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United Methodist Women Outreach Evident at General Conference

by Yvette Moore

From the translation booths to the plenary floor, from the episcopal chairs to the delegates and advocates on both sides of the bar, General Conference is filled with people impacted by the 150-year mission outreach of United Methodist Women that's being celebrated today.

Leadership development is a hallmark of United Methodist Women's mission with women, children, and youth. United Methodist Women scholarships, programs, and transformative educational experiences are designed to open new opportunities and equip women and youth to

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Agenda for Monday, May 16

6:30 A.M.

Committee on Agenda and Calendar

7:00 A.M.

Seminary Students Briefing

Committee on Reference

8:00 – 9:00 A.M.

Worship

Preacher: Bishop Cynthia Fierro Harvey

Consecration of Deaconesses and Home Missioners

9:00 – 10:00 A.M.

Opening Prayer

• Reports (as needed):

o Committee on Courtesies and Privileges

o Committee on Credentials

o Committee on Correlation and Editorial

Revision

o Committee on the Journal

o Committee on Reference

o Committee on Agenda and Calendar

o Committee on Presiding Officers

o Monitors

Consent Calendars

Four Areas of Focus (15 minutes)

Vital Congregation Moments (5 minutes)

10:00 – 10:20 A.M.

Morning Break

10:20 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Opening Prayer

Voting Demonstrations

Elections:

Trustees of John Street Church

250th Anniversary: John Street Church (7 minutes)

Elections:

Judicial Council

Secretary-designate of the General Conference

Commission on the General Conference

General Agencies

University Senate

Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters

12:30 – 2:00 P.M.

Lunch Recess – on your own

12:40 P.M. – 1:10 P.M.

Service of Holy Communion (Oregon Ballroom, 203)

Presider: Bishop Linda Lee

2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Opening Prayer

Global Social Principles (10 minutes)

Calendar Items & Conference Business

150th Anniversary: United Methodist Women

(3:53 P.M.) (7 minutes)

4:00 – 4:20 P.M.

Afternoon Break

4:20 – 6:10 P.M. Opening Prayer

Calendar Items & Conference Business

Africa University (5:25 P.M.) (15 minutes)

Higher Education Report (5:40 P.M.) (30 minutes)

5:00 P.M. – Daily Deadline for DCA Printing

6:10 – 6:30 P.M. Closing Devotion

6:30 P.M. Adjournment



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Worship Leaders for May 16, 2016

Prelude: **Martin Methodist College Chamber Choir;**
Pulaski, Tennessee

Call to Worship:

Yvette Richards; Missouri
Nora Colmenares; North Georgia
Stanislas Kassongo; West Congo
Julio Vilanculos; Mozambique South

Prayer: **Deb Williams; Desert Southwest**

Scripture Reader/Confession & Assurance:
Molly Vetter; California-Pacific

Scripture Reader: **Timothy McClendon;**
South Carolina

Sermon: **Bishop Cynthia Fierro Harvey,**
Louisiana Area

Sermon Illustrator: **Lauren Hudson, Louisiana**

Introduction of the Consecrands: **Clara Ester;**
Deaconess

Presentation of Deaconesses and Home Missioners:
Harriett Jane Olson; General Secretary/
CEO, United Methodist Women

Examination of the Consecrands: **Bishop Pedro Torio;**
Baguio Area, The Philippines

Consecration Leaders:

Gary Locklear; Home Missioner
Emma A. Cantor; President, DIAKONIA
Region Asia-Pacific
Cristina N. Mañabat; President,
Harris Memorial College

Consecration Prayer: **Bishop Rosemarie Wenner;**
Germany Episcopal Area

Consecration Anthem: **Centenary College Choir;**
Shreveport, Louisiana

6:10 p.m. closing devotions

Scripture Reader: **Helene Bindl; Austria Provisional**

Reflection Reader: **George Wilson; Liberia**



Leaders prepare for opening worship on May 10 at the 2016 United Methodist General Conference in Portland, Ore. From left are Bishop Rosemarie Wenner, the Rev. Taylor Burton-Edwards, the Rev. Megan Shitama Weston, Krystl Johnson, Bishop Joaquina Nhanala, and Bishop Rudy Juan. Photo by Kathleen Barry, UMNS

grow as needed leaders for church and society.

Junie Nkonge, 24, of the Democratic Republic of Congo is a French translator for General Conference. She is also a United Methodist Women scholarship recipient who graduated from Tennessee State University with a master's degree in business information systems last week.

"My dream is to start an education center for women in the Congo," she said, sharing her desire to teach computer skills to women. "Coltan is a mineral found in every cell phone, and they get it from Congo mines, but still our country is so far behind in technology. Maybe I can actually help change this and create jobs."

Kayleigh Vickers, 25, of Indian Mission United Methodist Church in Millsboro, Delaware, came to General Conference as an advocate with the Native American International Caucus. In 2013, she represented United Methodist Women in a young people's environmental justice seminar in Tokyo, Japan.

"I always knew about social justice work from a Native American perspective, but at the seminar I learned more about environmental justice issues, including those in Japan and Korea," she said. "It helped me see how oth-

er people are struggling for justice in the world, and how we all have a commitment to make a difference."

Ms. Vickers now also advocates for environmental justice and teaches sustainable principles to children in the Nanticoke community.

"That's my second baby," Ms. Vickers said of her environmental justice work.

She will be attending United Methodist Women's Mission U later this summer and is preparing to teach the organization's mission study on Climate Change next year.

Bishop Joaquina Nhanala of Mozambique Episcopal Area, said United Methodist Women scholarships help underwrite her studies as she prepared to follow her call to ordained ministry.

"I am a product of United Methodist Women," Bishop Nhanala said and added that she's not alone. "A lot of women are now in a position to have a say because of the efforts of United Methodist Women."

Bishop John Yambasu of Sierra Leone Episcopal Area was already a clergyperson when he first had direct contact with United Methodist Women mission outreach, but it came at a critical time in his ministry.

"I was director of youth ministries in Sierra Leone in 1990, and the rebel war had devastated life," Bishop Yambasu said. "Many young people had lost parents and had dropped out of school. The country's entire economy was shattered. Funding to develop transformative ministries for these young people was most challenging. This is when United Methodist Women came through with scholarships and funding to support skills training programs and organizing seminars and leadership development workshops for the long journey to transformation."

In 2001, Bishop Yambasu became part of the first class of United Methodist Women's regional missionaries specially charged to work with women, children, and youth on peace building, education, health care, and gender justice. This work required networking with U.S. and international ecumenical and governmental organizations like the All Africa Conference of Churches, the United Nations, UNICEF, and more.

"This was a major turning point in my life," he said. "The opportunity to be in mission with the poor to bring healing to children whose lives were battered by abuse, conflict and diseases like AIDS opened my eyes. The exposure helped shape my life and lay the foundation for me to become a bishop of the church today."

Andra Stevens, communications director for Africa University, said United Methodist Women played an

important role in how the institution serves women students today.

"From the very beginning, strong United Methodist Women representatives like Rose Catchings intentionally focused on women as they envisioned Africa University," Ms. Stevens said. "Today, women are 53 percent of Africa University student body. That's not an accident. That's an outcome of The United Methodist Women mission."

Ms. Stevens said United Methodist Women continued support of Africa University women students through scholarships and grants that are empowering them to change their communities. She shared the story of a young woman graduate from Malawi who received a United Methodist Women grant to attend a global health seminar in the United States and now travels 200 miles every weekend to serve rural women.

"The gifts and talents of women are realized because of United Methodist Women," Ms. Stevens said. "United Methodist Women members in small towns and big cities sacrificially invest in the lives of people who they may never see. We cannot thank them enough."

Yvette Moore is the director of communications for United Methodist Women.

Announcements

Pop-Up Worship

Young People's Ministries of the General Board of Discipleship is sponsoring a "Pop-Up Worship" service this Sunday at 9 a.m. outside of the front of the Convention Center (near the bell). Shalom Agtarap (Young Adult Pacific Northwest Conference) will be preaching, and Jeff Lowery (Young Adult from the Oregon-Idaho Conference) will be the worship leader. All are welcome, especially young people of the General Conference. Come to worship on Sunday!

E-reader Project Celebration

An "E-Reader Project Celebration" will be held on SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016 at the OREGON CONVENTION CENTER, Hall/Room "Oregon 203" at 5:00-6:00 p.m. All are welcome to come to meet seminary students and faculty who are using e-readers in Africa and Asia and learn more about the impact this project is having around the world. This is an opportunity

to hear about current progress, future possibilities, challenges for sustaining the project, and the need for churches to become partners to the project. Refreshments will be served. We hope to see you there! Come and join us! The e-reader project is a ministry of Discipleship Ministries and Higher Education & Ministry.

Volunteer Ushers Needed

On Friday, May 20, there will be an offering for the marshals and pages. We need 15 to 20 volunteer ushers to help collect this offering at the end of Friday morning's Plenary Session. People who have previously served as marshals or pages are especially encouraged to served. To volunteer, or to receive more information, e-mail Dick Hooton at revshoot@gmail.com, or text him at 318-475-2596.

The Marshals and Pages attend General Conference at their own expense and perform an important service for delegates and others. Please let them know how much they are appreciated!

Mission Marching in the Light of God

By Elliott Wright for the General Board of Global Ministries

A global group, 200 strong, came together to eat, pray, share, sing, and march together in the light of God.

It was the Friends of Mission meal, held every four years during The United Methodist Church's legislating General Conference and hosted by the denomination's worldwide mission agency, the General Board of Global Ministries. Participants came from five continents.

A short program of information about partnership in mission culminated with the action song, "We Are Marching in the Light of God." And the friends in God's mission did march around the banquet hall of the DoubleTree Hotel, near the convention center where the General Conference was meeting from May 10 to 20.

Thomas Kemper, Global Ministries' chief executive, explained the history leading to the current emphasis on "partnership" in God's mission, as contrasted to the historical language of mission "sending" and "receiving" regions. The change emerged as once-mission-founded churches began to take their places as full partners in the biblical mandate of making disciples through all the world.

Today, the church's missionaries go from everywhere to everywhere, said the Rev. Dr. Judy Chung, who

is the agency's executive director of Missionary Service. She reported that 29 new missionaries from 11 countries bound for 16 countries will be commissioned later at the General Conference.

Brief reports covered projected new mission initiatives and the productive work of more than a dozen such initiatives begun over the last 25 years. That dozen has led to more than 600 new congregations.

Kemper reviewed operational changes at Global Ministries aimed at increasing creative mission partner relations through connective regional networks based in Argentina, South Korea, and a location in Africa still to be named. He also described other expressions of mission collaboration, including training in disaster risk reduction through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

He invited the friends of mission to join Global Ministries in the years and months immediately ahead in marking the 200th anniversary (in 2019) of the first Methodist missionary society in the United States. Kemper said the celebration would focus on Methodism's full history as a mission movement and on its vision for its future in God's mission.

In closing, Bishop Hope Morgan Ward of North Carolina, president of the Global Ministries agency, asked the friends to sing. The Rev. Dr. Mande Muyombo,

an agency executive from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, led a rousing rendition of "We Are Marching in the Light of God," that broke out into marching around what is often a hotel ballroom.

Elliott Wright, a veteran reporter who has covered six general conferences, is a consultant with the General Board of Global Ministries.



During the Friends of Mission meal, Global Ministries General Secretary Thomas Kemper shares with guests the agency's current emphasis on partnership in God's mission. Photo: Mary Andreolli

“GC4JC”

In an effort to respond to hunger and homelessness children from around the country created more than 1,700 cards with meal coupons attached good for a meal at Sisters of the Road Café. The intent is that delegates and visitors will sign the cards and give them to homeless and hungry people they meet in Portland. GC4JC has received more than \$5,000.00 in donations thus far to support the project, according to the Rev. Carol Thompson, Western Jurisdiction representative for the executive committee of United Methodist Rural Advocates (UMRA) which has reviewed and supported it. The project is the brainchild of the Revs. Kevin Miller and Laura Beach but they credit the Holy Spirit.

Sisters of the Road is a nonprofit cafe in Portland's Old Town neighborhood working to create systemic change that will end poverty and homelessness forever by providing nourishing meals in a safe, dignified space.” Their overall mission is: “to build authentic relationships and alleviate the hunger of isolation in an atmosphere of nonviolence and gentle personalism that nurtures the whole individual, while seeking systemic solutions that reach the roots of homelessness and poverty to end them forever.”

Meal coupons can be redeemed in the cafe for a meal and a drink or at Portland area farmers' markets during the growing season. Meal Coupons are an innovative way to share a meal and start a conversation while responding to need in the community.

Their belief in food justice and universal human rights are reflected in Sisters' barter work program where folks can work to pay \$1.50 for a meal and drink (same price since 1979!) if folks aren't able to pay with cash. They accept cash, SNAP benefits/EBT cards, meal

coupons and barter cards. First time guests, families and customers who, for medical reasons, are unable to do any of the work involved in running the cafe receive a meal and drink at no charge.

Instructions provided to each delegate ask them to write a short message within the handmade card and to have it ready to offer to a homeless person they meet on their walks to or from the Convention Center. The instructions also encourage taking time to talk with people they meet and, if they are interested, even set a time to join them at the Sisters of the Road Café for a good meal (meals can be purchased on the spot, though reservations are required).

It is hoped that the interactions and conversations will have transformative effects on the residents of Portland and our delegates. There will be opportunities for the delegates to share stories of their interactions with the larger church, especially with the children who sent them out in mission. Using #gc4jc, those at home will be able to follow along via tweets, blogs, and videos to witness all the ways that our church leaders are living as the hands and feet of Jesus in Portland, Oregon, and experience their own transformation in the process.

Come pick up a free card and meal voucher today! Want to know more? Visit www.facebook.com/GC4JCUMC/, look for folks wearing the blue #GC4JC t-shirts or follow #gc4jc on twitter.

“The transformative power of love is the foundation for all meaningful social change.”

– bell hooks (cited on the *Sisters of the Road* website)

Errata in DCA

Clarification

The UMNS story, “Delegates Say No to Rule 44” (Page 1921, May 13 Daily Christian Advocate), has been revised to state that the Commission on General Conference announced it would recommend setting aside legislation related to human sexuality for possible consideration. The commission itself cannot set aside legislation.

Errata

Page 2067: Under the Conferences list, the secretary's name is Cynthia Moore Koikoi.

Page 2069: In the Inter-Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy list, Western Pennsylvania should have been listed in the Northeastern Jurisdiction, not North Central.

Gulfside Assembly

Mrs. Mollie M. Stewart has been the President and CEO of Gulfside Association Inc. (Assembly) since 2007, which has a special relationship with The United Methodist Church. Mrs. Stewart has a special relationship with Gulfside because she started going there as a twelve year old for youth convocations. It was a safe and welcoming place for thousands of young people.

Bishop Robert E. Jones founded Gulfside Assembly in 1923 as a residential school for African-American boys living in rural areas of the country. It was one of the only places African-Americans could get overnight lodging. In 1920 he was the first African-American elected to the episcopacy in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Gulfside served the Central Jurisdiction, a separate jurisdiction created for African-Americans as a compromise when the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and the Methodist Protestant Church merged. The non-geographical, segregated jurisdiction for African-American Methodists existed until 1968, when it was dismantled with the merger of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Katrina hit just 16 days after Gulfside Assembly had celebrated opening the Norris Center, a \$3 million lodging and meeting center named for Bishop Alfred L. Norris. Though all thirteen buildings at the assembly

were destroyed, as many of the fallen trees were saved as possible. Those fallen trees were not forgotten.

At that time Mrs. Stewart was a member of the Commission on the General Conference and on the staff at Hinton Rural Life Center in North Carolina. During a conversation when the commission was looking for a symbol of hope that would go along with the tree logo chosen for the 2008 General Conference, she offered the fallen wood at Gulfside. At a break she called her colleague at Hinton, the Rev. Clay Smith, who happened to be a woodworker as well as the director of Hinton, and told him the “good news” that she’d volunteered his services to create that symbol of hope.

The results are beautifully evident today on the stage at General Conference 2016. The furniture has now been to three General Conferences. Rev. Smith designed and made the altar table, pulpit, the small table by the pulpit and baptismal font, all made from live oak trees that were blown down by Katrina at Gulfside. There is a cross made from broken pieces from the coast that is too fragile to travel to Portland. It resides at Gulfside. Rev. Smith also made the eight-foot round cedar table with stump base that sits in the center of the plenary floor that was used for the opening Communion service.

Gulfside continues to recover from the damage done by Katrina. On February 27, 2016 the first building com-



This eight-foot cedar table and stump base were made from trees blown down by Katrina at Gulfside Assembly.

pleted since the hurricane was dedicated. It is named for Bishop Leontyne T. C. Kelly.

If you'd like to know more about this remarkable place, Gulfside Assembly, the beautiful furniture carved by Rev. Smith, or Mollie Stewart, there is a series of articles in the United Methodist archives. See umc.org/archives or talk to Mrs. Stewart during the conference. She served on the Commission on the General Conference for sixteen years.

Divisions Grieve God's Spirit

Divisions are sinful because they grieve the Holy Spirit. "Don't make the Holy Spirit of God unhappy" (Ephesians 4:30).

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Report of the Committee on Reference

Petition No.	Title	Request	Action
60043	Jurisdictional Membership Count	reassign to GA	Approve
60044	Timing of GCFA Report to Jurisdictions	reassign to GA	Approve
60125	Access to Records	reassign to MH	Approve
60182	Joint Committee Membership	reassign to CO	Approve
60517	AC Lay Leader in Appointment Making	reassign to GA	Approve
60519	Remove Episcopal Term Restriction	reassign to GA	Approve
60546	Formula for Distribution of Bishops	reassign to GA	Approve
60554	Formula for Bishops	reassign to GA	Approve
60556	Standing Committee Report	reassign to GA	Approve
60616	Number of Bishops	reassign to GA	Approve
60617	Provisions for Episcopal Areas	reassign to GA	Approve
60618	Provisions for Episcopal Areas	reassign to GA	Approve
60619	Provisions for Episcopal Areas	reassign to GA	Approve
60620	Provisions for Episcopal Areas	reassign to GA	Approve
60951	Plan UMC Revised - OCUIR	reassign to GA	Approve
60960	Permissiveness in AC Structure - CFA	reassign to CO	Approve
60989	Global Connectional Conference - Name Change	reassign to CO	Approve
60990	Global Connectional Conference - Name Change	reassign to CO	Approve
61009	Organic Jurisdictional Solution - Transfer Procedures for Churches	reassign to CO	Approve
60010	Readopt Resolution	reassign to LC	Approve
60457	Keep Children and Youth Free from Alcohol	reassign to LC	Approve
60756	Pathways to Transformation	reassign to LC	Approve
60311	Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day	reassign to LC	Approve
60465	Drinking on Campus	reassign to LC	Approve
60009	Rural Communities in Crisis	reassign to LC	Approve
60229	UM Guiding Principles for Christian-Jewish Relations	reassign to IC	Approve
60005	Facilitation of Cooperative Ministry	reassign to IC	Approve
60242	Called to Be Neighbors and Witnesses	reassign to IC	Approve
60958	Ecumenical Funding	reassign to IC	Approve
60926	Confronting Twenty-First Century Anti-Semitism	reassign to IC	Approve
60866	Same Sex Marriage in United Methodist Churches	reassign to IC	Approve
60250	Children's Sabbath	reassign to GM	Approve
60309	Religious Freedom: Grounded in Love	reassign to GM	Approve
60256	The Status of Women	reassign to GM	Approve
60264	The Girl Child	reassign to GM	Approve

General Commission on the Status and Role of Women Monitoring Report

We begin today with a quote from Yogi Berra, famous for his use of paradoxical or contradictory images that convey both humor and wisdom – both of which are much needed here at General Conference and in life. Berra once said, “You can observe a lot by watching.” While the delegates are busy talking and listening and discerning, the monitors are watching to find patterns in your participation that might enable or hinder full participation of all persons. So first, thank you for including us and also for soliciting our observations and allowing us to share with the group what we have seen. Many of the delegates have made notable changes to their participation based on our ideas, and we have been SO impressed.

We also must humbly offer a correction. In yesterday’s report, we lifted up Bethany Amey as a star of inclusion. While reports are that Bethany has been a great chair, leading with both calm and firmness, trying to make sure everyone is heard, it actually was **Bill Junk** of Oklahoma who should have been noted for taking such care with everyone’s names. In case anyone missed it yesterday, Bill made a notable effort to correctly pronounce everyone’s name and ask for forgiveness when he made mistakes, making everyone feel included as full members of the conference. Today we ask for that forgiveness – SO sorry for mistake in naming – it was Bill who deserved the recognition yesterday.

The data collected from the legislative committee monitors indicate a common pattern: some people (most are men) speak quite a lot and end up dominating the conversation, while others say little or nothing. It’s not that the chairs are or are not recognizing people. It’s that the same people ask to be recognized over and over again. Bishop Harvey said in the morning plenary, when calling on one delegate for a second time, “I usually refrain from calling on a person more than once in a session,” but she felt she needed to do so for a point of order. In general, her comment points to a good practice – that chairs try to call on people only once in a session, or a second time only after many or all others have spoken, and even more, that delegates themselves try to limit their contributions to one or two per session. Of course, depending on the issue being discussed, someone might have quite a lot to say, due to professional expertise, or

even deep personal interest. That is fine. But there are precious few of us who can or should speak to EVERY issue. And in fact, we undermine our own effectiveness if others tire of hearing from us before we even get to the mic. One delegate in the Ministry and Higher Education legislative committee actually moved his chair next to the mic so he could be recognized to speak more quickly. Yeah...no, not cool.

Also related to the problem of too frequent and/or missing voices is the size and style of the discussion. In a number of committees, smaller groups were formed to discuss certain topics, and translators were invited to sit at the table as well. Both the small size of the group along with the proximity of the translators seemed to make it possible for some delegates to speak more easily. In fact, some delegates ONLY spoke in such sessions.

With that in mind, today’s first star of inclusion is **Kimberly Reisman** of Indiana, chair of the Judicial Administration legislative committee. Kimberly specifically reminded the dominant speakers that there were those who had not yet spoken, thereby inviting new voices into the mix. Thank you Kimberly! There was another star in that committee as well – **Lidia Gulele** of Mozambique South. When the self-monitoring question was asked about adequate time for translation, a delegate asked if the question could be directed at the Central Conference delegates alone. Lidia got up and in French, said, “No, because you are supposed to be using headsets to understand us – it is not just about us understanding you.” Indeed, a number of the monitors have reported that when non-English delegates are speaking, many English speaking delegates are NOT using the earbuds. Totally not cool—everyone MUST use the headsets! Et merci pour votre observation Lidia; merci beaucoup! Vous êtes la deuxième étoile d’inclusion aujourd’hui.

So, in our attempt to include and hear all voices, perhaps another Yogi Berra-ism would help. He once said, “It was impossible to get a conversation going; everybody was talking too much.” Indeed – do you have a real conversation going in your committee, or is “everyone” talking too much? More pointedly, are YOU talking too much? And are you listening to everyone who DOES speak? A little more self-monitoring would help.

New Petitions

Petition Number: 61047-GM-NonDis-G; Switzer, Greg - Burbank, CA, USA. 1 Similar Petition

Eliminate Church Funding of Anti-Israel BDS

The 2016 General Conference of The United Methodist Church hereby instructs the General Board of Global Ministries and the General Board of Church and Society, over the course of the new quadrennium, to refrain from giving any organizational membership dues or unrestricted donations to the U.S. Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation or to any other advocacy group focused on the Middle East that advocates comprehensive boycotts, comprehensive divestment, or comprehensive sanctions (BDS) against the nation of Israel.

Rationale:

In its own words, the U.S. Campaign encourages “comprehensive divestment” against Israel. General Conference has repeatedly rejected less radical forms of divestment. We should not take offering plate money from our churches to directly fund harsh, divisive political agendas that directly conflict with the stances our General Conference has taken.

Petition Number: 61057-FA-NonDis-; Kumar, A. Moses Rathan - Nashville, TN, USA for General Council on Finance and Administration.

GCFA Report #1 (Revised) - World Service Fund

Receive and approve GCFA Report #1 (Revised) – World Service Fund – found on DCA page 2060.

Petition Number: 61058-FA-NonDis-; Kumar, A. Moses Rathan - Nashville, TN, USA for General Council on Finance and Administration.

GCFA Report #9 - Sundays with General Church Offerings

Receive and approve GCFA Report #9 – Sundays with General Church Offerings – found on ADCA page 634.

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Petition Number: 61059-CO-¶507; Alexander, Neil M. - Nashville, TN, USA for UM Publishing House.

Deadline for Petitions Submission

Amend as follows:

¶507.5 Petitions...no later than 240 230 days...

¶507.6 ...must be in the hands of the petitions secretary no later than 240 230 days...Exceptions...from an annual conference session held between 240 230 and...

¶507.7 ...by the petitions secretary or Secretary of the General Conference no later than 240 230 days before...

Divisions Hinder Our Prayers

Our public divisions are the great hindrance
of the prayers of Christians.

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Inter-Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy

Clergy are indicated in *italics*.

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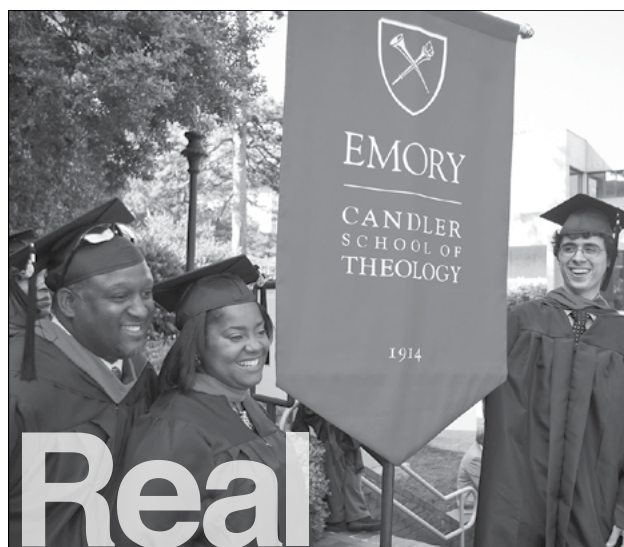


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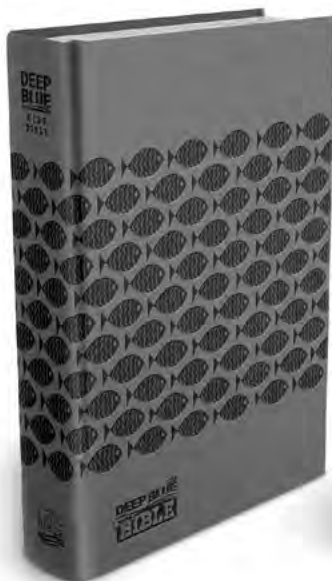
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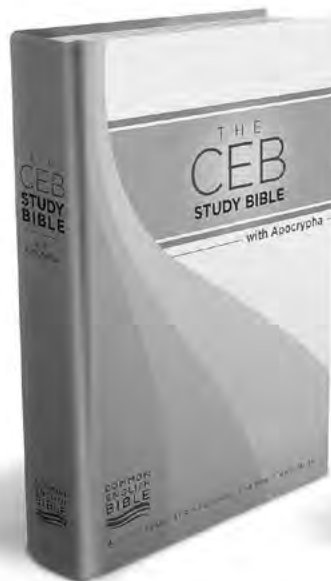
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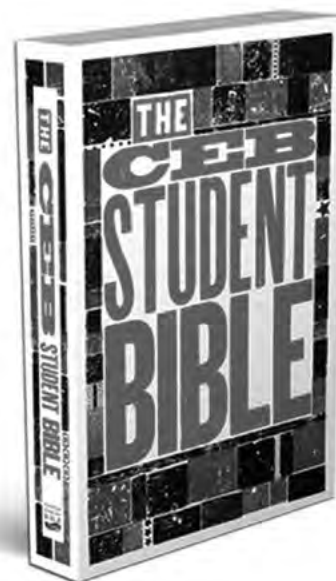
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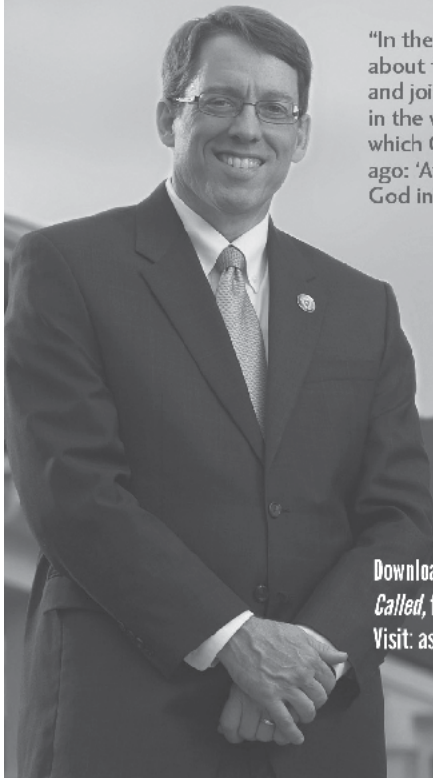
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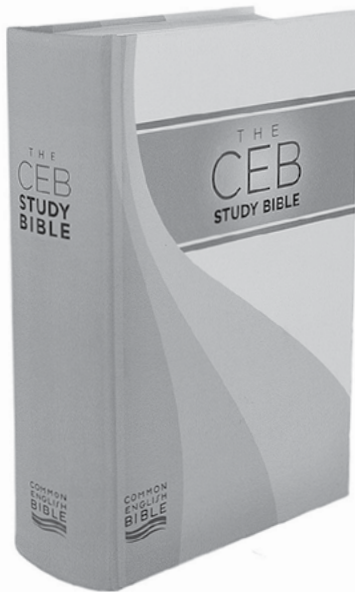
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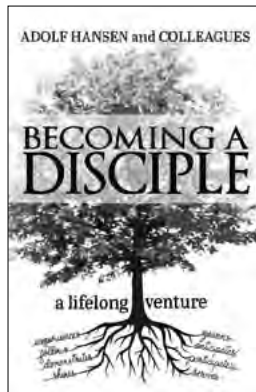
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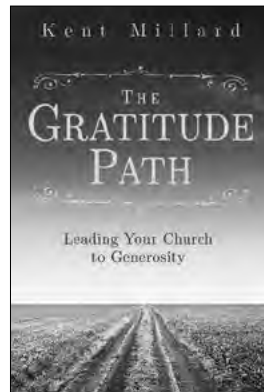
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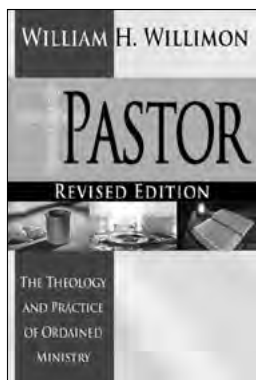
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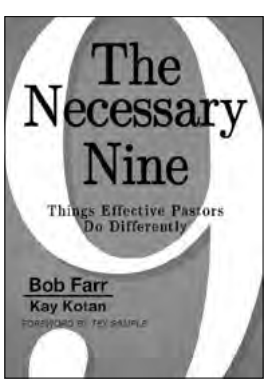
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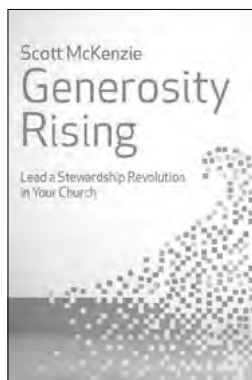
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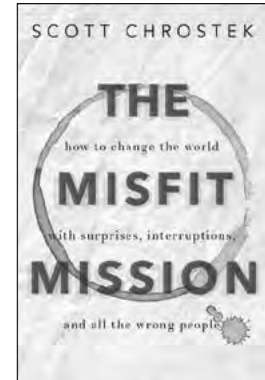
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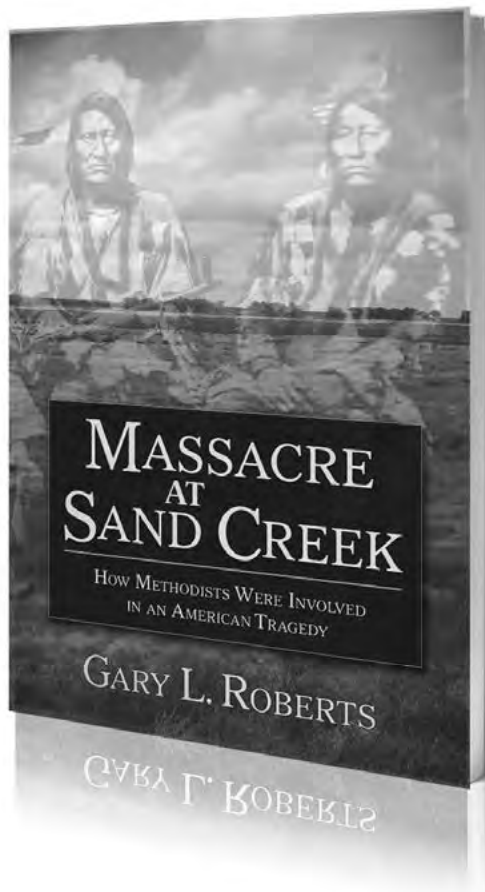
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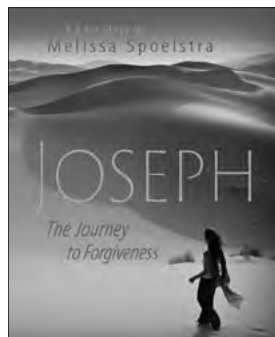
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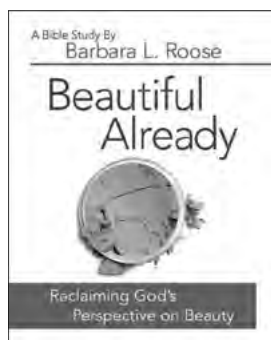
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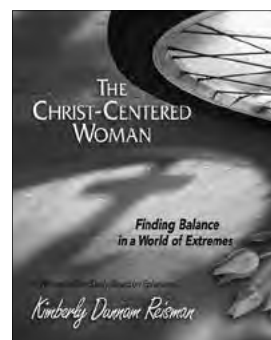
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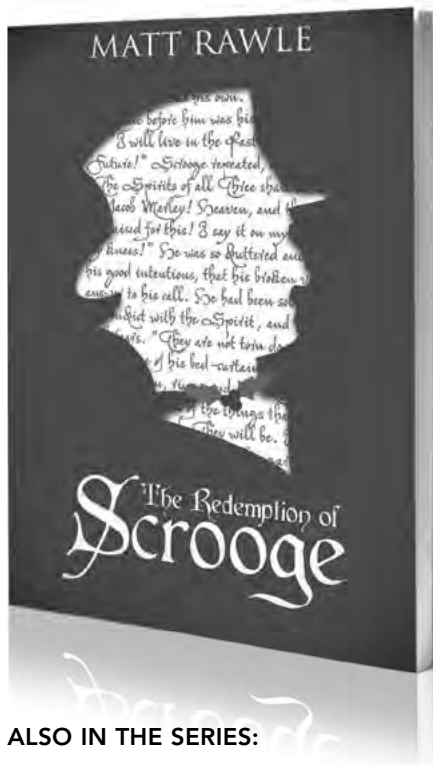
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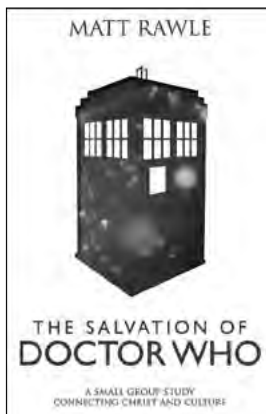
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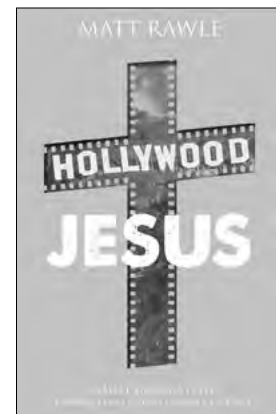


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Consent Calendar A04

134-CA22-¶1010-A-G

Subject: Headquarters

Petition: 60419-CA-¶1010-G, Pg. 197
Membership: 83; Present: 69;
For: 59; Against: 9; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

135-CB1-¶162.A-A-G

Subject: Rights of Racial and Ethnic Persons

Petition: 60116-CB-¶162.A-A-G, Pg. 319
Membership: 83; Present: 72;
For: 66; Against: 5; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/13

The Petition is amended as follows:

1) Where the petitioner has changed the word "groups" to "persons" or "people", use "persons" consistently; 3rd paragraph, line 7, line 9

2) 2nd paragraph: 5th line, replace "cripples" with "hinders"

3) 1st paragraph (p320), line 11 before "white people" and after the stricken text, "denied to persons of color" ADD, "in many cultures"

1st paragraph, following that same sentence ending "denied to persons of color,"

add, "We opposes the creation of a racial hierarchy in any culture."

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

136-CB2-¶161.G-A

Subject: Family Violence and Abuse

Petition: 60662-CB-¶161.G, Pg. 313
Membership: 83; Present: 72;
For: 63; Against: 7; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/13

The Petition is amended as follows:
line 5, after "to work with the abuser" add "to understand the root causes and forms of abuse"

remove the following sentence: "Abuse takes many forms and has many causes."

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

137-CB28-¶162.H-A-G

Subject: Rights of Immigrants

Petition: 60535-CB-¶162.H-G, Pg. 321
Membership: 84; Present: 71;
For: 63; Against: 8; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:
reword underlined test:

We oppose immigration policies that separate family members from each other or that

include detention of families with children, and we call on local churches to be in ministry with immigrant families.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

138-CB45-¶161.K-A-G

Subject: Ministry to Those Who Have Experienced Abortion

Petition: 60681-CB-¶161.K-G, Pg. 317
Membership: 84; Present: 68;
For: 59; Against: 6; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

139-CB59-¶161-A-G

Subject: Bullying

Petition: 60682-CB-¶161-G, Pg. 300
Membership: 84; Present: 71;
For: 67; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Replace the 2nd paragraph with the following:

We encourage churches to adopt a policy of zero tolerance for bullying, including cyber-bullying, within their spheres of influence; stand with persons being bullied; and take a leadership role in working with the schools and community to prevent bullying.

1st paragraph, 3rd line, following 2nd sentence ending "in some cultures today," insert the following:

We affirm the right of all people regardless of gender, socio-economic status, race, religion, disability, age, physical appearance, sexual orientation and gender identity to be free of unwanted aggressive behavior and harmful control tactics.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

140-CB61-¶161-A-G

Subject: Pornography

Petition: 60164-CB-¶161-G, Pg. 299

Membership: 84; Present: 71;

For: 68; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Following the second paragraph, after words, "ruin lives, careers and relationships", insert the following:

1.) We grieve the pervasiveness of Internet pornography, including among Christians, and especially its impact on young people and marriages.

2.) Before the last sentence (after the words, "issues of addiction") add:

Further, all churches are encouraged to review and update appropriate child, youth, and adult protection policies to reflect The

United Methodist Church's position that the use of pornography is a form of sexual misconduct.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

141-CO30-¶511.5-A-G

Subject: Calculation of Delegates

Petition: 60132-CO-¶511.5-G, Pg. 454

Membership: 82; Present: 76;

For: 63; Against: 8; Not Voting: 5;

Date: 5/14

Amend ¶ 511.5 as follows:

The secretary of the General Conference shall calculate the number of delegates to be elected by each annual conference, based on the factors specified in ¶ 502.1, 2, using the most recent clergy and professing lay membership figures reported by the annual conferences

local congregation to the annual conference from the annual conference to the General Council on Finance and Administration through their conference journals, as follows...

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

142-CO49-¶602.9-A-G

Subject: Ecumenical Representatives

Petition: 60240-CO-¶602.9-G, Pg. 461

Membership: 82; Present: 76;

For: 65; Against: 5; Not Voting: 6;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

143-CO50-¶602.2-A-G

Subject: Remove Candidacy Process for Diaconal Ministers

Petition: 60388-CO-¶602.2-G, Pg. 461

Membership: 82; Present: 76;

For: 59; Against: 2; Not Voting: 15;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

144-CO52-¶605-A-G

Subject: Permissiveness in AC Structure - Agenda

Petition: 60956-CO-¶605-G, Pg. 462

Membership: 82; Present: 76;

For: 62; Against: 4; Not Voting: 10;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

For the purpose of empowering the annual conferences to determine their own agenda and structure, ~~amend multiple paragraphs as follows:~~

Delete ¶¶ 605.1, 605.2, 605.3, 605.4, 605.5, and 605.6 in their entirety.

