

## Consent Calendar Explanation

There are three consent calendars: A) concurrence with proposed changes to the Discipline. B) concurrence with petitions on non-Disciplinary matters. C) non-concurrence on Disciplinary and non-Disciplinary items. The first day items will be listed as 01. The second day will be listed 02, and so forth. Items can be placed on the consent calendar if: 1) no more than five votes were cast against the prevailing position; 2) it has no financial implications; 3) the proposal does not require a constitutional amendment. Any five delegates may have a consent calendar item removed by signing the ap-

### Consent Calendar A04

**649-602.4****Subject: Add youth to lay membership of annual conference**Committee Item: CO53-602.4-C  
Petition:31219-CO-602.4-D, Pg. 175  
Membership: 89; Present: 79;  
For: 76; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

 Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /**650-600****Subject: Responsibilities of annual conferences and director of connectional ministries**Committee Item: CO54-600-A  
Petition:31093-CO-600-D, Pg. 178  
Membership: 89; Present: 79;  
For: 76; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows: Amend #7 to read, "It is recommended that each annual conference have a Director of Connectional Ministries or designated person to focus...." Amend #7a to read "the Director may be lay or clergy" (delete the rest of #7a). Amend #7b by deleting "and a member of the cabinet" and adding "and shall sit with the cabinet when the cabinet considers matters relating to coordination, implementation, or administration of the conference program, and other matters as the cabinet and director may determine."

 Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /**651-607.5****Subject: Exempt Bd of Ordained Ministry from the one third, one third, one third requirement**Committee Item: CO63-607.5-C  
Petition:30363-CO-607.5-D, Pg. 179  
Membership: 89; Present: 79;  
For: 78; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

 Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /**652-649****Subject: AC shall have a conference committee on disability concerns or other structure to provide functions**Committee Item: CO69-649-C  
Petition:31239-CO-649-D, Pg. 181  
Membership: 89; Present: 79;  
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

 Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /**653-511****Subject: Missional Needs**Committee Item: CO73-511-C  
Petition:31978-CO-511-D  
Membership: 89; Present: 79;  
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

 Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /**654-607****Subject: Renumber 607-625, 627 and 628-651**Committee Item: CO76-607-C  
Petition:31221-CO-607-D, Pg. 179  
Membership: 89; Present: 78;  
For: 78; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

 Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /**655-602****Subject: Annual conference chancellor shall have the privilege of the floor w/o vote**Committee Item: CO79-602-A  
Petition:31157-CO-602-D, Pg. 173  
Membership: 89; Present: 76;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows: Delete the words "chosen as" and "lay".

 Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /**656-606.9****Subject: Annual conference records and archives**Committee Item: CO83-606.9-C  
Petition:30781-CO-606.9-D, Pg. 178  
Membership: 89; Present: 77;  
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence.

 Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /**657-603.9****Subject: Lay leader shall be a member of the a.c.**Committee Item: CO86-603.9-A  
Petition:30431-CO-603.9-D, Pg. 176  
Membership: 89; Present: 78;  
For: 76; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows: Reinsertion of the word "sessions".

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**658-603.9****Subject: Add Lay Speaking Min is tries as a group to which the con fer ence lay leader shall relate**

Com mit tee Item: CO87-603.9-C

Petition:

30432-CO-603.9-D, Pg. 176  
Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 78;  
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**659-617****Subject: Create Board of Trustees for each annual conference**

Com mit tee Item: CO88-617-C

Petition:

30047-CO-617-D, Pg. 180  
Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 78;  
For: 73; Against: 1; Not Voting: 4;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**660-602.4****Subject: Annual conference composition and character**

Com mit tee Item: CO92-602.4-C

Petition:

30780-CO-602.4-D, Pg. 174  
Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 79;  
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**661-607****Subject: Annual conference responsible for its administrative procedures**

Com mit tee Item: CO93-607-C

Petition:

30433-CO-607-D, Pg. 178  
Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 79;  
For: 73; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**662-407****Subject: Delete this paragraph**

Com mit tee Item: CO103-407-A

Petition:

31937-CO-407-D, Pg. 1656  
Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 77;  
For: 75; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence as amended as fol lows: Re tain all of Para graph 407 ex cept the word "ef fec tive" in the sec ond para graph.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**663-628****Subject: AC shall have bd of church & society or other structure to provide for these functions**

