

Restructure:

Assumptions:

1. The fiduciary responsibility of the current covenanted ministries may be able to be placed with a single board acting for the separate covenanted ministries. However, this could be challenged in court and if a corporation like Wider Church Ministries, which is incorporated in Massachusetts, is tampered with, it could lead to lawsuits that would bankrupt the church.
2. The United Church of Christ needs people in conferences and local churches who advocate for the mission and ministry of the national setting.
3. The United Church of Christ in order to be what it intends to be, needs as broad representation from various parts of the church and to receive the gifts of its people.

Design:

1. As the plan suggests, incorporate the OGM into the Unified Board.
2. The current Boards of Directors of WCM, LCM, and JWM become the corporate boards. The corporate boards meet biennially on the even years to:
 - a. adopt a biennial budget
 - b. nominate from its number the representatives to the Unified Board.
 - c. For WCM elect the representatives to the Common Board
 - d. educate the corporation on the activities of the corporation.
 - e. nominate to the General Synod its executive minister.
 - f. adopt guiding policies for the respective corporation.
 - g. The members of the corporation are elected by General Synod.
 - h. Cede to the Unified Board authority to establish policies.
3. The Unified Board consists of 15 members from each covenanted ministry, plus one member from each of the HUGS groups. The Unified Board would
 - a. do strategic planning
 - b. establish policies like personnel policies
 - c. be the keeper of the mission and vision of the national setting
 - d. assure that the National Setting is managed so that work is done efficiently, duplication is eliminated, and the ministry of the National Setting is effective.
4. The Collegium would consist of the GMP and Executive Ministers. Advisors to the Collegium would be the Administrative Officer (Associate General Minister) and the CFO.
 - a. The Collegium would meet as equals.

- b. The GMP would be the convener
- c. The Collegium is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the National Setting.