Amend ¶ 607.4 as follows:

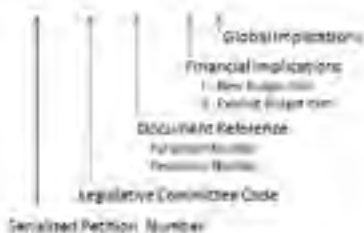
¶ 607.4. ~~The conference lay leader shall be responsible for presenting a report to the an-~~

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PETITION CODING

➤ 60000-AA-¶100-5-G



COMMITTEE ITEM CODING

➤ AA1-¶100-A-1-G



annual conference. The annual conference shall provide time for an address that shall be the responsibility of the conference lay leader.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

145-CO59-¶500-A-G

Subject: Missions - Membership

Petition: 60284-CO-¶500-G, Pg. 442

Membership: 82; Present: 64;

For: 63; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

146-CO60-¶591-A-G

Subject: Missions - Powers and Duties

Petition: 60283-CO-¶591-G, Pg. 459

Membership: 82; Present: 64;

For: 61; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

147-CO61-¶590-A-G

Subject: Missions - Purpose

Petition: 60282-CO-¶590-G, Pg. 458

Membership: 82; Present: 64;

For: 63; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

Amend the *Book of Discipline* as follows:

Amend the last paragraph to read as follows:

In accordance with the Wesleyan ecumenical spirit, in all phases of mission development, the initiating United Methodist entities will consult with, and where possible create cooperative relationships with, Wesleyan communions, and

They will promote relationships with other denominations serving in the area as well as and with appropriate

interdenominational, and ecumenical organizations. Where appropriate, they will engage in dialogue with interfaith agencies and organizations.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

148-CO62-¶500-A-G

Subject: Missions - Annual Meeting

Petition: 60285-CO-¶500-G, Pg. 442

Membership: 82; Present: 64;

For: 62; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

149-CO63-¶606-A-G

Subject: Digital AC Journal

Petition: 60209-CO-¶606-G, Pg. 462

Membership: 82; Present: 64;

For: 62; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

150-CO64-¶610-A-G

Subject: Schedules of Young People

Petition: 60173-CO-¶610-G, Pg. 463

Membership: 82; Present: 64;

For: 55; Against: 9; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

151-DI3-¶270-A-G

Subject: Lay Missioner

Petition: 60098-DI-¶270-G, Pg. 566

Membership: 95; Present: 80;

For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 5;

Date: 5/13

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

152-DI4-¶267-A-G

Subject: Certified Lay Speaker

Petition: 60095-DI-¶267-G, Pg. 563

Membership: 95; Present: 80;

For: 79; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/13

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

153-DI5-¶266-A-G

Subject: Certified Lay Servant

Petition: 60094-DI-¶266-G, Pg. 560

Membership: 95; Present: 80;

For: 78; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;

Date: 5/13

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

154-DI7-¶1117-A-G

Subject: Small Group Ministries

Petition: 60102-DI-¶1117-G, Pg. 570

Membership: 95; Present: 79;

For: 75; Against: 1; Not Voting: 3;

Date: 5/13

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

155-DI9-¶1116.6-A-G

Subject: Ministry of the Laity

Petition: 60077-DI-¶1116.6-G, Pg. 569

Membership: 95; Present: 80;

For: 76; Against: 1; Not Voting: 3;

Date: 5/13

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

156-DI12-¶268-A-G

Subject: Certified Lay Minister

Petition: 60096-DI-¶268-G, Pg. 564

Membership: 95; Present: 80;

For: 78; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/13

3rd line down the substitute of paragraph 268.1following the phrase “ the congregation” add phrase “ assist in program leadership”

¶ 268. Certified Lay Minister-

1. A certified lay minister is a certified lay servant, certified lay missionary, or equivalent as defined by his or her central conference, who is called and equipped to conduct public worship, care for the congregation, assist in program leadership, develop new and existing faith communities, preach the Word, lead small groups, or establish community outreach ministries as part of a ministry team with the supervision and support of a clergy person. A certified lay minister is assigned by a district superintendent in accordance with ¶419.2.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

157-DI14-¶269-A-G

Subject: Clarification of Lay Servant Ministries

Petition: 60097-DI-¶269-G, Pg. 565

Membership: 96; Present: 80;

For: 80; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/13

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

158-DI19-¶651.3a-A-G

Subject: Update of Language

Petition: 60725-DI-¶651.3a-G, Pg. 568

Membership: 96; Present: 80;

For: 77; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

159-DI26-¶1119.2-A-G**Subject: Young People's Ministries**

Petition: 60078-DI-¶1119.2-G, Pg. 570

Membership: 96; Present: 80;

For: 80; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

160-DI27-¶1109.1-A-G**Subject: Update Name**

Petition: 60076-DI-¶1109.1-G, Pg. 569

Membership: 96; Present: 80;

For: 77; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

161-DI29-¶1207.1a-A-G**Subject: Reinstate Age Difference**

Petition: 60079-DI-¶1207.1a-G, Pg. 571

Membership: 96; Present: 80;

For: 71; Against: 1; Not Voting: 8;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

162-DI37-¶533-A**Subject: Jurisdictional Young People's Ministries**

Petition: 60100-DI-¶533, Pg. 566

Membership: 96; Present: 82;

For: 79; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

163-DI41-¶649.2-A-G**Subject: Composition of CCYM**

Petition: 60101-DI-¶649.2-G, Pg. 568

Membership: 96; Present: 82;

For: 71; Against: 9; Not Voting: 2;

Date: 5/14

Amend Discipline ¶ 649.2 as follows:

2. *Membership*—No more than one-third of the membership of the council shall be adults, one of whom may be the conference lay leader or his or her representative. It is strongly recommended that membership of the council include at least 50% racial and ethnic minority persons with the goal of be composed of 50 percent racial and ethnic group members. (It is suggested that members at large may be added toward achieving at least fifty-fifty ethnic and white majority

membership, as defined by annual conference or episcopal area, and shall also include persons of all genders to ensure inclusiveness:

in a manner to be determined by the conference council on youth ministry; that the membership of the council include an equal number of persons with respect to race, ethnicity, gender and social status as defined by the annual conference or episcopal area. Where ethnic or language conferences overlap nonethnic conferences, provision shall be made for the inclusion of members of the ethnic or language conferences and vice-versa. Those serving on the conference council on youth ministry or equivalent structure shall be baptized or professing members of The United Methodist Church.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

164-DI48-¶1210-A-G**Subject: Global Young People's Convocation**

Petition: 60103-DI-¶1210-G, Pg. 571

Membership: 96; Present: 75;

For: 67; Against: 3; Not Voting: 5;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

165-FA72-¶818.5-A-G**Subject: Episcopal Residences**

Petition: 60153-FA-¶818.5-G, Pg. 704

Membership: 70; Present: 52;

For: 41; Against: 2; Not Voting: 9;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Delete the proposed language and replace with:

The Episcopal Fund shall not make a payment directly to a Bishop for housing. It shall go to the Annual Conference(s) for episcopal residence housing purposes.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

166-FA76-¶807.3-A-G**Subject: Undesignated Gifts**

Petition: 60141-FA-¶807.3-G, Pg. 700

Membership: 70; Present: 60;

For: 50; Against: 1; Not Voting: 9;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Amend ¶ 807.3 as follows:

(a) "... or devise" of under \$50,000 is not..." otherwise designated, the same shall be added to and become a part of the World Service Contingency Fund, which shall be held and administered by the council.

(b) Any such donation, bequest, or devise of \$50,000 or more not otherwise designated shall be added to "the..."

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

167-FA77-¶806.13-A**Subject: Committee on Audit and Review**

Petition: 60140-FA-¶806.13, Pg. 698

Membership: 70; Present: 59;

For: 51; Against: 4; Not Voting: 4;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Delete the proposed addition to 806.13(a) reading "It shall also notify the President and General Secretary of the Council of its findings in writing."

Add the deleted text to the ends of paragraphs 806.13(b)(2), 806.13(b)(3), 806.13(b)(4)

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

168-FO15-¶304-A-G**Subject: Study of Ministry – Better Alignment of Language**

Petition: 60483-FO-¶304-G, Pg. 768

Membership: 73; Present: 69;

For: 53; Against: 8; Not Voting: 8;

Date: 5/14

The Petition Stands as Submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

169-FO17-¶125-A-G**Subject: Our Mission in the World**

Petition: 60813-FO-¶125-G, Pg. 764

Membership: 73; Present: 64;

For: 60; Against: 2; Not Voting: 2;

Date: 5/14

The Petition Stands as Submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

170-GA23-¶906.f-A**Subject: Membership on CT**

Petition: 60054-GA-¶906.f, Pg. 803

Membership: 80; Present: 63;

For: 62; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

171-GA25-¶715.3-A**Subject: Mandatory Retirement for Elective and Appointive Staff**

Petition: 60135-GA-¶715.3, Pg. 800
 Membership: 80; Present: 63;
 For: 54; Against: 9; Not Voting: 0;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

172-GA35-¶705.4c-A-G**Subject: Membership**

Petition: 60161-GA-¶705.4c-G, Pg. 798
 Membership: 80; Present: 63;
 For: 61; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

173-GA38-¶705.4-A-G**Subject: Increase Number of Bishops Serving on GBGM**

Petition: 60302-GA-¶705.4-G, Pg. 798
 Membership: 80; Present: 65;
 For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

174-GA46-¶705.3c-A-G**Subject: Youth and Young Adult Voting**

Petition: 60526-GA-¶705.3c-G, Pg. 798
 Membership: 80; Present: 64;
 For: 59; Against: 5; Not Voting: 0;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

175-GM26-¶1313.1f-A**Subject: Administration of UMDf**

Petition: 60588-GM-¶1313.1f, Pg. 852
 Membership: 80; Present: 67;
 For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

176-GM48-¶1806.12-A-G**Subject: UMCOR Sunday**

Petition: 60297-GM-¶1806.12-G, Pg. 989
 Membership: 80; Present: 64;
 For: 56; Against: 2; Not Voting: 6;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

177-GM58-¶1308.2-A**Subject: Elected Staff**

Petition: Membership: 80; Present: 56;
 For: 53; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

178-JA12-¶2609-A-G**Subject: Prohibit Award of Legal Fees**

Petition: 60169-JA-¶2609-G, Pg. 1008
 Membership: 60; Present: 53;
 For: 50; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

¶ 2609.11) ~~The Judicial Council shall not award attorney's fees to any party to an appeal under any circumstances. The Judicial Council shall not have the authority to grant or award compensation to cover or reimburse for attorney fees to a party to an appeal in a matter of church law.1~~

Footnote:

1. Judicial Council Decision 1230 ¶ 2716.4

Last sentence shall be amended, "...the committee on appeals orders the annual conference or jurisdictional conference to reimburse the respondent."

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

179-JA13-¶2718-A-G**Subject: Administrative Review Process**

Petition: 60911-JA-¶2718-G, Pg. 1032
 Membership: 60; Present: 53;
 For: 50; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

The second sentence in ¶2718.4g would read:

"...and the arguments of the official representatives of all parties ~~the administrative body making the recommendation and/or action and for the respondent.~~"

¶2609.9 would now read:

"The Judicial Council shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine all appeals from decisions of the jurisdictional appeals com-

mittee.1"

Footnote would read: "Judicial Council decision 1276."

Current ¶2609.9 become ¶2609.10 and subsequent sections thereafter would be re-numbered in this manner.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

180-JA21-¶2706.5c3-A-G**Subject: Management of Judicial Just Resolution Agreements and Decisions**

Petition: 60673-JA-¶2706.5c3-G, Pg. 1028
 Membership: 60; Present: 53;
 For: 46; Against: 5; Not Voting: 2;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

181-JA22-¶2702-A-G**Subject: Fiscal Malfeasance**

Petition: 60160-JA-¶2702-G, Pg. 1018
 Membership: 60; Present: 53;
 For: 44; Against: 6; Not Voting: 3;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Add to letter *i* of ¶2702.1 the following:

"sexual misconduct including the use or possession of pornography."

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

182-JA29-¶500-A-G**Subject: Jurisdictional Administrative Process**

Petition: 60917-JA-¶500-G, Pg. 1161
 Membership: 60; Present: 49;
 For: 40; Against: 7; Not Voting: 2;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

183-JA30-¶408.3-A-G**Subject: Jurisdictional Administrative Process**

Petition: 60915-JA-¶408.3-G, Pg. 1150
 Membership: 60; Present: 49;
 For: 45; Against: 2; Not Voting: 2;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Editorial correction to delete reference to ¶543.22

"...committee. (Effective at the close of General Conference 2012.) Appeal..."

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

184-JA31-¶422-A-G**Subject: Jurisdictional Administrative Process**

Petition: 60914-JA-¶422-G, Pg. 1157

Membership: 60; Present: 49;

For: 42; Against: 7; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Strike "or other such matters" wherever the phrase appears in the petition.

Editorially add an "and" between "leave of absence" and "involuntary retirement."

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

185-JA32-¶408.3-A-G**Subject: Jurisdictional Administrative Process**

Petition: 60916-JA-¶408.3-G, Pg. 1150

Membership: 60; Present: 49;

For: 38; Against: 10; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

186-JA33-¶410-A-G**Subject: Jurisdictional Administrative Process**

Petition: 60913-JA-¶410-G, Pg. 1150

Membership: 60; Present: 49;

For: 42; Against: 6; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

In ¶410.5c change "executive committee of the Council of Bishops" to "College of Bishops"

Add "...Episcopal Fund for a maximum of six months."

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

187-JA35-¶2703-A-G**Subject: Consolidate Two Annual Conference Committees on Investigation**

Petition: 60672-JA-¶2703-G, Pg. 1022

Membership: 60; Present: 49;

For: 44; Against: 3; Not Voting: 2;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

In all requirements for the committee:

"Diaconal Ministers if available within the bounds of the annual conference."

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

188-LC1-¶253-A-G**Subject: Camp & Retreat Ministry Coordinator**

Petition: 60072-LC-¶253-G, Pg. 1038

Membership: 68; Present: 65;

For: 61; Against: 1; Not Voting: 3;

Date: 5/13

The Petition is amended as follows:

Remove: "across the age span" before "a coordinator of camp ..."

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

189-LC10-¶256.4-A**Subject: Delete Names**

Petition: 60269-LC-¶256.4, Pg. 1040

Membership: 68; Present: 65;

For: 59; Against: 2; Not Voting: 4;

Date: 5/13

Amend ¶ 256.4 of *The Book of Discipline* as follows:

¶ 256.4) Scouting ministry through civic youth-serving agencies ~~Civic youth-serving agencies and scouting ministries~~ offer another setting for ministry to children, youth, their leaders, and their families. ~~These opportunities would include the Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the USA, Camp Fire USA, 4-H, or other appropriate organizations in the central conferences.~~ The Programs of Religious Activities with Youth (P.R.A.Y.) award program ~~may be~~ is available to all appropriate age-level participants of the local church education program including the church school, youth ministry and scouting ~~ministries~~ ministry.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

190-LC12-¶2533.2-A**Subject: Adequate Insurance Coverage**

Petition: 60158-LC-¶2533.2, Pg. 1044

Membership: 68; Present: 65;

For: 57; Against: 3; Not Voting: 5;

Date: 5/13

Amend ¶ 2533.2 as follows:

The board of trustees shall review annually compare the existence and adequacy of the property, liability, and crime ~~church's~~ insurance coverages to an insurance schedule annually published by the General Council on Finance and Administration ~~on church-owned property, buildings, and equipment. The board of trustees shall also review annually the adequacy of personnel insurance.~~ The purpose of ~~these~~ this 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 the charge conference (¶ 2550.7) the results of its review

and ~~any~~ recommendations needed to timely bring the church into compliance with the published schedule ~~it deems necessary.~~

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

191-LC14-¶247.2-A-G**Subject: Local Church Alternatively Conceived**

Petition: 60515-LC-¶247.2-G, Pg. 1037

Membership: 68; Present: 65;

For: 58; Against: 4; Not Voting: 3;

Date: 5/13

Amend ¶ 247 as indicated.

¶ 247.2. The charge conference, the district superintendent, and the pastor, when a pastor has been appointed (see ¶ 205.4), shall organize and administer the pastoral charge and churches according to the policies and plans herein set forth. When the membership size, program scope, mission resources, or other circumstances so require, the charge conference may, in consultation with and upon the approval of the district superintendent, modify the organizational plans, provided that the provisions of ¶ 243 are observed. Such other circumstances may include, but not be limited to, alternative models for the conception of a local church, such as coffee house ministries, mall ministries, outdoor ministries, retirement home ministries, restaurant ministries, and other emergent ways in which people can gather in God's name to be the church.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

192-LC16-¶258.4-A-G**Subject: Financial Leadership Restriction for Clergy Family Members**

Petition: 60057-LC-¶258.4-G, Pg. 1041

Membership: 68; Present: 65;

For: 61; Against: 1; Not Voting: 3;

Date: 5/13

Amend ¶ 258.4 by addition:

....The positions of treasurer and financial secretary should not be combined and held by one person, and the persons holding these two positions should not be immediate family members.

No immediate family members of any appointed clergy may serve as treasurer, finance chair, financial secretary, counter, nor serve in any paid or unpaid position under the responsibilities of the committee on finance, as described herein. These restrictions would apply only to the church or charge where the clergy serves.

The committee on finance shall give...

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

193-LC24-¶2549-A-G**Subject: Property of Closed Churches**

Petition: 60159-LC-¶2549-G, Pg. 1047

Membership: 69; Present: 65;

For: 60; Against: 1; Not Voting: 4;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Modify the proposed Paragraph 2549.7 as follows:

If a local church in an urban center with more than 50,000 population is closed, any proceeds of the sale of its property must be used for new and/or existing ministries within urban transitional communities, as described in Paragraph 212, and consistent with the annual conference's urban ministry strategic plan... If a local church in a non-urban center is closed, any proceeds of the sale of its property may be used for new churches, new faith communities, new missional initiatives, relocating churches, churches building multi-campus facilities for the purpose of evangelistic church extension, or an organization that is a non-profit and has values consistent with The United Methodist Church's values and is consistent with our Wesleyan heritage, theology, and United Methodist polity. In addition, the proceeds may be used to revitalize or enhance church ministry, or be given to an organization that is a vetted non-profit and has values consistent with The United Methodist Church's values and is consistent with our Wesleyan heritage, theology, and United Methodist polity. In addition, the proceeds may be used to embrace or continue the work and vision of ministry with the poor in the community.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

194-LC25-¶256.1-A-G**Subject: Safety**

Petition: 60073-LC-¶256.1-G, Pg. 1039

Membership: 69; Present: 65;

For: 62; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Local churches or charges are strongly encouraged shall to develop a policy/policies and procedures to provide for the safety of the infants, children, and youth and vulnerable adults entrusted to their care.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

195-LC27-¶256.3-A-G**Subject: Young People's Ministries**

Petition: 60093-LC-¶256.3-G, Pg. 1039

Membership: 69; Present: 64;

For: 60; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Approve all with the exception of:

Amend 256.3c - Keep the word "may" and take out suggested addition of "shall"

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

196-LC28-¶212-A-G**Subject: Adapting to Transitional Community**

Petition: 60394-LC-¶212-G, Pg. 1035

Membership: 69; Present: 64;

For: 53; Against: 10; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Every effort should be made to educate the congregation on the changes in the surrounding community. The local church has always been called 'to minister to persons in the community where the church is located' (¶ 202), so in times of transition the membership ~~needs to understand that the Church's mission is the same should understand that the Church's mission is to serve their surrounding community.~~

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

197-LC29-¶2533.6-A-G**Subject: Accessibility Audits**

Petition: 60739-LC-¶2533.6-G, Pg. 1044

Membership: 69; Present: 63;

For: 55; Against: 8; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Delete last sentence: "~~A copy of the audit will be submitted to the conference disability concerns committee or other conference entity having the responsibility for disability concerns.~~"

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

198-LC30-¶2551-A**Subject: Covenant Relationships in Multi-Ethnic and Multi-Language Settings**

Petition: 60873-LC-¶2551, Pg. 1048

Membership: 69; Present: 63;

For: 50; Against: 5; Not Voting: 8;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

"The financial relationship established in the covenant is neither intended to generate

profit nor to support the general budget (other than utilities appropriate normal operating costs) of the receiving local church or any other entity involved in the sharing of the facilities."

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

199-LC31-¶247-A-G**Subject: Powers and Duties of the Charge Conference**

Petition: 60714-LC-¶247-G, Pg. 1037

Membership: 69; Present: 63;

For: 59; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Insert into ¶ 247.20 after the words: "awareness of and concurrence with"

"the Doctrinal Standards and the General Rules of The United Methodist Church"

and then continue with the remaining words "with policies relative to ..."

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

200-MH51-¶370.1-A-G**Subject: Remove "Under Appointment" from Local Pastor Description**

Petition: 60385-MH-¶370.1-G, Pg. 1144

Membership: 97; Present: 83;

For: 82; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

201-MH53-¶602.1-A-G**Subject: Remove Under Appointment from Local Pastors Description**

Petition: 60387-MH-¶602.1-G, Pg. 461

Membership: 97; Present: 78;

For: 77; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

202-MH54-¶142-A-G**Subject: Remove "Under Appointment"**

Petition: 60353-MH-¶142-G, Pg. 767

Membership: 97; Present: 82;

For: 79; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

203-MH60-¶347-A-G**Subject: Alignment of Transfer Process from Other Denominations**

Petition: 60376-MH-¶347-G, Pg. 1133

Membership: 97; Present: 79;

For: 76; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

204-MH61-¶351-A-G**Subject: Study of Ministry – Strengthen the Requirement for Lifelong Learning and Coaching**

Petition: 60494-MH-¶351-G, Pg. 1137

Membership: 97; Present: 80;

For: 76; Against: 4; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Substitute for ¶351.2:

A clergy member's continuing education and spiritual growth program shall include professional formation leaves at least one week per year and may include at least one month during one year of every quadrennium.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

205-MH64-¶335.a-A-G**Subject: Questions for Ordination Exam - Elders**

Petition: 60371-MH-¶335.a-G, Pg. 1127

Membership: 97; Present: 77;

For: 73; Against: 4; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

206-MH65-¶324.9k-A-G**Subject: Provisional Membership – Doctrinal Exam**

Petition: 60363-MH-¶324.9k-G, Pg. 1115

Membership: 97; Present: 74;

For: 68; Against: 6; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

207-MH67-¶337.3-A-G**Subject: Remove Deacons from Description of Extension Ministry**

Petition: 60373-MH-¶337.3-G, Pg. 1127

Membership: 97; Present: 80;

For: 74; Against: 6; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

208-MH68-¶324.6-A**Subject: Local Pastor Election to Provisional Membership – Educational Requirements**

Petition: 60361-MH-¶324.6, Pg. 1113

Membership: 97; Present: 81;

For: 79; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

209-MH69-¶330.3-A**Subject: Educational Requirements for Deacons' Ordination**

Petition: 60365-MH-¶330.3, Pg. 1119

Membership: 97; Present: 81;

For: 78; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

210-MH70-¶335.8c4-A-G**Subject: Being in Ministry "with," not Ministry "to"**

Petition: 60718-MH-¶335.8c4-G, Pg. 1126

Membership: 97; Present: 78;

For: 69; Against: 9; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

211-MH75-¶440-A-G**Subject: OCUIR Funding**

Petition: 60238-MH-¶440-G, Pg. 1160

Membership: 97; Present: 60;

For: 60; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

212-MH76-¶438-A-G**Subject: OCUIR Membership**

Petition: 60237-MH-¶438-G, Pg. 1160

Membership: 97; Present: 66;

For: 66; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

213-MH77-¶437-A-G**Subject: OCUIR Purpose**

Petition: 60236-MH-¶437-G, Pg. 1159

Membership: 97; Present: 65;

For: 65; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

214-MH78-¶431.1-A-G**Subject: Full Communion Relationships**

Petition: 60234-MH-¶431.1-G, Pg. 1158

Membership: 97; Present: 70;

For: 69; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

215-MH79-¶433.2-A-G**Subject: Joint Committee on Pan Methodist Commission - Full Communion**

Petition: 60235-MH-¶433.2-G, Pg. 1159

Membership: 97; Present: 65;

For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

216-MH83-¶366.3-A**Subject: Readmission after Honorable or Administrative Location**

Petition: 60384-MH-¶366.3, Pg. 1144

Membership: 97; Present: 71;

For: 66; Against: 5; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

217-MH84-¶413-A-G**Subject: Immunity from Prosecution**

Petition: 60129-MH-¶413-G, Pg. 1151

Membership: 97; Present: 74;

For: 73; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

218-MH86-¶408.1b-A-G**Subject: Mandatory Retirement of CC Bishops**

Petition: 60974-MH-¶408.1b-G, Pg. 1150

Membership: 97; Present: 74;

For: 73; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

219-MH88-¶319.4-A-G**Subject: Study of Ministry – Remove “Five-Year” from Course of Study Description**

Petition: 60487-MH-¶319.4-G, Pg. 1094

Membership: 97; Present: 72;

For: 71; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

220-MH89-¶324.6c-A-G**Subject: Expand Course of Study Education**

Petition: 60362-MH-¶324.6c-G, Pg. 1114

Membership: 97; Present: 71;

For: 70; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

221-MH90-¶666.1-A-G**Subject: DS Role on DCOM**

Petition: 60390-MH-¶666.1-G, Pg. 1163

Membership: 97; Present: 75;

For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

222-MH91-¶415.4-A-G**Subject: Mission District**

Petition: 60529-MH-¶415.4-G, Pg. 1156

Membership: 97; Present: 74;

For: 72; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

223-MH92-¶338.2-A-G**Subject: Less than Full-time Appointment**

Petition: 60374-MH-¶338.2-G, Pg. 1128

Membership: 97; Present: 74;

For: 68; Against: 6; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

224-MH93-¶350-A-G**Subject: Study of Ministry – Periodic Clergy Assessments**

Petition: 60493-MH-¶350-G, Pg. 1136

Membership: 97; Present: 74;

For: 65; Against: 9; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

225-MH94-¶324.6a-A-G**Subject: Study of Ministry – Minimum Age for Local Pastor to Apply for Provisional Membership**

Petition: 60488-MH-¶324.6a-G, Pg. 1114

Membership: 97; Present: 70;

For: 67; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

add: (a) Completed four years of fulltime service or the equivalent.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

226-MH95-¶330.5a-A-G**Subject: Questions for Ordination Exam - Deacons**

Petition: 60368-MH-¶330.5a-G, Pg. 1119

Membership: 97; Present: 73;

For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

227-MH96-¶323-A-G**Subject: Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associate Members**

Petition: 60564-MH-¶323-G, Pg. 1096

Membership: 97; Present: 78;

For: 72; Against: 6; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

228-MH97-¶355-A-G**Subject: Involuntary Leave of Absence**

Petition: 60380-MH-¶355-G, Pg. 1138

Membership: 97; Present: 75;

For: 72; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

229-MH98-¶354-A-G**Subject: Provisions for Administrative Location During Voluntary Leave of Absence**

Petition: 60379-MH-¶354-G, Pg. 1138

Membership: 97; Present: 77;

For: 75; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

230-MH99-¶354-A**Subject: Renewal of Transitional Leave**

Petition: 60377-MH-¶354, Pg. 1137

Membership: 97; Present: 74;

For: 72; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

231-MH100-¶335.d-A**Subject: Educational Requirements for Elders' Ordination**

Petition: 60372-MH-¶335.d, Pg. 1127

Membership: 97; Present: 68;

For: 61; Against: 7; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Strike all after "as outlined in ¶324.4.(a)"

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

232-MH103-¶333.3-A-G**Subject: Ecumenical participation in Ordination Services for Elders**

Petition: 60233-MH-¶333.3-G, Pg. 1123

Membership: 97; Present: 74;

For: 73; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Strike "shall" to "may" in 5th line from bottom

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

233-MH104-¶330.7-A-G**Subject: Ecumenical Participation in Ordination Services for Deacons**

Petition: 60232-MH-¶330.7-G, Pg. 1120

Membership: 97; Present: 74;

For: 73; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Strike "shall" from the 5th line from the bottom, and insert "may"

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

234-MH105-¶331.4-A**Subject: Endorsement for Deacons**

Petition: 60369-MH-¶331.4, Pg. 1121

Membership: 97; Present: 75;

For: 73; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

235-MH106-¶330.4-A-G**Subject: Ordination Requirements – Deacons**

Petition: 60367-MH-¶330.4-G, Pg. 1119

Membership: 97; Present: 72;

For: 70; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

236-MH107-¶339-A-G**Subject: Categories and Definition of Pastor**

Petition: 60375-MH-¶339-G, Pg. 1129

Membership: 97; Present: 73;

For: 69; Against: 4; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

237-MH108-¶354.4-A-G**Subject: Process for an ad interim Voluntary Leave of Absence**

Petition: 60378-MH-¶354.4-G, Pg. 1138

Membership: 97; Present: 79;

For: 77; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

238-MH109-¶337.3-A-G**Subject: Appointments to Academic Settings**

Petition: 60654-MH-¶337.3-G, Pg. 1127

Membership: 97; Present: 73;

For: 63; Against: 10; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

239-MH110-¶331.1-A-G**Subject: Appointments to Academic Settings**

Petition: 60653-MH-¶331.1-G, Pg. 1121

Membership: 97; Present: 74;

For: 66; Against: 8; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

240-MH111-¶340.2c-A-G**Subject: Financial Accountability**

Petition: 60640-MH-¶340.2c-G, Pg. 1130

Membership: 97; Present: 71;

For: 66; Against: 5; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

241-MH112-¶415.6-A-G**Subject: Remove Consecration of Diac-nal Ministers**

Petition: 60386-MH-¶415.6-G, Pg. 1156

Membership: 97; Present: 66;

For: 65; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

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242-CA23-NonDis-A-G**Subject: World-wide Social Principles**

Petition: 60062-CA-NonDis-G, Pg. 199

Membership: 83; Present: 71;

For: 69; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Add to the end of the petition: "and will refer this work to the General Conference 2020."

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

243-CA25-NonDis-A**Subject: Release Puerto Rican Political Prisoner: Oscar Lopez-Rivera**

Petition: 60971-CA-NonDis, Pg. 199

Membership: 83; Present: 64;

For: 55; Against: 7; Not Voting: 2;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

244-CA26-R9999-A-G**Subject: Climate Change and the Church**

Petition: 60449-CA-R9999-G, Pg. 281

Membership: 83; Present: 69;

For: 59; Against: 9; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

245-CA27-R1025-A**Subject: Environmental Racism in the US**

Petition: 60246-CA-R1025, Pg. 203

Membership: 83; Present: 70;

For: 61; Against: 9; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

In the second paragraph after the scripture quote on page 203 of the ADCA, the 8th line down:

Add back in: Hispanic-Latinos

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

246-CA28-R1029-A-G**Subject: Protection of Water**

Petition: 60248-CA-R1029-G, Pg. 208
 Membership: 83; Present: 70;
 For: 60; Against: 5; Not Voting: 5;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

On page 210 of the ADCA, the 4th bullet point, delete phrase "federal subsidies" and replace with "funding"

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

247-CA29-R1028-A-G**Subject: Readopt Resolution**

Petition: 60247-CA-R1028-G, Pg. 208
 Membership: 83; Present: 72;
 For: 60; Against: 8; Not Voting: 4;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

248-CA34-R9999-A**Subject: Stop Criminalizing Communities of Color in the United States**

Petition: 60263-CA-R9999, Pg. 380
 Membership: 83; Present: 70;
 For: 63; Against: 7; Not Voting: 0;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

249-CA35-R9999-A-G**Subject: A Call for Just Tax Structures**

Petition: 60446-CA-R9999-G, Pg. 277
 Membership: 83; Present: 69;
 For: 58; Against: 8; Not Voting: 3;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

250-CA36-R9999-A-G**Subject: A Call for Faithful Lending Practices**

Petition: 60445-CA-R9999-G, Pg. 276
 Membership: 83; Present: 69;
 For: 47; Against: 2; Not Voting: 20;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

251-CA37-R9999-A-G**Subject: Criminal Justice**

Petition: 60463-CA-R9999-G, Pg. 287
 Membership: 83; Present: 69;
 For: 58; Against: 7; Not Voting: 4;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

On page 288 of the ADCA, at the 8th paragraph of the petition, add to the end of the first sentence of the paragraph: "and much less frequently in death."

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

252-CA38-R5031-A-G**Subject: Deletion**

Petition: 60430-CA-R5031-G, Pg. 225
 Membership: 83; Present: 70;
 For: 58; Against: 6; Not Voting: 6;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

253-CA39-R5037-A**Subject: Texas Death Penalty**

Petition: 60411-CA-R5037, Pg. 226
 Membership: 83; Present: 69;
 For: 60; Against: 8; Not Voting: 1;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

254-CA40-R5036-A**Subject: Deletion**

Petition: 60428-CA-R5036, Pg. 225
 Membership: 83; Present: 72;
 For: 63; Against: 3; Not Voting: 6;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

255-CA41-R5035-A**Subject: Deletion**

Petition: 60429-CA-R5035, Pg. 225
 Membership: 83; Present: 72;
 For: 63; Against: 4; Not Voting: 5;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

256-CA42-R5033-A-G**Subject: Deletion**

Petition: 60432-CA-R5033-G, Pg. 225
 Membership: 83; Present: 72;
 For: 63; Against: 3; Not Voting: 6;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

257-CA43-R5011-A-G**Subject: Deletion**

Petition: 60427-CA-R5011-G, Pg. 225
 Membership: 83; Present: 70;
 For: 66; Against: 4; Not Voting: 0;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

258-CA44-R5051-A**Subject: Public Education and the Church**

Petition: 60259-CA-R5051, Pg. 226
 Membership: 83; Present: 69;
 For: 61; Against: 7; Not Voting: 1;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

On page 229 of the ADCA, add bullet point #9 at the end of the resolution to read: "9. Encourage local churches to provide and/or support local nutritional initiatives, especially when schools are not in session."

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

259-CA45-R5032-A**Subject: Deletion**

Petition: 60431-CA-R5032, Pg. 225
 Membership: 83; Present: 72;
 For: 64; Against: 3; Not Voting: 5;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

260-CA46-R6043-A-G**Subject: Guidelines for the Imposition of Sanctions**

Petition: 60474-CA-R6043-G, Pg. 239
 Membership: 83; Present: 69;
 For: 60; Against: 3; Not Voting: 6;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

261-CA47-R6143-A-G**Subject: Deletion**

Petition: 60439-CA-R6143-G, Pg. 265
 Membership: 83; Present: 69;
 For: 66; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

262-CA48-R6066-A-G**Subject: Atomic Testing on the Marshall Islands: A Legacy**

Petition: 60475-CA-R6066-G, Pg. 241
 Membership: 83; Present: 69;
 For: 61; Against: 3; Not Voting: 5;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

263-CA49-R6118-A-G**Subject: Philippines: Democratic Governance, Human Rights and the Peace Process**

Petition: 60478-CA-R6118-G, Pg. 248
 Membership: 83; Present: 69;
 For: 61; Against: 4; Not Voting: 4;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

264-CA50-R6144-A-G**Subject: Respect of the People in Okinawa**

Petition: 60416-CA-R6144-G, Pg. 265
 Membership: 83; Present: 69;
 For: 60; Against: 5; Not Voting: 4;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

265-CA51-R4101-A-G**Subject: Global Living Wage Model**

Petition: 60408-CA-R4101-G, Pg. 222
 Membership: 83; Present: 60;
 For: 45; Against: 10; Not Voting: 5;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

266-CA52-R4134-A**Subject: Rights of Farm Workers in the U.S.**

Petition: 60409-CA-R4134, Pg. 223
 Membership: 83; Present: 60;
 For: 50; Against: 5; Not Voting: 5;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

267-CA53-R1001-A-G**Subject: Energy Policy Statement**

Petition: 60396-CA-R1001-G, Pg. 201
 Membership: 83; Present: 63;
 For: 47; Against: 9; Not Voting: 7;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

268-CA54-R4135-A-G**Subject: Rights of Workers**

Petition: 60410-CA-R4135-G, Pg. 224
 Membership: 83; Present: 60;
 For: 52; Against: 6; Not Voting: 2;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

269-CA56-R3085-A-G**Subject: Child Soldiers**

Petition: 60400-CA-R3085-G, Pg. 343
 Membership: 83; Present: 65;
 For: 56; Against: 4; Not Voting: 5;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

270-CA58-R9999-A-G**Subject: Our Call to End Gun Violence**

Petition: 60452-CA-R9999-G, Pg. 285
 Membership: 83; Present: 65;
 For: 56; Against: 5; Not Voting: 4;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

271-CA61-R9999-A-G**Subject: Caring for Victims of Crime**

Petition: 60447-CA-R9999-G, Pg. 278
 Membership: 83; Present: 65;
 For: 59; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

272-CA62-R6129-A-G**Subject: The United Methodist Church and Peace**

Petition: 60477-CA-R6129-G, Pg. 254
 Membership: 83; Present: 65;
 For: 53; Against: 7; Not Voting: 5;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

273-CA63-R6026-A-G**Subject: Readopt Resolution**

Petition: 60462-CA-R6026-G, Pg. 238
 Membership: 83; Present: 65;
 For: 61; Against: 1; Not Voting: 3;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

274-CA64-R5086-A**Subject: Voting Representation for People in the District of Columbia**

Petition: 60460-CA-R5086, Pg. 231
 Membership: 83; Present: 65;
 For: 55; Against: 5; Not Voting: 5;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

275-CA65-R4056-A-G**Subject: Greed**

Petition: 60257-CA-R4056-G, Pg. 217
 Membership: 83; Present: 65;
 For: 51; Against: 9; Not Voting: 5;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

276-CA66-R4058-A-G**Subject: Privatization**

Petition: 60258-CA-R4058-G, Pg. 220
 Membership: 83; Present: 65;
 For: 48; Against: 10; Not Voting: 7;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

277-CA68-R4051-A-G**Subject: The UMC, Food Justice, and World Hunger**

Petition: 60315-CA-R4051-G, Pg. 211
 Membership: 83; Present: 65;
 For: 58; Against: 2; Not Voting: 5;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

278-CA69-R4057-A-G**Subject: Protecting Health Care, Labor, and Environment**

Petition: 60407-CA-R4057-G, Pg. 219
 Membership: 83; Present: 65;
 For: 51; Against: 9; Not Voting: 5;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

279-CA70-R6025-A-G**Subject: Globalization and Its Impact on Human Dignity and Human Rights**

Petition: 60473-CA-R6025-G, Pg. 231
 Membership: 83; Present: 65;
 For: 50; Against: 8; Not Voting: 7;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

On page 233 of the ADCA, the left column, the first full paragraph, add the following sentence to the end: "We also support the work of the Pan-Methodist Commission and their work with children."

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

280-CA71-R4041-A-G**Subject: Gambling**

Petition: 60459-CA-R4041-G, Pg. 211
 Membership: 83; Present: 65;
 For: 49; Against: 5; Not Voting: 11;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

281-CA72-R5083-A-G**Subject: Right to Privacy**

Petition: 60412-CA-R5083-G, Pg. 230
 Membership: 83; Present: 65;
 For: 45; Against: 9; Not Voting: 11;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

282-CA73-R3126-A-G**Subject: Prejudice Against Muslims and Arabs**

Petition: 60241-CA-R3126-G, Pg. 210
 Membership: 83; Present: 65;
 For: 49; Against: 10; Not Voting: 6;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

283-CA74-R4053-A-G**Subject: Global Debt Crisis A Call for Jubilee**

Petition: 60471-CA-R4053-G, Pg. 214
 Membership: 83; Present: 65;
 For: 48; Against: 10; Not Voting: 7;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

284-CA77-R9999-A-G**Subject: Our Muslim Neighbors**

Petition: 60231-CA-R9999-G, Pg. 269
 Membership: 83; Present: 65;
 For: 47; Against: 7; Not Voting: 11;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

On page 270 of the ADCA, in the last paragraph on the right hand column, delete "~~General Board of Global Ministries, and particularly its Women's Division~~" and replace with "United Methodist Women"

On page 271 of the ADCA, in the 4th paragraph on the left hand column, delete "~~through its Division of Public Media and News Service~~"

On page 271 of the ADCA, in the 6th paragraph, after #1, delete "Study" and replace with "Learn more about"

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

285-CA78-R6072-A-G**Subject: United States-Mexico Border**

Petition: 60871-CA-R6072-G, Pg. 243
 Membership: 83; Present: 65;

For: 58; Against: 4; Not Voting: 3;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

On page 244 of the ADCA, at the last line of the right hand column, delete "~~work-to-ward demilitarization of the border~~"

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

286-CA79-R9999-A-G**Subject: Eradicating Modern Day Slavery**

Petition: 60450-CA-R9999-G, Pg. 282
 Membership: 83; Present: 65;
 For: 57; Against: 3; Not Voting: 5;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

287-CA81-R6042-A-G**Subject: Deletion**

Petition: 60436-CA-R6042-G, Pg. 239
 Membership: 83; Present: 65;
 For: 56; Against: 3; Not Voting: 6;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

288-CA82-R6119-A-G**Subject: Deletion**

Petition: 60437-CA-R6119-G, Pg. 254
 Membership: 83; Present: 65;
 For: 56; Against: 3; Not Voting: 6;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

289-CA83-R6029-A-G**Subject: Deletion**

Petition: 60435-CA-R6029-G, Pg. 239
 Membership: 83; Present: 65;
 For: 56; Against: 3; Not Voting: 6;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

290-CA84-R6135-A-G**Subject: Korea: Peace, Justice and Reunification**

Petition: 60472-CA-R6135-G, Pg. 261
 Membership: 83; Present: 65;
 For: 48; Against: 7; Not Voting: 10;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

291-CA85-R9999-A-G**Subject: Peace with Justice Sunday and Special Offering**

Petition: 60453-CA-R9999-G, Pg. 737
 Membership: 83; Present: 65;
 For: 47; Against: 6; Not Voting: 12;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

292-CB19-R5001-A**Subject: Deletion**

Petition: 60324-CB-R5001, Pg. 376
 Membership: 84; Present: 68;
 For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

293-CB20-R3373-A**Subject: Affirmative Action**

Petition: 60111-CB-R3373, Pg. 364
 Membership: 84; Present: 70;
 For: 61; Against: 9; Not Voting: 0;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

294-CB21-R3375-A-G**Subject: Readopt Resolution**

Petition: 60118-CB-R3375-G, Pg. 365
 Membership: 84; Present: 64;
 For: 56; Against: 8; Not Voting: 0;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

295-CB23-R9999-A**Subject: Effectively Recruiting and Retaining Young Clergy of Color**

Petition: 60543-CB-R9999, Pg. 394
 Membership: 84; Present: 67;
 For: 62; Against: 5; Not Voting: 0;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

296-CB24-R3121-A**Subject: Affirming Diverse Languages in U.S.**

Petition: 60112-CB-R3121, Pg. 345
 Membership: 84; Present: 67;
 For: 58; Against: 9; Not Voting: 0;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

1. revise wording in paragraph beginning "The United States...")

While English is the most commonly used or "primary" language of the country, other languages have been used throughout its history.

2. revise wording in new point 2:

2. the General Board of Church and Society make this resolution an item in their agenda for lobbying, constituency education and advocacy.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

297-CB26-R9999-A-G**Subject: UMC and the Sand Creek Massacre**

Petition: 60047-CB-R9999-G, Pg. 378
 Membership: 84; Present: 71;
 For: 66; Against: 5; Not Voting: 0;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

insert new letter "i":

3.i. Encourage United Methodist Women to develop a Mission U study on this topic.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

298-CB27-R3371-A-G**Subject: A Charter for Racial Justice Policies in an Interdependent Global Community**

Petition: 60253-CB-R3371-G, Pg. 362
 Membership: 84; Present: 69;
 For: 60; Against: 9; Not Voting: 0;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

1. revise title: A U.S. Charter for Racial Justice Policies in an Interdependent Global Community

2. revise wording in paragraph beginning "In principle..."

Adding to this reality, the success of some prominent people of color has contributed to the erroneous but widespread belief that America is in many ways a "post-racial" society where race is seldom a factor in the opportunities and outcomes in people's lives.

3. revise wording in paragraph beginning ""The damage..."

Consistently, African Americans, Hispanics, Latino, Asians, Native Americans, and Pacific Islanders have been humiliated by being given jobs, housing, education, medical services, transportation services, and public accommodations that are all inferior.

4. reword point #8 at the end of petition:

Facilitate nomination and election processes that include all racial groups by employing a system that prioritizes leadership opportunities of people from communities

that are disproportionately impacted by the ongoing legacy of racial injustice. Use measures to align our vision for racial justice with actions that accelerate racial equality.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

299-CB29-R3422-A**Subject: Speaking Out for Compassion: Transforming the Context of Hate in the United States**

Petition: 60254-CB-R3422, Pg. 368
 Membership: 84; Present: 65;
 For: 60; Against: 5; Not Voting: 0;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

revise paragraph beginning "When Isaiah observed..." insert new 4th bullet after "his perceived sexuality;"

anti-semitic graffiti is spray painted on Jewish gravestones;

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

300-CB30-R9999-A**Subject: Racism and Economic Injustice against People of Color in the US**

Petition: 60533-CB-R9999, Pg. 393
 Membership: 84; Present: 66;
 For: 57; Against: 9; Not Voting: 0;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

revise paragraph beginning "WHEREAS, despite steadily..."