Com mit tee Item: CS87-628-C

Petition:

31225-CS-628-D, Pg. 39  
Mem ber ship: 120; Pres ent: 93;  
For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**664-1112.3****Subject: Include Korean-English hymnal as offical resource**

Com mit tee Item: DI107-1112.3-C

Petition:

30458-DI-1112.3-D, Pg. 288  
Mem ber ship: 109; Pres ent: 69;  
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**665-273****Subject: Certified Lay Preacher duties, expectations of and process for certification**

Com mit tee Item: DI111-273-A

Petition:

31143-DI-273-D, Pg. 281

Mem ber ship: 109; Pres ent: 88;  
For: 84; Against: 4; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence as amended as fol lows:

Add new paragraph after 272; amend 273, 629.7d and 661:

**Certified lay preacher—assistant**—In or der to en hance the qual ity of min is try to churches of small mem ber ship and in defer ence to an ex pres sion of gifts and ev i dence of God's grace as so ci ated with the lay preacher of early Meth od ism, the cer ti fied lay preacher is to be rec og nized and uti lized.

1. The cer ti fied lay *as sis tant* preacher shall preach the Word, provide a care ministry to the congregation, and be a wit ness in the com mu nity for the growth, mis sional and con nec tional thrust of The United Meth od ist Church.

2. A Cer tified Lay Speaker may be cer tified as a lay *as sis tant* preacher by the dis trict or con fer ence Com mit tee on Lay Speaking af ter he/she has:

a) Made ap pli ca tion in writ ing to the dis trict or con fer ence com mit tee on Lay Speaking, and has been recom mended by the pas tor of the lo cal church where he/she holds mem ber ship and by vote of the Pas tor-Par ish Re la tions Com mit tee and Charge Con fer ence;

b) com pleted ad vanced courses on preaching, and ex e gesis bib li cal stud ies, and the care of the con gre ga tion;

c) Demonstrated com pe tency in his tory, polity, doctrine, worship and liturgy of The United Meth od ist Church;

d) Indicated a will ingness to com ply with the So cial Prin ci ples of The United Meth od ist Church;

e) Been rec om mended by the Dis trict Super intendent;

f) Ap peared be fore the dis trict or con fer ence Com mit tee on Lay Speaking for re view and ap pro val.

3. The cer tification as lay *as sis tant* preacher shall be ac ti vated upon as sign ment to a church or charge by the bishop. The lay *as sis tant* shall serve un der the su per vi sion of an or dained el der, and shall not have au thor ity to pre side over bap tism, com mu nion, con firm a tion, and mar riage. a dis trict super intendent, to whom the lay preacher is ac count a ble.

4. The cer ti fied lay *as sis tant* preacher is to be re viewed an nually for recer tification upon sat is fac tory com ple tion of a Con tin uing Edu ca tion event ap proved by the dis trict or con fer ence com mit tee on lay speak ing. Af ter serv ing two years in an as sign ment, the lay *as sis*

*tant is encouraged to pursue candidacy for licensed and or dained min is try within the United Methodist Church.*

273 274. Transfer of Certification by Certified Lay Speakers and Certified Lay Assistants ~~Preachers~~—A certified lay speaker or a certified lay assistant preacher who moves may transfer certification to the new district upon receipt of a letter from the previous district's committee on lay speaking confirming current certification and the date of completion of the most recent advanced course taken. Further renewal of certification is in accordance with *para. 272 - 273. paras. 274 and 275.*

629.7.d) To organize a conference committee on lay speaking that will fulfill the requirements of paras. 270-272 273 on behalf of the conference. This committee shall ...

661.3. The responsibilities ... as recommended by the General Board of Discipline; to approve annual continuing education opportunities for certified lay assistants ~~preachers~~; to decide who shall be recognized as certified lay speakers and certified lay assistants ~~preachers~~; to help match lay speakers with service opportunities; and to support and affirm lay speakers and certified lay assistants ~~preachers~~ as they serve.

4. The district committee shall plan advanced courses for lay speaking that will enable certified lay speakers and certified lay assistants ~~preachers~~ to maintain *certification.* ~~that recognition.~~

5. The district committee will report to the pastor and charge conference of each certified lay speaker and certified lay preacher the courses that have been satisfactorily completed by the certified lay speaker or certified lay preacher.

