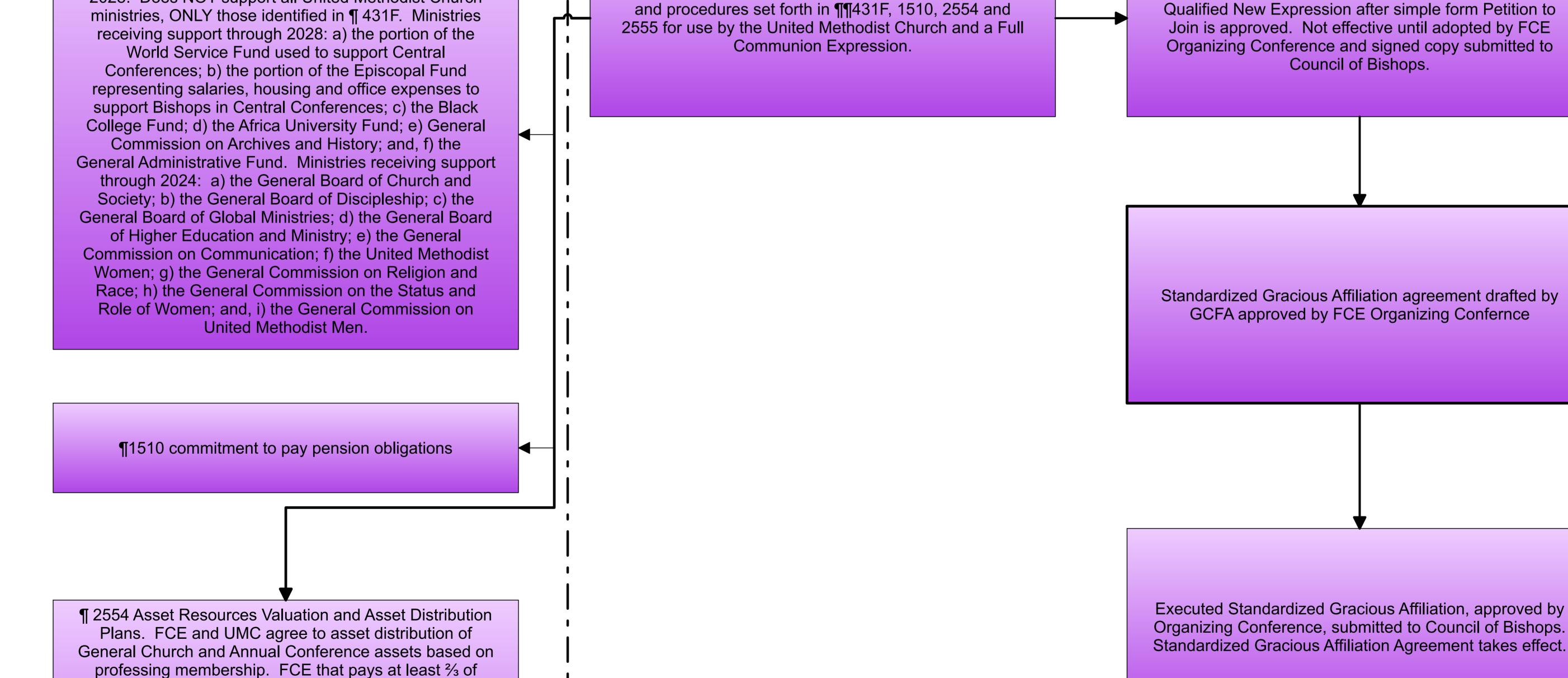
Standardized Full Communion Agreement, Gracious Affiliation Agreement and Dispute Resolution Agreements are drafted by GCFA are completed and submitted to the Council of Bishops no later than May 1, 2021. The Gracious Affiliation Agreement requires an FCE to pay Missional Share beginning in FY 2023. ¶431F

Dispute Resolution Agreement that incorporate the processes and procedures set forth in ¶¶431F, 1510, 2554 and 2555 for use by the United Methodist Church and Full Communion Expressions no later than May 30, 2021. The terms of the agreement require use of the processes established by the Dispute Resolution Agreement in any dispute involving the (a) United Methodist Church and one or more Full Communion Expressions and (b) any dispute between Full Communion Expressions. The terms of the Dispute Resolution Agreement require the entities involved in any dispute to share equally the costs and expenses of any mediator or arbitrator.

 ¶ 431F Gross and Net Missional Shares and Missional Resource Allocation Formula. Establishes formula and process for each FCE to support ministries through 2028. Does NOT support all United Methodist Church

Gracious Affiliation Agreement incorporates the processes

Standardized Gracious Affiliation Agreement drafted by GCFA signed by Council of Bishops and submitted to



Net Missional Share each year allowed to participate in drafting the plan of distribution. All FCEs participate in distribution. Any outstanding amounts owed by FCE are set off against asset distribution.

If agreement can't be reached, any dispute submitted to Dispute Resolution Process using the Dispute Resolution Agreement.

¶2555 Trust Fund released at denominational level as an effect of asset distribution plan, not at local church level.