In the middle income level, the ratio is 5.2 to 1 and even at the highest income level, white households have, on average 3.2 times more wealth than black households...

revise paragraph beginning "WHEREAS, intense and ongoing..."

WHEREAS, intense and ongoing systemic and institutional racism is still the greatest barrier in the U.S. to building beloved community.

revise paragraph beginning "Be it further resolved, that every annual conference in the U.S. ..."

...that every annual conference in the U.S. support anti-racism training...

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

301-CB31-R9999-A**Subject: Opposition to Racial Profiling in the U.S.**

Petition: 60121-CB-R9999, Pg. 379
 Membership: 84; Present: 68;
 For: 58; Against: 10; Not Voting: 0;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

reword second paragraph:

WHEREAS, insidious racial profiling by some law enforcement practices around the country has risen;

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

302-CB36-R3184-A-G

Subject: Repentance for Support of Eugenics

Petition: 60402-CB-R3184-G, Pg. 350
Membership: 84; Present: 69;
For: 64; Against: 5; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

303-CB38-R8006-A-G

Subject: Ethics of Embryonic Stem Cell Research

Petition: 60418-CB-R8006-G, Pg. 377
Membership: 84; Present: 71;
For: 64; Against: 7; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

304-CB39-R3181-A-G

Subject: New Developments in Genetic Science

Petition: 60468-CB-R3181-G, Pg. 346
Membership: 84; Present: 69;
For: 61; Against: 8; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

305-CB40-R3182-A-G

Subject: Human Cloning

Petition: 60401-CB-R3182-G, Pg. 350
Membership: 84; Present: 72;
For: 66; Against: 6; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

306-CB41-R3183-A-G

Subject: Deletion

Petition: 60420-CB-R3183-G, Pg. 350
Membership: 84; Present: 69;
For: 62; Against: 7; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

307-CB42-R3202-A-G

Subject: Health and Wholeness

Petition: 60404-CB-R3202-G, Pg. 355
Membership: 84; Present: 70;
For: 62; Against: 8; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

308-CB43-R3205-A-G

Subject: Faithful Care for Persons Suffering and Dying

Petition: 60470-CB-R3205-G, Pg. 356
Membership: 84; Present: 70;
For: 68; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

309-CB44-R2026-A-G

Subject: Readopt Resolution

Petition: 60755-CB-R2026-G, Pg. 332
Membership: 84; Present: 66;
For: 56; Against: 2; Not Voting: 8;
Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

310-CB54-R3042-A-G

Subject: Alcohol and Other Drugs

Petition: 60464-CB-R3042-G, Pg. 338
Membership: 84; Present: 71;
For: 59; Against: 6; Not Voting: 6;
Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

311-CB55-R3303-A-G

Subject: Ministries in Mental Illness

Petition: 60405-CB-R3303-G, Pg. 361
Membership: 84; Present: 71;
For: 67; Against: 2; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

312-CB57-R6024-A-G

Subject: Opposition to Global Racism, Tribalism and Xenophobia: Impact on Women, Children, and Youth

Petition: 60120-CB-R6024-G, Pg. 376
Membership: 84; Present: 71;

For: 57; Against: 7; Not Voting: 7;
Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

313-CO35-NonDis-A

Subject: Defer Reduction in US Episcopal Areas

Petition: 60932-CO-NonDis, Pg. 467
Membership: 82; Present: 76;
For: 59; Against: 8; Not Voting: 9;
Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

The Council of Bishops in consultation with Inter-Jurisdictional Committee on the Episcopacy shall appoint a Jurisdictional Study Committee to examine the best number and boundaries of jurisdictions and episcopal areas in the United States. The committee will use the 2017-2020 quadrennium to create and present a detailed report on missional priority and strategy to the 2020 General Conference. This report is to include but not be limited to the analysis of: historical perspectives, current reality, demographic changing trends, emerging missional reasons/values, financial implications, changes to the jurisdictional conferences' and episcopal area boundaries, the number of jurisdictions in the U.S., and additional data as appropriate. The report will include specific recommendations and a strategic implementation plan.

The voting membership of the committee shall be composed as follows:

- Bishops: One bishop from each of the five Colleges of Bishops
- 1 clergy and 1 lay person, chosen from each of the five jurisdictions
- The ethnic and gender balance in the committee's membership should reflect as much as possible the make-up of the UMC's lay membership in the U.S.

Funding for the meeting expenses of the episcopal members will come from the Episcopal Fund, and funding for the other members will come from the General Administration Fund.

Given the importance of this strategic work, the 2016 General Conference of The United Methodist Church at Portland, Oregon, will defer all decisions to reduce the number of jurisdictions, the number of episcopal areas and the number of bishops in all five U.S. Jurisdictional Conferences (being proposed for 2016) to the 2020 General conference. This legislation will be effective at the conclusion of the 2016 General Conference.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

314-DI1-R2103-A-G**Subject: Readopt Resolution**

Petition: 60082-DI-R2103-G, Pg. 585
 Membership: 95; Present: 80;
 For: 75; Against: 3; Not Voting: 2;
 Date: 5/13

Readopt Resolution 2103 - Lay Responsibility for the Growth of the Church - with no changes.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

315-DI8-R3024-A-G**Subject: Mission and Aging of Global Population**

Petition: 60105-DI-R3024-G, Pg. 587
 Membership: 95; Present: 79;
 For: 77; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
 Date: 5/13

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

316-DI10-NonDis-A**Subject: Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st Century**

Petition: 60109-DI-NonDis, Pg. 576
 Membership: 95; Present: 79;
 For: 78; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
 Date: 5/13

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

317-DI11-R3063-A**Subject: Resourcing Black Churches in Urban Communities**

Petition: 60310-DI-R3063, Pg. 588
 Membership: 95; Present: 79;
 For: 77; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
 Date: 5/13

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

318-DI15-R3023-A-G**Subject: Readopt Resolution**

Petition: 60083-DI-R3023-G, Pg. 587
 Membership: 96; Present: 79;
 For: 72; Against: 2; Not Voting: 5;
 Date: 5/13

Readopt Resolution 3023 - Older Adult Recognition Day - with no changes.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

319-DI16-R2101-A-G**Subject: Readopt Resolution**

Petition: 60080-DI-R2101-G, Pg. 585
 Membership: 96; Present: 79;
 For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 4;
 Date: 5/13

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

320-DI17-R3147-A-G**Subject: Readopt Resolution**

Petition: 60087-DI-R3147-G, Pg. 592
 Membership: 96; Present: 79;
 For: 68; Against: 8; Not Voting: 3;
 Date: 5/13

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

321-DI18-R8014-A-G**Subject: Church Participation by a Registered Sex Offender**

Petition: 60091-DI-R8014-G, Pg. 594
 Membership: 96; Present: 77;
 For: 67; Against: 8; Not Voting: 2;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

322-DI22-NonDis-A**Subject: Hymnal Committees**

Petition: 60106-DI-NonDis, Pg. 573
 Membership: 96; Present: 81;
 For: 72; Against: 6; Not Voting: 3;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

323-DI28-R3082-A-G**Subject: Church Support of Caregivers of Children**

Petition: 60085-DI-R3082-G, Pg. 591
 Membership: 96; Present: 80;
 For: 79; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
 Date: 5/14

Amend Resolution 3082 as follows:

~~WHEREAS, children are the most precious resource of our societies, but also the most vulnerable. Children need loving adult support to flourish. In turn, the adult caregivers of children need parenting support systems as well. Our churches, schools, societal groups, and governments help provide the support system children and their caregivers need; and~~

~~WHEREAS, children are being raised in a variety of household structures headed by~~

~~various caregivers; and WHEREAS, children of these various families are in many of our churches and schools. To flourish, they need a family support system that embraces their household's structure; and~~

~~WHEREAS, some church programs assume a traditional mother/ father two parent family. Consider the name of programs in a local church, such as "Mothers of Preschool Children," "Mother's Day Out";~~

~~We believe that children are the most vulnerable and precious resource of our societies, and they need loving adult support to flourish. Adult caregivers of children need parenting support systems as well. Today, children are being raised in a variety of household structures headed by various caregivers; and children in these families are in our communities, schools, and congregations. To flourish, families need a support system that embraces their household's structure, and church ministry programs should reflect that changing dynamic.~~

~~Now, therefore, be it resolved, that we We call upon each local United Methodist Church to:~~

~~1. make a conscious ...~~

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

324-DI33-R8015-A-G**Subject: Readopt Resolution**

Petition: 60092-DI-R8015-G, Pg. 594
 Membership: 96; Present: 81;
 For: 80; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
 Date: 5/14

Readopt Resolution 8015 - Guidelines: The United Methodist Church and the Charismatic Movement - with no changes.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

325-DI34-R3081-A**Subject: Childcare and the Church**

Petition: 60084-DI-R3081, Pg. 588
 Membership: 96; Present: 80;
 For: 78; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
 Date: 5/14

to remove the strike through on the words "to read" (on the fifth line)

Amend Resolution 3081 as follows:

Our Call

As people of faith...

Scripture tells us...

John Wesley set the example for us as Methodists as he began health clinics and schools for the children to learn, to read

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

326-DI36-R3461-A-G**Subject: Local Church Support for Young People**

Petition: 60088-DI-R3461-G, Pg. 593
 Membership: 96; Present: 82;
 For: 78; Against: 1; Not Voting: 3;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

327-DI38-R8013-A-G**Subject: Readopt Resolution**

Petition: 60090-DI-R8013-G, Pg. 593
 Membership: 96; Present: 82;
 For: 80; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

328-DI39-R9999-A-G**Subject: Support for the Indian Child Welfare Act**

Petition: 60850-DI-R9999-G, Pg. 600
 Membership: 96; Present: 82;
 For: 78; Against: 1; Not Voting: 3;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

329-DI44-NonDis-A**Subject: Native American Comprehensive Plan**

Petition: 60107-DI-NonDis, Pg. 575
 Membership: 96; Present: 82;
 For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

330-DI45-R8002-A-G**Subject: A Commitment to Unity in Mission and Ministry**

Petition: 60089-DI-R8002-G, Pg. 593
 Membership: 96; Present: 82;
 For: 68; Against: 4; Not Voting: 10;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

331-DI49-R3144-A**Subject: Resolution of Intent: With a View to Unity**

Petition: Membership: 96; Present: 75;
 For: 72; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

332-FA79-R4071-A-G**Subject: Investment Ethics**

Petition: 60038-FA-R4071-G, Pg. 732
 Membership: 70; Present: 55;
 For: 47; Against: 8; Not Voting: 0;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

In the second paragraph: "... promoted sustainable and" socially "responsible..."

In the third paragraph reinsert the word "justice" between social and concerns.

After the eighth paragraph amend the title: Socially Responsible "Investment..."

In subparagraph 3: "promote sustainable" and socially responsible "investment practices..."

In subparagraph 9: "...International" ~~Labour~~ "Organization's..."

Add a new subparagraph: 10. encourage companies to promote the responsible use of their products and encourage them to raise concerns with the customers who knowingly use their products in a manner not aligned with United Methodist Values;

Renumber the subsequent subparagraphs.

In subparagraph 14: "...disclosure, sustainable" and socially responsible "business..."

In subparagraph 15: "commitment to sustainable" and socially responsible "investment..."

In paragraph 25: "...sustainable" and socially responsible "investment..."

In paragraph 33: "Sustainable" and socially responsible "investment..."

In paragraph 37: "...magnifies" the "sustainable" and socially responsible "investment... other global sustainable" and socially responsible "investors..."

In paragraph 40: "...their sustainable" and socially responsible "investing..."

In paragraph 42: "... their sustainable" and socially responsible "investing..."

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

333-FO20-R8011-A-G**Subject: Readopt Resolution**

Petition: 60260-FO-R8011-G, Pg. 778
 Membership: 73; Present: 67;
 For: 60; Against: 5; Not Voting: 2;

Date: 5/14

The Petition Stands as Submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

334-GA44-NonDis-A-G**Subject: General Church Council**

Petition: 60815-GA-NonDis-G, Pg. 804
 Membership: 80; Present: 64;
 For: 60; Against: 4; Not Voting: 0;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

335-GM7-R9999-A-G**Subject: Access and Land Titles in West Bank**

Petition: 60206-GM-R9999-G, Pg. 891
 Membership: 80; Present: 62;
 For: 51; Against: 10; Not Voting: 1;
 Date: 5/13

The Petition is amended as follows:

Remove the words "on Israel" from the last sentence.

Add new resolution as follows:

The General Conference of The United Methodist Church calls upon the nation of Israel to provide the same access to water and electricity in the West Bank as settlers in the Israeli settlements in the area receive and to recognize existing titles to land within the West Bank which Palestinians hold. We ask the USA to respect international law and use its influence on Israel

to demand equal access to water and electricity, and recognition of land titles.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

336-GM18-R3109-A-G**Subject: Volunteers in Mission**

Petition: 60312-GM-R3109-G, Pg. 863
 Membership: 80; Present: 67;
 For: 63; Against: 1; Not Voting: 3;
 Date: 5/13

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

337-GM19-R6028-A-G**Subject: Global Migration and the Quest for Justice**

Petition: 60317-GM-R6028-G, Pg. 869
 Membership: 80; Present: 66;
 For: 60; Against: 0; Not Voting: 6;
 Date: 5/13

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

338-GM20-R3124-A-G**Subject: The Church's Response to Ethnic and Religious Conflict**

Petition: 60313-GM-R3124-G, Pg. 863

Membership: 80; Present: 66;

For: 62; Against: 0; Not Voting: 4;

Date: 5/13

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

339-GM21-R3104-A-G**Subject: Church and Community Workers**

Petition: 60006-GM-R3104-G, Pg. 861

Membership: 80; Present: 66;

For: 63; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/13

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

340-GM22-R3123-A-G**Subject: Support for Ethnic Ministry Plans**

Petition: 60123-GM-R3123-G, Pg. 863

Membership: 80; Present: 66;

For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 5;

Date: 5/13

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

341-GM24-R6081-A-G**Subject: Africa Growth and Development**

Petition: 60319-GM-R6081-G, Pg. 879

Membership: 80; Present: 67;

For: 63; Against: 0; Not Voting: 4;

Date: 5/13

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

342-GM25-R6031-A-G**Subject: Holy Land Tours**

Petition: 60318-GM-R6031-G, Pg. 875

Membership: 80; Present: 67;

For: 60; Against: 2; Not Voting: 5;

Date: 5/13

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

343-GM28-R9999-A**Subject: Support NETWorX**

Petition: 60014-GM-R9999, Pg. 890

Membership: 80; Present: 67;

For: 57; Against: 9; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/13

The Petition is amended as follows:

Last paragraph amended to read:

Therefore, be it resolved that General Conference encourages bishops, annual conferences and agencies to support local groups of United Methodist congregations to work or be in ministry with the poor and to consider NETWorX initiatives.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

344-GM31-R6084-A-G**Subject: Liberia**

Petition: 60414-GM-R6084-G, Pg. 882

Membership: 80; Present: 69;

For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 5;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

345-GM35-R6127-A**Subject: Deletion**

Petition: 60327-GM-R6127, Pg. 883

Membership: 80; Present: 63;

For: 60; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

346-GM36-R3003-A**Subject: Deletion**

Petition: 60321-GM-R3003, Pg. 861

Membership: 80; Present: 63;

For: 56; Against: 1; Not Voting: 6;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

347-GM38-R6148-A**Subject: Deletion**

Petition: 60328-GM-R6148, Pg. 889

Membership: 80; Present: 63;

For: 56; Against: 0; Not Voting: 7;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

348-GM39-R6082-A-G**Subject: Democratic Republic of the Congo: Hope for a Radiant Future**

Petition: 60476-GM-R6082-G, Pg. 881

Membership: 80; Present: 62;

For: 56; Against: 0; Not Voting: 6;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Insert a new paragraph at the end of the petition to read: "The situation in the Demo-

cratic Republic of the Congo is applicable to other countries in crisis in Africa."

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

349-GM40-R9999-A-G**Subject: Lift the US Embargo of Cuba**

Petition: 60875-GM-R9999-G, Pg. 893

Membership: 80; Present: 62;

For: 58; Against: 0; Not Voting: 4;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Editorial Change: In the paragraph beginning with "Therefore, be it resolved..." Correct spelling from Barak Obama to Barack Obama.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

350-GM41-R9999-A-G**Subject: Local Church and Global Health**

Petition: 60013-GM-R9999-G, Pg. 889

Membership: 80; Present: 64;

For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 7;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Strike the entire text of the original petition and replace with the following:

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the United Methodist Global Health to "assist conference units in addressing emerging and ongoing global health issues" and further states that the United Methodist Global Health has one of its responsibilities to "assist local churches, districts, and annual conferences to develop ministries of health, healing and wholeness."

Therefore, be it resolved, in order to address emerging and on-going health issues and to develop ministries on health, healing, and wholeness, each local church is encouraged to participate in at least one global health ministry each year.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

351-GM47-R6058-A-G**Subject: US Policy in Vieques**

Petition: 60878-GM-R6058-G, Pg. 877

Membership: 80; Present: 62;

For: 56; Against: 2; Not Voting: 4;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

352-GM49-R6057-A-G**Subject: Political Status of Puerto Rico**

Petition: 60877-GM-R6057-G, Pg. 876

Membership: 80; Present: 64;

For: 58; Against: 0; Not Voting: 6;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

353-GM56-R3222-A**Subject: AC Strategic Comprehensive Plans for Hispanic/Latino-Latina Ministries**

Petition: 60870-GM-R3222, Pg. 864

Membership: 80; Present: 56;

For: 52; Against: 2; Not Voting: 2;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

In the paragraph beginning, "Be it further resolved..." remove the words "by the indicated date" in the next to last line.

The amended paragraph will read:

Be it further resolved, that the Council of Bishops, the National Plan for Hispanic/Latino-Latina Ministry, the General Board of Discipleship and the General Board of Global Ministries ensure that the conference comprehensive plans are in place ~~by the indicated date~~ and provide support and consultation in the development of the plans.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

354-GM57-R9999-A-G**Subject: Condemnation Of Terrorist Acts Of Isis**

Petition: 60910-GM-R9999-G, Pg. 893

Membership: 80; Present: 55;

For: 50; Against: 3; Not Voting: 2;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Strike the last two paragraphs beginning with "Be it further resolved..."

In addition, amend the text as follows:

The United Methodist Church condemns terrorist acts of the Islamic state in Iraq and al-sham commonly referred to as ISIL also known as Daesh or ISIS that violate The United Methodist Church's principles found in the Book of Resolutions

against minorities based on religious or political differences. The acts of ISIS

ISIL are violent and evil and The United Methodist Church calls for all nations to oppose, dismantle, and disarm ISIS

ISIL. The United Methodist Church does not condone any attempt to declare or recognize ISIS

ISIL as a State, with diplomatic relations,

and supports the continued effort to bring relief to the captive people of that region to restore a viable and sustainable society.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

355-IC39-R3103-A-G**Subject: Facilitation of Cooperative Ministry**

Petition: 60005-IC-R3103-G, Pg. 1173

Membership: 49; Present: 37;

For: 35; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

356-IC40-R9999-A-G**Subject: UM Guiding Principles for Christian-Jewish Relations**

Petition: 60229-IC-R9999-G, Pg. 1178

Membership: 49; Present: 41;

For: 36; Against: 5; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Editorial correction - page 1179 - Quotation marks are needed around first paragraph in second column. It should read: "The question considered . . . meaning of evangelism."

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

357-IC41-R3141-A-G**Subject: Called to Be Neighbors and Witnesses: Guidelines for Interreligious Relationships**

Petition: 60242-IC-R3141-G, Pg. 1174

Membership: 49; Present: 41;

For: 36; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

358-LC34-R3043-A-G**Subject: Keep Children and Youth Free From Alcohol and Other Drugs**

Petition: 60457-LC-R3043-G, Pg. 339

Membership: 69; Present: 63;

For: 58; Against: 5; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

359-LC36-R3065-A**Subject: Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

Petition: 60311-LC-R3065, Pg. 341

Membership: 69; Present: 63;

For: 57; Against: 5; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

360-LC37-R3411-A-G**Subject: Pathways to Transformation**

Petition: 60756-LC-R3411-G, Pg. 366

Membership: 69; Present: 63;

For: 60; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

361-MH66-R2001-A-G**Subject: Christian Education**

Petition: 60340-MH-R2001-G, Pg. 1173

Membership: 97; Present: 75;

For: 73; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

362-MH72-R3161-A-G**Subject: Education: The Gift of Hope**

Petition: 60343-MH-R3161-G, Pg. 1175

Membership: 97; Present: 80;

For: 79; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

363-MH73-NonDis-A**Subject: UM Hispanic Latino Scholarship Fund**

Petition: 60872-MH-NonDis, Pg. 1171

Membership: 97; Present: 76;

For: 74; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

364-MH74-R9999-A-G**Subject: Collegiate Ministry as Priority of the Church**

Petition: 60350-MH-R9999-G, Pg. 1182

Membership: 97; Present: 77;

For: 73; Against: 4; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

365-MH102-NonDis-A-G**Subject: Collegiate Ministry as Valid Appointment**

Petition: 60863-MH-NonDis-G, Pg. 1171

Membership: 97; Present: 72;

For: 71; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

Consent Calendar C04**366-CB32-R9999-R****Subject: End Celebration of Columbus Day**

Petition: 60224-CB-R9999, Pg. 380

Membership: 84; Present: 69;

For: 61; Against: 8; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

Committee Moves to Refer to General Commission on Religion and Race

367-DI32-NonDis-R-!-G**Subject: Global Study of Marriage**

Petition: 60782-DI-NonDis-!-G, Pg. 581

Membership: 96; Present: 80;

For: 71; Against: 5; Not Voting: 4;

Date: 5/14

Committee Moves to Refer to Faith and Order Legislative Committee

Committee Moves to Refer to Faith and Order

368-DI40-¶1207.2-R-G**Subject: Plan UMC Revised - DMYP**

Petition: 60950-DI-¶1207.2-G, Pg. 571

Membership: 96; Present: 82;

For: 74; Against: 7; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/14

Committee Moves to Refer to General Administration

369-FO7-¶105-R-G**Subject: Revision of Our Theological Task**

Petition: 60676-FO-¶105-G, Pg. 760

Membership: 71; Present: 63;

For: 54; Against: 5; Not Voting: 4;

Date: 5/13

For report at General Conference 2020.

Committee Moves to Refer to Committee on Faith and Order

370-GA39-¶705-R-G**Subject: Plan UMC Revised - Agency Membership Consolidation**

Petition: 60945-GA-¶705-G, Pg. 793

Membership: 80; Present: 65;

For: 59; Against: 5; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/14

Consider the following issues as it relates to the original petition:

The basic responsibilities of the boards of the general agencies include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) select general secretary;
- b) support and evaluate the general secretary;
- c) ensure effective planning;
- d) monitor and strengthen programs and services;
- e) ensure adequate financial resources;
- f) protect assets and provide proper financial management;
- g) ensure legal and ethical integrity;
- h) enhance the agency's public standing;

The following provisions shall govern the nomination . . .

Committee Moves to Refer to CT, Standing Committee on Central Conferences, GCFA

371-GA40-¶701-R-G**Subject: Plan UMC Revised - Connectional Table**

Petition: 60946-GA-¶701-G, Pg. 789

Membership: 80; Present: 65;

For: 59; Against: 6; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters, GCFA, and CT to consider the following:

- P. 713 Election of General Secretaries of Agencies The General Secretary of each general

program boards that is accountable to the Connectional Table shall be elected quadrennially by

ballot of the board of the agency included...

3. In the exercise of its responsibility prescribed in S 2 hereof, the Connectional Table shall have

authority during the 2017 to 2020 quadrennium to work with all program and administrative

agencies and connectional bodies, to include the general secretaries, of The United Methodist

Church to plan for and implement the overall restructure and reorganization approved by the

2016 General Conference for those agencies and bodies. One of the goals is ensuring that

critical and important connectional ministries are functional and adequately carried forward.

P. 905 Objectives The essential functions of the Connectional Table are....

Committee Moves to Refer to CT, GCFA, Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters

372-GA41-¶805-R-G**Subject: Plan UMC Revised - GCFA & CT**

Petition: 60947-GA-¶805-G, Pg. 695

Membership: 80; Present: 65;

For: 59; Against: 5; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/14

Committee Moves to Refer to CT, Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters, GCFA

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27-FA8-¶1504.1-A

Subject: CPP Amendments

Petition: 60040-FA-¶1504.1, Pg. 709

Membership: 70; Present: 61;

For: 49; Against: 7; Not Voting: 5;

Date: 5/13

The Petition is amended as follows:

3.01(d) - NEW SUBSECTION (5)

: or

(5) notwithstanding the above, was an Active Participant on December 31, 2016 (but is excluded from continued eligibility due to the amendment of Article III of the Comprehensive Protection Plan effective January 1, 2017) and as of June 30, 2017:

(a) would be at least 50 years old, having been an Active Participant in this Comprehensive Protection Plan for any 8 of the 11 years immediately preceding June 30, 2017;

or

(b) would be at least 57 years old, having been an Active Participant in this Comprehensive Protection Plan for at least 20 years.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

29-FA23-¶1504.1-A

Subject: CRSP Amendments

Petition: 60039-FA-¶1504.1, Pg. 705

Membership: 70; Present: 61;

For: 54; Against: 3; Not Voting: 4;

Date: 5/13

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

52-FA47-¶824.6-A

Subject: Native American Ministries Sunday

Petition: 60299-FA-¶824.6, Pg. 704

Membership: 70; Present: 61;

For: 51; Against: 6; Not Voting: 4;

Date: 5/13

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

68-GA13-¶263.6c2-A

Subject: Native American Ministries Sunday

Petition: 60298-GA-¶263.6c2, Pg. 788

Membership: 80; Present: 65;

For: 55; Against: 10; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/13

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

77-IC23-¶1300-A-G

Subject: Lay Order

Petition: 60245-IC-¶1300-G, Pg. 977

Membership: 49; Present: 45;

For: 45; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/13

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

82-JA2-¶2609.2-A-G

Subject: AACLL Authority to Request Decision

Petition: 60521-JA-¶2609.2-G, Pg. 1009

Membership: 60; Present: 52;

For: 45; Against: 4; Not Voting: 3;

Date: 5/13

Amend ¶ 2609 as indicated following:

¶ 2609. Jurisdiction and Powers-. . .

2. The Judicial Council shall have jurisdiction to determine the constitutionality of any proposed legislation when such declaratory decision is requested by the General Conference, the Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders, or by the Council of Bishops.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

92-GM4-R9999-A-G

Subject: A Pathway for Peace in Palestine and Israel

Petition: 60205-GM-R9999-G, Pg. 890

Membership: 80; Present: 64;

For: 59; Against: 5; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/12

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

373-CA7-¶160.D-A-G

Subject: Global Climate Stewardship

Petition: 60710-CA-¶160.D-G, Pg. 190

Membership: 82; Present: 79;

For: 41; Against: 27; Not Voting: 11;

Date: 5/13

On page 190 in the ADCA, amend the last sentence by adding these words to the end, "to acceptable levels."

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

Minority Report

Minority Report

The undersigned delegates wish to present a Minority Report as a substitute motion to Petition Number 60710 – relating to 160.D. of the Book of Discipline – Global Climate Stewardship.

RATIONALE:

The petition, as approved by the Committee, seeks to adjust the investment policy of all general boards and agencies and all administrative agencies and institutions.

Investment policy is currently, and always has been, included in Paragraph 717 of *The Book of Discipline*. The Social Principles do not address investment policy. Those responsible for administering investment decisions will benefit from investment policy being clearly articulated in one section of *The Discipline*, rather than two conflicting provisions.

Climate stewardship remains an urgent priority for The United Methodist Church. By strengthening the text in the Social Principles to encourage all United Methodists to reduce dependence on coal, petroleum and natural gas, the Church can play a vital role in supporting the transition to sustainable energy. This transition will occur at a quicker pace, if the expertise, resources and capital of today's energy industry can be leveraged in the transformation to a lower carbon economy.

PROPOSED NEW TEXT:

D) *Global Climate Stewardship* -- We acknowledge the global impact of humanity's disregard for God's creation. Rampant industrialization and the corresponding increase in the use of fossil fuels have led to a buildup of pollutants in the earth's atmosphere. These "greenhouse gas" emissions ~~threaten to~~ **are** altering dramatically the earth's climate for generations to come with severe environmen-

tal, economic, and social implications. The adverse impacts of global climate change disproportionately affect individuals and nations least responsible for the emissions. **We encourage all United Methodists to reduce dependence on coal, petroleum and natural gas and strive to support sustainable energy.** We ~~also~~ therefore support efforts of all governments to require mandatory reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and call on individuals, congregations, businesses, industries, and communities to reduce their emissions.

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

374-CA18-¶165.D-A-G

Subject: Justice and Law

Petition: 60795-CA-¶165.D-G, Pg. 194
Membership: 83; Present: 72;
For: 53; Against: 17; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

375-CA24-NonDis-A-G

Subject: Call for Clear Labeling of Products Produced in West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem

Petition: 60392-CA-NonDis-G, Pg. 199
Membership: 83; Present: 72;
For: 37; Against: 33; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

376-CA31-R9999-A-G

Subject: Environmental Health

Petition: 60261-CA-R9999-G, Pg. 271
Membership: 83; Present: 72;
For: 57; Against: 12; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

377-CA32-R9999-A-G

Subject: Principles for Just and Sustainable Extraction and Production

Petition: 60262-CA-R9999-G, Pg. 275
Membership: 83; Present: 72;
For: 55; Against: 12; Not Voting: 5;
Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

At lines 1 and 2 of the 2nd paragraph, on page 275 of the ADCA, delete: "~~the industrialized form of economic development~~" and replace with: "some practices"

At line 3, delete "is" and replace with "are"

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

378-CA33-R9999-A-G

Subject: Caring for Creation: A Call to Stewardship and Justice

Petition: 60448-CA-R9999-G, Pg. 279
Membership: 83; Present: 72;
For: 47; Against: 12; Not Voting: 13;
Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Add a new sentence to the end of the petition under the subheading "Local Faith Communities", which reads: "Endorse the Clergy Letter Project (www.theclergyletterproject.org) and its reconciliatory program between religion and science, and urge United Methodist clergy to participate."

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

379-CA55-R1021-A

Subject: Cease Mountaintop Removal Coal Mining in the United States

Petition: 60397-CA-R1021, Pg. 202
Membership: 83; Present: 65;
For: 43; Against: 17; Not Voting: 5;
Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

380-CA57-R4011-A-G

Subject: Readopt Resolution

Petition: 60455-CA-R4011-G, Pg. 210
Membership: 83; Present: 65;
For: 50; Against: 12; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

381-CA59-R6134-A-G

Subject: In Support of the United Nations

Petition: 60479-CA-R6134-G, Pg. 883
Membership: 83; Present: 65;
For: 47; Against: 12; Not Voting: 6;
Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

382-CA75-R4053-A-G

Subject: Global Debt Crisis

Petition: 60287-CA-R4053-G, Pg. 214
Membership: 83; Present: 65;
For: 40; Against: 17; Not Voting: 8;
Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

383-CA76-R3281-A-\$-G

Subject: Welcoming the Migrant to the US

Petition: 60403-CA-R3281-G, Pg. 360
Membership: 83; Present: 65;
For: 48; Against: 10; Not Voting: 7;
Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

384-CA80-R6113-A-G

Subject: Saying No to Violence in Middle East Conflict

Petition: 60860-CA-R6113-G, Pg. 247
Membership: 83; Present: 65;
For: 37; Against: 21; Not Voting: 7;
Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Delete the following on page 248 of the ADCA: <http://bjp.rcpsych.org/content/195/5/427.long>

-- "Analysis of trauma exposure, symptomatology and functioning in Jewish Israeli and Palestinian adolescents." Br J Psychiatry. 2009 Nov;

<<http://www.healingresources.info/article-ross1.htm>>

-- "The Trauma Vortex in Action Again in the Middle East"

<<http://www.worldaffairsjournal.org/blog/alan-johnson/hamas-rockets-traumatize-israeli-children>>

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 Hamas Rockets Traumatize Israeli Chil-
 dren,
 ” July 25, 2014.~~

~~<[http://www.irinnews.org/report/92527/
 israel-opt-israeli-communities-trauma-
 tized-by-gaza-rockets](http://www.irinnews.org/report/92527/israel-opt-israeli-communities-traumatized-by-gaza-rockets)>~~

~~“ISRAEL-OPT: Israeli communities trau-
 matized by Gaza rockets,” April 20, 2011;~~

~~<[http://america.aljazeera.com/arti-
 cles/2014/8/1/health-gaza-children.html](http://america.aljazeera.com/articles/2014/8/1/health-gaza-children.html)>~~

~~“Gaza
 s kids affected psychologically, physically
 by lifetime of violence,” July 31, 2014~~

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

385-CB3-¶161.C-A-G

Subject: Divorce

Petition: 60680-CB-¶161.C-G, Pg. 301
 Membership: 83; Present: 72;
 For: 48; Against: 23; Not Voting: 1;
 Date: 5/13

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

386-CB7-¶161-A-G

Subject: Culture and Identity

Petition: 60114-CB-¶161-G, Pg. 299
 Membership: 84; Present: 72;
 For: 43; Against: 28; Not Voting: 1;
 Date: 5/13

The Petition is amended as follows:

Amended as to location, instead of sub-paragraph 161, it must read paragraph 161.a and move all other sub-paragraphs down.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

387-CB22-R3372-A

Subject: Ongoing Acts of Repentance for Racism

Petition: 60119-CB-R3372, Pg. 364
 Membership: 84; Present: 72;
 For: 61; Against: 11; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

388-CB25-R3376-A

Subject: Opposition to White Privilege in the U.S.

Petition: 60122-CB-R3376, Pg. 365
 Membership: 84; Present: 63;
 For: 47; Against: 16; Not Voting: 0;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Insert on line #6 the word "predominantly" in between the words "in" and "white."

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

389-CB33-R9999-A-G

Subject: Reducing Harm for LGBTQ Children and Youth

Petition: 60841-CB-R9999-G, Pg. 395
 Membership: 84; Present: 72;
 For: 39; Against: 31; Not Voting: 2;
 Date: 5/13

The Petition is amended as follows:

Strike the first two paragraphs that start with "WHERE AS"

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

390-CB35-R3201-A

Subject: Health Care for All in the United States

Petition: 60469-CB-R3201, Pg. 351
 Membership: 84; Present: 72;
 For: 42; Against: 30; Not Voting: 0;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

391-CO21-NonDis-N-!-G

Subject: Global Connectional Conference - Concept Proposal

Petition: 60981-CO-NonDis-!-G, Pg. 467
 Membership: 82; Present: 74;
 For: 42; Against: 31; Not Voting: 1;
 Date: 5/13

Committee Moves to Not Support

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

Brought To Floor by Rule 34(3)

392-CO22-¶10-N-!-G

Subject: US UMC as Central Conference

Petition: 60935-CO-¶10-C-!-G, Pg. 412
 Membership: 82; Present: 74;
 For: 45; Against: 28; Not Voting: 1;
 Date: 5/13

Committee Moves to Not Support

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

Brought To Floor by Rule 34(3)

393-CO31-¶511.4c-A-\$-G

Subject: Translation of DCA

Petition: 60723-CO-¶511.4c-\$-G, Pg. 453
 Membership: 82; Present: 76;
 For: 45; Against: 25; Not Voting: 6;
 Date: 5/14

Amend the *Discipline* ¶ 511.4c as follows:

¶ 511. . . .

c) The commission, in cooperation with The United Methodist Publishing House, shall make all necessary arrangements for the publication of the Advanced Edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate* and quadrennial reports of the Connectional Table and the general agencies of the church in English, French, Portuguese, and Kiswahili (stan-
dard), and for all delegates to have timely (90-day period) and convenient access to the most linguistically appropriate translation of these documents. ~~This paragraph shall not apply to daily publication of the *Daily Christian Advocate*~~

~~at General Conference. The commission shall also make arrangements for editions of the *Daily Christian Advocate* published at General Conference to be made available in each of these languages in a timely and convenient way.~~

The Commission shall also make arrange-
ments for daily schedules, petition lists, nom-
inations information, and other high-import-
ance information published in the English
version of the *Daily Christian Advocate* to
also be made available in each of these lan-
guages in a timely and convenient way.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

394-CO34-¶507-A-G**Subject: Mandatory Vote**

Petition: 60226-CO-¶507-G, Pg. 449

Membership: 82; Present: 76;

For: 46; Against: 21; Not Voting: 9;

Date: 5/14

¶ **507.***Petitions to General Conference*-Any organization, clergy member, or lay member of The United Methodist Church may petition the General Conference in the following manner:

1. The petition must be sent to the secretary of the General Conference or a designated petitions secretary. It shall be in typed or printed form, or other means approved by the secretary of the General Conference, and shall follow a format determined by that officer.

2. Each petition must address only one issue if the *Discipline* is not affected; if the *Discipline* is affected, each petition must address only one paragraph of the *Discipline*, except that, if two or more paragraphs in the *Discipline* are so closely related that a change in one affects the others, the petition may call for the amendment of those paragraphs also to make them consistent with one another. Petitions dealing with more than one paragraph in the *Discipline* that do not meet these criteria are invalid. Petitions that meet these criteria (composite petitions) shall not be separated into pieces.

3. Each petition must be signed by the person submitting it, accompanied by appropriate identification, such as address, local church, or United Methodist board or agency relationship. Each petition submitted by fax or electronic mail must identify the individual submitting it, accompanied by identification as above, and must contain a valid electronic mail return address or return fax number by which the submitter can be reached. Electronic signatures will be accepted in accordance with common business practice.

4. All petitions submitted to the General Conference, except those submitted by individual members of The United Methodist Church and local church groups, which call for the establishment of new programs or the expansion of existing programs will be invalid unless accompanied by supporting data that address the issue of anticipated financial requirements of the program.

5. Petitions must be postmarked by a national postal service no later than 240~~230~~ days prior to the opening session of the General Conference.

6. If petitions are transmitted by a means other than a national postal service, they must be in the hands of the petitions secretary no later than 240-230 days prior to the opening

session of the General Conference.

Exceptions to the time limitations shall be granted for petitions originating from an annual conference session held between 210 and 45 days prior to the opening session of the General Conference, and for other petitions at the discretion of the Committee on Reference.

7. Petitions adopted and properly submitted by annual conferences, jurisdictional and central conferences, the Division on Ministries With Young People, or general agencies or councils of the Church, and petitions properly submitted by individual members (either clergy or lay) of The United Methodist Church and local church groups, provided that they have been received by the petitions secretary or secretary of the General Conference no later than 240~~230~~ days before the opening of General Conference, shall be printed in the Advance Edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

8. Petitions and/or resolutions not printed in the Advance Edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate* shall be printed or copied and provided to all delegates. Where the content of petitions is essentially the same, the petition will be printed once, with the first author named and the number of additional copies received printed. Upon publication, all translations of the Advance Edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate* shall be made available as a downloadable file, free of charge, on the denominational website

9. The secretary of the General Conference shall arrange for electronic access to all petitions, including General Conference action and the resulting impact on *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*, throughout the General Conference session. This access shall be available until the publication of the new edition of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*. Implementation shall be according to guidelines established by the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order.

Amend ¶ 507 of *The Book of Discipline* by adding a new point 10 as follows:

¶ **507.***Petitions to General Conference*-Any organization, clergy member, or lay member of The United Methodist Church may petition the General Conference in the following manner: . . .

10. All petitions that have been approved by a legislative committee shall receive a vote by the plenary session at that year's General Conference.

11. All petitions that have been submitted to the General Conference shall receive a vote of a

legislative committee

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

395-CO36-¶500-R-G**Subject: Global Church Structure - Legislative Committee on U.S. Matters**

Petition: 60220-CO-¶500-G, Pg. 442

Membership: 82; Present: 76;

For: 42; Against: 24; Not Voting: 10;

Date: 5/14

Committee Moves to Refer to Commission on General Conferences

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

396-CO37-¶37-R-G**Subject: British Columbia in Western Jurisdiction**

Petition: 60941-CO-¶37-C-G, Pg. 438

Membership: 82; Present: 76;

For: 62; Against: 5; Not Voting: 9;

Date: 5/14

Committee Moves to Refer to Council of Bishops Office of Christian Unity and Inter-religious Relationships

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

397-CO38-¶00-A-G**Subject: Christian Conferencing**

Petition: 61044-CO-¶00-C-G, Pg. 405

Membership: 82; Present: 76;

For: 38; Against: 26; Not Voting: 12;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

398-CO39-¶510.2a-R-\$-G**Subject: Electronic Accessibility of the Book of Resolutions**

Petition: 60722-CO-¶510.2a-\$-G, Pg. 451

Membership: 82; Present: 76;

For: 57; Against: 12; Not Voting: 7;

Date: 5/14

Committee Moves to Refer to General Commission on Finance & Administration; United Methodist Publishing House

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

399-CO40-¶507.9-R-\$-G**Subject: Electronic Accessibility of the Book of Discipline**

Petition: 60721-CO-¶507.9-\$-G, Pg. 450
 Membership: 82; Present: 76;
 For: 58; Against: 12; Not Voting: 6;
 Date: 5/14

Committee Moves to Refer to General
 Commission on Finance and Administration;
 United Methodist Publishing House

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

400-CO53-¶510.2a-A-G**Subject: Cross Referencing The BOD with The BOR**

Petition: 60539-CO-¶510.2a-G, Pg. 451
 Membership: 82; Present: 76;
 For: 49; Against: 13; Not Voting: 14;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

401-CO55-¶580-A-G**Subject: Provisional Annual Conferences**

Petition: 60278-CO-¶580-G, Pg. 457
 Membership: 82; Present: 64;
 For: 51; Against: 12; Not Voting: 1;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

402-CO56-¶582-A-G**Subject: Membership of Provisional Annual Conferences**

Petition: 60280-CO-¶582-G, Pg. 458
 Membership: 82; Present: 64;
 For: 51; Against: 12; Not Voting: 1;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

403-CO57-¶581-A-G**Subject: Powers and Duties of Provisional Annual Conferences**

Petition: 60279-CO-¶581-G, Pg. 457
 Membership: 82; Present: 64;
 For: 51; Against: 12; Not Voting: 1;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

404-CO58-¶583-A-G**Subject: Provisional Annual Conference - Conference Session**

Petition: 60281-CO-¶583-G, Pg. 458
 Membership: 82; Present: 64;
 For: 51; Against: 12; Not Voting: 1;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

405-CO67-¶507-A-G**Subject: Petitions to General Conference**

Petition: 60879-CO-¶507-G, Pg. 450
 Membership: 82; Present: 65;
 For: 32; Against: 31; Not Voting: 2;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

406-DI24-NonDis-R-!-G**Subject: Use of "Disciple" in the Baptismal Covenant**

Petition: 60939-DI-NonDis-!-G, Pg. 582
 Membership: 96; Present: 82;
 For: 62; Against: 20; Not Voting: 0;
 Date: 5/14

Committee Moves to Refer to GBOD

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

407-DI43-¶1101-R-G**Subject: BOD Responsibilities**

Petition: 60800-DI-¶1101-G, Pg. 569
 Membership: 96; Present: 82;
 For: 45; Against: 35; Not Voting: 2;
 Date: 5/14

Committee Moves to Refer to GBOD

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

408-DI50-NonDis-A-!-G**Subject: Resources**

Petition: 60797-DI-NonDis-!-G, Pg. 582
 Membership: 96; Present: 82;

For: 39; Against: 35; Not Voting: 8;

Date: 5/14

The General Conference instructs The General Board of Discipleship to develop and share on its website a list of books and other recommended resources that clearly affirm our Church's moral standards for sexual behavior, as found in the *Social Principles* and other relevant sections of the *Book of Discipline*. These resources should offer helpful Christian guidance to pastors, congregations, campus ministries, and laypeople so they can effectively and compassionately minister to ~~self-identified members of the LGBTQ community; persons individuals~~ who seek help for dealing with their ~~unwanted same-sex attraction~~ sexuality, individuals who do not understand or who do not personally follow our church's moral standards for sexual behavior, and teens at risk for suicide for any reason, including (but not limited to) reasons related to their sexuality. These recommended resources shall ~~not promote approval of extra-marital sex, homosexual practice, or pornography. Rather, these recommended resources shall offer guidance for how to be in ministry with and for all people, within the boundaries of our church's theological, biblical, and moral commitments. The church official stance on human sexuality.~~

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

409-FA16-¶717-A-G**Subject: Sustainable and Responsible Investments**

Petition: 60036-FA-¶717-G, Pg. 800
 Membership: 70; Present: 61;
 For: 41; Against: 14; Not Voting: 6;
 Date: 5/13

The Petition is amended as follows:

"¶717 Sustainable and" Socially Responsible...