[ ] Con cur rence [ ] Non con cur rence Date /

**666-613**  
**Subject: General Administration Fund**  
Com mit tee Item: FA33-613-C

Petition:  
30705-FA-613-D, Pg. 341  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 65;  
For: 65; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

[ ] Con cur rence [ ] Non con cur rence Date /

**667-827**  
**Subject: Payment of bishops' housing and office expense**

Com mit tee Item: FA43-827-C  
Petition:  
31184-FA-827-D, Pg. 447  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 77;  
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

[ ] Con cur rence [ ] Non con cur rence Date /

**668-826**  
**Subject: Remove office expenses and office expense allowance from payment of bishops' salary**

Com mit tee Item: FA44-826-C  
Petition:  
31183-FA-826-D, Pg. 447  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 77;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

[ ] Con cur rence [ ] Non con cur rence Date /

**669-824**  
**Subject: Council shall recommend provision for budget for offices of the sec'ty and the ecumenical officer**

Com mit tee Item: FA45-824-C  
Petition:  
31181-FA-824-D, Pg. 446  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 77;  
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

[ ] Con cur rence [ ] Non con cur rence Date /

**670-817**  
**Subject: All funds paid from the Gen'l Admin. Fund are subject to auditing requirements**

Com mit tee Item: FA46-817-C  
Petition:  
31177-FA-817-D, Pg. 442  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 77;  
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

[ ] Con cur rence [ ] Non con cur rence Date /

**671-816**  
**Subject: Justice, Love and Mercy Sunday shall be observed during Epiphany**

Com mit tee Item: FA53-816-C  
Petition:  
31176-FA-816-D, Pg. 441  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 76;  
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 3;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

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**672-808**  
**Subject: If more funds are collected than approved, the excess to be held in trust**

Com mit tee Item: FA58-808-C  
Petition:  
31173-FA-808-D, Pg. 439  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 80;  
For: 78; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

[ ] Con cur rence [ ] Non con cur rence Date /

**673-1506**  
**Subject: By July 15, 2002 each AC will have a formal funding plan for retiring its pre-1982 pension obligations**

Com mit tee Item: FA73-1506-A  
Petition:  
31134-FA-1506-D, Pg. 448  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 75;  
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence as amended as fol lows:

Add the fol low ing lan guage to the end of Pe ti tion No. 31134:

In ad di tion, the General Board of Pen sion and Health Ben e fits shall pres ent a re port to General Conference 2004 concerning the retiree medi cal is sues of the de nomi na tion. In or der to pre pare this re port, each an nual con fer ence shall provide to the General Board of Pen sion and Health Ben e fits in for ma tion re quested by the Gen eral Board of Pen sion and Health Ben e fits concern ing the retiree medi cal ob li ga tions of the par tic u lar an nual con fer ence.

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**674-1615**

**Subject: UMPH net income be distributed according to just rather than equitable plan**

Com mit tee Item: FA89-1615-C  
Petition:

31927-FA-1615-D, Pg. 1297  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 81;  
For: 81; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**675-1602.1**

**Subject: Add five members to Board of UMPH**

Com mit tee Item: FA99-1602.1-C  
Petition:

30484-FA-1602.1-D, Pg. 449  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 61;  
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**676-1601**

**Subject: Clarifying UMPH accountability directly to the GC**

Com mit tee Item: FA100-1601-C  
Petition:

30967-FA-1601-D, Pg. 449  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 61;  
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

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**677-625**

**Subject: Change “beyond the local church” to “extension ministry”**

Com mit tee Item: FA101-625-C  
Petition:

30785-FA-625-D, Pg. 429  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 61;  
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

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**678-622**

**Subject: Each AC shall have a commission on equitable compensation**

Com mit tee Item: FA102-622-C  
Petition:

31224-FA-622-D, Pg. 429  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 61;  
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**679-617**

**Subject: Change “clergy” to “pastoral”**

Com mit tee Item: FA104-617-C  
Petition:

30782-FA-617-D, Pg. 428  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 61;  
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

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**680-616**

**Subject: Remittance of apportionment fund receipts**

Com mit tee Item: FA105-616-C  
Petition:

31161-FA-616-D, Pg. 427  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 61;  
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**681-612**

