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Amend Paragraph 1502.1 as follows:

¶ 1502.1. *Membership—a)* The membership of the general board shall be composed of twenty-five members elected as follows: two U.S. bishops, elected by the Council of Bishops; ~~sixteen~~ ten members elected by the jurisdictional conferences from the annual conference nominations on a ratio providing for an equitable distribution among the various jurisdictions as follows: three from the Southeast jurisdiction; two each from the South Central, Northeast and North Central jurisdictions; and one from the Western jurisdiction~~, based on the combined clergy and laity membership thereof, as determined by the secretary of the General Conference~~; ~~six~~ three members, two from the jurisdictions and one from the central conferences (who may be a central conference bishop)~~with not more than two from the same jurisdiction~~, elected by the General Conference on nomination of the Council of Bishops; and ~~eight~~ ten additional members for the purpose of bringing to the general board special knowledge or background, ~~not more than two from the same jurisdiction,~~ nominated and elected by the general board in such manner as it shall provide in its bylaws.

b) The aforementioned electing bodies shall give consideration during the nominating process to equitable representation on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, age, gender, and people with disabilities. In accordance with its values, the general board shall make a conscious effort to have at least 30% of the members be women and persons of racial and ethnic minorities.

c) The general secretary of the general board shall be an ex officio member thereof, without vote.

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