"... that are involved in" privately operated correctional facilities, "gambling, pornography..."

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

Minority Report

Carver, Philip H — 10260

Mendita, Julius Fontanilla — 11900

Perez, Manuel Perez — 10748

Capulong, Julie Fernandez — 11830

Martin, John A — 10395

Kuch-Stanovsky, Marie Louise — 11501

Bender, Lisa Dromgold — 10376

Crise, Katie Elizabeth — 10147

¶717 is amended as follows:

Socially Responsible Investments

"It shall be... sweatshop or forced labor, gambling," private correctional facilities "or the production of" petroleum, coal, natural gas, "nuclear armaments..."

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

410-FA61-¶625.9-A-G

Subject: End of Equitable Compensation Fund Grant

Petition: 60563-FA-¶625.9-G, Pg. 693

Membership: 70; Present: 57;

For: 37; Against: 17; Not Voting: 3;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

411-FA65-¶1502.1-A-G

Subject: GBPHB Board Restructure

Petition: 60037-FA-¶1502.1-G, Pg. 705

Membership: 70; Present: 59;

For: 41; Against: 18; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

412-FA67-R9999-A-G

Subject: Diplomacy and Investments in Palestine

Petition: 60852-FA-R9999-G, Pg. 739

Membership: 70; Present: 59;

For: 38; Against: 20; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the 2016 General Conference calls on the General Board of Church & Society, the General Board of Global Ministries, ~~and the General Board of Pensions and Health Benefits of The United Methodist Church respectively to:~~

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

413-FA80-NonDis-A-G

Subject: Establish a Screen to Remove and Avoid Investments in Illegal Settlements

Petition: 60855-FA-NonDis-G, Pg. 730

Membership: 70; Present: 61;

For: 39; Against: 15; Not Voting: 7;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Petition amended by substitution:

Human Rights Investment Policies

The United Methodist Church commends its General Board of Pension and Health Benefits for developing investment policies that address human rights violations around the world.

The United Methodist Church likewise encourages heeding the call of indigenous peoples, indigenous Christians and United Methodist mission personnel to oppose injustice in all places of oppression, and to seriously consider using non-violent economic means when appropriate and effective.

The United Methodist Church opposes all efforts by governments to suppress legitimate means by which churches can non-violently resist violations of human and civil rights.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

414-FA81-NonDis-A-\$-G

Subject: GCFA Report #7 - Interdenominational Cooperation Fund

Petition: Membership: 70; Present: 61;

For: 40; Against: 2; Not Voting: 19;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

415-FA82-NonDis-A-\$

Subject: GCFA Report #13 - References from Previous General Conferences

Petition: Membership: 70; Present: 61;

For: 56; Against: 1; Not Voting: 4;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

416-FA83-NonDis-A-\$-G

Subject: GCFA Report #19 - World Service Specials

Petition: Membership: 70; Present: 61;

For: 55; Against: 1; Not Voting: 5;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

417-FA84-NonDis-A-\$

Subject: GCFA Report #4 - Africa University Fund

Petition: Membership: 70; Present: 60;

For: 55; Against: 1; Not Voting: 4;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

418-FA85-NonDis-A-\$

Subject: GCFA Report #3 - Black College Fund

Petition: Membership: 70; Present: 60;

For: 56; Against: 0; Not Voting: 4;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

419-FA86-NonDis-A-\$

Subject: GCFA Report #2 - Ministerial Education Fund

Petition: Membership: 70; Present: 60;

For: 52; Against: 3; Not Voting: 5;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

420-FA87-NonDis-A-\$-G

Subject: GCFA Report #5 - Episcopal Fund

Petition: Membership: 70; Present: 60;

For: 44; Against: 11; Not Voting: 5;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Under B. Episcopal Residence/Housing add after the last sentence The annual conference may designate such expenses or allowance as tax exempt pursuant to internal revenue code section 107.

Under B. 1. a. change \$10,000 to \$20,000

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

421-FA90-NonDis-A-\$

Subject: GCFA Report #1 (Revised) - World Service Fund

Petition: Membership: 70; Present: 59;

For: 44; Against: 12; Not Voting: 3;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Standing Committee on Strategy and

Growth

During the 2017-2020 quadrennium, there shall be a Standing Committee on Strategy and Growth, directly responsible to the General Conference. Membership of the Committee is to represent the best among the entrepreneurs of local church revitalization. Its purpose is to develop and implement a strategy to first slow the decline in worship attendance and professions of faith, and then to return them to positive growth within the jurisdictional conferences.

The strategy's target is to arrest and reverse the decline by the end of 2024. The fruits from the work of the Committee during the 2017-2020 quadrennium goal must be sufficient to make reverse and decline by 2024 possible. This achievement also depends upon successful deployment of strategies among the agencies and the annual conferences. The work of the Committee is to be incremental to the host of programs in place that those to be developed among the annual conferences and the program agencies. The Committee offers to the denomination an avenue by which entrepreneurs will have the platform for refinement of their programs and the funding to expand their collective works to a national scale. Such refinements and scale would be impossible without the platform and funding of the Committee by carving out \$20M of the World Service Fund for said funding.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

Minority Report

Shaffer, Richard Allen — 10487

Anderson, Zachary Lee — 11226

Moore, Charles Eric — 10363

Kuch-Stanovsky, Marie Louise — 11501

Bender, Lisa Dromgold — 10376

Shillady, William S — 10191

Capulong, Julie Fernandez — 11830

Omba, Ndjovu Thérèse — 10853

Crise, Katie Elizabeth — 10147

The Petition is amended as follows:

We oppose the \$20 million of World Service Fund Budget being "carved out" for funding of the Standing Committee on Strategy and Growth.

The action to take \$20,000,000 from the World Service Fund. Is not helpful to the revitalization of the UMC connection. There are a number of reasons that this is so, including the fact that the proposal is not well thought out and is devoid of meaningful metrics or outcomes. Its sole basis seems to be the misconception that what our church is trying to accomplish is not enough – and instead it would be bet-

ter to "bet \$20,000,000" by having a group of entrepreneurs determine the best way to spend \$20,000,000 of apportioned funds for church growth – rather than to continue the collaborative efforts of individuals and groups throughout the connection on this important issue.

There are other significant issues with this proposal. The budget distributed with the motion does not even cover the \$20,000,000 to be taken from the World Service Fund, with nearly \$3 million left unaccounted for in terms of spending. The budget as written is directly contrary the Book of Discipline's provisions relating to compensation for employees in organizations receiving general church funds – by awarding a total compensation package of \$298,000 for the proposed task force's one employee.

For these and a number of other reasons, this action by the Finance and Administration Committee should be overturned.

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

422-FA91-NonDis-A-\$-G

Subject: GCFA Report #8 - Apportionment Formula

Petition: Membership: 70; Present: 56;

For: 53; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

423-FA92-¶817-A-!-G

Subject: Funding for the Central Conference Theological Education Fund

Petition: 60928-FA-¶817-!-G, Pg. 703

Membership: 70; Present: 60;

For: 52; Against: 4; Not Voting: 4;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Strike the full text of the original petition and replace with:

All money collected from the Central Conference apportionments for the General Administration Fund in excess of \$750,000 (the costs of the Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters, including its work on the Global Book of Discipline) be directed to the Central Conference Theological Education Fund.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

424-FA93-NonDis-A-\$-G

Subject: GCFA Report #6 - General Administration Fund

Petition: Membership: 70; Present: 56;

For: 52; Against: 2; Not Voting: 2;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Append: **Standing Committee on Strategy and Growth**

This line item contains the funding for the support of the work of the Committee for the 2017-2020 Quadrennium. The Committee is assigned duties and responsibilities by action of the General Conference. The task of the Committee is to design and implement a strategy to arrest and reverse the decline in the jurisdictional conferences. This funding may be supplemented with contributions from foundations and individuals.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

425-FA94-NonDis-A-\$

Subject: GCFA Report #9 - Sundays with General Church Offerings

Petition: Membership: 70; Present: 61;

For: 54; Against: 2; Not Voting: 5;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

426-FO8-¶400-A-\$-G

Subject: Re-establish Committee on Faith and Order

Petition: 60026-FO-¶400-\$-G, Pg. 770

Membership: 71; Present: 63;

For: 60; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;

Date: 5/13

The Petition Stands as Submitted.

Editorial change in paragraph 445.3, "Council in Bishops" should read "Council of Bishops".

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

427-FO16-¶120-A-G

Subject: Mission Statement

Petition: 60660-FO-¶120-G, Pg. 764

Membership: 73; Present: 64;

For: 31; Against: 30; Not Voting: 3;

Date: 5/14

The petition is amended to read as follows: "The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Local churches and extension

ministries of the Church provide the most significant arenas through which disciple-making occurs."

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

☐ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted Date /

428-GA27-¶404.2b-A

Subject: Timing of GCFA Report to Jurisdictions

Petition: 60044-GA-¶404.2b, Pg. 1148

Membership: 80; Present: 63;

For: 50; Against: 13; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

☐ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted Date /

429-GA36-¶4-A-G

Subject: Inclusiveness of Gender and Age

Petition: 60163-GA-¶4-C-G, Pg. 785

Membership: 80; Present: 69;

For: 58; Against: 11; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

Amend the petition with the following substitute language:

Amend ¶

4. Article IV.

Inclusiveness of the Church

The United Methodist Church is part of the church universal, which is one Body in Christ. The United Methodist Church acknowledges that all persons are of sacred worth. All persons shall be eligible to attend its worship services, participate in its programs, receive the sacraments, upon baptism be admitted as baptized members, and upon taking vows declaring the Christian faith, become professing members in any local church in the connection. In the United Methodist church, no conference or other organizational unit of the Church shall be structured so as to exclude any member or any continent body of the Church because of race, color, national origin, ability or economic condition, nor shall any member be denied access to an equal place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church because of race, color, gender, national origin, ability, age, marital status, or economic condition.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

☐ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted Date /

430-GA37-NonDis-A-G

Subject: Missional Priority

Petition: 61000-GA-NonDis-G, Pg. 804

Membership: 80; Present: 66;

For: 54; Against: 12; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

Amend the petition as follows:

The Connectional Table is to consider and report back to the 2020 General Conference the potential of making the "embracing of orphans and vulneral children" the mission-al priority of The United Methodist Church with the Four areas ~~he Missional Priority of The UMC will be the embracing of orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) with the four areas~~ of focus fitting under their overall effort. OVC, like everyone else, need food, clothing, shelter, education and the good news of Jesus Christ. Our denomination is well positioned to offer these essential components for these suffering children.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

☐ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted Date /

431-GA43-¶705.1c-A-\$-G

Subject: Representation from Central Conferences

Petition: 60930-GA-¶705.1c-\$-G, Pg. 797

Membership: 80; Present: 63;

For: 57; Against: 6; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Amend ¶ 705.1c as follows:

Each central conference or a body authorized by it shall ~~nominate~~elect

to each general program board membership at least ~~one~~four (4) persons(s) from each of the following ~~three~~ categories (1) clergy, (2) laymen, (3) laywomen, (4) youth or young adults to form a pool from which each ~~board~~general church body

is to elect additional members that are to come from the Central Conferences pursuant to ¶ 705.4c. These lists shall be sent to the connectional table for use by the general agencies in electing additional members.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

☐ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted Date /

432-GA47-¶406-A-G

Subject: Remove Episcopal Term Restriction

Petition: 60519-GA-¶406-G, Pg. 1149

Membership: 80; Present: 63;

For: 35; Against: 28; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

☐ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted Date /

433-GA48-¶607.6-A-G

Subject: AC Lay Leader in Appointment Making

Petition: 60517-GA-¶607.6-G, Pg. 462

Membership: 80; Present: 64;

For: 50; Against: 14; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

¶ 607.6. The conference lay leader ~~may~~shall be given the opportunity to meet with the cabinet when matters relating to ~~clergy appointments or~~ the coordination, implementation, or administration of the conference program, or other matters as the cabinet may determine are on the agenda.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

☐ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted Date /

434-GM6-NonDis-A-G

Subject: End Coalition Support

Petition: 60198-GM-NonDis-G, Pg. 856

Membership: 80; Present: 63;

For: 41; Against: 22; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/12

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

Minority Report

1. Global Ministries helped found US Campaign in 2001 as an interfaith human rights-based coalition.

2. The US Campaign seeks equal rights for all under international law and seeks to address US policy that does not live up to these important principles.

3. In 2008 and 2012 General Conferences an identical petition was submitted and both times it was overwhelmingly defeated. So General Conference has twice affirmed membership in the US Campaign.

4. The US Campaign seeks to end these human rights violations. This is actually neither pro Palestinian nor pro-Israel but pro-equal rights for all.

By withdrawing our membership, we are withdrawing our commitment to be an agent and instrument of peace and justice.

By withdrawing our membership, we are giving up our hope that one day we will witness peace and love between the Palestinians and Israel (that the Lion and the Lamb will live together in peace and love).

By withdrawing our membership, we are simply abandoning one of the Wesleyan ways of life which is social holiness through social justice and equal rights.

So my dear brothers and sisters and friends called United Methodists, I humbly appeal

for your consideration, to vote NO to this petition.

Arellano, Armando Contreras — 32201
Troxler, Jeremy Issac — 123669
Gregorio, Percival Jimena — 47152
Hernandez, Reynaldo Bucacao — 47373
Green, Oliver D — 126033
McEntire, Molly Rebecca — 139116
Innes, Emily D — 44239

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

435-GM30-R9999-A-!-G

Subject: Task Force on Israel/Palestine

Petition: 60868-GM-R9999-!-G, Pg. 892

Membership: 80; Present: 69;

For: 58; Against: 4; Not Voting: 7;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

436-GM33-R3001-A-!

Subject: Accessibility Grants for Churches

Petition: 60339-GM-R3001-!, Pg. 861

Membership: 80; Present: 69;

For: 65; Against: 1; Not Voting: 3;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

After the third Whereas, delete: "There are more than 56 million people who have disabilities in the United States alone."

Amended to read: "There are more than one billion people living with disabilities in the world, of which 56 million live in the United States, according to United Nations data.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

437-GM34-R9999-A-G

Subject: Wadi Foquin

Petition: 60843-GM-R9999-G, Pg. 892

Membership: 80; Present: 67;

For: 46; Against: 18; Not Voting: 3;

Date: 5/13

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

Minority Report

While we commend the work of the California Nevada Conference and the Friends of Wadi Foquin for their commitment to end persecution in this particular village in the West Bank, we are reminded that this is not a vote about whether we are opposed to

illegal occupation of Palestine and oppression of Palestinian Christians, but that this is a petition asking for our body to send a letter requesting specific United States government action, including the withholding of foreign aid. We believe that withholding aid from people who need it is not the best way to persuade a government to change. We are also concerned with the broad language at the end of the petition which calls for the withholding of aid until accountability is in place and human rights are restored, as these are not measurable goals, and therefore do not demonstrate the parameters for which aid would be restored.

Momoh, Edwin Julius Jeblar B — 11819

Cox, Keith M — 10751

Andone, Herzen De Vega — 10745

Robier, Kelly Allison — 10478

Wondel, Jill Alison — 11705

Miller, Layne Maree — 10464

Clark, Irma — 10101

Rosario, Ileana Rosario — 11334

Meekins, William Bright — 11131

Alvarez-Alfonso, Iosmar — 10266

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

438-GM37-R3244-A-!-G

Subject: United Methodist Global AIDS Fund

Petition: 60931-GM-R3244-!-G, Pg. 866

Membership: 80; Present: 63;

For: 55; Against: 6; Not Voting: 2;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

In the appendix:

Request for funding in the amount of:
\$240,000 ~~\$120,000~~ for the 2016-2020 quadrennium.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

439-GM50-NonDis-A-\$

Subject: Asian American Language Ministry Plan

Petition: 60330-GM-NonDis-\$, Pg. 856

Membership: 80; Present: 52;

For: 51; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

440-GM51-NonDis-A-\$

Subject: UM Committee on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministries

Petition: 60329-GM-NonDis-\$, Pg. 856

Membership: 80; Present: 52;

For: 50; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

441-GM52-NonDis-A-\$

Subject: Pacific Islander Ministry Plan

Petition: 60333-GM-NonDis-\$, Pg. 857

Membership: 80; Present: 54;

For: 53; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

442-GM53-NonDis-A-\$

Subject: National Plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministry

Petition: 60332-GM-NonDis-\$, Pg. 856

Membership: 80; Present: 54;

For: 52; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

443-GM54-NonDis-A-\$

Subject: Korean Ministry Plan

Petition: 60331-GM-NonDis-\$, Pg. 856

Membership: 80; Present: 54;

For: 52; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

444-GM59-NonDis-A-\$-G

Subject: Holistic Strategy on Latin America and the Caribbean

Petition: 60874-GM-NonDis-\$-G, Pg. 857

Membership: 80; Present: 55;

For: 53; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

445-JA1-¶2715.10-N-G

Subject: Church Right to Appeal

Petition: 60069-JA-¶2715.10-G, Pg. 1032

Membership: 60; Present: 52;

For: 30; Against: 20; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/13

Committee Moves to Not Support

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /
Brought To Floor by the following delegates:

Arant, Andy Turner
Gipson, Mattie Dickens
Crisler, Timothy Earl
LaSalle, Opal Ann
Britton, Fred Shell
Harrington, Mary Anne
Beasley, Zachary Carl
Beckley, David L
Hedgepeth, Mitchell B
Sledge, Lauren Frances
Childs, Michael Franklin
Stikes, William Henry
Holley, James Delray
Wilson, Melba Augustine
Zilhaver, Robert Frank
Grant, Holly Jean
Rohrs, Katherine Susan
Reaves, Timothy Lloyd
Hanson, Jay David
Hammond, Dionne Chandler

446-JA14-¶50-A-G

Subject: Council of Bishops to Have Accountability Authority

Petition: 60912-JA-¶50-C-G, Pg. 1085
Membership: 60; Present: 50;
For: 40; Against: 10; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

447-JA15-¶363.1c-A-G

Subject: Just Resolution

Petition: 60804-JA-¶363.1c-G, Pg. 1142
Membership: 60; Present: 53;
For: 28; Against: 24; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

"When the complaint is based upon ~~allegation of the specific misconduct of a clergyperson having conducted a ceremony celebrating a homosexual union or having performed a same-sex wedding ceremony (¶2702.1[b]) within the statute of limitations, and the clergyperson against whom the complaint was made acknowledges to the bishop, within the course of the process seeking a just resolution, that he or she did in fact conduct or perform the ceremony in question~~

chargeable offenses found in ¶2702.1 within the statute of limitations, and the cler-

gyperson against whom the complaint was made acknowledges to the bishop, within the course of the process, seeking a just resolution that he or she did in fact commit a chargeable offense (¶2702.1), then any final just resolution"

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

448-JA16-¶2701.5-A-G

Subject: Just Resolution

Petition: 60806-JA-¶2701.5-G, Pg. 1016
Membership: 60; Present: 53;
For: 34; Against: 18; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

"When the complaint is based upon ~~allegation of the specific misconduct of a clergyperson having conducted a ceremony celebrating a homosexual union or having performed a same-sex wedding ceremony (¶2702.1[b]) within the statute of limitations, and the clergyperson against whom the complaint was made acknowledges to the bishop, within the course of the process seeking a just resolution, that he or she did in fact conduct or perform the ceremony in question~~

chargeable offenses found in 2702.1 within the statute of limitations, and the clergyperson against whom the complaint was made acknowledges in writing to the bishop, within the course of the process, seeking a just resolution that he or she did in fact commit a chargeable offense (2702.1), then any final just resolution"

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

449-JA17-¶2706.5c3-A-G

Subject: Just Resolution

Petition: 60807-JA-¶2706.5c3-G, Pg. 1029
Membership: 60; Present: 53;
For: 33; Against: 17; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

"When the complaint is based upon ~~allegation of the specific misconduct of a clergyperson having conducted a ceremony celebrating a homosexual union or having performed a same-sex wedding ceremony (¶2702.1[b]) within the statute of limitations, and the clergyperson against whom the complaint was made acknowledges to the bishop, within the course of the process seeking a just resolution, that he or she did in fact conduct or perform the ceremony in question~~

chargeable offenses found in 2702.1 within the statute of limitations, and the cler-

gyperson against whom the complaint was made acknowledges to the bishop, within the course of the process, seeking a just resolution that he or she did in fact commit a chargeable offense (2702.1), then any final just resolution"

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

450-JA18-¶2701.5-A-G

Subject: Complainant as Party to Just Resolution

Petition: 60027-JA-¶2701.5-G, Pg. 1010
Membership: 60; Present: 53;
For: 28; Against: 22; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Amend ¶¶ 363.1(c), 413.3(c), 2701.5, and 2706.5(c)3 by adding the same sentence to all four as follows: No matter where in the process a just resolution is achieved, the complainant(s) shall be a party to the resolution process and every effort shall be made to have the complainant(s) agree to the resolution before it may take effect. Also add the complainant, in ¶¶ 2701.5 and 2706.5(c)3.

At the end of the paragraph in 363.1(c):

"All parties shall include all parties who filed the complaint and not just the first party named on the complaint. All complainants must state harm in the complaint."

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

451-JA20-¶2701.5-A-G

Subject: Definition of Just Resolution

Petition: 60028-JA-¶2701.5-G, Pg. 1011
Membership: 60; Present: 53;
For: 30; Against: 21; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

In ¶363.1 and ¶2701.5:

A just resolution is one that focuses on repairing any harm to people and communities, achieving real accountability by making things right in so far as possible and bringing healing to all the parties. ~~In cases where the respondent acknowledges action(s) that are a clear violation of the provisions of the Discipline~~

, a just resolution shall include (but not be limited to) an apology by the respondent to the appropriate person(s) or body(ies) and a commitment not to repeat the action(s) that were a violation. Just resolutions shall state all identified harms and how they shall be addressed by the church and other parties to the complaint. In cases where the respondent

acknowledges action(s) that are a clear violation of the provisions of the Discipline, a just resolution shall include, but not be limited to, a commitment not to repeat the action(s) that were a violation.

Also insert the above language at the end of ¶413.3c and ¶2706.5c(3)

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

☐ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted Date /

452-JA28-¶413.3c-A-G

Subject: Complaints Against Bishops

Petition: 60805-JA-¶413.3c-G, Pg. 1154

Membership: 60; Present: 51;

For: 33; Against: 17; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

"When the complaint is based upon the chargeable offenses found in ¶2702.1 within the statute of limitations, and the bishop against whom the complaint was made acknowledges in writing, within the course of the process, seeking a just resolution that he or she did in fact commit a chargeable offense (¶2702.1), then any final just resolution"

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

☐ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted Date /

453-JA36-¶413.3-A-\$-G

Subject: Complaints Against Bishops

Petition: 60130-JA-¶413.3-\$-G, Pg. 1154

Membership: 60; Present: 49;

For: 36; Against: 13; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Add:

(iv) The Council of Bishops may, at any time in the process, after a complaint is filed, including after a just resolution, remove the complaint from the College of Bishops to the Council of Bishops with a 2/3 vote by the Council.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

☐ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted Date /

454-LC17-¶256-A-G

Subject: Supplemental Ministries

Petition: 60614-LC-¶256-G, Pg. 1038

Membership: 69; Present: 65;

For: 41; Against: 22; Not Voting: 2;

Date: 5/14

Amend ¶ 256 by adding a sub-point 7 as follows:

¶ 256. *Program Ministries*-The ministries of the local church are offered so that people encounter God's redeeming love . . .

7. Supplemental Ministries-

In view of the fact that the needs of women and men are complex, dynamic, and unique in every congregation, local churches are encouraged to develop a variety of supplemental ministry programs for women and men, in addition to United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

Minority Report

We feel the petition should be edited to read: Supplemental Ministries - "In view of the fact that the needs of persons are complex, dynamic, and unique in every congregation, local churches are encouraged to develop a variety of supplemental ministry programs."

Rationale - Paragraph 256 speaks to program ministries in the local church, listing Sunday school, mall groups, children, youth, UMW and UMM. Limiting the language of this petition broadens the encouragement of supplemental ministries to all, and it better completes the intent of paragraph 256.

Mann, Karon Sue — 11167

Gilbert, Mary Lynne — 10916

McCammon, Donald L. — 11020

Murphy, Murray — 11310

Thompson, Ralph Gene — 10218

Amon, Darlene Van Camp — 11342

Horton, Margaret Anne — 10448

Beard, John Herschel — 10280

Ogren, Mark Victor — 11337

Moore, Samuel Howard — 11001

☐ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted Date /

455-LC21-¶2500-A-G

Subject: Disaffiliation

Petition: 60811-LC-¶2500-G, Pg. 1043

Membership: 69; Present: 64;

For: 32; Against: 31; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

Minority Report

We do not support the addition of this new paragraph added to ¶2548. The proposed addition would, in effect, negate the Trust Clause as required in ¶2501 and ¶2503, resulting in serious financial implications for our denomination. We ask the General Conference to NOT SUPPORT this Petition.

Beard, John Herschel — 10280

Murphy, Murray — 11310

Jackson-Sears, Jill Ann — 10097

McIver, Steven Mark — 10434

Thompson, Ralph Gene — 10218

Jenkins, Jacquelyn G — 11576

Brown, George Mead — 11428

Davis, Bobby Dewayne — 11476

Collier, Theodore Cody — 11365

Johnson, Sandra James — 11096

☐ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted Date /

456-LC26-R9999-A-G

Subject: Women's Ministry

Petition: 60844-LC-R9999-G, Pg. 1050

Membership: 69; Present: 64;

For: 34; Against: 28; Not Voting: 2;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

Minority Report

Replace entire petition text with the following:

WHEREAS, the needs of women today are complex, dynamic, and unique in every congregation and studies show that a variety of women's ministry programs is the most effective means of enabling and encouraging women to grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus Christ, to serve in their local church, and to serve passionately in mission outreach and justice advocacy in a lost and hurting world.

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the 2016 General Conference of The United Methodist Church encourages the local church to provide women's ministry programs that fit the unique needs of the women in the church.

RATIONALE: The first six paragraphs of the original petition include old information, and inaccurate statistics. The 7th paragraph as proposed uses the word "supplemental" for program ministries, which makes it sound like women's ministries are secondary, and they absolutely should not be. The minority report full text makes women's ministry a priority regardless of who is doing the ministry.

Fullerton, Rachel — 10756

Amon, Darlene Van Camp — 11342

Mann, Karon Sue — 11167

Gilbert, Mary Lynne — 10916

Horton, Margaret Anne — 10448

Collier, Theodore Cody — 11365

Beard, John Herschel — 10280

Olewine, Sandra Kay — 10085

Smith, Blenda Elisabeth — 10325

Ogren, Mark Victor — 11337

Johnson, Bernadine — 11270

Moore, Samuel Howard — 11001

☐ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted Date /

457-LC33-R3044-A-G**Subject: Drinking on Campus**

Petition: 60465-LC-R3044-G, Pg. 339

Membership: 69; Present: 63;

For: 48; Against: 14; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

458-LC38-¶258.2g12-A-G**Subject: Responsibilities of S/PPRC**

Petition: 60839-LC-¶258.2g12-G, Pg. 1041

Membership: 69; Present: 63;

For: 43; Against: 19; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Delete "gender identity, sexual orientation" before "or marital status."

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

Minority Report

To make employment policies consistent with our social principles we recommend to amend ¶258.2.g.12 as follows:

To recommend to the church council, after consultation with the pastor, the professional, and other staff positions (whether employee or contract) needed to carry out the work of the church or charge. The committee and the pastor shall recommend to the church council a written statement of policies and procedures regarding the process for hiring, contracting, evaluating, promoting, retiring, and dismissing staff personnel who are not subject to episcopal appointment as ordained clergy.

[New Language] Until such a policy has been adopted, the committee and the pastor shall have the authority to hire, contract, evaluate, promote, retire, and dismiss non appointed personnel. Employment policies for non appointed personnel shall prohibit discrimination in hiring, contracting, evaluating, promoting, retiring, and dismissing lay staff based on age, race, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation or marital status. When persons are hired or contracted ...

Gilbert, Mary Lynne — 10916

Fullerton, Rachel — 10756

Dease, Robin — 10969

Gipson, Mattie Dickens — 10556

Smith, Blenda Elisabeth — 10325

Ogren, Mark Victor — 11337

Locklear, Gary W — 10633

Olewine, Sandra Kay — 10085

Mann, Karon Sue — 11167

Ow, Kenneth — 10477

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

459-MH48-¶341.6-N-G**Subject: A Third Way - Remove Prohibition**

Petition: 60788-MH-¶341.6-G, Pg. 1131

Membership: 96; Present: 82;

For: 46; Against: 36; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/13

Committee Moves to Not Support

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

Brought To Floor by the following delegates:

Harrison, Richard Thomas

Crouch, Timothy Charles

Parks, Linda Moore

Hearne, Richard Bailey

Davis, Mary Jan

Carpenter, Kelly Jo

Henderson, Ronald D

Christensen, Faye Blanch

Zabel, Judith Kreager

Bard, David Alan

Bigham-Tsai, Kennetha J

Clark, Doris Faye

Bridgeforth, Cedrick D

Carey, Melanie Lee

Armstrong, Megan Marie

Brim, Jay

Oliveto, Karen Phyllis

Laurvick, Bradley David

Lebrón Malavé, Dórlimar

Gaines-Cirelli, Ginger Elise

460-MH50-¶47-A-G**Subject: Tenure of Bishops**

Petition: 60510-MH-¶47-C-G, Pg. 1082

Membership: 97; Present: 86;

For: 56; Against: 30; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Add "Beginning in 2020" at beginning of para. 406, after title "Term of Office"

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

461-MH52-¶32-A-G**Subject: Remove "Under Appointment"**

Petition: 60351-MH-¶32-C-G, Pg. 417

Membership: 97; Present: 82;

For: 81; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

462-MH56-¶328-A-G**Subject: Study of Ministry - Clarifying the Relation between Ordination and the Sacraments**

Petition: 60489-MH-¶328-G, Pg. 1116

Membership: 97; Present: 84;

For: 68; Against: 16; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Strike all language between "the Church," (2nd line from the bottom of page 1116) through "administer/preside" (first line of page 1117) and insert:

and offering the means of grace to the world, the resident bishop of the annual conference in which the deacon is appointed may authorize the deacon to preside....

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

463-MH62-¶347.1-A-G**Subject: Transfers**

Petition: 60193-MH-¶347.1-G, Pg. 1134

Membership: 97; Present: 75;

For: 60; Against: 15; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

464-MH63-¶310-A-G**Subject: Amend Footnote**

Petition: 61040-MH-¶310-G, Pg. 1089

Membership: 97; Present: 83;

For: 44; Against: 39; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

465-MH71-¶330.5c4-A-G**Subject: Being in Ministry "with," not Ministry "to"**

Petition: 60717-MH-¶330.5c4-G, Pg. 1120

Membership: 97; Present: 79;

For: 67; Against: 12; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

466-MH80-NonDis-A-\$-G
Subject: Create 2017-2020 Study of Ministry Commission

Petition: 60509-MH-NonDis-\$-G, Pg. 1170
 Membership: 97; Present: 72;
 For: 55; Against: 17; Not Voting: 0;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

467-MH81-¶50-A-G

Subject: Inclusive Language

Petition: 60658-MH-¶50-C-G, Pg. 1084
 Membership: 97; Present: 66;
 For: 64; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

468-MH82-¶46-A-G

Subject: Election of CC Bishops

Petition: 60525-MH-¶46-C-G, Pg. 1080
 Membership: 97; Present: 72;
 For: 70; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

469-MH85-¶410.4-A-\$-G

Subject: Medical Leave

Petition: 60128-MH-¶410.4-\$-G, Pg. 1151
 Membership: 97; Present: 75;
 For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

470-MH87-¶408.1-A-\$-G

Subject: Special Assignments

Petition: 60127-MH-¶408.1-\$-G, Pg. 1149
 Membership: 97; Present: 72;
 For: 71; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

471-MH101-¶591-A-G

Subject: Local Deacons in Mission

Petition: 60308-MH-¶591-G, Pg. 460
 Membership: 97; Present: 77;
 For: 61; Against: 16; Not Voting: 0;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

472-MH113-¶635.2-A-G

Subject: Changes to Board of Ordained Ministry

Petition: 60183-MH-¶635.2-G, Pg. 1162
 Membership: 97; Present: 76;
 For: 48; Against: 28; Not Voting: 0;
 Date: 5/14

The Petition is amended as follows:

Amendment 1: In ¶635.1, after the words "...represent the cabinet..." (2012 BOD page 458, bottom line), add the words, "No District Superintendent or extended cabinet member shall be the chairperson of the Board of Ordained Ministry."

Amendment 2: In ¶635.1, line 5, after the words "...at least two associate members or," delete the phrase "full-time."

Amendment 3: Strike the first six lines of petition 60183, beginning with the words, "Throughout the text..." and ending with the words "ministerial leadership."

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

Removed from the Consent Calendar

27-FA8-¶1504.1-A

Subject: CPP Amendments

Petition: 60040-FA-¶1504.1, Pg. 709

Removed from consent calendar A03 by the following people:

Zilhaver, Robert Frank
 Morelli, Paul Michael
 Hoffman, Richard Christian
 Lomperis, John Scott Anders
 Millar, Karen L
 Day, Ronald Pat
 DeVille, Terrel Jones
 Grant, Holly Jean
 Finley, Margaret Jane
 Reaves, Timothy Lloyd
 Brinkley, Eston C.
 Livingston, Kenneth R
 Schonert, Steven Lee
 Childs, Carl Espy

Patterson, Jeffrey Scott
 Parker, Mack B
 Park, Eric Stephen
 Meekins, William Bright
 Dunn, Alyce Weaver
 Gregory, Sharon J

29-FA23-¶1504.1-A

Subject: CRSP Amendments

Petition: 60039-FA-¶1504.1, Pg. 705

Removed from consent calendar A03 by the following people:

Zilhaver, Robert Frank
 Morelli, Paul Michael
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 Day, Ronald Pat
 DeVille, Terrel Jones

Grant, Holly Jean
 Finley, Margaret Jane
 Reaves, Timothy Lloyd
 Brinkley, Eston C.
 Livingston, Kenneth R
 Schonert, Steven Lee
 Childs, Carl Espy
 Patterson, Jeffrey Scott
 Parker, Mack B
 Park, Eric Stephen
 Meekins, William Bright
 Dunn, Alyce Weaver
 Gregory, Sharon J

52-FA47-¶824.6-A

**Subject: Native American Ministries
Sunday**

Petition: 60299-FA-¶824.6, Pg. 704

**Removed from consent calendar A03 by
the following people:**

Wright, Varlyna Donae
Colorado, Judy C.
Williams, Rosa M.
Kreutziger, Sarah Sloan
Spencer, Juliet Padgham
Vega-Perez, Eunice
Cateron, Evelyn S
Lank, Thomas Albert
Dyson, Drew Adair
Royappa, Samuel John
Rosario, Ileana Rosario
Greer, Virginia Leigh
Mims, Gene Dwight
Brown, Clarence Rutherford
Lebrón Malavé, Dórlimar
Muñoz, Lydia Esther
Campbell, William Martin
Wright, Karen Kallstrom
Lyall, Alka
Gross, Gregory Dean

68-GA13-¶263.6c2-A

**Subject: Native American Ministries
Sunday**

Petition: 60298-GA-¶263.6c2, Pg. 788

**Removed from consent calendar A03 by
the following people:**

Vega-Perez, Eunice
Cateron, Evelyn S
Lank, Thomas Albert
Dyson, Drew Adair
Wright, Varlyna Donae
Colorado, Judy C.
Williams, Rosa M.
Spencer, Juliet Padgham
Rosario, Ileana Rosario
Greer, Virginia Leigh
Smith, Theodore
Brown, Clarence Rutherford

Mims, Gene Dwight
Lebrón Malavé, Dórlimar
Campbell, William Martin
Muñoz, Lydia Esther
Wright, Karen Kallstrom
Lyall, Alka
Gross, Gregory Dean
Ortiz, Héctor Felix

77-IC23-¶1300-A-G

Subject: Lay Order

Petition: 60245-IC-¶1300-G, Pg. 977

**Removed from consent calendar A03 by
the following people:**

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Savage, Charles Walter
Alstott, Richard Anthony
Moon, Bob Mark
Morrison, Norma
Perry, Joy L
Price, James Larry
Schonert, Steven Lee
Harrington, Mary Anne
Patterson, Jeffrey Scott
Childs, Carl Espy
Parker, Mack B
Adams, Donald Lee
DiPaolo, Joseph Frank
Bryars, Paul Lawrence
Hatcher, William Stanley
Finley, Margaret Jane
Seth, John William
Land, Amy Louise
Graves, William Russell

82-JA2-¶2609.2-A-G

**Subject: AACLL Authority to Request
Decision**

Petition: 60521-JA-¶2609.2-G, Pg. 1009

**Removed from consent calendar A03 by
the following people:**

Philipp, Werner Erhard
Landrock, Steffen
Detjen, Anne Marie

Dannenberg, Kai Uwe
Flick, Christine Dagmar
Knöller, Johannes
Schroeckenfuchs, Stefan
Bindl, Helene
Schneider-Oesch, Christine
Sjanta, Daniel
Pitshi, Kazadi Ngoy
Rudolph, Etienne
Sjanta, Liljana
Khaled-Abdo, László
Ambrusz, István
Ohouo, Djoman Nathanael
Tshibang, Owan Kasap
Umba, Vagris Ilunga Kalangwa
Nkongé, Jean-Marie
Kasongo, Martin Wa Kubatwa Bemba

92-GM4-R9999-A-G

**Subject: A Pathway for Peace in Palestine
and Israel**

Petition: 60205-GM-R9999-G, Pg. 890

**Removed from consent calendar B03 by
the following people:**

Olewine, Sandra Kay
Fukumoto, JoAnn Yoon
Farris, Patricia Ellen
Maka, Mele
Choi, Thomas S
Ellis, Kenneth M
Bridgeforth, Cedrick D
Rios, Rosa Maria
Urriola, Ian Carlos
McCammon, Donald L.
Mann, Karon Sue
Ogren, Mark Victor
Todorova, Desislava Angelova
Davis, Bobby Dewayne
Rapanut, Carlo Axibal
Hayden, Jo Anne Kay
Gilbert, Mary Lynne
Nelson, Janice E
Huycke, Mary Kohlstaedt
Ihlo, Jennifer Ellon

Non-Calendared Items Brought To Floor Rule 34(3)

391-CO21-NonDis-N-!-G

**Subject: Global Connectional Conference
- Concept Proposal**

Brought To Floor by the following people:

Haller, Laurie Ann
Denardo, Nancy L
Engelhardt, Carolyn Hardin
Harkrider, John Thomas
Zekoff, Steven E

Pritchard, Donna Marie Lowman
Crouch, Timothy Charles
Amundson, Tyler Flint
Smartt Sears, Denise A
Hawxhurst, Jean G
Nelson, Janice E
Woods, Kimberly Dawn
Ihlo, Jennifer Ellon
Chattin, Terri Rae
Martin, Martha Delores
Nibbelink, James Charles

Daniels, Joseph Wayne
Parker, Charles Arthur
Taylor, Cynthia Ann
Ow, Kenneth

392-CO22-¶10-N-!-G

**Subject: US UMC as Central Conference
Brought To Floor by the following people:**

Crouch, Timothy Charles
Pritchard, Donna Marie Lowman
Harkrider, John Thomas
Shahan, Alyson Elizabeth
Porter, Derrick Emmanuel
Wright, Varlyna Donae
Chafin, Lonnie Arthur
Woods, Kimberly Dawn
Engelhardt, Carolyn Hardin
Honeycutt, Jane Denise
Amundson, Tyler Flint
Zekoff, Steven E
Scott, Derrick
Moore-Koikoi, Cynthia Michelle
Campbell, William Martin
Hearne, Richard Bailey
Harrison, Richard Thomas
Parks, Linda Moore
Carpenter, Kelly Jo
Lee, Ouida Fae

445-JA1-¶2715.10-N-G

**Subject: Church Right to Appeal
Brought To Floor by the following people:**

Arant, Andy Turner
Gipson, Mattie Dickens
Crisler, Timothy Earl
LaSalle, Opal Ann
Britton, Fred Shell
Harrington, Mary Anne
Beasley, Zachary Carl
Beckley, David L
Hedgepeth, Mitchell B
Sledge, Lauren Frances
Childs, Michael Franklin
Stikes, William Henry
Holley, James Delray
Wilson, Melba Augustine
Zilhaver, Robert Frank
Grant, Holly Jean
Rohrs, Katherine Susan
Reaves, Timothy Lloyd
Hanson, Jay David
Hammond, Dionne Chandler

459-MH48-¶341.6-N-G

Subject: A Third Way - Remove Prohibition

Brought To Floor by the following people:

Harrison, Richard Thomas
Crouch, Timothy Charles
Parks, Linda Moore
Hearne, Richard Bailey
Davis, Mary Jan
Carpenter, Kelly Jo
Henderson, Ronald D
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Zabel, Judith Kreager
Bard, David Alan
Bigham-Tsai, Kennetha J
Clark, Doris Faye
Bridgeforth, Cedrick D
Carey, Melanie Lee
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- (a) Petitions not acted upon because another petition dealing with the same subject was acted upon.
 - (b) Petitions not supported by the legislative committee. The committee shall report the vote of the committee.
 - (c) Petitions assigned to but not considered by the legislative committee.
- (2) These reports shall be printed in the Daily Christian Advocate.
- (3) Any twenty (20) delegates may have an item in (1)(b) or (1)(c) above presented to the plenary by having such a request on file with the Secretary of the General Conference by 3:00 p.m. of the day the item first appears in the Daily Christian Advocate. Reserve delegates may sign requests to present an item in (1)(b) or (1)(c) above only while seated as voting delegates. Such items shall be called up in the regular order of business while the chair of the relevant committee is on the platform. Those supporting consideration of said items shall select one of their number to present the item to the plenary.
- The form to bring a Non-Calendar Item to the plenary can be picked up in room B119 and returned to room B117.