**Subject: How conferences administer combined general funds w/one another or w/other apportionments**

Com mit tee Item: FA108-612-C  
Petition:

31160-FA-612-D, Pg. 427  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 61;  
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

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**682-611.3**

**Subject: Annual conferences can choose whether or not to combine W.S. and Conference Benevolence budgets**

Com mit tee Item: FA112-611.3-C  
Petition:

31159-FA-611.3-D, Pg. 426  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 61;  
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**683-610.14**

**Subject: Conference CFA cooperate w/GCFA by following these guidelines**

Com mit tee Item: FA113-610.14-C  
Petition:

31158-FA-610.14-D, Pg. 1826  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 61;  
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

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**684-609.2**

**Subject: Add “or equivalent” after conf. council director**

Com mit tee Item: FA114-609.2-C  
Petition:

31223-FA-609.2-D, Pg. 425  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 61;  
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**685-608**

**Subject: Each ac shall have a conf. council on finance & administration**

Com mit tee Item: FA115-608-C  
Petition:

31222-FA-608-D, Pg. 425  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 61;

For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concur-  
rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**686-825**

**Subject: Use same apportionment formula used for apportion for gen'l funds to annual conferences**

Com mit tee Item: FA116-825-C  
Petition:

31182-FA-825-D, Pg. 446  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 61;  
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concur-  
rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**687-805**

**Subject: GCFA organization**  
Com mit tee Item: FA117-805-C  
Petition:

31170-FA-805-D, Pg. 431  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 61;  
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concur-  
rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**688-2512.2**

**Subject: A.C. trustee vacancy filled by conf.comm on nominations**

Com mit tee Item: FA120-2512.2-C  
Petition:

30973-FA-2512.2-D, Pg. 451  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 61;  
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concur-  
rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**689-2512.7**

**Subject: Conference archives & history and trustees should work on policy statement together**

Com mit tee Item: FA121-2512.7-C  
Petition:

30085-FA-2512.7-D, Pg. 451  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 61;  
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concur-  
rence.

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**690-2515**

**Subject: Purchase of property may occur during annual conference sessions**

Com mit tee Item: FA122-2515-C  
Petition:

31191-FA-2515-D, Pg. 451  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 61;  
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concur-  
rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**691-806**

**Subject: GCFA fiscal accountability responsibilities**

Com mit tee Item: FA129-806-A  
Petition:

31171-FA-806-D, Pg. 432  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 61;  
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concur-  
rence as amended as fol lows:

806.3

**It shall re quire all agen cies re ceiv ing gen eral church funds to fol low uni form accounting**

**clas si fi ca tions and pro ce dures for re port ing. It shall in clude in its qua dren nial report to the**

**General Confer ence a fiscal report for each such agency receiving general church**

**funds.**

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**692-618**

**Subject: Episcopal fund apportionments**

Com mit tee Item: FA135-618-C  
Petition:

31162-FA-618-D, Pg. 428  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 76;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concur-  
rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**693-810.1**

**Subject: Listing of general funds**  
Com mit tee Item: FA138-810.1-C  
Petition:

31174-FA-810.1-D, Pg. 439  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 76;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concur-  
rence.

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**694-820**

**Subject: Delete 820 as the fund no longer exists**

Com mit tee Item: FA139-820-C  
Petition:

31179-FA-820-D, Pg. 1827  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 76;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concur-  
rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**695-822**

**Subject: Delete 822 as there has been no Missional Priority Fund for several quadrennia**

Com mit tee Item: FA140-822-C  
Petition:

31180-FA-822-D, Pg. 1827  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 76;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concur-  
rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**696-636.2**

**Subject: Each episcopal area shall have residence com. or other structure to provide for these functions**

Com mit tee Item: FA144-636.2-C  
Petition:

31230-FA-636.2-D, Pg. 430  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 61;  
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

### 697-2502

**Subject: Register the denominational name as a service mark**

Committee Item: FA147-2502-C

Petition:

31189-FA-2502-D, Pg. 450  
Membership: 97; Present: 61;  
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

### 698-609.2

**Subject: Change title to Director of Connectional Ministries**

Committee Item: FA150-609.2-A

Petition:

31097-FA-609.2-D, Pg. 425  
Membership: 97; Present: 81;  
For: 81; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows: ...

(5) the Director of Connectional Ministries conference council director or **equivalent** or of the conference

council on ministries, without vote.

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### 699-830.2

**Subject: Delete 830.2**

Committee Item: FA170-830.2-C

Petition:

31185-FA-830.2-D, Pg. 1827  
Membership: 97; Present: 76;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence.

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### 700-807

**Subject: GCFA supervise use of UMC and UM and maintain the proper registration for the denomination**

Committee Item: FA172-807-C

Petition:

31172-FA-807-D, Pg. 437  
Membership: 97; Present: 83;  
For: 83; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

### 701-2503

**Subject: "Church" refers to the broader UMC and not the local church**

Committee Item: FA184-2503-C

Petition:

31190-FA-2503-D, Pg. 450  
Membership: 97; Present: 88;  
For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence.

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### 702-1501

**Subject: Clarification of duties of the GBPHB**

Committee Item: FA193-1501-A

Petition:

31925-FA-1501-D, Pg. 1833  
Membership: 97; Present: 86;  
For: 85; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend ¶1501.3 of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* by adding the following to the end of the subparagraph:

**During this time of transition in the general structure of the general Church and in order to discharge its fiduciary duties solely in the interest of participants and their beneficiaries and for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits to participants and their beneficiaries as required by ¶1504.14 of the Discipline, all matters related to the work of the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the 1996 Discipline until the General Conference adopts specific provisions amending the provisions which exist in the 1996 Discipline. The effective date of this subparagraph shall be the close of the 2000 General Conference.**

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

### 703-1506.18

**Subject: Basic contribution base of CPP is limited by 200% of denomination average compensation**

Committee Item: FA198-1506.18-C

Petition:

31136-FA-1506.18-D, Pg. 449  
Membership: 97; Present: 77;  
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

### 704-1506.20

**Subject: Outdated reference elimination**

Committee Item: FA199-1506.20-C

Petition:

31923-FA-1506.20-D, Pg. 1831  
Membership: 97; Present: 77;  
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

### 705-303.4

**Subject: Every local congregation should nurture candidates for ordained ministry**

Committee Item: FO54-303.4-A

Petition:

30735-FO-303.4-D, Pg. 1287  
Membership: 116; Present: 112;  
For: 110; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/5

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Add the following to the last sentence:

...support for their education, **where practical**, as servant leaders for the ministry of the whole people of God.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

### 706-116

**Subject: Elders are called to the office & responsibilities of deacon as well**

Committee Item: FO55-116-C

Petition:

30598-FO-116-D, Pg. 519  
 Member ship: 116; Present: 109;  
 For: 109; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/5

The Committee recommends concur-  
 rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

## 707-120

**Subject: Clergy are not employees of the local church or th annual conference**

Com mit tee Item: FO58-120-A

Petition:

31148-FO-120-D, Pg. 520  
 Mem ber ship: 116; Pres ent: 110;  
 For: 109; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/5

The Committee recommends concur-  
 rence as amended as fol lows:

Amend the ti tle to read: Clergy are **not**  
 em plo yees of the lo cal church or the An nual  
 Conference.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

## 708-304.1

**Subject: Qualifications for Ordinations shall include leading congregations in making disciples.**

Com mit tee Item: FO59-304.1-A

Petition:

30622-FO-304.1-D, Pg. 525  
 Mem ber ship: 116; Pres ent: 111;  
 For: 107; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;  
 Date: 5/5

The Committee recommends concur-  
 rence as amended as fol lows:

Amend 304.1- h:

Ac cept that Scrip ture con tains all things  
 necessary for sal vation through faith in  
**God through** Je sus Christ; be com pe tent in  
 the dis ci plines of Scrip ture, the ology,  
 church his tory, and church pol ity; pos sess  
 the skills es sen tial to the prac tice of or-  
 dained min is try; **and lead** in mak ing dis ci-  
 ples for Je sus Christ.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

## 709-65

**Subject: Do not reject or condemn lesbian and gay members**

Com mit tee Item: FO78-65-A

Petition:

31652-FO-65-D, Pg. 484  
 Mem ber ship: 116; Pres ent: 105;  
 For: 98; Against: 2; Not Voting: 5;  
 Date: 5/7

The Committee recommends concur-  
 rence as amended as fol lows:

Amend ¶65.G by adding the following  
 be fore the fi nal sen tence:

... avail able to all. **We im plo re fam i lies  
 and churches not to re ject or con demn  
 their lesbian and gay mem bers and  
 friends.** We com mit our selves ...