Non-Calendared Items - Reject in Favor of Petition

Conferences

- 60058 (CO45-¶37-I-G): Flexibility in Number of Jurisdictions: ADCA Page #436, Reject in Favor of Petition # 60932
Membership: 82; Present: 76; Votes For: 62; Votes Against: 6; Not Voting: 8
- 60068 (CO44-¶27.2-I-G): Episcopal Support: ADCA Page #417, Reject in Favor of Petition # 60932
Membership: 82; Present: 76; Votes For: 63; Votes Against: 5; Not Voting: 8
- 60202 (CO42-¶37-I-G): Jurisdictional Realignment and Name Change: ADCA Page #437, Reject in Favor of Petition # 60932
Membership: 82; Present: 76; Votes For: 62; Votes Against: 6; Not Voting: 8
- 60549 (CO43-¶37-I-G): Change Jurisdictional Boundaries: ADCA Page #437, Reject in Favor of Petition # 60932
Membership: 82; Present: 76; Votes For: 62; Votes Against: 6; Not Voting: 8
- 60059 (CO41-NonDis-I-\$-G): Jurisdictional Study Committee: ADCA Page #465, Reject in Favor of Petition # 60932
Membership: 82; Present: 76; Votes For: 62; Votes Against: 6; Not Voting: 8

Discipleship

- 60579 (DI47-¶1210.3-I-G): Global Young People's Convocation: ADCA Page #572, Reject in Favor of Petition # 60103
Membership: 96; Present: 75; Votes For: 70; Votes Against: 3; Not Voting: 2

Faith and Order

- 60780 (FO24-¶304.3-I-G): Qualifications for Ordination: ADCA Page #769, Reject in Favor of Petition # 60779
Membership: 73; Present: 67; Votes For: 62; Votes Against: 3; Not Voting: 2
- 60799 (FO25-¶304.3-I-G): Qualifications for Ordination: ADCA

Page #769, Reject in Favor of Petition # 60779

Membership: 73; Present: 67; Votes For: 62; Votes Against: 3; Not Voting: 2

60907 (FO26-¶304.3-I-G): Qualifications for Ordination: ADCA Page #770, Reject in Favor of Petition # 60779

Membership: 73; Present: 67; Votes For: 62; Votes Against: 3; Not Voting: 2

60952 (FO10-¶400-I-G): Plan UMC Revised - Committee on Faith and Order: ADCA Page #772, Reject in Favor of Petition # 60026
Membership: 73; Present: 63; Votes For: 58; Votes Against: 1; Not Voting: 4

61036 (FO27-¶304.3-I-G): Qualifications for Ordination: ADCA Page #770, Reject in Favor of Petition # 60779

Membership: 73; Present: 67; Votes For: 62; Votes Against: 3; Not Voting: 2

61039 (FO23-¶304-I-G): Amend Footnote: ADCA Page #768, Reject in Favor of Petition # 60779

Membership: 73; Present: 67; Votes For: 62; Votes Against: 3; Not Voting: 2

61042 (FO28-¶304.3-I-G): Qualifications for Ordination: ADCA Page #770, Reject in Favor of Petition # 60779

Membership: 73; Present: 67; Votes For: 62; Votes Against: 3; Not Voting: 2

Financial Administration

60201 (FA62-R4071-I-G): Investment Ethics: ADCA Page #736, Reject in Favor of Petition # 60038

Membership: 70; Present: 56; Votes For: 48; Votes Against: 8; Not Voting: 0

60316 (FA62-R4071-I-G): Investment Ethics: ADCA Page #736, Reject in Favor of Petition # 60038

Membership: 70; Present: 56; Votes For: 48; Votes Against: 8; Not Voting: 0

60760 (FA62-R4071-I-G): Investment Ethics: ADCA Page #736, Re-

ject in Favor of Petition # 60038

Membership: 70; Present: 56; Votes For: 48; Votes Against: 8; Not Voting: 0

60761 (FA88-R4071-I-G): Investment Ethics: ADCA Page #736, Reject in Favor of Petition # 60038

Membership: 70; Present: 61; Votes For: 49; Votes Against: 10; Not Voting: 2

60856 (FA64-R9999-I-G): Divest from Caterpillar : ADCA Page #739, Reject in Favor of Petition # 60036

Membership: 70; Present: 58; Votes For: 48; Votes Against: 8; Not Voting: 2

60857 (FA66-NonDis-I-G): Divest from Caterpillar, Motorola Solutions, and Hewlett Packard: ADCA Page #730, Reject in Favor of Petition # 60036

Membership: 70; Present: 58; Votes For: 51; Votes Against: 6; Not Voting: 1

60858 (FA66-NonDis-I-G): Divestment: ADCA Page #730, Reject in Favor of Petition # 60036

Membership: 70; Present: 58; Votes For: 51; Votes Against: 6; Not Voting: 1

60859 (FA66-NonDis-I-G): Aligning Investments With Social Principles: ADCA Page #730, Reject in Favor of Petition # 60036

Membership: 70; Present: 58; Votes For: 51; Votes Against: 6; Not Voting: 1

General Administration

60606 (GA30-¶4-I-G): Inclusiveness of Sex and Gender: ADCA Page #785, Reject in Favor of Petition # 60163

Membership: 80; Present: 66; Votes For: 53; Votes Against: 13; Not Voting: 0

60741 (GA31-¶4-I-G): Inclusiveness of Gender and Sexual Orientation: ADCA Page #785, Reject in Favor of Petition # 60163

Membership: 80; Present: 68; Votes For: 40; Votes Against: 28; Not Voting: 0

60742 (GA32-¶4-I-G): Definition of Status: ADCA Page #786, Reject in Favor of Petition # 60163

Membership: 80; Present: 68; Votes For: 59; Votes Against: 9; Not Voting: 0

60881 (GA33-¶4-I-G): Inclusiveness: ADCA Page #786, Reject in Favor of Petition # 60163

Membership: 80; Present: 68; Votes For: 59; Votes Against: 9; Not Voting: 0

60943 (GA34-¶4-I-G): Inclusiveness: ADCA Page #786, Reject in Favor of Petition # 60163

Membership: 80; Present: 68; Votes For: 59; Votes Against: 9; Not Voting: 0

Local Church

60004 (LC23-¶2549-I-G): Disposition of Closed Local Church Property: ADCA Page #1045, Reject in Favor of Petition # 60159

Membership: 69; Present: 65; Votes For: 52; Votes Against: 5; Not Voting: 8

60104 (LC22-¶2549-I-G): Disposition of Local Church Property: ADCA Page #1046, Reject in Favor of Petition # 60159

Membership: 69; Present: 65; Votes For: 44; Votes Against: 10; Not Voting: 11

Ministry and Higher Education/Superintendency

60636 (MH57-¶328-I-G): Deacon & Sacraments: ADCA Page #1117, Reject in Favor of Petition # 60489

Membership: 97; Present: 83; Votes For: 73; Votes Against: 10; Not Voting: 0

60637 (MH58-¶328-I-G): Sacramental Authority of Deacons: ADCA Page #1117, Reject in Favor of Petition # 60489

Membership: 97; Present: 83; Votes For: 73; Votes Against: 10; Not Voting: 0

60638 (MH59-¶328-I-G): Deacon & Sacraments: ADCA Page #1118, Reject in Favor of Petition # 60489

Membership: 97; Present: 83; Votes For: 73; Votes Against: 10; Not Voting: 0

Non-Calendared Items - Not Supported

Church and Society 1

60395 (CA10-¶164.A-N-G): Basic Freedoms and Human Rights: ADCA Page #192

Membership: 83; Present: 63; Votes For: 59; Votes Against: 4; Not Voting: 0

60577 (CA15-¶1004-N-G): GBCS Priorities: ADCA Page #196

Membership: 83; Present: 74; Votes For: 44; Votes Against: 30; Not Voting: 0

60578 (CA16-¶1004-N-G): GBCS Focus on Africa: ADCA Page #196

Membership: 83; Present: 64; Votes For: 35; Votes Against: 29; Not Voting: 0

60668 (CA20-¶1006-N-G): Reduce Board Size of GBCS: ADCA Page #197

Membership: 83; Present: 69; Votes For: 57; Votes Against: 12; Not Voting: 0

60689 (CA12-¶164.C-N-G): Church and State Relations: ADCA

Page #193

Membership: 83; Present: 73; Votes For: 49; Votes Against: 15; Not Voting: 9

60697 (CA11-¶164.A-N-G): Basic Freedom for All People : ADCA Page #192

Membership: 83; Present: 64; Votes For: 38; Votes Against: 26; Not Voting: 0

60701 (CA13-¶164.A-N-G): Basic Freedoms and Human Rights: ADCA Page #192

Membership: 83; Present: 73; Votes For: 51; Votes Against: 12; Not Voting: 10

60703 (CA17-¶165.C-N-G): War and Peace: ADCA Page #194

Membership: 83; Present: 72; Votes For: 46; Votes Against: 26; Not Voting: 0

60712 (CA14-¶164.G-N-G): Solidarity with Crime Victims: ADCA Page #194

Membership: 83; Present: 69; Votes For: 48; Votes Against: 16; Not Voting: 5

60728 (CA21-¶1004-N-G): Responsibilities of GBSC: ADCA Page #196
Membership: 83; Present: 73; Votes For: 44; Votes Against: 25; Not Voting: 4

60961 (CA19-¶629-N-G): Permissiveness in AC Structure - CBCS: ADCA Page #195
Membership: 83; Present: 73; Votes For: 43; Votes Against: 27; Not Voting: 3

60288 (CA67-R4056-N-G): Greed: ADCA Page #219
Membership: 83; Present: 65; Votes For: 37; Votes Against: 22; Not Voting: 6

60541 (CA30-R1027-N-G): God's Creation and the Church: ADCA Page #208
Membership: 83; Present: 69; Votes For: 41; Votes Against: 27; Not Voting: 1

60895 (CA60-R5062-N-G): Military Service Regardless of Sexual Orientation: ADCA Page #230
Membership: 83; Present: 65; Votes For: 43; Votes Against: 18; Not Voting: 4

Church and Society 2

60225 (CB37-¶162-N-G): Bioethics: ADCA Page #318
Membership: 84; Present: 66; Votes For: 40; Votes Against: 26; Not Voting: 0

60784 (CB5-¶161.B-N-G): A Third Way - Marriage: ADCA Page #301
Membership: 84; Present: 72; Votes For: 41; Votes Against: 30; Not Voting: 1

60824 (CB6-¶161.F-N-G): Human Sexuality: ADCA Page #304
Membership: 84; Present: 65; Votes For: 33; Votes Against: 32; Not Voting: 0

Conferences

60035 (CO46-¶507-N-G): Petition Submission: ADCA Page #449
Membership: 82; Present: 76; Votes For: 51; Votes Against: 17; Not Voting: 8

60067 (CO65-¶511.5e-N-G): Formula Adjustment: ADCA Page #454
Membership: 82; Present: 65; Votes For: 42; Votes Against: 23; Not Voting: 0

60172 (CO51-¶502.1-N-G): Young People's Representation: ADCA Page #449
Membership: 82; Present: 76; Votes For: 37; Votes Against: 31; Not Voting: 8

60182 (CO66-¶652-N-G): Joint Committee Membership: ADCA Page #694
Membership: 82; Present: 65; Votes For: 54; Votes Against: 9; Not Voting: 2

60570 (CO48-¶510.2-N-!-G): Resolutions Do Not Expire Automatically: ADCA Page #451
Membership: 82; Present: 76; Votes For: 49; Votes Against: 17; Not Voting: 10

60571 (CO54-¶507-N-G): Limits for Submission: ADCA Page #450
Membership: 82; Present: 64; Votes For: 44; Votes Against: 18; Not Voting: 2

60996 (CO68-¶507.2-N-G): Validity of Petitions: ADCA Page #450
Membership: 82; Present: 65; Votes For: 52; Votes Against: 12; Not Voting: 1

60015 (CO27-¶32-N-G): Equalization of Annual Conference Membership: ADCA Page #417
Membership: 82; Present: 76; Votes For: 56; Votes Against: 14; Not Voting: 6

60196 (CO32-¶15-N-G): Representation to General Conference by Episcopal Area: ADCA Page #413
Membership: 82; Present: 76; Votes For: 39; Votes Against: 22; Not Voting: 15

60601 (CO47-¶00-N-G): Requirement for Election: ADCA Page #403
Membership: 82; Present: 76; Votes For: 58; Votes Against: 9; Not Voting: 9

60602 (CO29-¶34-N-G): Eliminate Conflict of Interest: ADCA Page #435
Membership: 82; Present: 76; Votes For: 47; Votes Against: 23; Not Voting: 6

60603 (CO28-¶32-N-G): AC Membership of Retired Clergy: ADCA Page #418
Membership: 82; Present: 76; Votes For: 40; Votes Against: 29; Not Voting: 7

60605 (CO33-¶15-N-G): GC Membership: ADCA Page #414
Membership: 82; Present: 76; Votes For: 49; Votes Against: 19; Not Voting: 8

Discipleship

60496 (DI2-¶668-N-G): Study of Ministry – District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries to Review Certified Lay Ministry Candidates: ADCA Page #569
Membership: 96; Present: 80; Votes For: 64; Votes Against: 16; Not Voting: 0

60962 (DI46-¶630-N-G): Permissiveness in AC Structure - CBOD: ADCA Page #568
Membership: 96; Present: 82; Votes For: 46; Votes Against: 24; Not Voting: 12

60998 (DI13-¶266-N-G): Lay Speaking and Lay Servant Ministries: ADCA Page #561
Membership: 96; Present: 80; Votes For: 63; Votes Against: 11; Not Voting: 6

60997 (DI20-NonDis-N-!-G): Alternative Hymnal: ADCA Page #583
Membership: 96; Present: 82; Votes For: 75; Votes Against: 7; Not Voting: 0

Faith and Order

60544 (FO14-¶120-N-G): Mission Statement: ADCA Page #762
Membership: 73; Present: 69; Votes For: 55; Votes Against: 10; Not Voting: 4

60779 (FO19-¶304.3-N-G): Deletion: ADCA Page #769
Membership: 73; Present: 69; Votes For: 35; Votes Against: 31; Not Voting: 3

60781 (FO18-¶304.3-N-G): A Third Way - Qualifications for Ordination: ADCA Page #769
Membership: 73; Present: 67; Votes For: 34; Votes Against: 30; Not Voting: 3

60864 (FO13-¶104-N): Deletion: ADCA Page #759
Membership: 73; Present: 69; Votes For: 49; Votes Against: 14; Not Voting: 6

60980 (FO12-¶104-N-G): Add Nicene Creed to Doctrinal Standards

: ADCA Page #759

Membership: 73; Present: 69; Votes For: 47; Votes Against: 18; Not Voting: 4

60991 (FO11-NonDis-N): Modern Day Martyr - Liuzzo: ADCA Page #775

Membership: 73; Present: 63; Votes For: 52; Votes Against: 8; Not Voting: 3

60992 (FO9-NonDis-N-!-G): Gandhi Commemoration: ADCA Page #775

Membership: 73; Present: 63; Votes For: 53; Votes Against: 6; Not Voting: 4

Financial Administration

60017 (FA78-¶806-N-G): Non-Discrimination in UMC Employee Disability Benefits: ADCA Page #696

Membership: 70; Present: 59; Votes For: 37; Votes Against: 17; Not Voting: 5

60031 (FA70-¶806.1c-N-G): Conference Apportionment Formula: ADCA Page #696

Membership: 70; Present: 54; Votes For: 38; Votes Against: 6; Not Voting: 10

60393 (FA75-¶2505-N-G): Oil, Gas, and Mineral Leases: ADCA Page #725

Membership: 70; Present: 59; Votes For: 37; Votes Against: 10; Not Voting: 12

60581 (FA57-¶613.13-N-G): Standards for Program Staff: ADCA Page #690

Membership: 70; Present: 51; Votes For: 38; Votes Against: 12; Not Voting: 1

60667 (FA56-¶816.2a-N-G): Supporting UM Candidates for Ministry: ADCA Page #703

Membership: 70; Present: 61; Votes For: 45; Votes Against: 8; Not Voting: 8

60734 (FA59-¶2517.5-N): AC Membership in Association: ADCA Page #726

Membership: 70; Present: 51; Votes For: 43; Votes Against: 4; Not Voting: 4

60735 (FA58-¶2517.5c-N): Hospital, Health System, UMW, and GBGM Relationships: ADCA Page #727

Membership: 70; Present: 51; Votes For: 40; Votes Against: 3; Not Voting: 8

60736 (FA60-¶2517.5-N): Required Membership: ADCA Page #726

Membership: 70; Present: 51; Votes For: 41; Votes Against: 3; Not Voting: 7

60771 (FA5-¶806.9-N-G): Remove Language : ADCA Page #698

Membership: 70; Present: 61; Votes For: 40; Votes Against: 16; Not Voting: 5

60995 (FA74-¶807.12a1-N-G): Definition of Spousal Benefits: ADCA Page #701

Membership: 70; Present: 59; Votes For: 40; Votes Against: 17; Not Voting: 2

60175 (FA69-R4071-N-G): Investment Ethics: ADCA Page #735

Membership: 70; Present: 54; Votes For: 35; Votes Against: 9; Not Voting: 10

60867 (FA63-R9999-N-G): Educational Campaign about Hewlett

Packard: ADCA Page #741

Membership: 70; Present: 58; Votes For: 38; Votes Against: 17; Not Voting: 3

60046 (FA89-NonDis-N-G): Carbon Emissions Offsetting: ADCA Page #728

Membership: 70; Present: 56; Votes For: 38; Votes Against: 7; Not Voting: 11

60675 (FA71-NonDis-N-!-G): Establish a Human Rights Investment Advisory Committee: ADCA Page #729

Membership: 70; Present: 56; Votes For: 43; Votes Against: 7; Not Voting: 6

60759 (FA68-NonDis-N-G): Petroleum and Natural Gas Investment Policy: ADCA Page #729

Membership: 70; Present: 56; Votes For: 48; Votes Against: 8; Not Voting: 0

60938 (FA73-NonDis-N-!-G): Swahili Translation: ADCA Page #731

Membership: 70; Present: 56; Votes For: 32; Votes Against: 16; Not Voting: 8

General Administration

60545 (GA29-¶715-N-G): General Agency Staff: ADCA Page #800

Membership: 80; Present: 64; Votes For: 50; Votes Against: 14; Not Voting: 0

60575 (GA24-¶715-N-G): Eliminate Conflict of Interest: ADCA Page #800

Membership: 80; Present: 65; Votes For: 40; Votes Against: 25; Not Voting: 0

60616 (GA28-¶404.2-N-G): Number of Bishops: ADCA Page #1146

Membership: 80; Present: 66; Votes For: 51; Votes Against: 15; Not Voting: 0

60929 (GA42-¶705-N-\$-G): Representation on General Church Bodies: ADCA Page #793

Membership: 80; Present: 66; Votes For: 51; Votes Against: 15; Not Voting: 0

60951 (GA45-¶437-N-G): Plan UMC Revised - OCUIR: ADCA Page #1159

Membership: 80; Present: 64; Votes For: 56; Votes Against: 8; Not Voting: 0

60171 (GA26-NonDis-N-G): Beyond Resolutions to Environmental Action: ADCA Page #804

Membership: 80; Present: 64; Votes For: 48; Votes Against: 16; Not Voting: 0

60032 (GM29-¶1309-N-G): Missionary Standards: ADCA Page #851

Membership: 80; Present: 67; Votes For: 50; Votes Against: 16; Not Voting: 1

60730 (GM23-¶1330.1e-N-G): Clarify UM Association Relationship with GBGM: ADCA Page #854

Membership: 80; Present: 67; Votes For: 59; Votes Against: 3; Not Voting: 5

60732 (GM27-¶1900-N): UM Association of Health and Welfare Ministries: ADCA Page #854

Membership: 80; Present: 67; Votes For: 55; Votes Against: 10; Not Voting: 2

60964 (GM55-¶633-N-G): Permissiveness in AC Structure - CBGM:

ADCA Page #850

Membership: 80; Present: 55; Votes For: 49; Votes Against: 5; Not Voting: 1

60322 (GM43-R3107-N): Deletion: ADCA Page #862

Membership: 80; Present: 62; Votes For: 55; Votes Against: 3; Not Voting: 4

60323 (GM44-R4131-N): Deletion: ADCA Page #869

Membership: 80; Present: 62; Votes For: 59; Votes Against: 1; Not Voting: 2

60325 (GM45-R5034-N): Deletion: ADCA Page #869

Membership: 80; Present: 62; Votes For: 57; Votes Against: 2; Not Voting: 3

60326 (GM46-R6011-N): Deletion: ADCA Page #869

Membership: 80; Present: 62; Votes For: 59; Votes Against: 0; Not Voting: 3

60537 (GM42-R6148-N): Readopt Resolution: ADCA Page #266

Membership: 80; Present: 63; Votes For: 44; Votes Against: 7; Not Voting: 12

60599 (GM32-NonDis-N-G): Withdraw UMC from Coalition: ADCA Page #857

Membership: 80; Present: 69; Votes For: 35; Votes Against: 29; Not Voting: 5

61047 (GM60-NonDis-N-G): Eliminate Church Funding of Anti-Israel BDS

Membership: 80; Present: 55; Votes For: 30; Votes Against: 24; Not Voting: 1

Independent Commissions

60866 (IC44-R9999-N-G): Same Sex Marriage in United Methodist Churches: ADCA Page #1183

Membership: 49; Present: 42; Votes For: 26; Votes Against: 16; Not Voting: 0

60926 (IC43-R9999-N-G): Confronting Twenty-First-Century Anti-Semitism: ADCA Page #1183

Membership: 49; Present: 41; Votes For: 32; Votes Against: 9; Not Voting: 0

60598 (IC42-NonDis-N-G): Ecumenical Funding: ADCA Page #1170

Membership: 49; Present: 41; Votes For: 27; Votes Against: 14; Not Voting: 0

Judicial Administration

60382 (JA24-¶363.1a-N-G): Definition of Complaint: ADCA Page #1142

Membership: 60; Present: 53; Votes For: 26; Votes Against: 23; Not Voting: 4

60391 (JA19-¶2701.5-N-G): Just Resolution Before and After Referral to Counsel for the Church: ADCA Page #1015

Membership: 60; Present: 53; Votes For: 34; Votes Against: 16; Not Voting: 3

60547 (JA37-¶363.1e-N-G): Limit Dismissal of Complaints: ADCA Page #1143

Membership: 60; Present: 49; Votes For: 44; Votes Against: 5; Not Voting: 0

60762 (JA34-¶2702.1-N-G): Removing Practice of Homosexuality

From List of Chargeable Offenses: ADCA Page #1019

Membership: 60; Present: 49; Votes For: 29; Votes Against: 19; Not Voting: 1

60933 (JA23-¶2702-N-G): Define Fiscal Malfeasance: ADCA Page #1018

Membership: 60; Present: 53; Votes For: 45; Votes Against: 6; Not Voting: 2

61014 (JA27-¶500-N): Organic Jurisdictional Solution – Jurisdictional Judicial Courts: ADCA Page #1008

Membership: 60; Present: 53; Votes For: 48; Votes Against: 3; Not Voting: 2

60212 (JA25-¶55-N-\$-G): Global Church Structure - Judiciary: ADCA Page #1005

Membership: 60; Present: 53; Votes For: 42; Votes Against: 8; Not Voting: 3

60988 (JA26-¶55-N-!-G): Global Connectional Conference - Judiciary: ADCA Page #1006

Membership: 60; Present: 53; Votes For: 45; Votes Against: 4; Not Voting: 4

Local Church

60021 (LC6-¶228-N-G): Accurate Membership Statistics: ADCA Page #1036

Membership: 69; Present: 65; Votes For: 43; Votes Against: 20; Not Voting: 2

60022 (LC7-¶228-N-G): Accurate Membership Statistics: ADCA Page #1036

Membership: 69; Present: 65; Votes For: 43; Votes Against: 19; Not Voting: 3

60023 (LC5-¶228-N-G): Accurate Membership Statistics: ADCA Page #1036

Membership: 69; Present: 65; Votes For: 45; Votes Against: 18; Not Voting: 2

60055 (LC13-¶258.2-N-G): PPRC Membership on Multiple-Point Charges: ADCA Page #1041

Membership: 69; Present: 65; Votes For: 36; Votes Against: 24; Not Voting: 5

60056 (LC2-¶244-N-G): PPRC for Charge: ADCA Page #1037

Membership: 69; Present: 65; Votes For: 45; Votes Against: 17; Not Voting: 3

60071 (LC9-¶221.1-N-G): Accountability: ADCA Page #1036

Membership: 69; Present: 63; Votes For: 44; Votes Against: 17; Not Voting: 2

60210 (LC15-¶258.2a-N-G): PPRC Membership: ADCA Page #1041

Membership: 69; Present: 65; Votes For: 48; Votes Against: 13; Not Voting: 4

60607 (LC4-¶214-N-G): Membership: ADCA Page #1035

Membership: 69; Present: 65; Votes For: 46; Votes Against: 16; Not Voting: 3

60608 (LC18-¶251.3-N-G): Chairperson of Administrative Council: ADCA Page #1038

Membership: 69; Present: 63; Votes For: 57; Votes Against: 5; Not Voting: 1

60609 (LC19-¶251.1-N-G): Chairperson of Administrative Council:

ADCA Page #1037

Membership: 69; Present: 63; Votes For: 52; Votes Against: 10; Not Voting: 1

60610 (LC3-¶251.3-N-G): Council Chair Attendance at SPRC: ADCA Page #1038

Membership: 69; Present: 65; Votes For: 54; Votes Against: 8; Not Voting: 3

60611 (LC11-¶258.4-N-G): Financial Accountability: ADCA Page #1042

Membership: 69; Present: 65; Votes For: 48; Votes Against: 15; Not Voting: 2

60713 (LC8-¶244.3-N-G): Church Council: ADCA Page #1037

Membership: 69; Present: 65; Votes For: 48; Votes Against: 13; Not Voting: 4

60009 (LC32-R3392-N-G): Rural Communities in Crisis: ADCA

Page #366

Membership: 69; Present: 63; Votes For: 56; Votes Against: 6; Not Voting: 1

60010 (LC35-R3393-N-G): Readopt Resolution: ADCA Page #366
Membership: 69; Present: 63; Votes For: 30; Votes Against: 28; Not Voting: 5

Ministry and Higher Education/Superintendency

60507 (MH55-¶324-N-G): Study of Ministry – Reshaping Ordination Process: ADCA Page #1098

Membership: 97; Present: 81; Votes For: 58; Votes Against: 23; Not Voting: 0

60787 (MH43-¶341.6-N-G): Deletion: ADCA Page #1130

Membership: 97; Present: 77; Votes For: 39; Votes Against: 38; Not Voting: 060677-CA-¶160.F-G: Science and Technology: ADCA Page # 190

Not Calendared Items - Not Considered

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60705-CA-¶163.E-G: Uplifting the Poor: ADCA Page # 191

60753-CA-R1026-G: Environmental Stewardship: Our Shared Ecumenical Environmental Witness: ADCA Page # 207

60754-CA-R1026-G: Environmental Stewardship: Our Shared Ecumenical Environmental Witness: ADCA Page # 207

60181-CA-R1027-G: God's Creation and the Church: ADCA Page # 207

60423-CA-R3426-G: Deletion: ADCA Page # 371

60461-CA-R4054: Deletion: ADCA Page # 217

60270-CA-R4093: Readopt Resolution: ADCA Page # 222

60456-CA-R4111: Readopt Resolution: ADCA Page # 222

60424-CA-R4133: Deletion: ADCA Page # 223

60426-CA-R4136: Deletion: ADCA Page # 225

60207-CA-R5052-G: Readopt Resolution: ADCA Page # 229

60345-CA-R5061-G: Prayer and Support for Members of the Armed Forces and Veterans: ADCA Page # 229

60540-CA-R5061-G: Readopt Resolution: ADCA Page # 229

60346-CA-R5062: Deletion: ADCA Page # 229

60347-CA-R5063-G: Readopt Resolution: ADCA Page # 230

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60434-CA-R6023-G: Deletion: ADCA Page # 231

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60757-CA-R6111-G: Deletion: ADCA Page # 246

60758-CA-R6111-G: Opposition to Israeli Settlements in Palestinian Land: ADCA Page # 246

60415-CA-R6113-G: Saying No to Violence in Middle East Con-

flict: ADCA Page # 246

60438-CA-R6133-G: Deletion: ADCA Page # 261

60349-CA-R6136-G: Deletion: ADCA Page # 265

60441-CA-R6146-G: Deletion: ADCA Page # 266

60417-CA-R6150-G: Crimes Against Humanity, Genocide, and War Crimes: ADCA Page # 266

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60443-CA-R6152-G: Deletion: ADCA Page # 267

60176-CA-R9999-G: To End the "War on Drugs": ADCA Page # 267

60177-CA-R9999-G: Enforce the Nonproliferation Treaty: ADCA Page # 268

60217-CA-R9999-G: Abolition of Nuclear Weapons: ADCA Page # 268

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60552-CA-R9999-G: Extractive Industries: ADCA Page # 292

60553-CA-R9999-G: Styrofoam Containers: ADCA Page # 292

60693-CA-R9999: Employment and Criminal History: ADCA Page # 292

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60842-CA-R9999-G: Evolutionary Scientific Thinking: ADCA Page # 294

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60199-CB-¶161-G: Bullying: ADCA Page # 299

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DOROTHEE ELISABETH BENZ (New York): Point of order! Several of us have put in our names in the queue to speak on this motion.

BISHOP WARD: I'm sorry. They popped up. We cleared, we cleared the queue in the earlier conversation and when I asked for

(pause)

BISHOP WARD: Your name had been in for some time, and we cleared this when we moved to consider the Rule 44.

BENZ: We just put it in like two minutes ago. Like a minute ago. Like when you said, "We are now ready to vote on this," we entered it.

BISHOP WARD: I will certainly turn again to the body. If you would, if you would allow for conversation debate on this, would you lift a hand? If you would. Let's use the devices.

JENNIFER ELLON IHLO: Point of order.

BISHOP WARD: Point of order? Mic. 2. Yes?

IHLO (Baltimore-Washington): Bishop, my name is Jen Ihlo. I'm with the Baltimore-Washington Conference. I'm a lay delegate. I have actually had a request in to raise a point of order for some time now. I wanted to draw the chair's attention to Rule 6. I think part of the problem is the use of the tablets. They say that if the rule specifically says if the tablets are not working, you can use your placard. This gentleman here has had a card up for some time now and has never been recognized, and

I did see somebody walk away with the tablet from their table, so I'd ask the presiding officer to be mindful to recognize some of these placards and not completely rely on the tablets, and the rules allow for that, Rule 6. Thank you.

BISHOP WARD: Thank you for your help.

(pause)

BISHOP WARD: Please prepare your voting devices to decide whether we will continue to debate. If, if you wish to allow for debate,

(pause)

BISHOP WARD: I have two other points of order. Mic. 2. Sergey Kim, and Douglas Damron, Mic. 4. Would you please come to the mics?

(pause)

BISHOP WARD: No one is coming to two. Mic. 4 please.

DOUGLAS ALAN DAMRON (West Ohio): Yes, bishop, I suggest moving ahead. Can the chair let us know when the queue is being cleared?

BISHOP WARD: Yes, I thought I said the queue is being cleared. Perhaps I did not. I believe I did. I said we are clearing the queue. The queue becomes very long in the course of this conversation. For transparency, there were fifteen/twenty requests to speak in the queue when we cleared it. Mic. 2.

SERGEY KIM: (speech in Korean)

BISHOP WARD: Could you pause for, could you pause for just a moment? My apologies, I speak only English. I'm not hearing translation. We just want to make sure that it's being translated.

(pause)

BISHOP WARD: Now, could you try again?

KIM (simultaneous interpretation): My name is Sergey, I am Sergey Kim. I am from Central Conference. I am a lay person. It was day number two when I wanted to use the tablet, and I wanted to say my opinion about Rule 44. So, only yesterday, I had some issues with tablet, but I had no chance to say. I had a suggestion about the Rule 44 amendments, but today we already voting to accept the Rule 44. So, today I wanted to say to refer the Rule 44. I was in the queue, but I was not called. So, thank you to my sister, and to the Rule no. 6, and I have a chance to say my opinion. I have an objection on presiding chair. They need to consider all opinions of delegates. We need to work on Rule 44. So, official said that they are for accepting the Rule 44. I have some amendments to the Rule 44, but I did not have a chance to make those amendments in the list for discussion.

BISHOP WARD: We thank you. I would like to suggest. Well, I would like to confess, that we moved too quickly it seems into a vote on Rule 44. My eye was this way, and I am not at all sure that there were not names on the queue, and so I would ask that the body enter into a time according to our rules where we could have a minimum of two speeches for and against, maximum of three for and against before we vote on Rule 44.

The question that you just raised, relative to amending Rule 44, however, I would rule that out of order because we have had the amendments proposed yesterday, the

Commission has worked on those, has come back and at the beginning of this conversation together, this dialogue, this debate, said that we would vote up or down but not amend Rule 44. But thank you for your point of order.

IVAN CECIL JAMES (Missouri): Point of order. Point of order. Right here.

BISHOP WARD: I have point of orders in the queue, Lydia Munoz mic. 6, Reynaldo Hernandez mic. 6, no I'm sorry, Reynaldo Hernandez mic. 2, and We Chang mic. 6. If you would go to those microphones. If you have a point of order and you enter it, it will come to the top. It will come to the top of the queue.

JAMES: I'm at no. six. No. six here.

BISHOP WARD: Could you state your name please?

JAMES: My name is Ivan James. I'm a layperson out of Missouri. It appears to me that these machinery is causing us a lot of difficulties and anxiety which we may not need. It appears to me that it also gives those who may not be astute technologically to be able to get in the queue at the same time be able to express themselves. It appears that we are at a stage here where we are just so intense and so unsure where we want to go that we need kinda just think about what we're, what this is all about. I think Bishop, yesterday, talked about a thing called trust and obey.

BISHOP WARD: Could you state your point of order.

JAMES: I did. I'd like to suggest, maybe make a motion that from this point on, and particularly as relates to those, those computer pads, that we disregard those and go to the plaque, those little cards from this point on.

BISHOP WARD: I'm afraid that's out of order. You requested a point of order not a motion. We have

three others. Mic. 6, please. Lydia Munoz, mic.6.

LYDIA ESTHER MUNOZ (Eastern Pennsylvania): Yes, thank you Bishop. Lydia Munoz, Eastern Penn Conference. This is a question of clarification. If the committee can clarify for me what the safety parameters are around the small groups. I'm concerned about people sharing information that is sensitive and really deep in the heart and I don't know what those safety features are.

JUDITH MODLIN KENASTON (West Virginia): [GC Commission Chair] The small groups would be under our regular rules of open meetings, and so they would be observed. In terms of sharing within the groups, that the small group leaders and the monitors would enable us to move forward on that conversation. That's, those, those are the parameters that we have put in place. Closing the information is not, has not been a popular idea; closing the sessions. There's been several requests to have them to be open and that is the Commission's, that is the Commission's intention. But as I stated earlier it, that sounds a little bit like you're referring to legislation, rather than the rule.

BISHOP WARD: Mic. 2. Reynaldo Hernandez.

REYNALDO BUCACAO HERNADEZ (Rizal Philippines East): Thank you Bishop. I'm Reynaldo Hernandes from Philippine Central Conference. My point is a point of clarification and I wish to speak in Tagalog and need interpreter. *(Simultaneous interpretation begins)* I, what I'm driving at is the process of our small groups. First point, how many possible groups are there and how many groups under, is there a capacity for installed interpreter for each group? They really need quality of numbers of interpreters for us to understand.

BISHOP WARD: Thank you for your question.

KENASTON: The groups would be up to fifteen. The Secretary of the General Conference and the business manager would assign those groups with a, looking at the language needs and the interpretation needs within the individual groups. They know the languages that are spoken. They know the delegates and so that they would be assigned in advance for that procedure and that has been done.

BISHOP WARD: We Chang, mic. 6.

WE HYUN CHANG (New England): We Chang New England Conference, clergy. Bishop, I have choosed to speak for the motion before you made a rule about debate, and then I made a point of order and when I tried to remove myself from the queue it asked me to remove not to select but both of it. So I couldn't, ya know, choose one child over the other, so can I speak for or go back and wait for the turn?

(Bishop confers on stage)

BISHOP WARD: We did not vote the question so let us move into this time of debate. Mic. 6, do you wish to speak more?

CHANG: Yes.

BISHOP WARD: Go ahead. Please enter the queue again if it's a parliamentary point of order.

CHANG: Can I speak?

BISHOP WARD: Is, if that is a point of order would you please come to the mic? If you cannot use your pad. And we also have a –
RUDOLPH J. MERAB (Liberia): Bishop, Rudolph Merab Liberia Area. I believe we debated this issue yesterday before we start to go back to the committee. I been on my pad for the last 30 minutes and you say I'm still there to call a question. And that's why the pads seems not to be working and we need to do something.

(Bishop confers on stage)

BISHOP WARD: Give me just a moment please.

(Bishop confers on stage)

BISHOP WARD: The queue verifies that he has been attempting to call the question. If you would call the question, would you lift a hand.

(pause)

BISHOP WARD: If you would—My apologies. My apologies. Old habits die hard. Would you please use your voting machines? If you would call the question, would you vote, in just a moment. Yes. If you would call the question—point of order. Yes. Mic. 2.

RUKANG CHIKOMB (North-West Katanga): Bishop, Rukang Chikomb, North-West Katanga. We are confused.

(laughter)

CHIKOMB: We are very, very confused. For some of us who come from far away, sleeping time right now, and we are so confused. What are we doing right now?

(applause)

BISHOP WARD: To call the question means that we will vote on all that's before us, that we will vote on Rule 44 in a moment, if we are ready. This is a vote that says we want to vote now, that we want to vote now without further discussion. And so, this has been moved. The question has been called.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 1: Point of order.

BISHOP WARD: Go ahead.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Have there been two speeches for and two speeches against? Otherwise, the call is out of order.

BISHOP WARD: Not since it's come back with the amendments.

(Bishop confers on stage)

BISHOP WARD: There are cards, and there are many people seeking to enter the queue, and I realize that our friend's comment about confusion is the reality, in terms of the ways in which we have engaged and the way that we now engage with the voting machines. I would ask that the body follow the rules, which are that we will have two speeches for and two against, minimal, three maximum, and then we will vote, after we have had an opportunity for people speak for or against Rule 44. This could be interpreted other ways. Speeches were made yesterday, but we have not had speeches since the amend—since we have reconvened around the adjustments of Rule 44 presented by the committee. So, are there any persons, and in the queue, we—

WE HYUN CHANG (New England): Bishop, I'm still here. I'm not dead. Point, Bishop—

BISHOP WARD: Mic. 2. Yes.

CHANG: Point of order, Bishop.

KHEN SU KIM (Northwest Russia Provisional): Bishop, yes. My name is Khen Su Kim. I am from Northwest Russia Provisional Annual Conference. I really confused about the speech from the pulpit, because in the line 1120, says in the one small group will create more than 15 members. If the group will be create, if will create only 15 groups, it mean that 57 members will be in one group. It's imposs—

BISHOP WARD: Is this, is this a speech against Rule 44?

KIM: Yes. Yeah.

BISHOP WARD: Proceed.

KIM: Yeah.

BISHOP WARD: Do you want to say anything else?

KIM: And so, if the—can I speak in Russian?

BISHOP WARD: Certainly.

KIM (simultaneous translation from Russian): We have just 15

groups to debate those petitions, then 57 people (*unintelligible*) sure that all the citizen, people could be heard during the discussion.

BISHOP WARD: My apologies. My—

(Bishop confers on stage)

KIM: Can I, can I speak again?

BISHOP WARD: For clarification—

KIM: Yeah.

BISHOP WARD: Let the chair of the committee respond, but we receive this as a speech against, but—

KENNASTON: The committee, the groups would have 15 or less individuals. There could be, I think, 58, 60 groups. I'm not sure of the exact number, but they would have less than, 15 or less members, not 57 members in one group.

BISHOP WARD: Is there anyone who wishes to speak for? Mic.—I'm sorry. Speaking for (*unintelligible*)—

CHANG: Bishop, point of order. I have been waiting here. You asked me to speak for. Point of order, Bishop.

DOROTHEE ELISABETH BENZ (New York): Point of order.

BISHOP WARD: Yes.

BENZ: Could we request that you read us who was in the queue? That might help clarify why some of us have or haven't been able to speak.

BISHOP WARD: There are many more in the queue than will have opportunity to speak, just as in the former days, there were many more with cards in the air. We now have eight people who wish to speak for and nine people who wish to speak against. We have—

BENZ: Could you let us know who they are, so we know whether we're in the queue or not?

BISHOP WARD: I do not believe we can do that. We have four people who wish to speak to parlia-

mentary inquiry or points of order. I'll ask them to come to the mics., please. Margie Briggs at mic. 6; Mark Norman at mic. 6; Khen Kim, 2; and Gideon Salatan, 3. And then, I would like to inquire of the house, we are past the time for the break. We need to break, but let's hear these points of order, and then we will break and return. Yes, go ahead. Mic. 6.

MARGIE MARIE BRIGGS

(Missouri): Margie Briggs from the Missouri Conference, and I believe our rules say that we can stop and pray, and I believe we're confusing God at this point.

(laughter)

BRIGGS: So, can we just pray?

BISHOP WARD: Yes, we can.

Let's—may we hear these other three, and then we will pray as we break.

MARK KELLY NORMAN

(Arkansas): I concur. Mark Norman, Arkansas Annual Conference. I concur with the sister from Missouri.

BISHOP WARD: Mic. 6. I'm sorry. Mic. 2. I think We, he's already spoken. Mic. 3.

GIDEON CAMANGAG SALATAN (Northeast Philippines): Thank you, Bishop, I am Gideon Salatan from the Northeast Philippines Annual Conference. We are in parliamentary quandary. We are not aware of what we are doing now. Why? Because there is already a motion for the previous question, and this means that the gentleman asking for the previous question desires to stop the debate, and we have to vote for this, Bishop. This motion requires a 2/3 vote for us to decide whether or not we vote the previous question. And Bishop, I submit this advice, for us to end this quandary. Thank you.

(pause)

BISHOP WARD: The question was called. Two-thirds vote would

sustain the motion to call the question. Would you please take out your voting pads? To call the question. To call the question, means to vote on all that is before us relative to Rule 44. It is not voting on the rule, it is voting on whether or not to vote on Rule 44. Will you call the question now, or do you prefer more debate of the body? Yes. Yes. Let us pray.

(pause)

Prayer Intervention

BISHOP WARD: How precious is your steadfast love, O God. All people may rest within the shadow of your wings. They feast at the abundance of your table; they drink from the wellsprings of your great delight. For with you is life and light. Be with us life, light, water, moving spirit, eternal God. Help us in these moments to still the anxieties which arise and fill our hearts with the courage of the Holy Spirit and the peace that you alone give. Let us be not afraid. Let us be courageous. Let us love one another. May we do no harm. May we do good. And may we stay in love with God. Amen.

If you would move the question, in other words, if you would vote that you are ready to vote, would you vote yes. If not, vote no. Vote now, please. *[Yes, 719; No, 93]*

We are ready then to vote on Rule 44.

BISHOP WARD: A yellow card is to move the previous question?

CHARLES PARKER: A point of order.

BISHOP WARD: OK, what is your point of order?

CHARLES PARKER: Charles Parker

BISHOP WARD: Name please.

CHARLES PARKER: Baltimore-Washington Conference, clergy. I think my colleague, Jen Ihlo, pointed out we can't have a motion to cut off debate before we have had

two arguments for and against. We still haven't had the two arguments for and against. So I am not sure how we are voting again to call the question?

BISHOP WARD: A two-thirds vote sustains, over, overrides, a two-thirds vote.

PARKER: A two-thirds vote overrides the rules? 'Cause the rules we haven't had a motion to suspend the rules, and Rule 7 states that we have to have two speeches for and two speeches against.

(Bishops conferring on stage)

BISHOP WARD: The time for our break has come, and we have prayed (laughter). So, we will have a twenty-minute break, and then we will reconvene, and we will begin from this moment when we return (protests). I realize many of you would like to proceed. I just want to be very, very careful about the actions we just took and how we did that. We will be back in twenty minutes. Have a good break.

(break)

(pause)

BISHOP HOPE MORGAN WARD: We welcome each of you back to complete the business that is before us. Let us pause before God.

Calm and center our spirits, eternal God, that we might know ourselves as your people, that we might love you well, and that we might do your will in this moment and always. This is our earnest prayer. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We voted overwhelmingly to call the question. I have a number of people in the queue who would like to move to suspend the rules. I will call on Eric Park, Mic. 6. One of these names and a list of about eight people seeking to suspend the rules. Mic. 6.

ERIC STEPHEN PARK (Western Pennsylvania): Thank you, thank you, Bishop. Eric Park, Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference, and I would like to move the suspension of Rule 6. And, I'm looking at p. 77 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, line 691, 690 actually. Directions for securing the plenary floor, and I am moving to suspend Rule 6 for the duration of the 2016 General Conference, and if there is a second, I will speak to that.

BISHOP WARD: You may speak to it.

PARK: More specifically, I am moving that instead of it reading a delegate desiring to speak to the conference shall use the tablet at the table, I am recommending that it be a delegation desiring to speak to the conference use the provided placards at the table to make a request to speak, and my reason for that is that if it's true that we see through a glass dimly on this side of eternity, then I don't think our technology is helping us to clean the glass. If anything, it's making the glass dirtier, and if we return to the placards, that might help to restore the integrity of the communication that we so desperately need if our Christian conferencing is going to honor the one who calls us.

BISHOP WARD: There is no debate. If you would suspend the rule, would you lift a hand? I am sorry. My apologies. If you would suspend the rules, please take out your voting machines and vote yes to suspend; no to not suspend.

(pause)

BISHOP WARD: The rule is suspended, and we—[Yes, 499; no, 305]

(Bishop conferring on the stage)

BISHOP WARD: Just one moment.

(Bishop conferring on the stage)

BISHOP WARD: It is not suspended. It required two-thirds. We have voted overwhelming to move to the main motion that is before us which is the adoption of Rule 44. Since we have done that overwhelmingly, let us bring order to this by having two speeches for and two against according to our rules, and I will call on you from the queue, which we emptied and have reloaded as we began this session. So if you wish to speak for or against Rule 44, would you please enter your name in the queue, and indicate whether you would like to speak for or against Rule 44. We will vote after. Dorothee Benz, mic. 6 wishes to speak for. Jerry Kulah wishes to speak against at mic. 6. Then, Jill Wondel at mic 6. Will you please take your places at the mics.? And then, Edwin Momoh, mic. 6. That's two and two. Mic. 6, Dorothee?

DOROTHEE ELSABETH BENZ (New York): Thank you. It's with some trepidation I am going to speak in favor of Rule 40—

BISHOP WARD: Mic. 6? Sorry about that.

BENZ: It's with some trepidation that I'm gonna speak in favor of Rule 44. I'm dismayed that the amendments were rejected and that LGBTQ people who are gonna be in these small groups might be exposed to complaints and charges filed against them, simply for being honest about who—

BISHOP WARD: Dorothee—

BENZ: Who they are and what they think.

BISHOP WARD: Dorothee, I need to pause at this moment to remind us all that this is a two-step process. At present we are only voting—

BENZ: I, but, but, my—

BISHOP WARD: On whether, on whether, not on the topic. Not on the topic.

BENZ: No, but my, my support for it and my hesitation within that support is tied to what it might be used for, so I think that is in order. So, but, notwithstanding that trepidation, I think Rule 44 is the best chance we have to try to have an honest conversation. To try to move past this fear of talking about LGBTQ people. Fear of talking about conversations—

BISHOP WARD: Dorothee—

BENZ: That divide us.

BISHOP WARD: I, I, I regret, but I have to call you out of order because this is not on the topic. It is on the rule—

BENZ: I, yes, I know—

BISHOP WARD: And you are speaking to the topic.

BENZ: No, I'm speaking on the rule—

BISHOP WARD: Please—

BENZ: Because I think it gives us a chance to talk about controversial subjects.

Confusion Between Rule 44 Structure and Application

BISHOP WARD: Well, please yield to the next speaker. Mic. 6, Jerry Kulah. Again, let's all keep in mind at this point we are debating the rule itself which may or may not be used for any subject, and there, we need to not be confused that in adopting this rule that we would be, that's a next step in terms of whether it would be used at this general conference or subsequent general conferences. So, please speak only to the rule itself. The adoption of the rule itself, not to any applications of it. Mic 6.

JERRY PAYE-MANFLOE KULAH (Liberia): Well, thank you very much. This is Jerry Kulah, clergy, Liberia Annual Conference. I stand to speak against Rule 44 for three major reasons. No. 1: this rule, as much it was decided in 2012 that other means to be identified by

which we may carry out very good discussions here at General Conference, this rule was never tried or tested in any central conference or annual conference within the central conference. Only for us to come here, and see something that we are asked to ascribe to. No. 2: while we in Africa appreciate the power of hot discussions, the power of hot discussions also provides room for our disagreements. But, Rule 44 does not provide any room for discussing our disagreements, except that everyone would talk, and then, you listen to each other, and you have a few group of people who are going to deciding for us, and as a church I believe the Bible, while we ascribe to four different fellows, the Bible remains our final authority for faith and practice. But as I read through the rule, I see no place where the Bible is even referenced. Everything is built around mission, unity, identitive feelings, and all of that. Because of this, I stand to vote against Rule 44. Thank you very much.

(applause)

BISHOP WARD: Jill Wondel. Please let us not applaud. Please let us not applaud, but remain in a spirit of calm discernment. Jill Wondel mic. 6 please, speaking—

BISHOP WARD: —Wondel. Please let us not applaud. Please let us not applaud, but remain in a spirit of calm discernment. Jill Wondel, mic. 6, please, speaking for Rule 44.

JILL ALISON WONDEL (Missouri): Bishop, Jill Wondel from the Missouri Annual Conference. In 2012, we know that this body sensed a need for change in the way we discuss difficult and controversial topics. So, we asked a diverse group of people to discern the kind of change we might make. This group faithfully sacrificed four years of their time, effort, and energy to do exactly as we requested. And so, now, they're

bringing us a change, and change is hard, and change is uncertain, and change is scary. And so, it's easy for us to want to vote no, because of all the small things we might find wrong, all the things that might concern us, all the ways it might not go right. But, God has not given us a spirit of fear, and God never calls someone, in our Scriptures, to stay in a safe place. God came to Moses, and he didn't say, "Great job being a shepherd. You just keep on doin' that." God didn't come to Mary and say, "Congratulations on your upcoming wedding." And so, perhaps, even in the midst of our fear and our uncertainty, we should ask this body to trust the hard work of the committee and vote yes and then see what God will do. Thank you.

BISHOP WARD: Edwin Momoh, mic 6.

EDWIN JULIAS JEBLAR B. MOMOH (Sierra Leone): Bishop, Edwin Momoh, clergy delegate from the Sierra Leone Annual Conference. I speak against the adoption of Rule 44. I tried looking at Rule 44, even with my limited knowledge of and my limited way of understanding things, and I looked at it very carefully *vis-à-vis* the *Robert's Rule of Order*. At the end of the day, I realized that at all of it, both Rule 44 and *Robert's Rule of Order*, will be coming back to plenary, and if that is the case, then it does not really amount to anything, because all of us as a body, at the end of the day, will have to decide whether or not, on the way forward, in adopting certain or discussing certain issues that are controversial. I do agree that change is difficult. I do agree that change can be very painful, and because change is painful, I would rather suggest that we be very careful in the discernment process. As we can see from the floor of conference, even the rule itself, discerning it, had become very, very difficult for us, and

therefore, if change can be difficult, it does need some time, some more discerning process, and this is the reason for which I say that we do not adopt Rule 44. Thank you.

BISHOP WARD: Terri Chattin, mic. 2, wishes to speak for adoption of Rule 44. Mic. 2.

TERRI RAE CHATTIN (Baltimore-Washington): Terri Rae Chattin, clergy, Baltimore-Washington Conference. My first General Conference was in 1988 as a young adult. I actually had long, red hair then. I'm back here today, and I'm ready for a new thing.

In 2012, we did ask the commission to come up with a new way to go and proceed, and they put a lot of time and effort in it. I know they've made a lot of preparations. And I would say, one of the reasons why I want a new thing, and I'm ready to go, in our own annual conference, we tried a new thing. It was about three years ago. We tried small groups. We called them circles of grace, where we came together and we discussed controversial issues or issues that we knew that we would have differences of opinion on. And, I want to admit I was asked to be one of the facilitators. I agreed to do that, but I have to say that I went in there thinking, "I don't think this is gonna work." But it did, much to our surprise, much my surprise, and actually, after it was over, it was overwhelmingly positive for the whole annual conference. In fact, the next year, we did the same thing.

We took a year, we perfected a few things that needed—you know, we're moving on to perfection. We perfected it, we used it again, and we made it actually part of our rules of the conference, that we can use that kind of conversation. What I found, what surprised me the most, was that in the small groups where I've met, I've had these preconceived ideas, I guess, about certain individuals and

what they thought or how they might vote or what their perceptions were, and I was very surprised at times that I was totally wrong. When I had a chance to really listen, I found out something totally different, and I think maybe for some of them, they found out something totally different about me, and the reasons for my, the way I think, or the way I might decide. So, I would just say that ready for a new thing, and I do hope that we move Rule 44 to be part of our way of operating as a General Conference.

BISHOP WARD: We've now heard two speeches for and two speeches against the adoption of Rule 44. Would you please take out your voting machines? My apologies. We will hear from the committee. Thank you. Final statement from the commission.

JUDITH MODLIN KENASTON (West Virginia): The Commission on the General Conference was requested in 2012 to bring an alternative way to process legislation. We believe that the process we are presenting fulfills what was requested of us and would be a benefit to the General Conference. It allows every member of the plenary to have an input into legislation, and it does allow for every person to express their agreement or disagreement with the group process. By five votes, we have set a very high bar for this legislation, which is coming from the committee, to require a 2/3 majority. I ask you not to vote against Rule 44 because you don't want to use it with a specific legislation that's proposed. You get another chance to do that. This is the time to approve a tool for our General Conference process. The rule is not about any one set of legislation. This is the vote for you to allow the future Commission of the General Conference to plan, refine, and implement the rule, a process that allows us to listen to each other

and to allow the Holy Spirit to move among us. Voting yes on Rule 44 shows that we, as a General Conference, want to have an alternative way to discuss legislation.

Rule 44 Final Ballot

BISHOP WARD: Thank you. It's now time to vote and please, please be very, very clear this is the adoption of the Rule as a tool which could be used; it is not tied to any particular conversation around any particular topic. It would approve it as a rule, a tool to be used. If you would adopt Rule 44 would you vote; if not would you vote no. Please vote now.

(motion to adopt Rule 44; yes - 355; no - 477)

BISHOP WARD Rule 44 is not adopted. We want to thank the Commission on the General Conference for the work which they have done faithfully on our behalf.

(applause)

BISHOP WARD: And as in all of our life together our efforts on behalf of the mission of Jesus Christ and the world are never, never wasted. Seeds are planted for future reaping. We are at a point now of adjournment so that we might go to our committees. Any announcements from our secretary?

L. FITZGERALD REIST (Secretary of General Conference): I have several announcements. If you were a member of the committee, the Inter-jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy, please note your dinner is in Oregon 203. Oregon Ballroom 203 for the Interjurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy. Dinner is served with your meeting. How nice. And as you leave, please take your interpretation equipment with you. You will need it in the Legislative Committee rooms. Thank you.

We are in the process of adding chairs or additional viewing space for observers for the following Legislative Committee Rooms: Global Ministry, Church and Society B and Conferences. Please have patience as the changes will not be immediate. We will be working on it throughout the day.

A number of people have asked about biographical statements. Those are needed only for the Judicial Council. They must be 100 words or less. I have received very few nominations with complete information. I cannot publish it if I don't have it. I can't contact the people if I don't have it. So if you nominated someone, please make sure you bring me the information. You can come to the front of the table of the stage at the end of the Plenary or you can bring it into my office but let me just explain time frames. We have to be able to contact people asking them for their biographical statements. They have to write them. We have to receive them by 5:00 o'clock on Friday. They must be delivered to the office of the DCA to be published on Saturday in order to be printed and be available for vote on Monday. This is a very time sensitive matter.

As a way for the General Conference to give back to our host communities, community services opportunities to work at the Oregon Food Bank and Bethlehem House of Bread, have been scheduled for next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Please sign up for a time slot that works for your schedule. Go to the Northwest Experience area outside the Exhibit Hall to learn more.

From the Central Conferences of Africa, this announcement comes to invite all delegates, observers, and staff of the 2016 General Conference to a special African worship service scheduled for this Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, 15th May, beginning at 11:30 A.M. The service will take place in

the meeting room A105 to A106. The African University Choir will be there to lead us in beautiful African gospel music. Please come and you will be blessed.

I hope any of you who took your voting pads with you have now returned them, the voting tools. Remember that though you take them with you at night. They get left here at the Convention Center. Thank you. Leave them here in this room and take your interpretation equipment with you to the rooms, the Legislative rooms.

BISHOP WARD: Bishop Kammerer will now lead us in a prayer for mid-day as we adjourn to other spaces.

BISHOP CHARLENE P. KAMMERER: Let us pray. Oh gracious God we thank you for the many ways in which we do know your presence among us and we ask that the in-breaking of your fresh gentle encouraging Holy Spirit be among us especially as we take a break, as we share food around the table, as we encourage one another in community. Give to us strength and courage to do the work we have been called to do and to remain in love with one another and with you.

We especially lift up for your healing care are brother, Bishop Kenneth Carter, who will be facing surgery this afternoon at 2:00 P.M. in the local Emanuel Hospital. We pray for Ken and for Pam, his wife; for the Florida Conference who holds him closely in their hearts and prayers; for the medical team that will be attending him. We pray for your healing mercies, a spirit of peace and calm to come upon him. We lift all of these matters and our concerns, the joys and concerns of our hearts to you. Trusting in your goodness, your mercy and your grace. Amen.

(Meeting is adjourned – we are at recess)

Friday Morning, May 13, 2016

BYRON THOMAS (North Georgia): As a tax collector, I was sitting in my workplace, minding my own business.

ALL: When Jesus came along and interrupted my life.

KIMBERLY INGRAM (Western North Carolina): As a mother with young children, I was keeping my home, minding the family's business.

ALL: When Jesus came along and interrupted my life.

TIMOTHY BRUSTER (Central Texas): As a religious authority, I was fulfilling what the Law required, minding God's business.

ALL: When Jesus came along and interrupted my life.

ALL READERS: Once Jesus calls us to follow him, our lives are never the same.

(music)

THOMAS: I thought it was enough to be good at my job.

ALL: Then, Jesus came and called me to live for the Kingdom.

INGRAM: I thought it was enough to raise my children, love my husband.

ALL: Then Jesus came and called me to live for the Kingdom.

BRUSTER: I thought it was enough to live a pure and righteous life.

ALL: Then Jesus came and called me to live for the Kingdom.

ALL READERS: Once Jesus calls us to follow him, our lives are never the same.

(music)

THOMAS: I was used to being unwelcomed, despised.

ALL: Then Jesus came and showed me God's outrageous mercy.

INGRAM: I was used to being quiet, invisible, secondary to all men.

ALL: Then Jesus came and showed me God's outrageous mercy.

BRUSTER: I was used to being respected, an honored community leader.

ALL: Then Jesus came and showed me God's outrageous mercy.

ALL READERS: Once Jesus calls us to follow him,

ALL: our lives are never the same.

(music)

BISHOP SALLY DYCK: Yes? Mic. 6, please.

SARAH WILKE (Tennessee): Sarah Wilke, Tennessee Annual Conference. I confess that I have sinned. I am not worthy of God's love.

BISHOP DYCK: Yes? Mic. 1, please.

JANICE E. NELSON (Oregon-Idaho): Jan Nelson, Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference. I confess that I have sinned. I am not worthy of God's love.

BISHOP DYCK: Yes? Mic. 4, please.

DAVID MUWAYA (East Africa): David Muwaya, East Africa Annual Conference. I confess that I have sinned. I am not worthy of God's love.

BISHOP DYCK: Yes? Mic. 3, please.

TIMOTHY BRUSTER (Central Texas): Tim Bruster, Central Texas Annual Conference. I confess that I have sinned. I am not worthy of God's love.

BISHOP DYCK: Yes? I recognize all of us.

ALL: I confess that I have sinned. I am not worthy of God's love.

(pause)

(music)

LAURA JAQUITH BARTLETT: I invite you to sing together now,

each of you in your heart language. If you know the verse that begins, “When we’ve been there ten thousand years,” please sing it, or if you prefer to, sing the first verse again.

(music)

SENGA LOKALE (East Congo) *(simultaneous interpretation)*: Along Jesus saw a man at his work collecting taxes. His name was Matthew. Jesus said, “Come along with me.” Matthew stood up and followed him.

(music)

LAURIE HALLER (West Michigan): And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick do. Go, and learn what this means. I desire mercy, not sacrifice. For, I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

BARTLETT: Mercy, mercy. Do the sign with me. Mercy, mercy, mercy. I desire mercy not sacrifice.

WILKE (Tennessee): I desire mercy, not sacrifice.

NELSON (Oregon-Idaho): I desire mercy, not sacrifice.

MUWAYA (East Africa): I desire mercy, not sacrifice.

BRUSTER (Central Texas): I desire mercy, not sacrifice.

(music)

(applause)

BISHOP SALLY DYCK: Like so many people around the world, I have been inspired and given hope by Pope Francis. Sisters, yesterday, Pope Francis said he was gonna be looking into ordaining women as deacons.

(cheers, applause)

Brothers care too. I have been challenged by the encyclical on climate change and commend it to every United Methodist church, but I think it was this fall when he announced that on the first Sunday in Advent, it would be the year of mercy that I was most inspired. He said, “Go and do mercy in all the places that you are, every Catholic.” He opened the doors of mercy and began to invite people in, in a new way. I want to be part of a church that has a year of mercy, a decade of mercy, a millennium of mercy!

(applause)

Pope Francis used this very text as his motto, “Go, learn, mercy” when he became a bishop. Any of you aspiring to be a bishop, I would commend it to you and also to all of us on the council. Go, learn, mercy. So Jesus was eating with the tax collectors and sinners. He didn’t just pick up their buttons and banners. He actually just sat down and ate with them, and as he ate with them, he had relationships with them and of course, you know, the Pharisees were upset by this. Now, the Pharisees aren’t bad people really; they were trying to revitalize their religious traditions and practices, but Jesus knew that sometimes love and compassion, justice and mercy seeped out in the process. And so he knew, and in fact, they believed, that the tax collectors were incompatible with good Jews, which means that a Jew who takes money as tax and gives it to the Romans, the oppressor, cannot be a good Jew—they’re incompatible. You understand what incompatible means; it means when two things are so opposed in character that they cannot exist together. It seems that we always have our tax collectors, and Jesus said to the Pharisees, “Go, learn, mercy.”

Now, as United Methodists, we have one category of humanity—one—that we declare to be incompatible with Christian teaching, and when I read this Gospel story, all I can say is, “That seems incompatible with Christian teaching.”

(applause)

Now, I do not believe that LGBTQ people are any more sinful than I am, but I know that not all of you think the same way, and I am not here to argue with you. I just want you to consider this fact—that we have one category of humanity that we declare to be incompatible with Christian teaching. So, in all fairness, I looked into my own life, and I thought, “Who would I be tempted to say is incompatible with Christian teaching?” Well, I didn’t have to go far. I looked into my own family.

(laughter)

It’s been a few years, but a member of my family shot and killed another member of my family and then killed himself. Murder. Gun violence. Domestic violence. I can’t begin to explain to you, describe for you, the loss, the grief, and the wake of destruction that murder has caused in my family, but I am not alone. I live in the city of Chicago. There have been over 1,200 shootings this year. Over 200 deaths from gun violence in the city of Chicago. We had one weekend we prayed that there were be no shootings. I mean we came together in a prayer vigil. It was Easter that we wanted no deaths by shooting, and we got it. Then we were looking towards Mother’s Day. Last weekend was Mother’s Day. There were fifty shootings in the city of Chicago. There were eight deaths, and as the *Chicago Tribune* said the other day, “We dread the sound of summer in Chicago, the screaming of the mothers.” The wake of destruction in

our city and our families, even in our churches, overwhelms us at times. We organize ministry around these murders because we open the doors of our churches so that children can find a place where they can be safe and not shot on their front porch. Murder—that's not incompatible with Christian teaching?

Another thing, I'm a White person. You may have noticed that.

(laughter)

BISHOP DYCK: Race is one of the first things we notice in other people.

It's how I relate to the world. It's the world relates to me. I tried to, I try to manage my behavior in that regard, but I am always in need of perfection. Our church is structured on racism.

(applause)

BISHOP DYCK: When we encounter each other in this place, especially because we don't know each other, racism is in the very air that we breathe as we do our work together. Why is racism not declared incompatible with Christian teaching?

(applause)

BISHOP DYCK: Because it might make us have different conversations? It might cause us to have different kinds of petitions? It might make all of us look at ourselves a little bit differently? It might be a challenge to our privilege? Why isn't racism incompatible?

(applause)

BISHOP DYCK: How does it exist within the gospel of Jesus Christ?

But please, don't get me wrong. I don't want to add anything to the list of incompatible. That is not my point. I want us to go learn mercy

and not have anything declared incompatible with Christian teaching in our church.

Now, some of you have heard me tell this story before, and I actually tried to avoid it, but I just couldn't. When I was a district superintendent in Ohio, I lived in a county seat town. There was a daily newspaper you could read in five minutes. And one night, I came home. I opened it up. There was a big headline. It was an activity that the First Church of God was going to have in that town, only they left the "d" off of "God." And I looked at it, and I said, "Yes! I want to be a part of the First Church of Go!"

But today, I don't feel like it's a rally call. Today, it's a prayer. It's a plea. I want to be a part of a church that is willing to go learn mercy. What part of "go" don't we get? Amen.

(applause)

(music)

(applause)

ILEANA ROSARIO ROSARIO (Virginia): God desires mercy and not sacrifice, because God is mercy.

ALL: Praise to the God of mercy.

ROSARIO: We are able to act with mercy because God has been merciful to us.

ALL: Praise to the God of mercy.

ROSARIO: No matter how unworthy, no matter how deep our sin, God is always there to lift us up and save us.

ALL: Praise to the God of mercy. Praise to the God of love. Praise to God.

(music)

(Applause)

(Music)

ILEANA ROSARIO ROSARIO (Virginia): Jesus, you call us to follow you and when we struggle, you lift us up into the light of your love.

ALL: Thank you, Jesus. Thank you.

ROSARIO: You teach us about mercy by filling us with your grace.

ALL: Merci Jésus, Amen!

ROSARIO: Our hearts belong to you, Jesus. Yes, we will follow you.

ALL: Tino tenda, Jesu!

(Music)

LYDIA ESTHER MUÑOZ (Eastern Pennsylvania): You're thanking Jesus?

ROBERT EMORY VAUGHN (Virginia): Well, yes.

MUÑOZ: What for?

VAUGHN: So many things. It is only through the grace of Jesus that I have the strength to travel through each day.

MUÑOZ: Oh, you are a traveler. Do you travel for your job?

VAUGHN: No, no. Not that kind of traveler. I go with Jesus. Every day of my life, I am always learning from Jesus about God's mercy.

MUÑOZ: Wait, I know that one, that sign. I know that sign. It is the sign for mercy, right?

VAUGHN: That's right. I thank Jesus for mercy. I need a lot of mercy.

MUÑOZ: Why? Are you a criminal?

VAUGHN: No, I'm just a human being that makes a whole lot of mistakes.

MUÑOZ: Oh, I guess I need a lot of mercy, too.

VAUGHN: Well, today is your lucky day.

MUÑOZ: Really? Why?

VAUGHN: Because Jesus has all the mercy, all the grace, all the

love that you need—enough for both of us, enough for the whole world.

BISHOP DYCK: Stand if you are able.

(*Music*)

BISHOP SALLY DYCK: Because there are no perfect people. There are no perfect churches. There are no perfect denominations. We have the amazing grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the marvelous love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit, which calls us to go, learn, mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Mercy! Mercy! Mercy! Amen.

BISHOP EBEN NHIWATIWA: We do have some prayer concerns, which we would like to include as we meditate on the work of the day. We have people who are not feeling well: Júlia Lampião Nhamajeho, Mozambique North delegate; Luzia Quixina Tekambi, Western Angola delegate; Justine Mansang Karumb, South-West Katanga; Bishop Kenneth Carter, Florida Annual Conference; Christine Musumb, Lukoshi. May we pray, please.

O God, we bring our brothers and sisters whom you had called to come and join together with others in deliberating, making policies of this church. Now, they are not feeling well. You know that before we even tell you that they are not feeling well. May this prayer go to where they are. It might be, in the hospital, in the intensive care unit. You care for the people in ways we do not understand. May you heal. Now, as we go on with our work in holy conferencing, it doesn't mean that we are holy. We have had the message calling us that we desire mercy, rather than anything else, because we are sinners. But, you can guide us in the best way possible as we deliberate at this great, august conference. We give this day into your hands, as St. Paul says, "Rejoice in the Lord in this day." Rejoice. It does not matter whether

people are arguing or discussing it at conference. In the words of John Wesley, "The best of them all is that God is with us." You are with us. In the name of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Good morning, delegates. Good morning, conference.

ALL: Good morning.

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: Thank you. God has loved us all very well. We are going on with our conferencing as we look at the work for the day. We do this work with joy. We do this work with appreciation that God has given us this opportunity to be together. Without wasting more time, if you look at your agenda for the *Daily Christian Advocate* for the day, you notice that we have the laity address. May we call upon the laity, those who are going to give us this address? Thank you.

SCOTT LAMONT JOHNSON (Upper New York): Good morning.

ALL: Good morning.

JOHNSON: I am Scott Johnson, Conference Lay Leader of Upper New York Annual Conference, and I am one of six representatives from the laity across the global connection who will be addressing you this morning. Jesus is clear. "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age."

Our Lord's Great Commandment is one of the central aspects of our faith, and as United Methodists, we have made it our mission. We make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, and while there are so many bright spots and every reason for continued hope, it is clear that more must still be done. The statistics speak for themselves and do not bear repeating

here. The message we bring today is one of hope. We, laity and leadership in our beloved church, are energized and prepared to answer this challenge in new ways.

Everyone gathered here knows the amazing joy of knowing Jesus as Lord, savior, and friend. Maybe we met him through the power of his healing touch at a time when our body was failing. Perhaps it was his comforting embrace during a time of deep sorrow or grief. As the saying goes in my tradition, it could have been a time when he made a way when there was no way. He worked a miracle of provision, and you saw some things in a new light. Some of us have just always known his presence as a constant, close companion. Many of us have known him in all these ways. But, no matter how he came to us, we said yes, opened our hearts, and gave our very lives to him. Now, we are forever changed and take our place in the long line of those known as disciples of Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God.

Our ongoing challenge comes from the need to embrace all that discipleship entails. Now, it would be nice if discipleship was only about the joy, peace, and the wonder, but we know that following Jesus isn't all mountaintop moments, praise songs, and potlucks. Jesus strips away all of our pretense, pushes us past our limits, and reveals our sinful, willful selves. Scripture is full of examples of the times Jesus challenged his disciples for their lack of faith or their lack of understanding. The stories of Jesus' replies to those who wished to follow him in Matthew 8:18-22 show the challenges of being a disciple. So, whether it's a matter of our personal holiness, faithful obedience, or our authentic love for our neighbors, we have all fallen short of the glory of God, despite our best intentions and our claims of discipleship.

The challenges facing the Church are in part the result of the failure to live up to the discipleship we claim. Paragraph 127 of the *Discipline* states that the witness of the laity—their Christ-like examples of everyday living, as well as the sharing of their faith experiences of the gospel—is the primary evangelistic ministry through which all people will come to know Christ and The United Methodist Church will fulfill its mission.

This bold call to ministry for all members of The United Methodist Church, quite frankly, has not been embraced by everyone. We know that there are parts of our connection who are content to leave the uncomfortable conversations about Jesus and the difficult work of ministering to those who are hard to love to others. Now some of us have been all too willing to accept this behavior because of fear. Far too often, we will settle for people willing to fill our pews and our offering plates, hoping that the Jesus thing will just happen at some point. While we have some valid reasons for that, our Lord demands and deserves better. We tolerate a level of engagement that neither Jesus nor John Wesley taught us. We have respected one another's privacy and comfort to our collective detriment.

What is interesting about this challenge is that it reflects the opposite of what is happening in many of our thriving churches. There's clearly a sense of a standard. There is an expectation of growth and an expectation of accountability. So, this is the problem that we want to confront today. Given that we know that Jesus demands much from his disciples; given that we claim that the ministry of the laity is the primary means through which the church will fulfill its mission, then we, the laity and leadership in our faith communities, must be prepared to go further and

deeper. We stand here as disciples, and a disciple is not motivated by self-interest or convenience.

The mission and the challenge before us are not for the timid or for the weak. Brothers and sisters, we know our world is hurting. The confused youth in our communities, the hungry families in our cities and towns, flood and earthquake victims looking for help in rebuilding are desperately seeking resources, comfort, and meaning. Many of these sisters and brothers will only be introduced to Christ through a conversation with someone who cares enough to share the truth and the love of God with them. Most of the time that will be a layperson willing to tell their story. This is how we begin the process of making disciples. We proclaim the gospel, seek, welcome, and gather persons into the body of Christ. This is hospitality.

WARREN RANDOLPH HARPER (Virginia): My name is Warren Harper. I am the conference lay leader in the Virginia Annual Conference, and one of my greatest joys is being a grandfather. I learn a lot from my grandchildren. When my two-year-old grandson Chase wants something, he becomes a messenger proclaiming the good news. He declares, he announces, he makes known his desires, and he gives out this agonizing screech that drives my inner ear about nuts. As you and I proclaim the gospel and we seek those that are lost and hurting right around the corner from us, we require honesty with ourselves, with great determination. It requires that the call in our own life comes alive in the spirit of Christ, to proclaim Christ.

It is a call, not only to the Great Commission, but also to the Great Commandment to make disciples through love in authentic relationship with God and neighbor. It is how we exercise hospitality. Hospi-

talities is reaching out and receiving new people and the means for people to explore a relationship with Jesus. Through hospitality, one encounters and responds to the call of God and finds a sense of belonging among the church body when we as disciples proclaim the gospel, seek, welcome, and gather persons into the body of Christ. Such a call may take us possibly around the world or quite simply just across the street.

JOHNSON: There are brothers and sisters who will not take their place in this process. They only give and serve when it is easy or convenient. If there is a task or need to be met and we give only what we are willing to spare, is that mirroring Jesus' love? If we are present only when there is nothing else we could be or would rather be doing, are we modeling Christlike love? If we make a point to honor any other or every other obligation before fulfilling the task we've pledged in our ministry, how are we saying with our lives that Jesus is Lord?

Discipleship is not just about helping out when you have the time or the energy. It is about offering and serving Christ. Are we offering opportunities for persons to make a commitment to Christ through Baptism by water and the spirit, through profession of faith, or for growth in personal holiness through their relationship with Christ and others?

We, as United Methodists, have been called to lead persons to commit their lives to God. Are you here today because someone offered you Christ?

BRIAN HAMMONS (Missouri): "I am!" I'm Brian Hammons, the conference lay leader for the Missouri Annual Conference. And let me tell you, I am excited to be a Methodist! More precisely I'm excited to be a United Methodist Christian. If you are too, how about an "Amen"?

ALL: Amen!

HAMMONS: You see, I grew up in the Church. I was baptized and married in the church. I've been a part of the Methodist and United Methodist communities of faith all my life, connected with congregations wherever I've lived. I can't even begin to list all the ways my family and I have connected with people, worshipped, grown, and served. So many memories, friends, activities, and connections that have become a part of me because I was offered Christ. And because of this, I've met Jesus and continue to see him through the Methodist community of faith.

Let me ask you: How does your church offer opportunities for persons to commit themselves to Christ? Are we as a church still relevant, speaking God's truth in today's culture? I believe we can still be relevant if we hold true to our foundational commitment to Jesus Christ.

You know there are several issues that we sometimes get hung up in. Bitter disagreements many times distract us. It seems like sometimes there is nothing to get excited about. Oh, but I am excited! I'm excited to be part of the Methodist movement today. Because I'm excited to offer Christ, I believe God's spirit is very much alive and moving, connecting our past with a hope-filled future, giving us purpose.

HOLLY NEAL (Tennessee): My name is Holly Neal, and I am the conference lay leader from the Tennessee Annual Conference. I'm standing before you today because I believe we have a purpose. We have been called to nurture persons and Christian living through worship, the sacraments, spiritual disciplines, and other means of grace such as Wesley's Christian conferencing.

We are called as a church to help persons find a sense of purpose in

life as a disciple by what it means to live out one's belief through acts of piety and mercy, sharings one's faith, and engaging in service. So now I ask you if John Wesley walked into our General Conference right now, would he recognize us as Methodists who live out their beliefs? Would he see our passion for justice? Would he recognize our repentance?

Friends, I believe John Wesley could spot us from a mile away. During this General Conference, Wesley would see that we are sincere in our repentance of past and current injustices waged on sisters and brothers within these walls and outside these walls. He would see us struggle with the toughest questions of our day, like restructuring, guaranteed appointments, human sexuality. And he would see us continue to love each other at the end of the day. Away from this wonderful space, John Wesley would also see United Methodists handing out sandwiches and handshakes in the park. He'd recognize our lay people at community meetings, striving end gang violence. He might even see us downtown on a cold winter night, sharing warm clothing and open hearts with anyone outside.

That burning desire to serve Christ, as we put our faith into action, is what would tell John Wesley that he is indeed with kindred spirits.

JOHNSON (Upper New York): Now what we have just heard is discipleship in action. These disciples are sisters and brothers who are attending school, playing soccer games, graduating from college, buying homes, starting families, aging gracefully, retiring from careers, and they still have the same twenty-four hours in a day as all of us.

The difference is that at some point in their journey, they decided that Jesus' call had to be answered and other things had to be put aside. Jesus Christ was a priority, not just

a luxury. These disciples made their love for Christ enough of a priority to rearrange some of the things that they did so that they could serve him in righteousness and in truth. Now there is no doubt they and most of us in this room have experienced countless challenges arriving at this point. Some of them related to their ministry. Some of them related to the balancing of personal and professional lives with the call of God on a personal life. The key being is they decided to follow Jesus, and Jesus made a way, and they followed. These are our brothers and sisters who are helping transform the surrounding community and the world through their engagement. We are called to send persons into the world to engage with the world as they lovingly and justly live as servants of Christ by healing the sick, feeding the hungry, caring for the stranger, freeing the oppressed, and being a compassionate, caring presence and working to develop social structures that are consistent with our gospel. Now God knew people, and these disciples are all blessed by these ministries, and the world will be, and is being, transformed.

SIMON MAFUNDA (East Zimbabwe): My name is Simon Mafunda, the conference lay leader of the Zimbabwe East Annual Conference.

MAFUNDA (East Zimbabwe): My name is Simon Mafunda, the conference lay leader of the Zimbabwe East Annual Conference. And I want to say that it is time we come out of our comfort zones and go out there and make Jesus Christ known.

A dear friend shared the following reflection, written many years ago, and I quote, "As I sat in the midst of the international community, among the delegates at the United Nations conference on the law of the sea, I could not help but feel that this is the way you must want your children to be, not all the same

color, not all the—speaking the same language, not all thinking and feeling the same, not all dressing the same either, but in the spirit of good will for all and for compromise, working on a treaty everyone could live with. I could not help but to think about how diverse the group was. So many different cultures. So many different ideas—governmental interests, economic differences—yet they care about others and other people. They care about peace and world order and their brothers and sisters around the globe enough to compromise in order that the community wins.” Close quote.

It is not about distance. It is not about economic situation. It is not about color, but all about love. We can indeed transform this world by being the feet, the hands, the ears, and the eyes of Jesus Christ. Let us each play our role as God expects us to. You are the hope of someone out there. You are the change someone is desperately waiting for. Together, let’s imagine a world without poverty and hunger, without war and hostility. And imagine with me a world where a mother in Zimbabwe is able to get vaccination for a child who has got malaria. Let’s imagine a world where we have empowered people to farm and provide food resources to their own communities, and no one ever, ever goes hungry. Matthew 28, verse 19 commands us to “Therefore, go and make disciples.” Remember, you are God’s strategic plan to change the individual next to you, the church, and the world.

JOHNSON (Upper New York): Sisters and brothers in our United Methodist Church, along with our partners, are actively pursuing new and exciting ministry paths. We have taken steps to clean water, disease control, shelter, and elimination, as in the case of Ebola and Malaria, just to name two.

At risk children and families living in poverty need more than just our attention though. They need us to create relationships with them. And share with them the Christ that leads us. And we need to serve them with giving and loving hearts. The relationships we create at the local church level are the heart of our ministry. Churches need to be continually encouraged to foster new relationships with our neighbors and test the waters of our local, county, city, state, and federal government and worldwide organizations to partner together so that we can provide hope for tomorrow. Because hope is what our discipleship is all about.

Discipleship Ministries has spoken of the process or method of discipleship as hope. We extend hope through hospitality, as we proclaim the gospel, seek, welcome, and gather persons into the body of Christ. It is hope when we offer Christ. It is hope as we lead people to commit their lives to God. It is hope when people are baptized by water and the spirit. It is hope when people profess their faith in Jesus Christ. And we deepen hope in persons as they find their purpose in life as disciples of Christ by nurturing them along through the means of grace. And we unleash hope into the world when we send disciples to live lovingly and justly as servants of Christ, as we heal the sick, feed the hungry, free the oppressed, care for the stranger, offer compassion, and work to develop structures that are consistent with our Lord’s good news.

We as United Methodist are called to change the world by offering hope. With the love of God experienced through our Lord, may this be true.

COURTNEY FOWLER: My name is Courtney Fowler and I am the conference lay leader for the Great Plains Annual Conference. *(Cheers)* My heart is full because

as we gather here today, we hear the prayers of those people around the world who are praying for us today, who are praying for the work of the General Conference, who are praying for the future of our church, the future of our denomination, and the future of the faith we hope to pass along to our children in the next generation. Let us now join together with our brothers and sisters around the world as we lift our voices in our own language in prayer for the work of this General Conference. Let’s pray together.

(Silent Prayer)

FOWLER: Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

We hear also the painful cries for God’s presence, the suffering of his children. Let us now say, “We hear you brothers and sisters. We hear you in every country, in every city, in every town, in every village, and in every neighborhood, every home, and in every heart who cries out for Jesus.” The message we hear today is urgent; therefore, go. We must go and welcome the stranger into our church. We must go and welcome the poor into our midst. We must go and feed the hungry. We must go and offer healing to the sick who suffer. We must go and seek out those who are lonely. The needs are great. We hear you calling us and we must go. God has called us to put love into action as grace-filled followers of Jesus Christ. Let us love, let us worship, and let us go.

JOHNSON: Friends, our Lord and Savior is clear. We are all to go and make disciples, to proclaim, lead, and send ourselves out into the world to bring people back into relationship with God. So, we will go and let’s go church. We will make the world a must better place. We will go not as lawyers and doctors and professors and farmers, but we will go as disciples because if we are

faithful to our call, the world will be transformed. So, the message we bring today is a church full of disciples on fire for our God.

WARREN HARPER: Today, your lay leaders pledge that we will go, we will go into the world and make disciples.

HAMMONS (Missouri): We will go into the world to model and explain the meaning and method of discipleship as hope.

NEAL: We will extend hospitality to offer Christ to all.

FUNDA: We will define purpose and engage with people where they live and struggle.

FOWLER: Jesus has changed us and he has charged us, and so we go.

ALL: Therefore, let's go!

(Applause)

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: Let us give a standing ovation to our laity for a good job.

(Applause)

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: Thank you. Let us be seated. I call upon Connectional Table to take to the podium please.

HANNAH FOUST (Indiana): Hello. I am Hannah Foust, and I am fourteen years old. I woke up about 3:00 yesterday, so I could get here from Indiana. A few years ago, I learned of a place called Burkina Faso that was posted on a video on Facebook. Burkina Faso is rated as the third most miserable place on earth, where water is scarce, and death and illness are a part of everyday life. In fact, one in three children Burkina Faso will die before their fifth birthday. Most of these deaths are caused by water-borne illnesses from water that is diseased and dirty. Every day girls my age must spend many hours, some walk as far as seven miles each way to get water that can kill them. Here is a picture of a typical unsafe water well.

When I first learned about Burkina Faso, I instantly felt the responsibility to help the children there—like I was their big sister. I went to bed that night praying, “Please God, tell me there isn’t really a place like this,” because I was so overwhelmed by the poverty that I had seen in the video. When I woke up the next day, I knew God was calling me to build a well.