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

## 710-65.G

**Subject: Strict worldwide laws against sexual exploitation including media images**

Com mit tee Item: FO103-65.G-A

Petition:

31066-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 500  
 Mem ber ship: 116; Pres ent: 114;  
 For: 112; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;  
 Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concur-  
 rence as amended as fol lows:

Amend third para graph of 65G:

We de plo re all forms . . . of hu man per-  
 sonal ity. We call for strict **worldwide  
 global** en force ment of laws pro hib iting the  
 sexual ex plo itation or use of chil dren by  
 adults **includ ing im ages in all me dia and  
 en cour age efforts to hold per pe tra tors le-  
 gally and fi nan cially re spon sible.** We call  
 for the es tab lish ment . . . chil dren thus  
 abused **paid for by the con victed per pe-  
 tra tor.** We in sist that all per sons, re gard less  
 of age, **gen der, sex,** mar i tal sta tus, or sex-  
 ual **ori en ta tion, prac tices,** are en ti tled to  
 have their hu man and civil rights en sured.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

## 711-718

**Subject: Director of Connectional Ministries replaces conference council director title**

Com mit tee Item: GJ29-718-A

Petition:

31096-GJ-718-D, Pg. 722  
 Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 87;  
 For: 86; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
 Date: 5/5

The Committee recommends concur-  
 rence as amended as fol lows: low er case **di-**

**rec tor of con nec tion al min is tries** on the  
 next to last line.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

## 712-903

**Subject: Amenability**

Com mit tee Item: GJ80-903-C

Petition:

31932-GJ-903-D, Pg. 1335  
 Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 83;  
 For: 79; Against: 4; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concur-  
 rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

## 713-269

**Subject: GBOD shall supervise observance of Christian Education Sunday**

Com mit tee Item: GJ85-269-C

Petition:

31217-GJ-269-D, Pg. 714  
 Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 84;  
 For: 81; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;  
 Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concur-  
 rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

## 714-306

**Subject: Process through which a person moves toward licensing and/or ordination**

Com mit tee Item: HE96-306-A

Petition:

31144-HE-306-D, Pg. 946  
 Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 90;  
 For: 87; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concur-  
 rence as amended as fol lows:

¶306 Can didacy for Licensed and  
 ...through *li censed* or or dained min is try...

The fol low ing pro cess, re sourced by the  
~~General Board of Higher Education and  
 Ministry, is the first set of formal steps  
 through which a per son moves to ward or di-  
 na tion and con fer ence mem ber ship.~~ *The  
 fol low ing is the pro cess through which a  
 per son moves to ward li censing and/or or di-  
 na tion and con fer ence mem ber ship, and is  
 to be re sourced by the Gen eral Board of  
 Higher Edu ca tion and Min is try.* All per-  
 sons en ter ing...

2. ...Those seeking to explore candidacy for *licensed or ordained ministry*...

b) ...candidacy studies as defined by the ~~General Board of Higher Education and Ministry~~; and

3. Declared Candidacy for *Licensing or Ordination*...

3.a) is to remain as it is currently printed in *The Discipline*.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

**715-338**

**Subject: Ordained deacons or commissioned ministers from another annual conf. may transfer into an A.C.**

Committee Item: HE113-338-A  
Petition:

30912-HE-338-D, Pg. 970  
Membership: 108; Present: 92;  
For: 92; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

¶ 338. Transfers-1. From Other Annual Conferences - ~~Ordained elders~~ *Ordained clergy or probationary members* from other....

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

**716-337.1**

**Subject: Ordained elders or clergy from other annual conferences and other Methodist denominations**

Committee Item: HE126-337.1-A  
Petition:

30748-HE-337.1-D, Pg. 969  
Membership: 108; Present: 91;  
For: 90; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend 337:

*Appointments--Ordained elders or ordained clergy or probationary members* from other . . .

1. ~~Ordained Elders or Ordained Clergy or probationary members~~ *from Other Annual Conferences and Other Methodist Denominations*—With approval and consent of the bishops or other judicial authorities involved, ~~ordained elders or ordained clergy or probationary members~~ of other annual conferences or other Methodist churches may receive appointments in the

annual conference while retaining their home conference membership or denominational affiliation. Appointments are to be made by the resident bishop of the conference in which the elder *clergy person* is to serve.