In a truly poor country like Burkina Faso, there are no simple solutions to the poverty that they face, but clean drinking water can drastically change their lives. Clean drinking water prevents illnesses, it helps them grow food to feed their families. Can you imagine drinking water that looks like chocolate milk, or bathing in it? Water is something we take for granted here in the United States, but water is life in Burkina Faso. So, over the last two years or so I have been doing yardwork, housework, babysitting, and sharing my story to raise funds for clean wells in Burkina Faso. Since then I have funded three wells and I will keep working until God tells me to do something else.

(Applause)

Here is a picture of one of the wells that I funded in Tougan, Burkina Faso. There is a pump and an encasement to keep the water clean. The high walls and cover keep animals out and help ensure that children will not fall in.

Funding wells isn’t the only thing God has called me to do. God has also called me to be a light of inspiration for others to change the world—no matter what their age or challenges may be. Since I started this project, I’ve inspired thirteen additional wells in Burkina Faso, because people of all ages were inspired by my work.

(applause)

Thirteen wells can provide clean water for up to 13,000 people. I’ve a really hard time grasping that me, a 14-year-old girl from Indiana, can have that much of an influence. But it is not all about me. It’s about the way that God is using me to help his people, and that’s what we’re all called to do.

I want to share one of my favorite Bible verses with you. While I share, I invite you to listen for the miracle in the story. The story is John 6, Jesus feeds 5,000; and I am pretty sure most of you know it. It’s Jesus and his disciples have just crossed the Sea of Galilee and they go up and sit on this hill and they see this huge crowd of people coming to look for him. So Jesus turns to Philip and says, “Where can you buy bread to feed all these people?” Philip replies that even if they work for months they are not going to have enough money to feed them. Just then Andrew sees a little boy with five loaves of bread and two fish, so he and the boy take the food to Jesus and somehow Jesus takes it and distributes it to the people with twelve baskets of leftovers. All my life I believed that there was only one miracle in the story and that Jesus fed over 5,000 people with the little boy’s lunch and that is truly a miracle because I don’t know many boys who would give up their lunch.

(Laughter)

But I think there is another miracle here, because when Jesus said that he wanted to feed the people, his own disciples didn’t believe it could be done, and they had seen his miracles. Philip knew this job was a big one. He said, “Even if we worked for months, we wouldn’t have enough money to feed them.” The solution was so far out of their reach that they forgot who they were with, but then Andrew noticed the boy’s lunch of loaves and fish and brought them to

Jesus. This boy gave what little he had to make a big miracle happen and Jesus did what he always does. He made something huge happen with little things.

I think as the adults in our churches you have the ability to do that, too. You have the power to equip young people to use their gifts and resources to change the world. When we all work together to do this, we create a beautiful picture of what it means to be the United Methodist Church.

One of the ways I've been majorly blessed is by being able to see the value of being part of this connectional church. In fact, I believe that I've experienced some of the best things about being United Methodist. For as long as I can remember, I have been surrounded by face-driven United Methodist people who love me and have helped shape me into the person I am today. You are part of my story. I've experienced the unity of churches working together to do big things. We are a mission-focused church. I've been empowered by pastors from all over who are willing to go out on a limb and let a little girl preach in their pulpit. I've seen how transformation takes place when United Methodists from all over the world respond to disaster with great generosity and bravery. I've been blessed by the hugs of little children who have emptied their piggy banks to help kids that they have never met. I've seen the youth of congregations brought together at U2015 and truly be united—like they have known each other all their lives. I've shared joys and tears with these people as we celebrate the work of God together, and it is my dream that every young person can experience this.

It's my dream that every young person can have an adult to look up to and to nurture them, just like the many adults that have done the same

for me. Each and every one of you is the reason I am standing here today. I am inspired because you were inspired and that can inspire others, too.

In the scripture I share today took Jesus, his disciples, and a young boy to pull off a big miracle. Can you imagine the miracles we could achieve if we just work together? I guarantee that we'd feed much more than 5000 people. But, we have to take the steps necessary to truly form strong bonds with others so that one day there will be no more empty plates or cups or hearts to fill. Thank you.

(applause)

REV. AMY VALDEZ BARKER (Executive Secretary of the Connectional Table): Thank you so much Hanna. We are so pleased that you could be here to share your story. You see friends, Hanna is the fruit of a vital connection. She's been surrounded by a community of faith that nurtured and inspired her and by age nine she declared she wanted to be a missionary. And as you heard she didn't wait until she grew up. She started right away. And at the age of 14, Hanna is a vital Christian. Living out discipleship as a difference maker. She engages in ministry with poor right in her own neighborhood and school in Indiana. And she clearly cares about abundant health for all as you heard in her story. She researched the systemic issues of poverty in Burkina Faso and came up with her own contribution through our vital connection to make it a better place. She's creating new places for new people to connect with Christ as she tells others how Christ has used her to transform the world. And as Hanna would say, "When we honestly and openly and excitedly share how God has worked in our lives in big and small ways, people see that God is still alive and God

still works miracles even through little boys."

(laughter)

BISHOP BRUCE OUGH (Chairperson, Connectional Table, Dakotas Minnesota Episcopal Area): Millions of United Methodists, inspired like Hanna, have unique stories about how they are responding to the Great Commission, to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. For example, Collin Etchi Ako is working with young people in Cameroon and other places of Africa to create an understanding of different religions in order to resolve conflicts and build peace and diverse religious communities. The Rev. Young Seon Kim has been a missionary in Tanzania who is working to prepare pastors and lay leaders with skills to relating to young people in their districts. And people like Joy Eva Bohol is a young adult leader from the Philippines who is working in Columbia to help the desperately poor use communication resources to support their claims to human rights and justice.

CT and Global Nature

All of these are United Methodists responding to Christ's call to "Therefore Go" from everywhere to everywhere. As the Connectional Table, our role is to help share the story of our missional impact together and along with the Council of Bishops encourage a vision that unites us all. Our role has been to coordinate with all the many partners tasked by the 2012 General Conference who are exploring different aspects related to our worldwide nature as The United Methodist Church. This includes our collaboration with the Standing Committee on Central Conference matters to develop a general *Book of Discipline*. We have been following the work of the General Board of Church and Society as they review

and reshape the social principles so that they are more relevant throughout our worldwide connection. Our partners at the General Council on Finance and Administration are proposing a Central Conference apportionment formula so that we might be able to share our resources equitably across our churches. The Connectional Table and the General Council on Finance and Administration partner together on the general church budget along with all of our general agencies together, we work to align our denominational resources toward these important collaborative ministries to further God's mission to the people called United Methodists.

In a few minutes you will hear from our partners from GCFA on their part of this important work of alignment. These partnerships and this work are one of the ways we seek to shift our culture from a U.S. focused denomination to one that is truly Global. As a worldwide church we proclaim, lead, nurture, and send disciples of Jesus Christ into the world. This is no small task. We remain committed to developing goals and strategies to become a truly a global denomination.

BARKER: And as you've seen in our legislation, the Connectional Table is proposing a process for structuring our worldwide church that would allow time to study and deepen these relationships. To make sure all of these various pieces are in alignment, we are going to continue these discussions into the next quadrennium and we will work to bring a plan of action to the 2020 General Conference.

In addition to this collaborative work, the Connectional Table is asked to insure a level of accountability across the denomination toward assessing ministries and making adjustments to meet the needs of our church leaders who

are in the mission fields across the world. The administrative work takes on many forms reviewing the work of our boards and commissions on how they support laity and clergy to grow vital congregations, to listening to the expression of needs of the global community and addressing the emerging issues to determine the most effective, cooperative, and efficient way of stewarding our denominational resources.

Friends it is going to take all of us throughout the connection. From our local communities of faith to our annual conferences and to all of our general agency partners to stay focused on increasing the number of vital congregations worldwide who are making disciples of Jesus Christ by strengthening the ministries in our four areas of missional focus.

BENEDITA PENICELA (Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters) (simultaneous interpretation) As a member of the Connectional Table, I have the privilege to participate in our work to restore us in our denomination. In this role we hear the needs and emergencies that we have to face. One permanent question is the question about human sexuality. In this four years we practiced intentionally our means of Wesleyan grace using the Christian conference throughout our work. We also have reserve time in, for prayer. And we had a fruitful relationship which brings these testimonies to bring Christ in our lives. All we did as United Methodists should be on how to live this way of particular grace being, giving testimony of the power of the Holy Spirit in this city. In this experience all we do, and for, we do Jesus is there and he's and he always be known decisions that we make together for the good of the God's mission. It's important to continue this work together. Together we reach more people, have a better use of our

resources will better deepen the impact of our ministries and communicate more efficiently the history of God's love to the world. Together we are capable to produce disciples as Hanna who are supported and guided in ways that leads them to use their talents, their God-given talents in the way that creates impact.

When we look into the future we hope even bigger things from the people of The United Methodist Church. Together we'll increase the number of congregations that are vital in all the world. These vital congregations will call and provide new disciples, train more leaders, and make a difference in issues of poverty and needs of health of children in the world, worldwide. Our conventionalism is essential for this debate. We are stronger when we are together and through the mission.

The General Conference is time to get together and see how we can fight the problems to God together. But it's also a time to rekindle the hopes of what it means to be a United Methodist Church. In the coming days we'll celebrate our mission as United Methodists with the Connectional Table. Then ask the guidance of the Holy Spirit to, for our work in the church, following Christ's example we promote unity for our mission and we accept God's grace that's offered to all of us.

(applause)

BISHOP EBEN NHIWATIWA: Thank you. Let us express appreciation for the presentation. Thank you.

(applause)

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: We move on to GCFA, Dr. Moses Kumar.

MOSES RATHAN KUMAR (General Secretary and Treasurer for the General Council on Finance and Administration): I bring you greetings from the General Council

on Finance and Administration. I'm honored to be here with you today in my role as general secretary and treasurer. Each day, I have the joy of seeing God's action in our work and our connection. There is an African proverb that reads, "If you want to run fast, run alone; but if you want to run together, you want to run far." Let's run together.

Today, I want to focus on what we as United Methodists do together. It is a great time to be a United Methodist. Can you feel it? I'm personally so glad to be a United Methodist at such a time as this. Over the next few minutes, I'll communicate how we've prepared the church budget and provide an update on our collaborative shared services efforts, but first, let me tell you a story of God's abundant grace moving through our connection.

When we travel, we have the opportunity to hear firsthand how The United Methodist Church impacts lives. In 2015, I visited Manila, Philippines, with a few others. While there, we visited a United Methodist organization that works with underserved in Manila. We met Rex, a counselor in this ministry. Rex is a community activist and works with children whose families reside in the Manila North Cemetery and in the North Manila dump. When you think about a cemetery, you may picture a place of rest for the deceased, but however, this cemetery is home for 1100 families. When we think of a dump, many of us rarely think about a place where our trash ends up. We never think about it as a place that's a residence. You may not think it is a place where families raise their children and struggle every day for their basic needs for life, like clean water, shelter from harsh weather, and nutritious food. But this is the life for thousands of men and women and children. This was the life of Rex.

After our work with the current residents at the north Manila dump, Rex approached me, and he said to me, "Thank you, Moses. Thank you very much. Because of The United Methodist Church, I am here today. You see, I once lived in these dumps. It was the work of the United Methodist missionaries, an organization that gave me an opportunity for an education and a chance to move away. I work here today because I want to provide the same chance for others. So, thank you."

Brothers and sisters, do you see? Do you see what we can accomplish when we run a major mission race together? It is because of you and your abundant giving that young people like Rex are able impact the lives, just as his has been impacted. Thank you for your generosity and your belief in the connectional system. Because of our work together, we have an impact on the lives of future community workers, teachers, parents, and church leaders. By faithfully working together, we made it possible for young people, young men, and so many others to make a difference in the world.

As we prepare for our considerations for the 2017-2020 quadrennial budget, let me show you some very good news about where we are today. In 2015, twenty-six annual conferences paid 100% of the church apportionment. This is a record high number of conferences giving to this level. Praise be to God!

(applause)

KUMAR: Thank you. Thank you for your faith in the connection and our four years of focus. When we engage in the ministry with the poor, work through the global health trouble of principled Christian leaders throughout the entire connection, and create new and energized existing places for worship, we do selected Methodists together!

Additional good news is that in 2015, we experienced a 91.83% collection rate of the general church apportionment. This is also a record high rate, and we want to thank you for your part in helping ministry happen.

(applause)

KUMAR: Faithfully working together, we can make it possible. Thank you.

Each quadrennium, the budget is developed collaboratively with the General Council of Finance and Administration and the Connectional Table. Each has representatives on the budget leadership team. The team prepare guiding principles for their work together to think through the needs of the church's ministries with an emphasis on four years of focus. One of those guiding principles considers mission priorities and outcomes of the church as determined by the General Conference and discerned and articulated by the Connectional Table in consultation with the Council of Bishops.

\$599 Million GCFA Budget

After prayerful consideration of budget proposals, the General Council of Finance and Administration and the Connectional Table, with the full support of the general secretaries of the general boards and agencies, propose a budget of \$599 million for this upcoming quadrennium. This recommendation aligns with the budget consideration of annual conferences, local churches, and work together to support the ministries of the church, local to global. This recommendation comes after listening to and responding to church-wide concerns about financial pressures faced by local churches and annual conferences. This budget is \$4 million less than the budget of the current quadrennium.

In the course of arriving at the budget, we listened to you. It is because we have faithfully worked together and considered your needs in the local churches and annual conferences that we will be recommending this amount.

When the budget is presented to you next week, you will be working on a base percentage of 3.266%. This is the lowest amount recommended to the new conference using a formula in sixty years.

I am happy to report to you that after hearing your message to us in 2012, the Council of Finance and Administration has worked on a central conference apportionment formula, with input from standing committee on the Central Conference matters and the leadership in the central conferences. We want to thank the committee, the leadership, the people of the central conferences, for their input. By faithfully working together, these groups are making a difference.

Expanding Shared Ministries

We are not only collaborating in our efforts to prepare a budget. We have also worked together in our shared ministries for the church. In 2012, you asked for more collaboration. We heard you, and together we acted. The priorities of the agencies were reordered to be more responsible to the needs of the annual conferences and local churches. Thank you for expressing your desires for the church that enable us to be more nimble and responsive. I am grateful I can stand before you in 2016 and tell you about the ways that the general church, boards, and agencies are faithfully working together to serve you. The General Commission on Communication and the Commission on the General Conference have worked together to improve communication here at the General Conference. It is because of their

efforts that many delegates have real-time translation of the proceedings through their tablets. We give thanks to the creative thinkers who began to imagine the possibilities of faithfully working together to provide a much-needed service.

The United Methodist Communications and Discipleship Ministries have collaborated to provide finding for Path 1 ministries to start new church communities. We praise God for the possibilities of this ministry and the impact it is having on local churches.

At the General Council of Finance and Administration, we have over forty-five shared service offerings that are available to serve the connection. Over 575 services are being utilized in a partnership with ninety-one different groups, including agencies, annual conferences, local churches, and other groups.

We also provide service and resources to local churches throughout the connection. By faithfully working together, we have grown the church's shared services. For example, the General Council of Finance and Administration has partnered with all of the General Boards and Agencies of the church to provide a number of administrative services, such as centralized payroll, accounts payable, human resource systems that allow agencies to concentrate on their core ministries to the connection, while we serve in the ministry of administration. We also perform accounting duties, travel and meeting planning services for many agencies.

At the General Council of Finance and Administration, we also enjoy working with annual conferences and local churches. We are engaged in shared service efforts with number of annual conferences such as the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference. This quadrennium, we will ask to evaluate their informa-

tion technology processes. Based on the results of their evaluation, the conference elected to use General Council of Finance and Administration's information technology infrastructure, backup, and help desk priorities. This resulted in an annual saving of \$75,000—

(Speaker Conferring on the Stage)

KUMAR: In my enthusiasm, I'm going a little fast. I'm sorry.

(laughter)

KUMAR: This resulted in annual saving of \$75,000 for the conference and a first-time opportunity to use these funds for their ministries. We are thankful to provide this opportunity to work with them.

In addition to collaboration with agencies and annual conferences, we seek out opportunities to enhance the ministries of local churches through offerings that have been doubled up in this quadrennium.

The General Council of Finance and Administration recently began efforts to expand shared service offerings to central conferences. We have participated in many listening, listening sessions with leaders in Europe, the Philippines, and Africa to determine how we can faithfully work together and implement meaningful services. I could not be more excited about the expansion of shared services into central conferences. The open conversations have been encouraging, and I fully expect we will have a global reach early in the new quadrennium.

Home Depot Gifts Strength for Service

Praise God for the United Methodist connection, which lives out a scripture that comes to my mind. In Hebrews chapter 12, verse 1, the Apostle Paul writes, "Let us

lay aside every weight. Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.” I want to share one final story that beautifully displays the power of the connection. Through a partnership with Home Depot, The United Methodist Church receives a rebate on purchases made with cards registered with Home Depot. In 2015, the denomination received over \$62,000 that was distributed to Strength for Service. This ministry of the General Commission on United Methodist Men provides devotional booklets to local firefighters, police officers, emergency medical personnel, and active military personnel. This project brought together the local church, general agencies, and outside corporation to make resources available for the printing and distribution of the Strength for Service devotionals. In addition to their commitment to Strength for Service, the Home Depot contributed over \$148,000, in 2015 through gift cards to local churches to use for repairs and ministry support. This is an excellent example of God working in the connection. Thank you. Thank you. It is because of all the United Methodist supporting our connection that stories like this can be shared. We have so many stories to share, but I have only 15 minutes with you today.

Please know, in the coming days, I’ll be praying for you. Psalm 133:1 says, “Good and pleasant it is where God’s people live together in unity.” When we work together, when we pray together, when we act in one accord together and trust that God has got the answer, we can do great things! I see before me a United Methodist Church that is ready to therefore go and make disciples and transform the world together! Thank you.

(applause)

(music)

BISHOP EBEN NHIWATIWA: Again, let us express sincere thanks for the presentation from GCFA.

(applause)

(pause)

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: As we continue with our business for the day, I call upon those who have reports to come in front. Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, Committee on Credentials, on Corrections and Editorial Revision, Committee on Journal, on Reference, on Agenda and Calendar, Committee on Presiding Officers, then we go to Monitors. Please, may you present yourself as you have reports.

TRACY SMITH MALONE (Northern Illinois): Good morning Bishop, Tracy Smith Malone, I am presenting on behalf of the Committee on Agenda and Calendar. The Committee on Agenda and Calendar recommends the agenda for today as printed on the front cover page of today’s DCA, which is p. no. 1921. We will be in plenary session this morning, and we will be in our legislative committees after the break, for the rest of the day. I do want to remind you that during the lunch recess, there is a service of Holy Communion from 12:40 until 1:10. Bishop, I move the adoption of this agenda as printed.

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: The agenda is moved, presented before you. You need to show your approval or your decision using the keypad voting, 1 yes, 2 no. Just refreshing your minds, 1 is yes, 2 is no. You can vote now.

(pause)

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: Yes, as you can see, the agenda is approved. Thank you very much. [Yes, 759; no 9]

MALONE: Thank you, Bishop. I would now like to invite Susan Brumbaugh, who is our Coordinator of the Calendar, and she is going to come before us to share some information about our consent calendars. Susan?

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: Request granted. Susan, take the podium.

SUSAN M. BRUMBAUGH (New Mexico): Good morning. Yesterday, I asked you to look at consent calendars for the first time. All three items were removed from yesterday’s consent calendars, and if you will turn to p. 2005 in today’s DCA—that’s p. 2005—you will see those items that were removed printed as regular calendar items. This means there are no consent calendars to be voted on today.

Turning now to p. 2003—that’s p. 2003—you will see new consent calendars. I again remind you that any items can be removed from the consent calendar by submitting a form with twenty valid signatures to my office in room B117.

The last thing I would like to bring your attention to is on p. 2006. So, turn to 2006, where you will see items that were not supported by legislative committees yesterday. This means these items will not be considered by the plenary, as stated in our rules and explained at the top of the page. The list appears twice, once in petition number order, and then, on the next page, in committee order. This is important. If there is a petition on these lists that you want the plenary to consider, there is a form for that. Please pick up a request to bring a non-calendared item to the floor, which is available in room B119. That one is orange. The form must be signed by 20 delegates and returned to B117 by 3 p.m. today.

This is all simply for your information. No plenary action is required. Thank you.

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: Thank you very much for the information. We move on to another report.

CHARLES WALTER SAVAGE (North Georgia): Good morning, Bishop. Good morning, General Conference. Chuck Savage, representing the Committee on Reference. Our report is found on p. 1935 in today's *DCA*, and Bishop, this report is before the body for approval.

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: The report is before you for approval. We do vote by using your electronic pads. May you tend to those. 1, as usual, is yes; 2 is no. Please vote now.

(pause)

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: We have a point of order. I call upon Tshimbu Muyombi to go to mic. 4.

TSHIMBU JETHRO MUYOMBI (South Congo) (simultaneous interpretation): Thank you Bishop, for giving me the floor. I am Tshimbu Muyombi. I am from the south of Congo. I would just simply remember and recall that he suggested we proposed that since this program is printed in English, I would like to see whether it is possible to give us just a moment to tell you. Because, if you go to p. 1935—

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: Excuse me, my, my dear delegate. You need to specify the rule which has been breached for the point of order. You're already debating. You're already explaining things. What is the rule you are addressing?

MUYOMBI (simultaneous interpretation): Thank you, Bishop. I didn't know that I would have to give you the rule, but I think it has to do with the rule we gave yesterday, which asked the *ADCA*, so that all the items would be translated while—

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: Thank you ver, thank you very much. Muyombi, thank you very much. I rule

you out of order. The vote is showing that the report has been accepted.

Thank you very much. [*Yes, 729; No, 30*]

(applause)

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: Thank you. We move on to another report.

CCER Explained

BOB BURKHART (Iowa): My name is Bob Burkhardt, and standing with me is Naomi Bartle. Together, we are the co-chairs of the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision. Many people look at our nametags and see this "CCER" and wonder what it is. Well, that's what it is: the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision. You'll find the names of the other committee members on today's *DCA* on p. 1935. Our work is to support you in your legislative process. Currently, there are members of this committee that are attending legislative sessions, and in the legislative committees, our role is to help you spot contradictions, duplicates, or inconsistencies. Can't imagine that happening, can you? And then, the plenary session, as the consent calendar and other petitions come to us, we're to make sure that anything that comes before this body's not in conflict with other calendar items. Thank you for letting us do this.

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: Thank you for giving us the information. We appreciate that.

Next report, if we have that, please come forward.

Committee on Journal Report

RANDY LEE BIGGERSTAFF (Missouri): Morning. I'm Randy Biggerstaff. I am the chair of the Journal Committee. If you'll turn to p. 1929, 1929. You received *Errata* for today and the changes. If you look at p. 1929 to my favorite committee,

Interjurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy; there is a mistake under Southeast Alabama-West Florida. Valerie Willis has already been there, that name should be Steve Furr, Steve Furr.

The budget in full will be printed in tomorrow's *DCA*.

If you will turn to p. 1939, at the bottom of the page under University Synod Nominations from the Councils of Bishops, other relevant positions, other relevant positions. David Watson is from West Ohio.

Finally, p. 2031, excuse me, p. 2030. On the third line, Rukang Chikomb is from North-West Konda. Katanga, excuse me. You will notice down underneath there he is referred to from North Katanga; it is North-West Katanga.

A point clarification, I assume Gere Reist is spelled G-e-r-e, not J-e-r-r-y, and that will be changed throughout the *DCA*. If there are any other changes to the *DCA* or questions, please don't have a problem with checking with me or the *DCA* office. Thank you.

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: Thank you for the information which will make our way easier. Thank you very much.

Next report.

JUDITH KREAGER ZABEL (Minnesota): Judy Zabel, Committee on Presiding Officers. I would like thank Bishop Hope Morgan Ward for her service yesterday, and we also thank Bishop Eben Nhiwatiwa for his service and his leading today. Saturday morning session will be led by Bishop Cynthia Fierro Harvey. This ends our report.

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: Thank you very much for outlining the way we are going to move. Thank you. Next report.

CATHERINE SUE SULLIVAN (Texas): Sue Sullivan, Committee on Courtesies and Privileges. We have no report. We have not received any requests. If you have any, please

take them to the office of our conference secretary. Thank you.

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: Thank you very much. We wish if we could have report of no report that would mean we would not have business, but this is good. Thank you very much.

(Bishop conferring on stage.)

We are not going to do the Monitoring report in here; this will be done in the legislative committees.

We have a point of order and I ask We Chang to go to mic. 6.

WE HYUN CHANG (New England): Bishop, We Chang, New England. We just didn't do the report. It is a point of information, also invitation. I was able to sit in the gallery this morning and during the Connectional Table, there was a presentation by one of our sisters from Central Conference, and I have noticed that a great majority of U.S. delegates were not using the translation device. It's a source of issues, but I think more importantly, it's about why we are here. So, I think, I urge all of us to use it but also if the presiding officer or presenter can give us a cue.

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: My dear delegate, this is not a point of order. You are just asking to take the floor. May you please sit down. Thank you.

(noise from floor)

Motion for Suspension of Rule 6

We do have a question to move for new business and this is from Robert. May you go to mic. 6.

ROBERT FRANK ZILHAVER (Western Pennsylvania): Robert Zilhaver, Western Pennsylvania. I move that the plenary of the General Conference refer to the Committee on Presiding Officers a request for study and a recommendation on

the suspension of rules to suspend Rule 6 for the duration of the 2016 General Conference and use placards instead of tablets and have that report be given at the beginning of the next morning plenary session; and if I have a second, I would like to speak to that.

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: A second please? Seconded.

ZILHAVER: As I've watched our use of tablets under Rule 6, it is not clear to me that these devices have helped us work together as a body in the best possible way. I am mindful that this body has previously voted not to suspend this rule and use placards instead of tablets and so I am reluctant to simply bring a motion to suspend Rule 6 once again for this body. I believe that vote was difficult as it happened in the middle of the debate on Rule 44. I hope that this motion will help us test my discernment in a way that will allow us to pause between our massive work on the rules and our massive work as a plenary yet to come and examine our practice of rules in the last few days and ensure that going forward we are working in a way that helps us see what God has for us. If adopted, this motion will allow a coherent report to be presented to this body on the best way to move forward.

The Committee on Presiding officers can become a vehicle where information is gathered and processed to allow the best way forward to be put together. For example, I have watched my brothers and sisters from Central conferences, often with language barriers, be frustrated with tablets and want to use placards. The secretary of the conference can tell us how to send reports of our experiences as delegates and delegations to this committee and give our recommendation on the use of placards or tablets in our deliberation.

For example, I have watched some of our most gifted presiding

episcopal leaders seem to have their gifts stifled by the use of tablets. This may simply be my impression from the back of the plenary hall, but if this motion passes, the committee can interview those bishops who have presided and those episcopal leaders who have assisted them on their impressions and recommendations and bring this back to the body.

For example, I have heard several calls from the plenary floor to have a queue projected so that the body can see what the presiding officer is seeing for the sake of transparency. This committee could find out if it is technically possible and whether it might be the best practice in our work to move forward. I challenge you to pass this motion which I hope will lead us to the path to suspend the rules for this General Conference and let us use placards instead of tablets and gather data to perfect the rules for future general conferences regarding the use of tablets. Thank you.

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: Thank you. The motion is quite in order, but it is debatable. Let me give you opportunity, three for, three against—if we have speakers. Unless if you are ready just to vote. OK. I'll put you; I'll divide the aisles and see what happens. Oh, OK. We have a queue here. Let—since we have had for, I call Mele to go to mic. 2. Mele Maka to go to mic. 2.

MELE MAKI (California-Pacific): Mele Maka, California-Pacific Annual Conference, lay delegate. I wish to speak against this motion, because how would we be able to move forward if we do not practice? And besides, we have so much work that needed to be done. We cannot keep going back and forth and discuss between using the tablets, and we are in a twenty-first century, friends. So, let's move on for the business of General Conference. Thank you.

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: Thank you. We need a speaker for. Let me take Frederick Brewington, mic. 6.

FREDERICK BREWINGTON (New York): Fred Brewington, New York Annual Conference. Good morning, Bishop.

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: Morning.

BREWINGTON: Brothers and sisters, what we witnessed yesterday with regard to the use of the tablets found us paralyzed in a number of ways. One of those ways was that we got stuck in so many levels of where we were on the so-called queue that many people who, not only sought to speak at an appropriate time felt that they were speaking at the appropriate time when that time had passed and essentially what had been the basis for the discussion had already been concluded by the chair. The chair yesterday showed confusion through the fact that by looking at the queue, the bishop at that particular time, lost the feel of the floor and lost, in large part, the feel for the room in terms of what the mood of the room was. There is, from my understanding, a much greater component to chairing a meeting such as this, other than looking at a list. It's my suggestion that reconsidering how we use these tablets in our process does not necessarily require us to be slaves to them. Thank you.

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: Thank you. For now, I have a point of order, parliamentary inquiry of information. Sergey Kim go to mic. 2

SERGEY KIM (Central Russia) (*simultaneous interpretation*): Dear Bishop. Dear General Conference. Yesterday, I spoke about the iPads. I had problems yesterday, but today, I have developed doubts. On the one hand, I am in favor of cancelling the use of iPads.

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: You are now just taking the floor. What is the point of order there? Point of order, what is it?

KIM (*simultaneous interpretation*): I have a procedural question.

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: Please ask.

KIM (*simultaneous interpretation*): I was told that according to the Rule 6, it's possible to use both iPads and placards. Is this correct?

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: That's correct.

KIM (*simultaneous interpretation*): Then it doesn't make any sense to debate.

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: You are correct, but you are leaving the others speak of that, but it depends on whether the iPads are working or not working. If they are not working, then the delegates can use the cards, but the iPads are working right now.

KIM (*simultaneous interpretation*): In other words, in the case the iPad is not working, we are permitted to use placards.

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: Correct. If they are not working you are permitted to use placards. You are correct, but right now they are working. Ya, thank you.

KIM (*simultaneous interpretation*): This is clear. Thank you.

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: We go on. We need one against. Kimberly Woods. Go to mic. 2; against.

iPad vs. Placard Explained

KIMBERLY WOODS (Illinois Great Rivers): Kimberly Woods, lay delegate, Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference. Bishop, I speak against this motion that's been placed before us. I understand there's been some confusion with the technology. I understand that we're used to the placards because they provide transparency. We can look around us and see who's lifting them up. However, the point about the iPads not allowing as many people to speak because we worry about where we are in the queue, it's up to the presiding chair on who they call on anyway. That is

not any different with the iPad than it is with the placards. I realize there's confusion with that. We have spent so much time at this General Conference debating rules. We have a lot to get through. If it is functional, I feel like we should stick with it. And I have not seen dysfunction except when debating why we're using it. So, I feel like we should stick with this method. Thank you.

(*applause*)

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: We have two and two. We need one, one. I have a for now, and we get Rukang Chikomb; go to mic. 2; for.

Appreciation for Tablet Training in Africa

RUKANG CHIKOMB (North-West Katanga): Bishop, Rukang Chikomb, North-West Katanga, and thank you so much. Folks, I've heard about being global for the last three days I was been here. Thank you for the commissioning of the General Conference coming up in the Congo, and teach us how to use the tablet, and I feel so sorry for my brother and sister with the problem here not being able to use the iPad. I remember the first day we had about five iPads on the table, and I'm trying to queue in and get in, and we called the marshal to take them back and forth and guess what? I never get in the queue. I am not against the iPad, neither are my brother and sister. Yes, we are in a century, whatever you call it technology; we love technology. We have cell phones, but before we use the cell phones, we try to take time to learn them, and then we use them and they work. We did not have time to learn how to use the tablet, and as everyone in this plenary have seen, queue and queue and cleared. What you clearing from the queue is the voice of the people that want to say something about

the work we are here today. I am for getting that Rule 6 out. Bring it in 2020, so you can come and teach us as you did with the tablet. Thank you, Bishop.

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: Thank you. We have three now for. We need one against. And we have a delegate here. Gene Mims, please go to mic. 6.

GENE MIMS (Virginia): Good morning, Bishop. I rise to speak against this amendment or to take Rule 6 out because I agree with the first speaker. Number one that we do need to move on and to learn how to use new technology. I can speak from experience, cause I've been drugged into the twenty-first century, but nonetheless, I have been up here on the podium enough to look out here, and I don't think a lot of delegates realize how bright those lights are shining on you, and I think it would read a real difficulty for you to see the placards and call the right person. So, thank you.

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: Thank you very much. I think you have spoken. The chair will call now for you to vote. Whether you want to continue with technology, that's the briefest way I can explain to you without confusion. Whether you want to continue with technology as it applies to this body right now or you say, no, let us do away with that and go back to the way we have been doing traditionally.

Those who say yes, you press one (1); those who say no, you press two (2). Ah. Please vote now. Yes, please vote now.

(pause)

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: OK, OK, let me, I am corrected here. It is a motion to refer this, but we, we, we, we, we are, we are not going to use the, the—it was a motion to refer this. Those who say let us refer, you

press 1. Those who say we shouldn't refer, you press 2. Vote now. It's not up there. You can vote now.

(pause)

(vote to refer; yes - 290; no - 503)

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: Well, you refuse, you, you did not refer. It is not referred. Thank you. We have reached the time for recess, so that you go to the legislative colleges. You have been very nice people. Clap. We say in Zimbabwe, "You do this to pet yourself." Please do that. You did very well. Thank you very much.

(applause)

BISHOP NHIWATIWA:
Announcements.

Request for Translation of DCA Daily Edition

L. FITZGERALD REIST (Secretary for the General Conference): Please remember to carry your interpretation equipment with you into the legislative committee. Please remember to carry your interpretation equipment with you into the legislative committee and at all times.

I need to—in today's *DCA*, beginning on p. 1938,—one-nine-three-eight—is the listing of all those who've been nominated for Judicial Council, University Senate, and the Commission on the General Conference. Please check spelling of names. If there is a blank in the contact information column, not including those coming from the bishops, it means that we needed a cell phone number or something like that as of 5:00 last night. If you have submitted it since then, we probably, most likely have it appropriately filed. If you have, if you are a nominee for Judicial Council and have not submitted your bio, please do so now. All corrections and all biographical statements should be turned in to my office at B119.

There was some confusion earlier about what's required for translation. The translation of the *ADCA*, the *Advance Daily Christian Advocate*, is into multiple languages. The *DCA*, the *Daily Christian Advocate*, is not translated, and it's not called for in the *Discipline* for it to be translated, for many practical reasons.

I've been asked to add, to share also with you that the State of the Church Report on your tables comes from The Connectional Table, the Council of Bishops, and the General Council on Finance and Administration.

The central conferences of Africa asked me to say because of the large crowd expected at the Africa worship service on Sunday, fifteenth of May, the General Conference Business Manager, Sara Hotchkiss, has graciously transferred the worship service to room P28, Portland 28, 251-253. You are all welcome to attend this service. This service begins at 11:30 A.M. on Sunday. At 10 A.M., there will be a service of worship organized by the Commission on the Status and Role of Women in the same room, so the same room. So, the two worship services will follow each other.

Please visit the exhibit hall. There are many wonderful booths, and at lunchtime each day, we have choirs from around the world performing in exhibit hall A, A1, and B.

Thank you for your attention to the announcements.

BISHOP NHIWATIWA: Thank you. You are truly dismissed for recess and go to the legislative committees. Thank you.

(music)

**Saturday Morning,
May 14, 2016**

(music)

DEBRA TYREE (Executive Secretary, Global Praise): (sung) Fol-

low the star of Bethlehem. Rise up, people, and follow.

FRANK BEARD (Indiana): It takes faith to follow the star.

KAH-JIN JEFFREY KUAN (California-Nevada): God gives us faith for the journey.

TYREE: (*sung*) Follow the star of Bethlehem.

ALL: (*sung*) Rise up, people, and follow.

BEARD: It takes courage to follow the star.

KUAN: God gives us courage for the journey.

TYREE: (*sung*) Follow the star of Bethlehem.

ALL: (*sung*) Rise up, people, and follow.

BEARD: It takes persistence to follow the star.

KUAN: God gives us persistence for the journey.

TYREE: (*sung*) Follow the star of Bethlehem.

ALL: (*sung*) Rise up, people, and follow.

BEARD: It takes reaching out to each other to follow the star.

KUAN: God gives us one another for the journey.

TYREE: (*sung*) Follow the star of Bethlehem.

ALL: (*sung*) Rise up, people, and follow.

(*music*)

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
Amen.

(*applause*)

HANNAH BARTLETT: In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born King of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

MEGAN BARTLETT: When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;

and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him,

H. BARTLETT: "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

M. BARTLETT: Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem saying,

H. BARTLETT: "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I might also go and pay him homage."

M. BARTLETT: When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

H. BARTLETT: On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

M. BARTLETT: And having been warned, warned in a dream not to return to Herod,

M. AND H. BARTLETT: They left for their own country by another road.

(*applause*)

BISHOP SUDARSHANA DEVADHAR: My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, I greet you all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Will you kindly pray with me?

Spirit of the living God, be present in our midst. Speak to us through

the preacher or in spite of him. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.

This morning we join the traveling magi to find out the messiah who will lead them on a new journey. On this eve of Pentecost, when we pray that the Holy Spirit would open our hearts and minds, let us consider how a wrong turn can lead us to God's great expectations. One of the most outstanding biblical scholars of our day, Walter Brueggemann, offers a new perspective on the story of the magi when he points out that the calculations of these wise men were actually off by nine miles. Brueggemann rightly notes that the magi's account of the visit echoes the hopeful prophecy of the poetry of Isaiah, announcing that Jerusalem would experience restoration and recovery. The wise men, familiar with Isaiah, brought the prescribed spices and arrived at Herod's palace ready to welcome the newborn king who would bring peace and prosperity. The magi were courageous, sure of their scholarship, and knew Herod was the king of the Jews, yet still they asked him a provocative and a risky question, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?"

Of course, Herod had no understanding of what was happening. He felt threatened by the news of the new king's birth. Herod assembled the best Hebrew scholars to gain an experience, an explanation for this prophecy and to find out what brought these visitors to him. What the scholars, the Hebrew scholars, offered him was a different prophecy and a view of what the new king would be—not someone to rule with prosperity and power, but a shepherd of the people. But, the text they quoted was not Isaiah 60, as used by the eastern scholars, but Micah 5, which declared that messiah would be born not in Jerusalem, but nine miles south in the small village of Bethle-

hem. Herod shared the news with the wise men from the east, and the rest is history. They made the nine miles to Bethlehem and finally reached their king. The wise men were not clever enough to find the manger without the erudition of the biblical scholars of the Herodian court, but they were wise enough and willing to listen and discern to arrive at their destination. They were, however, wise enough to the voice of God and not to return to the insecure king with the news of their finding the new messiah.

When they reached their destination, they thought they were really not sure whether they found the new king, but they found the new king lying in a manger, and they nevertheless worshipped Jesus. In the midst of their joy and celebration, they were warned by God in a dream not to go back to Herod. They took another road, and because of that, they were able to bring an epiphany, a fresh perspective and a new vision to the world.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, what is the relevance of this powerful scripture story to you and me who are gathered here to open our *Book of Discipline* and *The Book of Resolutions* and then close it again for another four years in our ecclesiastical journey? We are not here to use the Bible selectively to fulfill our selfish goals and agendas but to look at the ministry and vision of Jesus and ask the question with our Wesleyan DNA, “Will the 2016 General Conference go down in history declaring that we have offered Christ to the world?”

We have been chosen to embark an important journey to Portland for these ten days. People across the world have given sacrificially through their apportionment dollars, some local churches even at the risk of sacrificing their own ministries, to

pay 100 percent apportionments. We are here to do the serious business of the church, knowing that our decisions have an impact upon all churches—rural, urban, and suburban—all over the world. You have been elected by your clergy and lay colleagues to represent them because of your wisdom and leadership. You have a great responsibility resting on your shoulders.

You have been elected by your clergy and lay colleagues to represent them because of your wisdom and leadership. You have a great responsibility resting on your shoulders. You are called to chart out a roadmap for our journey for the ministry and mission of the Church at such a time like this. This sacred responsibility is not given to the bishops of the church, not to other several million United Methodists, but it is only given to the 864 of you who are gathered here. There are many decisions to be made that will impact the direction of our mission and the ministry of The United Methodist Church.

Together, I pray that we will discern the best route. If we choose to go on our own way, we may find ourselves off by nine miles. But, if we truly listen to one another and strive to learn from one another, we may correct our course and really find Jesus.

(applause)

Furthermore, if we listen to the voice of God, extraordinary things will happen.

Those wise folk traveling to Bethlehem experienced a new epiphany because they listened to God and set forth on a new road home despite the explicit orders of King Herod to return to Jerusalem.

What about us, friends? Will we open ourselves to the direction of God and make courageous decisions, too?

The theme of the General Conference, “Therefore Go,” is based upon the Great Commission.

Scholar J. Verkuyl reminds us, “Go, therefore” are powerful words in Greek. According to him, the Greek word *poreuthentes* means “to depart, to leave, to cross boundaries.” In other words, we cannot make disciples for Jesus Christ unless we are willing to cross boundaries and break barriers (applause), whether they are emotional, psychological, theological, sociological, or cultural.

That is our tradition. That is our story, also, as Christians around the world.

The reformer of the church, Martin Luther, would not have brought reformation to the church if he had said to God, “Lord, do I dare challenge the papacy with my criticism of the church?”

John Wesley would not have brought a new epiphany as a faithful Anglican clergy if he had waited to be invited by the pulpits rather than preaching outside on his father’s grave.

Mother Teresa, soon to be sainted, would not have brought hope to the hopeless world if she had said to God, “I do not know how to do ministry in slums.”

Let us not forget our own history as a General Conference, friends.

Nearly three decades ago, delegates who had gathered together for the General Conference in St. Louis were asked to make a very courageous decision. Four years prior to that, Thomas Trotter, then the General Secretary of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry of our denomination, had a dream of building a United Methodist university in Africa. The dream was big but not without criticisms.

There was opposition from two general boards of our own denomination to make this thing happen because of the fear of risk, change, and

increased apportionments, to name just a few reasons. Many people said it could not be done. Trotter persisted in building support and celebrated the nearly unanimous decision at the 1988 General Conference, which established and funded Africa University. This action is considered by some to the greatest achievement of The United Methodist Church in the twentieth century. And we all know that the impact of the Africa University is changing and transforming lives, not only in Africa, but also in other places of the world as well.

Let us not also forget Bishop Leontine Kelly, who presided at this historical session of the General Conference. When considering a run for the episcopacy, she had been challenged by people who did not expect—accept women in the pulpit. Quoting the apostle Paul, her response was often, “I know what Paul said, but Paul did not call me, but God did.”

(applause)

Friends, what about us? Are we ready to go with courage to the places where God is leading us? How will we get there?

We have many options for directions we might take. Some roads will lead us tragically astray. Others may lead us to our destination. Sometimes we are so focused on listening to one voice, like our modern-day GPSs, that we fail to pay attention to other voices that might be trying to show us another way, perhaps even a better way.

What will be our important achievements of the twenty-first century? Will we dare to embark upon courageous dreams that takes the risks and create change that ensures a fully, fully inclusive church?