Change last sentence of same paragraph to read:

Furthermore, it shall be the responsibility of the board of pensions of the annual conference in which the appointment is received to enroll such ~~ordained ministers~~ *clergy* in the...

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

**717-315.8**

**Subject: A person with a disability can meet professional standards**

Committee Item: HE129-315.8-C  
Petition:

30405-HE-315.8-D, Pg. 954  
Membership: 108; Present: 85;  
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

**718-357.1**

**Subject: Withdrawal from the ordained ministerial office**

Committee Item: HE130-357.1-C  
Petition:

30761-HE-357.1-D, Pg. 984  
Membership: 108; Present: 85;  
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

**719-430**

**Subject: Add disability to list**  
Committee Item: HE145-430-C  
Petition:

31888-HE-430-D, Pg. 1368  
Membership: 108; Present: 79;  
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

**720-345**

**Subject: Fellowship of local pastors and associate members**

Committee Item: HE146-345-C  
Petition:

30754-HE-345-D, Pg. 974  
Membership: 108; Present: 80;  
For: 80; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

**721-343.2**

**Subject: Change "laypersons" to "persons"**

Committee Item: HE147-343.2-C  
Petition:

30915-HE-343.2-D, Pg. 973  
Membership: 108; Present: 80;  
For: 80; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

**722-400**

**Subject: Appointment of deacons in full connection**

Committee Item: HE148-400-C  
Petition:

30776-HE-400-D, Pg. 1003  
Membership: 108; Present: 80;  
For: 80; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

**723-350**

**Subject: Gen'l agency clergy staff shall be covered by agency policy for maternity/paternity/disability**

Committee Item: HE155-350-C  
Petition:

31155-HE-350-D, Pg. 979  
Membership: 108; Present: 82;  
For: 77; Against: 3; Not Voting: 2;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /



**724-351**

**Subject: Leave of absence**  
Com mit tee Item: HE156-351-C  
Petition:

30758-HE-351-D, Pg. 979  
Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 82;  
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**725-345.4**

**Subject: Reinstatement of local pastor status**

Com mit tee Item: HE163-345.4-C  
Petition:

30755-HE-345.4-D, Pg. 976  
Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 96;  
For: 96; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**726-345.5**

**Subject: Conference BOM determines a local pastor has made acceptable progress**

Com mit tee Item: HE164-345.5-A  
Petition:

30157-HE-345.5-D, Pg. 977  
Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 100;  
For: 99; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence as amended as fol lows:

¶345.5

5. Re tire ment of Lo cal Pas tor - A lo cal pas tor who has made sat is fac tory prog ress in the course of study as spec i fied in ¶345.1 or .2 may be rec og nized as a re tired lo cal pas tor. Re tire ment pro vi sion for lo cal pas tors shall be the same as those for clergy mem bers in ¶355.1, .2, .4, with pen sions pay able in ac cor dance with ¶1506.5a. Re tired lo cal pas tors may at tend an nual con fer ence ses sions with voice but not vote. A re tired lo cal pas tor may be ap pointed by the bishop to a charge and li censed with out any ad di tional claim upon the con fer ence min i mum com pen sation nor further pen sion credit.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**727-344**

**Subject: Continuance as a local pastor**

Com mit tee Item: HE167-344-A  
Petition:

30753-HE-344-D, Pg. 974  
Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 103;  
For: 103; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence as amended as fol lows:

In sert a coma af ter the word "sem i nary" and add word "in" af ter the word "or".

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**728-318**

**Subject: Eligibility and rights of probationary membership**

Com mit tee Item: HE169-318-A  
Petition:

30740-HE-318-D, Pg. 956  
Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 102;  
For: 102; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence as amended as fol lows:

Re move all that is in No. 7 - in sert word "ac tion" in place of "hear ing" in No. 6 of petition

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**729-346**

**Subject: Mentoring and mentors**  
Com mit tee Item: HE170-346-A  
Petition:

30756-HE-346-D, Pg. 977  
Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 103;  
For: 103; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence as amended as fol lows:

1. Men tors shall be rec om mended by the cab i net, se lected, trained and held ac count able by the Board of Or dained min is try...