(applause)

Had the magi, had the magi not listened to Herod’s advisors, they

would never have found Jesus in Bethlehem. Had they not listened to God and traveled back to the palace, they may not have survived. Are we willing to listen to new perspectives and discern together where God may be leading us?

During this General Conference, right here, delegates, you are the only ones who are casting votes. No one else can make this decision for you. Whose voices will you listen to? What perspectives will you consider when you’re making your decisions? Are you ready to travel an additional nine miles, like the magi, to find Jesus? Later today, young people will share their dreams and visions for a future filled with hope. Will we listen to them and follow their ideas about where to find a new epiphany? May God lead us to all the places that we are meant to go. And may we courageously follow God as the wise ones did years ago. Just as the words of the Congolese song that we are about to sing reminds us, “As long as we follow in the way God is leading us, we know God’s reign will surely come.”

May this weekend be one of soul searching for all of us. May we, as Easter people, as we celebrate Pentecost tomorrow, may we listen to God fearlessly and embrace God’s intended path to enable us to lead the church to a new epiphany, to a new Pentecost, with the faith and the courage of the Pentecost people.

Also, may this week be one of intense prayer, meaningful reflection, for all of us. So when we leave this place, friends, on May 20, we can say to God, “God, I was faithful in this Christian conferencing. I reflected upon all the views presented to me from a global perspective, including my own local perspective. Yet, when I punched my vote or used my gadget, God, I listened to you and you only.”

And to this God, the God who enables you and me to journey an ex-

tra nine miles, be all glory and honor today and always. Amen.

(applause)

(music)

(applause)

RAQUEL MOLLOY PEREZ (simultaneous interpretation from Spanish): —change the world. I believe in this God who guides me and who never will abandon me, and this God—

ALL: God of the unexpected journey, we thank you.

(video is shown)

(music)

ANTHONY TANG (Desert Southwest): I believe in a God who shakes up our expected understanding and stereotypes. I believe in a God who humbles the rich and lifts up the poor. I believe in a God who guides me in unknown adventures and who never leaves my side. With this God to travel with me, I do not need to be afraid.

ALL: God of surprises, we thank you.

(video is shown)

(music)

EUNICE MUSA ILIYA (Southern Nigeria): I believe in a God who intends good for the world. I believe in a God who shines the light of love and justice and mercy. I believe in a God whose light is always with me, even when I forget to open my eyes. With this God to travel with me, I do not need to be afraid.

ALL: God of guiding light, we thank you.

(video is shown)

(music)

(applause)

(music)

WORSHIP: In Motion Liturgical Dance Team

BISHOP SUDARSHANA

DEVADHAR: Go, and announce the good news of God's liberating love.

ALL: Go, with Jesus.

BISHOP DEVADHAR: Go, under the authority of God alone.

(speaking in first language)

BISHOP DEVADHAR: Go, and learn the depth and breadth of God's mercy.

(speaking in first language)

BISHOP DEVADHAR: Go, with courage, listen to the words of God.

(speaking in first language)

BISHOP DEVADHAR: Go, with courage, look for the light of Christ.

(speaking in first language)

BISHOP DEVADHAR: Go, with courage, together with the Holy Spirit who binds us in the one body.

ALL: We will, go, with Jesus!

(music)

(applause)

(long pause)

(pause)

BISHOP CYNTHIA FIERRO HARVEY: Friends, we will begin in just a few moments, if you'll find your way to your seat.

(pause)

BISHOP HARVEY: It's a privilege to be with you this morning in this place and in this chair. I need to

bring you up to date on some of our prayer concerns and some of those that we have been in prayer for over the last few days. Our sister from Mozambique North, Júlia Nhamaje-ho—I'm sorry if I'm mispronouncing that name; God knows who you are—she remains in our prayers. As well as Luzia Tekambi from Western Angola. Justine Karumb from South-West Katanga. Bishop Carter from the Florida Annual Conference. Christine Musumb from Lukoshi. And then we have some new additions. I ask you to pray for Bishop Yemba; Kashala Katembo, and Morris Matthis.

(praying in Spanish)

Gracious God, for another day of life and of breath, we give you thanks. You have blessed us with your presence amongst us. We truly sense the stirring of your spirit. Through discussions, conversations, and especially when our anxieties are running high, we are thankful that you are here. Bless us as we continue our time of worship as we gather around a table.

(praying in Spanish)

We are reminded that all of our work is worshipful work. For our brothers and sisters, we place them in your hands of great love and care. This we pray in your name.

(praying in Spanish)

Amen.

Good morning. Buenos días. Bonjour. Bon jia. I think that is about the extent of all of my language capacity.

I want to thank Bishop Devadhar for a great sermon this morning and for the worship team.

(applause)

We continue to hear great things about our experiences of worship,

and I am deeply thankful to Laura Bartlett and her team of extraordinary folks, who are here late at night and very early in the morning. So if you see them in the hallways, please give them your thanks, your personal thanks.

We're excited that we begin this morning with a word from our young people. Isn't it appropriate that we begin this day with a great word from them? So I'm not going to take up any of your time. I'll just give it to you.

(applause)

Young Peoples' Address

PETER CIBUABUA: I am Peter Cibuabua.

CHELSEA SPYRES (Peninsula-Delaware): And I am Chelsea Spyres.

CIBUABUA: I am from Kinshasa, the Democratic Republic of Congo.

SPYRES: I am from Delaware, but now live and serve in Michigan, here in the United States.

CIBUABUA: The objective of this message is to help you, our brothers and sisters in the church, to understand deeply how the young people are engaged in Christ's journey with energy and love. We hope that through our voices, you hear the challenges our generation is facing and solutions that we are finding, so that together we can build a church of God with love, faith, and hope.

SPYRES: This message is built with young people's voices from around the world, so that Peter and I are simply ambassadors of the young people on stage.

CIBUABUA: I come from a family of nine children: five boys and four girls. I was born Muslim, but it happened that I began studying in one of the United Methodist course in my home village. I would spend much of my time with my Christian friends at school and after

school, discussing about our religions, but I was not willing to be invited to their church.

SPYRES: I come from a family of two children, both of us girls. While neither of my parents attend church regularly, I started attending my home congregation at a young age with my grandmother, my nana. I would spend many Saturday nights at her house, and we would go to church together on Sunday. Once I got to middle school, my parents were supportive in dropping me off at church if they were not staying. I continued to participate, attend Methodist summer camp, and became active in mission work, both locally and globally at a fairly young age.

CIBUABUA: At school it was an obligation while being a student to participate in the church program. I did stop going for a time, but the day I went back, the preacher spoke about forgiveness as a gift that we receive from Jesus Christ after confessing all our iniquities. Some of the time, they were teaching us on decisions name in Allah's name cannot change. I was frightened about these statements. I decided myself to start going to The United Methodist Church, but my parents were seriously stopping me. They even decided to tell me: If you go for that church, you have to find people to pay your school fees. I was like a stranger in my own house. I started learning English, singing the same time in the local church called the United Methodist International English Church. Sweeping the church was my duty. I and my friend slept at the church each Saturday night to make things ready. Finally, I got baptized and confirmed, as well as full member of The United Methodist Church.

(applause)

I started following teachings that were affirming my faith. Spiritually,

I was freed, and I loved so much the preaching about the love and grace.

SPYRES: My home congregation, Newark United Methodist, was a place of family. It was a place growing up that I knew my voice mattered. From a young age, I was invited in to this family of faith. They encouraged me through awkward middle and high school years. They supported and helped cultivate my call to ministry late in high school and through college, and still they challenge and support me from afar as I serve in Detroit. This family of faith showed me what it meant to love, regardless of one's race, ethnicity, gender, identity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic situation, age, ability, belief, or background because all are beloved children of God.

(applause)

This family allowed me to see how powerful the body of Christ can be when the church is looking outwardly more than inwardly. This family practiced what they preached, and they transformed what the word church means to me.

CIBUABUA: I realize that I had another family that was the church, and I understood things in different way. I could understand that God exists and he forgives through Jesus Christ. I started my ministry in Sunday school with the children, teaching them how to love God and be friends of Jesus Christ by obeying the word of God. Today, I am one of the leaders of the Young People's Ministry, proclaiming the gospel of Jesus in my local church and beyond. I became an ambassador of Christ's ministries to show to others the power of God's love and his grace. And my wish is to be committed and be ready for God's work. The first time that I got to speak to my bishop in his office, he said, "I recommended you as a delegate to the Episcopal

area, to the African Young Methodist Leader's Summit in Zimbabwe." I could not imagine this, because I was neither a pastor's son, nor a lay leader's son, lifted up from nowhere. By the grace and the forgiveness, I can testify to the love of God. Today, my parents are encouraging me and my brother to go to The United Methodist Church, because they saw the light and the glory of God working in me. By faith today, we are sharing this message.

(applause)

CHELSEA SPYRES: The family of my home church taught me the power of relationships and encouraged me to apply for the Global Mission Fellows program through Global Ministry.

(cheers)

SPYRES: In 2014, I trained to become a fellow with forty-two other young adults from around the world. At times we disagreed, but the relationships that we formed in the beginning helped move us through these disagreements in love. After training, I began serving at the Noah Project, a nonprofit in downtown Detroit, Michigan, where I have served the last two years. Noah provides lunch and social services for homeless and low-income individuals. Serving at Noah has shown me how powerful love truly is and how even though I cannot fix the situations that our clients find themselves in, I can love the way that Christ loves us and spread that love through a welcoming smile and a simple hello. Every day, I get a glimpse of the Kingdom here on earth through a bag lunch and stories shared.

But again, my story and Peter's story are not the only ones that matter here. From the beginning of creating this address, we agreed that more voices than ours needed to be heard. Unfortunately, due to some

technology complications, we were not able to get pictures from young people all around the world, but take a look at how many responded when asked, “What are the weaknesses of the church? In what ways would you like us to grow?”

(music and video)

(applause)

SPYRES: Can we agree that it is good?

(applause)

SPYRES: But that is not all the young people think about the church. Take a look at these pieces of hope where we as the church are getting it right.

(music and video)

PETER CIBUABUA: Here, you have seen some of the hopes and some of the fears of young people. When thinking about The United Methodist Church, we are confident that this General Conference is listening and praying for solutions and cares deeply about the witness of the young people when discerning the possibilities for mission and ministry before us. We invite you to think about a young person in your life, how the decisions from this General Conference will affect the young people.

SPYRES: We as human beings get it wrong a lot. We think that we have it right, that we know what we are talking about, until someone comes along and proves us otherwise; or maybe God stops whispering and starts to yell. God stops waiting for us to find a quiet moment and shows up in very, very apparent ways. We as the people who make up the church can also get it wrong. We can find ourselves far from sharing God’s love and only portraying our personal intentions and goals. It is

in these moments that I am thankful for God’s grace and grace from my neighbor.

One of the things that I hear most from young people is that they feel like their voice is not being heard, that they are not welcomed. As a denomination, we can get so focused on doing things the way we have always done them that we miss out on new voices longing to be heard. We don’t take time to get to know that new person who has just walked into worship or the new demographic that has moved into the neighborhood. We make assumptions before building relationships. As a church, we think that because we have heard from one or two young people we have heard from them all, but we must remember that each individual in our lives is unique with their own story, their own background, their own ideas for the future. Whether or not we agree with someone theologically or personally, we must remember that we are first God’s children created equally, created from and for love. How would the church grow if we began to listen before we spoke, if we learned about each other’s cultural backgrounds before inserting our expectation? What would the church look like if before anything else we loved, and I mean truly loved all? If first and foremost we sought to show the radical, perfect, undeserving love that Christ shows us.

CIBUABUA: The young people are involved in making decisions. They are zealous to do work, and they have passion to work, and they can be very dedicated. They have the energy to execute tasks. If mobilized well, they can work positively toward Jesus’ ministry. They are very vibrant if energy is dedicated to a good cause, but they can easily lose focus with improper guidance. They are very emotional, and proper shepherding must always be given.

They can easily be consumed by ego, which might affect their work. They can do very well when work-oriented, but young people’s program is usually one of the lowest item line on the conference budget. Can you imagine that? In these ways, young people are marginalized in the church. It is high time that the church should change its primitive of seeing the young people as the church of tomorrow.

(applause)

CIBUABUA: In some corners of the world, there are still divisions between the haves and the have-nots in the church. Young people are shepherds by the good news of Jesus Christ, but equality and justice also presented in the Bible, but they can easily either influence positively and negatively. Some are victims or witnesses of violence. Some have an awareness of crime and are possibly involved. Some are orphans because of war and HIV/AIDS. Some are illiterate, some refugees; some carry weapons in Africa. Some are drawn in terrorism in every part of the world. This crisis produced fear. We see child trafficking and the loss of identity. Even the matters of racism and sexism create mountains and valleys for the young people in the church. Some brothers of that side unwanted by the brothers of the other side.

CHELSEA SPYRES: When you look across the world, there are many social issues that we as a denomination differ on. There are laws in some places that hold little significance in another. One of these issues that holds different value, depending on your cultural context, is human sexuality. I shared in my introduction that growing up in a church where all were welcomed and all were treated equal was a critical piece in my discernment of how God is calling me to love. When I look at our Wesleyan

heritage, I see Wesley calling us to do good of every possible sort, to far as possible, to all. And I see Jesus loving those that society considered to be outsiders, considered to be the least of these. Jesus did not say that people had to change their ways before he would love them or before they could follow him. Jesus simply said, "I love you. You are my child. Now, follow and learn from me." No matter where you stand on questions of human sexuality, we are called to love and love before anything else. And then, the transformational love of Jesus will transform our hearts and the hearts of those that we are called to be in ministry with. We say in the *Discipline* that we are committed to be in ministry with and for all persons, but are we really? Are we accepting and including all persons as they are, as God created them to be? Or, are we trying to conform them to who we think they should be?

PETER CIBUABUA: Today, we experience homosexuality as a phenomenon that many people are treating out loud as a social issues among many other social issues, such as terrorism and wars. It's very important to objectively look at the practice of the homosexuality in the church and evaluate the impact that this has on the church witness. Treat together here present with bishops, clergy, and lay here present. Know that above and beyond everything, the love of God should cover our personal sin. We have to treat this subject with compassion and love. No matter what might happen, remember that the church is The United Methodist Church. The church is the global church. Our unity makes us strong and different believers in the world. Well, to be happy to have a divided church, a confused church, or do you want the United Methodists of America, of Asia, of Africa, or the United Methodist of Europe? I believe your answer will

be "no." It is up to you and to me to keep our identity. United we conquer the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Divided, we are limited. We young people need the church to welcome everyone as they is, but let the love and the needs of God break us, so together without differences, we can proclaim the kingdom of heaven through Christ's ministries. Remember that we have one God, one Christ. We have one doctrine. We have one faith. We have one body, one and one church.

(applause)

SPYRES: We are a church based in love, loving God and loving each other, and this transformational love in action is where we as a church are at its best and what most connects with young adults' desire to make a difference in the world. I see transformational love in action when I look at our United Methodist Committee on Relief. UMCOR is often the first on the scene after a disaster and the last to leave. UMCOR is not only focused on short-term relief but on long-term recovery, and when UMCOR asks, you as a body respond. In 2008, we committed as a denomination to join the fight against malaria. Eight years later, \$68 million dollars has been given or pledged to the Imagine No Malaria campaign.

(applause)

SPYRES: That is a church on the local level gathering and responding in incredible ways. We are a church of action, a church that lives out our call to service, and it is this type of response that is drawing young people to the church. When we are able to make Christ's love more visible in the world, young people want to be a part of that. I mentioned that my home church in Delaware shaped my call to justice and service. When I moved to

Detroit as a Global Mission fellow, I began to look for a church that I would call home. I didn't have to look very far, as that first Sunday, I worshipped at Central United Methodist where the nonprofit I work for is housed. Central is a place where our clients who are experiencing homelessness are welcomed and are able to worship beside business owners. Central is not only committed to direct service work but to fighting for vulnerable populations on a political level. Central embodies ministry with, not to. There are many local churches that are doing ministry outside the walls of the church, that are being the hands and feet of Christ, and it is these churches that give us an example of how to continue to serve and be involved in the communities that God has called us to. We are a denomination that is more than words spoken on Sundays, but are actions throughout the week, and for that I and many young people give thanks and see a future for this church.

CIBUABUA: The Young African Leaders Summit was a great and powerful activity in my young adult ministry that made me connected to The United Methodist Church in the world and opened my eyes. Above and beyond everything through that experience, I understood the importance of the young people in the church and in the community. There, I go to have a new vision of the church through the young people, to create a network to all the young leaders in Africa and the ability to share about the Christian ministry and young people's activities in our respective annual conferences. That summit has created a space in which young leaders will exchange the ideas, experiences where they have the time and space to discuss on their views on leadership.

When I participated in this young leader summit, I discovered

a vision for the young people of the church in Africa and in the whole world. That is to live a life of a servant leader and to encourage leadership among other young people. So, I organized two trainings on leadership in a writing project. I also went with a team to train another group of young Methodist leaders in another city 250 miles from the capital city. I got motivated to work for God and to be a carrier of Jesus' cross without any reservation or fear. Now, seventy percent of my time is oriented to the church work, teaching English for free in our center on the Methodist radio and cleaning the church still my favorite work in my life.

You see, love is patient, and the law of courtesy shows us how we can love everyone, even when we are living in the disagreement. Love doesn't show differences. When we have love, we can live above and beyond any situation with a neighbor, even if this seems to be a stranger in our community. Like the one day we were doing evangelism house-to-house, and suddenly, there was a man coming toward us, very dirty and showing signs of a mental illness. All my group members neglected the guy, but I went to the guy. I called him, "Stop," and he stopped.

I asked him a question, "Do you love God?" He said, "Yes."

"Do you know Jesus?" He said, "Yes."

"Do you believe that God can transform you today?" He said "Yes."

Then I held his dirty hands. I said, "Close your eyes. Let's pray."

When it was done, I gave him some money. This person was healed, and after that sign, many people came, asking to pray for them.

You see, the church can work and can help around the world in The United Methodist Church, and

The United Methodist Church can help in many ways, working with strangers in a way of showing the love of Christ. Let's welcome young people, and give them a place to feel loved by the church. We want to be a model of Christ, like John Wesley, our founder, and we need to be honest of where we are coming from. That's our identity is crucial. The young people want involvement of all persons for the entire family of Christ. Forget the differences and work together in love for this sake, and help each other to reveal the truth and be witness of it.

SPYRES: As Peter and I said at the beginning of this address, the young people of The United Methodist Church are more than the two of us.

The young people include many diverse voices. Their voices are waiting to be heard. Waiting to know that they are loved and valued by you, their church. Continue to build relationships with the young people in your life. Your time spent encouraging them has a transformational power for what the church looks like now, and what it will look like in the future.

And, in this next week we hope that you will spend time building relationships with one another. This is an incredible opportunity to get to know delegates from around the world. I hope that we can be like Jesus, and build love and relationships before anything else. I hope that we can show the rest of the church how things could be different if we could love and respect in the midst of our differences. Together as one body, God gives us an opportunity. An opportunity to make disciples for the transformation of the world. It is time to take that opportunity to give thanks to the God who shows us love, and grace when we don't deserve it, and to go into the world, ready to transform.

PETER CIBUABUA: The United Methodist Church in Congo Central Conference, the young people make up more than half of the church participants by estimation. All over the world, they really want to be free and experience their freedom in their work in the church. Feeling like nobody restricts them. They want to live their vision to what the church can be now, and in the future. In much of the world, young people are coming in absolute majority in The United Methodist Church. They are people full of motivation, and they are ready to serve, anywhere at any time. Like GBGM with Global Ministries, like GBOD with young people ministries. They have been involved in most of the committees and agencies of the church. They are very full with focus on mission and ministry. Talking to young people, let's share this huge example of one of them, Jesus Christ. A servant leader dies at age of 33 years old. He was everything. He was a messiah. He was a prophet, a bishop, and a pastor, a servant leader, a pastor. Why not expect in coming years in our annual conferences young bishops? Because they are filled with the teachings, your advice, your blessings. This is the slogan of the young people, "Today First, Tomorrow Then," instead of saying the young people are the church of tomorrow.

SPYRES: Peter and I are so grateful for this opportunity, but more than anything we hope that you will connect with the young people in your own life and ministry. As a response to what you have heard this morning, we ask that you would take a postcard that is on your table and write to a young person whose witness you are thankful for. Give them words of encouragement, and share with them something that you have heard this morning. Before the weekend is over, drop that postcard

at the Discipleship Ministries table, and we will mail it to them. Continue to invite young people to the conversations around decision making. Let them know that the church hears and cares about their voices.

Blessings. Shalom

CIBUABUA: Please join us as we close with this song. (*singing and clapping*)

(*applause*)

BISHOP CYNTHIA FIERRO HARVEY: Peter and Chelsea, thank you. You said something, I don't remember which one of you said it, but I'm gonna try and put it in these words, the light and the glory of God is certainly working in you, and I thank you and the young people for those wonderful message. Appreciate you.

(*applause*)

BISHOP HARVEY: And, I especially liked that little placard. I think children's church ought to be for adults frankly. Now as I begin our time together this morning, I want to remind you of just a couple of things. I want to remind you that worship has not ended, that all of our work is worshipful work. The benediction that was pronounced by Bishop Devadhar is not the end of our worship, but simply a blessing that sends us forward to continue our work together. I know that we call these plenary sessions or business sessions, but as people of faith, we lift these sessions as an offering of worship. Friends, this is sacred space. This is space that has been consecrated for our time together, and this is important time. It's a time when we need to bring our best selves, and bring out the best selves in others. This is a sacred space, consecrated for our work. I'm here to help you do what you need to do. We will work through this deliberately, and intentionally. The learning curve

is steep, especially with all the new technology. We're learning together. So, I ask you to be patient with me and I will be patient with you. I'll do my best to keep you informed of what we are doing, where we are going, where we are.

We are gonna try a few things this morning. We are gonna experiment a little. Some of you, and this comes from, most of you have said that thirty seconds seems like an eternity for the vote. We are gonna try twenty-five seconds this morning. If it doesn't work, we will go back to thirty, but we are gonna try twenty-five when we take a vote, and this morning some of our votes I'll start, are some fairly simple things, like the agenda and the calendar. So, I don't think you probably need much more than twenty-five seconds. We are already very close to our order of the day, which was 9:35, for your break and your time to go into legislative sessions.

I know you have a lot of work. I've heard. So, what we are gonna try to do is be efficient. We are not going to rush. But, we are gonna be efficient as we work through the morning. I am going to remind you one more time to turn off the hotspots on your phones, on your iPads, on any iThing that you have at your table. That really does interfere with the tablets at your table so that slows us down. So if you would check your hot spots. Turn'em off. We actually have up here something that tells us how many hot spots are on, and some of you know who they are. So, I don't wanna have to send somebody to tell you to turn off your hot spot. So, why don't you do that now? OK? And, my daughter told me last night, "Mom while you preside, don't get all soccer mom on them." So, I'm gonna try not to do that, but do turn off your hot spots.

OK? So, this is a little puzzling

'cause we haven't even started any business, but we have some points of order, but before we go there, I'm going to ask the Committee on Credentials, Committee on the Journal, Committee on Reference, Agenda and Calendar, and presiding officers to make your way up to the stage and we will call you as quickly as possible. So, if you will make your way up here. In the meantime, I am going to go ahead and call Fredrick Brewington to mic. 6. What I see up here, just so you know what we are seeing, point of order, parliamentary inquiry, or information. So I don't know which one of those things you are standing up for Mr. Brewington. So, if when you start if you will let me know, then we know how to proceed. Mic. 6.

FREDERICK K. BREWINGTON (New York): Bishop first, I say good morning. I love you.

BISHOP HARVEY: Thank you. I love you too.

(*laughter*)

BREWINGTON: Thank you. And, I stand to raise a point of personal privilege. May I do that?

BISHOP HARVEY: Yes.

BREWINGTON: I stand as the lead laity delegate for the New York Annual Conference, and I stand as an African American man who is straight. I also stand on behalf of my sister Dorothee Benz, Dr. Dorothee Benz, who two days ago stood at this very mic.; and when she sought to speak on behalf of Rule 44 and raised the issues relating to the reasons why she supported Rule 44, she spoke the term "LGBTQ" and was ruled out of order because she used that term. We have, throughout these days, in some places referred to our gay, lesbian, transgender, queer sisters and brothers as "issues." They are not. They are people, and I stand on behalf of my sister Dorothee Benz, who stands to my left, to ask

that when she was shut down and her three minutes were taken from her and she was ruled out of order for making the statement that she was in favor and why she was in favor of Rule 44, that she was out of order.

We stand as the New York Annual Conference and other brothers and sisters that stand with us on this floor in a point of personal privilege stating that we must treat each other with a way that does no harm and not treat each other, whether or not we are gay, lesbian, straight, Black, White, male, female, young, or old, with the dignity as children of God. We ask that a statement be read apologizing to Dr. Benz. That was not being done, so we stand as a point of personal privilege asking that this body and you, as a chair, recognize that some harm was done and that there needs to be some recompense for that.

BISHOP HARVEY: Thank you.

(pause)

BISHOP HARVEY: Thank you, Mr. Brewington. We hear you.

In the silence of this moment what I'd like to do is to go where I usually go at times like this. I go to God. So, I am going to invite us to a time of prayer. There is a lot of hurt, and there is a lot of healing that needs to happen. So let's pray.

Gracious God, you are the perfect healer, and we know, God, that sometimes we say and do things that are not only counterproductive to our work but especially counterproductive to the kingdom. Lord, our prayer every day is that your kingdom might come on earth as in heaven. We pray it, but we forget; our memories are short. So, I ask you now to open our hearts, our minds, our ears to the voices, as we have been reminded this morning, O God, to the voices of all people. Keep us mindful that we are all your children, not perfect, but your children. So,

I place all of us before you that, in fact, we do no harm, that we stay in love with you and stay in love with one another. We don't have to agree; we just have to love. Amen.

So, I am going to invite Committee on Credentials people to come forward. Do we have a report? Guess we don't. Committee on the Journal?

RANDY LEE BIGGERSTAFF (Missouri): Good morning.

BISHOP HARVEY: Good morning.

BIGGERSTAFF: Can I ask you to please turn to p. 2053? You will find today's errata with some of the comments from yesterday, as well as some further corrections. If you will turn to p. 2067, under legislative committee officers, there is a mistake under conferences. The secretary's last name Cynthia Moore is K-O-I-K-O-I. And our last, and I apologize to this young man because he came up to me yesterday. I tried to correct it, but it didn't get corrected. On 2077, under the Commission on the General Conference, no. 323, his first name is spelled M-A-R-Q-U-I-C-E, Marquice. That is all I have.

BISHOP HARVEY: Thank you. We have received that report. The corrections have been noted. Committee on Reference, do we have a report? Yes. Come in behind me. Thank you.

CHARLES WALTER SAVAGE (North Georgia): Good morning, Bishop.

BISHOP HARVEY: Good morning.

SAVAGE: Good morning, General Conference.

ALL: Good morning!

SAVAGE: Y'all can do better than that. Good morning, General Conference.

ALL: Good morning!

SAVAGE: The report from the Committee on Reference is found on p. 2054 in today's DCA. Bishop, this report is properly before the body.

BISHOP HARVEY: Thank you. Thank you.

(Bishop conferring on stage)

BISHOP HARVEY: Do we need to take some action on that? We do. OK. Thank you.

So, this is the test for your twenty-five seconds. If you will receive that report, press one (1) for yes and no for no, or two (2) for no. Alright. Thank you. [*Yes, 756; No, 12*]

SAVAGE: Bishop, I have a remaining announcement concerning petitions remaining in the legislative committees. The Committee on Reference will meet today during the lunch break, and all requests for reassignment of petitions should be made at that time—by that time—in order for the committee to consider those requests. Please note that all legislative committees will need to convene for their 1:15 P.M. afternoon sessions to receive any reassigned petitions. And, to the members of the Committee on Reference, our lunch meeting will be in room C121, and lunch will be provided for us. Please note that this is not our regular meeting room.

Thank you, Bishop, and thank you, members of the General Conference.

BISHOP HARVEY: Thank you. Thank you. I was notified that the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges did not have a report this morning. I'll call once again the Committee on Credentials.

I suppose that means there's no report. Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision also did not have a report for this morning. So now, I'll go to the Committee on Agenda and Calendar.

TRACY SMITH MALONE (Northern Illinois): Thank you, Bishop. Good morning, everyone. The Committee on Agenda and Calendar recommends the agenda for today, as printed on the front cover page of the

DCA, which is p. no. 2049. Again, that's two-zero-four-nine. We will be in plenary session this morning, and we will be in our legislative committees after the break for the rest of the day. A service of Holy Communion will be held at 12:25 P.M. in the Oregon Ballroom 203. Bishop, I move the adoption of this agenda as printed.

BISHOP HARVEY: OK, thank you. So, if you'll take out your voting devices. If you receive this, to receive this report. To adopt this report, 1 for yes; 2 for no. [*Yes - 776; No - 18*]

(pause)

BISHOP HARVEY: Thank you.

MALONE: Bishop, I would now like to invite Susan Brumbaugh, who is our Coordinator of the Calendar, to share consent calendar information.

SUSAN M. BRUMBAUGH: Good morning. I invite you to turn in your *DCA*, this is yesterday's *DCA*, to p. 1905. One-nine-zero-five. Yesterday's *DCA*. One-nine-zero-five. At the bottom of the page is consent calendar C01; C01. As I mentioned yesterday, calendar item 3 has been removed from that calendar, but calendar item 4 is still there. So, we need to vote on it. Consent calendar C01 is before you, with that one removal.

MALONE: Bishop, I move approval of consent calendar C01, except for the one that has been removed, which is calendar item 3.

BISHOP HARVEY: OK, if you'll take out your voting devices. Approval of the consent calendar, with the exceptions to item no. 3. If you'll vote yes, press one (1); two (2) no. [*Yes - 721; No - 54*]

(pause)

BISHOP HARVEY: OK, thank you. It's approved.

BRUMBAUGH: Now, we will turn to consent calendar A02 in your *DCA*, to p. 2003. This is actually yesterday's *DCA*. I apologize if that was confusing. 2003 is the page number. Consent calendar A02. All of the items on consent calendar A02 are correct as printed. None were removed.

MALONE: Bishop, I move that we accept the actions on consent calendar A02.

BISHOP HARVEY: OK. So, you've heard that request. If you'll take your voting devices. Accept the actions on consent calendar A02. It's in yesterday's *DCA*. One (1) yes, two (2) no. Please vote now. [*Yes - 735; No - 41*]

(pause)

BISHOP HARVEY: OK, thank you.

BRUMBAUGH: Now, we will turn to consent calendar B02 in your *DCA*, on p. 2004. This is on p. 2004, consent calendar B02. The single item on consent calendar B02 is correct as printed. It was not removed.

MALONE: Bishop, I move that we accept the actions on consent calendar B02.

BISHOP HARVEY: OK, if you'll take your voting device. Accept the actions on consent calendar B02. Please vote. [*Yes - 754; No - 28*]

(pause)

BISHOP HARVEY: Thank you. Yes.

BRUMBAUGH: Turning now in today's *DCA* to p. 2099. Two-zero-nine-nine is the page number. You will see new consent calendars, and on p. 2109, two-one-zero-nine, there is a list of non-calendar items. I again remind you that items can be removed from the consent calendar, or non-calendar items can be calendared, by submitting the appropriate form with twenty valid signatures to

my office in B117, one-one-seven, but do note that the petitions appearing on p. 2113, two-one-one-three, these are non-calendar items rejected in favor of another petition and cannot be brought to the floor, as described in Rule 34. So, you cannot submit a form for those petitions. No further plenary action is required on these items at this time.

BISHOP HARVEY: Thank you.

MALONE: Bishop, that concludes our report.

BISHOP HARVEY: Thank you. I don't know how you keep up with all of that, so I really appreciate what you're doing. It's hard enough. If I could now call on the Committee on Presiding Officers.

JUDITH KREAGER ZABEL (Minnesota): Judi Zabel, Committee on Presiding Officers. Thank you, Bishop Harvey, for your wise and able leadership this morning.

BISHOP HARVEY: Thank you.

ZABEL: On Monday, our presiding officers will be Bishop Coyner, Bishop Goodpaster, Bishop Stanovsky, Bishop Wenner. We are grateful for the leadership that our bishops offer in services to God in The United Methodist Church. This concludes our report. Thank you, Bishop.

BISHOP HARVEY: Thank you. Thank you. We do have, just to let you know what I'm looking at, I have three either points of order, parliamentary inquiry, or information. I'm going to call these folks one at a time and start with Sergey Kim, to mic. no. 2. If you will, let me know what it is you are coming to the microphone for.

SERGEY KIM (Central Russia) (Simultaneous Interpretation): Good morning, dear bishop. Sergey Kim, Russia. This question has been raised before.

BISHOP HARVEY: Excuse me one second, my translation device is not working. OK. Try again.

KIM: Earlier during plenary sessions, one of the brothers raised this issue, regarding non-English speakers who don't have enough time to review materials, which are offered for voting and although I tried very hard and look through petitions, still I didn't have time. Now, we were voting on Consent Calendar, as one before voting, I suggest, us, at least every member of committee to be able to see if petitions, which were adopted by the committees are specified correctly.

Although, and also, I would like to mention, that when the young people addressed us and some of our delegates also attended Young People's Conference, I would like to say that their position is not necessarily position of all of the young people. We feel that we didn't hear about a position of other young people. We feel that there is some pressure on the opinions of young delegates.

BISHOP HARVEY: Thank you and we'll try to slow down particularly on those Consent Calendar issues, to address that. I now call George Wilson to mic. 6.

GEORGE WILSON (Liberia): George Wilson for the Liberia episcopal area. Bishop, will I be in order to call for a moment of personal privilege.

BISHOP HARVEY: Yes sir, I just wanna be mindful of our time this morning, but yes.

WILSON: Yesterday afternoon, while presiding over the difficult work assigned Church and Society to our Chair, Morris Matthis fell off and had to be rushed to hospital. My understanding is that he is still at the hospital. I still offer a word of prayer for him. Thank you.

BISHOP HARVEY: Please, yes. Would you be willing to do that, sir?

WILSON: Absolutely.

BISHOP HARVEY: Thank you.

WILSON: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And, also with you.

WILSON: Let us pray. Great and Holy God, we pause to thank you for life, for health. You call us from different places, from long journey to come to do the business of your work. Our brother, while doing his work in your name, fell off and is now in the hospital. We ask for your special grace of healing. We thank you, because we know in your name, he will be healed. Amen.

BISHOP HARVEY: Amen. Thank you. Merle Idom Jr., to mic. 3, or I know you as Matt Idom, to mic. 3. I didn't know your first name was Merle.

MERLE IDOM (Texas): Oh, bishop, it's Merle Matthews Idom Jr.

(laughter)

BISHOP HARVEY: OK. Thank you; yes, sir. Point of order, privilege, or inquiry?

IDOM: Texas Annual Conference, Clergy, thank you. First off, just an editorial here, Morris Matthis, talked to him on the phone last night. He came back to the hotel. He says, "He's goin' be back in the saddle this afternoon."

BISHOP HARVEY: Thank you.

IDOM: And, I know those prayers are deeply appreciated.

(applause)

BISHOP HARVEY: So, this is an inquiry, right, next?

IDOM: Yes, yes, it is. In our work in the Discipleship Committee, Subcommittee I was on, we addressed a few pieces of legislation of petition. There were almost purely editorial in nature. Kinda like, goin' from the King James Version to a, a modern translation, the Bible of Contemporary Language. And, I suspect, as I visited and learned from other persons and other legislative committees, this pattern was repeated a number of times. My inquiry is this, is there a mechanism

or a way or is there something we might want to consider as a General Conference, where once a legislative committee looks at a piece of legislation and determines it is an editorial work and is not changing the polity of the church that we could refer those documents to a body that could then look and determine if it is purely editorial and then present it back to the General Conference to accept or reject?

BISHOP HARVEY: Thank you. I think, I understand what you've asked, and I'm not sure we can do that without a rule change. So, maybe at the break, you might want to visit with the Secretary of the General Conference, and he can advise you on how to move forward with that.

(Bishop consulting on stage)

BISHOP HARVEY: We are trying to figure out. Erin Hawkins, I believe you have a monitoring report, right? OK. If you'll come forward. Thank you.

ERIN HAWKINS: Good morning. My name is Erin Hawkins and I'm the General Secretary of the General Commission on Religion and Race, here to offer the Delegate Monitoring Question of the Day.

We were encouraged to hear that in many legislative committees yesterday that the Monitoring Question led to conversation that brought clarity and community to your legislative committees. This morning we will be asking you to consider the process of voting. The right to vote is the great equalizer; each delegate's vote matters equally. You've had the opportunity to exercise your right to vote in plenary and legislative committees. Now the General Commission on Religion and Race, in consultation with the Commission on the Status and Role of Women, asks you to pause for a moment and reflect.

Self Monitoring Question of the Day

Please get your voting pads ready now to respond to our Delegate Self-Monitoring Question of the morning. “Have you noticed anyone struggling to participate fully in the voting process?” Press one for yes; and two for no. Bishop, you’ll let us know when it’s time to vote.

BISHOP HARVEY: Thank you. If you’ll take voting pads out, please vote now. Thank you.

[Yes - 407; No - 311]

HAWKINS: Each delegate has a right to participate in the transformation of our church by voting their conscience without interference and with full information. Let’s continue to ensure that this right is preserved. Thank you.

BISHOP HARVEY: Thank you, Erin.

BISHOP CYNTHIA FIERRO HARVEY: (*unintelligible*) We have another either point of order, parliamentary inquiry, or information from Sergey Kim to mic. no. 2. I usually refrain from calling people more than once in a session, so, but I will give you this point this time.

SERGEY KIM (Central Russia) (simultaneous interpretation): Thank you, Bishop. I withdraw my request.

BISHOP HARVEY: Thank you. Alright. Looks like we have one other either inquiry, parliamentary, parliamentary inquiry information or point of order from Tshimbu Muyombi, from mic. 4.

TSHIMBU JETHRO MUYOMBI (South Congo) (simultaneous interpretation): Thank you, Bishop, for giving me the floor. My name is Tshimbu Muyombi, from South Congo Annual Conference. It is not a point of order but only a point of information, as we saw it in the placard. We worked in the committees with much confusion, and still,

I would like to thank the General Secretary, who came and did get us information as to some points when we worked in the commission, in the committees. And, on this, I would like ask a point of information, if, in the committees, there is a petition that is being offered, and it is rejected simply because we didn’t have the possibility of getting more information on it, in our rules, could you tell me, what could we do if we think that the petition, if some people think that petition, even though it was rejected in subcommittees and small groups, we might support it in the plenary? Could we go back with the petition to the plenary, so that the petition be reviewed again? Yes or no? Thank you.

BISHOP HARVEY: I’m gonna ask the secretary to respond to that.

L. FITZGERALD REIST (General Secretary of the General Conference): If it is a petition that has been set aside or rejected in favor of another petition, we can’t bring it to the floor, but if it’s simply a petition that has not been supported, there is a form in Susan Brumbaugh’s office that you can fill out, room 1, 117. You can get that form, get the signature of twenty delegates on the form, and it will bring it to the floor. You can also, in your legislative committee, if you believe you have now obtained information that was not available, you may reconsider the petition, but we ask you to be very careful. If it’s already calendared, the easier thing to do for everyone is to get the petition to bring it to the, take that petition to the floor with the request for floor action that requires the signatures of twenty delegates. They must be valid signatures. They must be persons who were seated at the time. So, please be aware, when you gather those signatures, get a few extras, just in case, and make sure that they are green—you know, the delegate badges—make sure that they’re those badges that the

delegates are wearing, not reserves, unless it’s a seated reserve.

BISHOP HARVEY: Thank you. Do we have any announcements before we go? We’re gonna have a break, and then you go into your legislative committees for the afternoon.

REIST: Well, first, I would like to offer an apology to the body. Do you ever get to the point where you think you know something, and find out you don’t? I’m like the young people, this morning’s comment that we think we know, and we find out we don’t know. There are several definitions in the *Book of Discipline* about ages and categories and times, and let me read to you from 709.3.

“All youth representatives elected to general agencies shall be, at the time of organizational board meetings, twelve to sixteen years of age.”

I apologize. I kept saying twelve to eighteen at time of election. It’s that category in some places, but because we’re dealing with the Commission on the General Conference, it refers, that places it in the category of general agencies, and I sincerely apologize for the confusion I have caused in the process of nominations.

Plea to Protect Personal Hydration at General Conference

I do have several announcements that I’ve been asked to share. One of them, I was going to say anyway, and that is: we are concerned for your health and well-being. Please remember to eat regularly and drink more water than you usually do while you’re here at General Conference. One of the major causes of health issues at our General Conferences has historically been dehydration, people forgetting to drink.

BISHOP HARVEY: Water.

REIST: You do need to drink water, even while you’re doing God’s work.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
(*laughing*) Water.

BISHOP HARVEY: Water.

(*laughter*)

REIST: Please remember—I'm sorry, I come from a very conservative tradition. (*Laughs.*) Please remember that all legislative committees need to convene for the morning session and the afternoon session on time, 1:15 for the afternoon session. We're asked to convene earlier than what we're going to today for the morning session, but please go directly to sessions, as directly as you can, so time is not wasted.

I need to see E.V. Lapman, Robert Reneau, and Ntambue Joseph Kazadi at the podium. E.V. Lapman, Robert Reneau, and Ntambue Joseph Kazadi here at the podium.

Sunday morning worship, 10 A.M., May 15th, Portland Room 251, an invitation from the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women. Please join us for a contemplative service of meditation, prayer, and Holy Communion, as we seek to center ourselves and prepare for the upcoming week.

You are requested to remember that there are recycling facilities. You can see the green boxes around for recycling. If you have a plastic water bottle or anything else, please use those boxes for recycling and do not simply throw things in the trash. This convention center is a very green convention center, and it's very important, both to the convention center and to this community and to all of us throughout the world, that we take seriously our concerns for the environment.

There has been some conversation and some experiences of unfortunate confrontations between, in some cases, delegates and non-delegates; in some cases, between delegates; in some cases, between non-delegates and non-delegates. Christians should not threaten one another. Christians should encourage one another and seek to understand one another. I think we've been hearing that message. I hope that anyone who is distressed and feels the need to threaten will remember that that is not Christian behavior.

Thank you for your attention to these announcements.

BISHOP HARVEY: One final announcement: The bishops will be praying in both the hallways, and they'll be in stoles, so it will be easy to identify if you need a time of prayer.

We've gotten one another announcement that I wanted to share with you. Rev. Leo Nieto, a member of the Cal-Pacific Conference and former member of the Rio Grande Conference, died yesterday in California. He was a leader in the farm worker movement and a founder of MARCHA. So, we need to keep him and his family in our prayers.

As you go from this place, I'm going to remind you that you go into spaces, additional spaces that are consecrated for our life and our work. So, as you go, go with open hearts, open minds, and open ears, that you might hear the concerns, the input of all those around you. Most importantly, go in love. Amen.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS:
Amen.

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