3. The conference Board of Or dained Min is try may as sign one men tor to work ei ther with one in di vid ual or with a group of lo cal pas tors and/or proba tion ary mem bers. Per sons trans fer ring from other de nom i nations will also be as signed a clergy men tor (¶338.3b).

4. Clergy mentoring be gins when a per son re ceives an ap point ment as a lo cal pas tor or as a com mis sioned min is ter en ter ing proba tion ary service.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**730-632.4**

**Subject: Annual conference board of higher ed & campus ministry shall promote UMC educational programs**

Com mit tee Item: HE189-632.4-C  
Petition:

30786-HE-632.4-D, Pg. 1004  
Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 101;  
For: 100; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**731-632.4**

**Subject: Annual conf. bd higher ed fiscal responsibilities include distrib. of scholarships from Foundation**

Com mit tee Item: HE190-632.4-C  
Petition:

30787-HE-632.4-D, Pg. 1004  
Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 101;  
For: 100; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**732-1405**

**Subject: People with disabilities**  
Com mit tee Item: HE191-1405-C  
Petition:

31944-HE-1405-D, Pg. 1659  
Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 101;  
For: 101; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**733-659.1**

**Subject: Dist.Com.Ord.Min. include elders/deacons in full connection & assoc. member as well**

Com mit tee Item: HE201-659.1-A  
Petition:

30946-HE-659.1-D, Pg. 1009  
Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 92;  
For: 91; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence as amended as fol lows:

Delete the sentence beginning, "The districts superintendent...when ever possible."

Replace with "The committee shall include elders in full connection and, when ever possible, deacons in full connection and at least one elder who has taken the course of study."

Concur  Non concur Date /

**734-358**

**Subject: Complaint procedures**  
Committee Item: HE202-358-A  
Petition:

30762-HE-358-D, Pg. 985  
Membership: 108; Present: 99;  
For: 99; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Under 2. g) Fifth line delete "elders" and insert "clergy in full connection"

Concur  Non concur Date /

**735-639.2**

**Subject: A.C. committee on CUIC shall be "professing" members of local churches**  
Committee Item: IC29-639.2-A  
Petition:

30368-IC-639.2-D, Pg. 1090  
Membership: 73; Present: 66;  
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;  
Date: 5/5

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend# 30368 paragraph 639.2 [ substitute word "Full" for professing].

Concur  Non concur Date /

**736-640**

**Subject: Annual Conference religion & race shall have vote in annual conference council on ministries**

Committee Item: IC42-640-A  
Petition:

30728-IC-640-D, Pg. 1090  
Membership: 73; Present: 61;  
For: 59; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;  
Date: 5/5

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Add a new subparagraph following 640.4:

**The Annual Conference Commission on Religion and Race, or other structure to provide for its function and connectional relationship, shall have vote and voice in the decision-making unit of the conference such as the Annual Conference Council on Ministries, or equivalent structure.**

Concur  Non concur Date /

**737-2008.11**

**Subject: Add ethnocentric conflict to RR agenda**

Committee Item: IC54-2008.11-A  
Petition:

31581-IC-2008.11-D, Pg. 1094  
Membership: 73; Present: 57;  
For: 51; Against: 2; Not Voting: 4;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows: **Page 1094 Para 2008 Line #3** .. Remove the word "conflict" and replace with "tribalism and ethnocentrism".

Concur  Non concur Date /

**738-229**

**Subject: Clarify record keeping procedures**

Committee Item: LC27-229-A  
Petition:

30331-LC-229-D, Pg. 1109  
Membership: 98; Present: 84;  
For: 84; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/4

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend 229.26:

1. The Church has a moral and spiritual obligation to nurture its nonparticipating and indifferent members and to lead them into a full and an active church relationship.

2.b While primary... want that have been solemnly assumed, if the professed member...

(1) If a professed member... valid reason, the pastor... shall report that professed member's name... to re-enlist the professed member in... It shall visit the professed member and make clear that, while the professed member's name... and that, since the professed member... enrolled, the professed member is requested to do one of four things: (a) renew the **reaffirm the baptismal vows**... (b) request... professed member... of the baptismal covenant (see **paragraph 240**), (c)... denomination (see **paragraph 241**), (d)... If the professed member... two years, the professed mem-

ber's name may be removed **from the roll of professing members**.

(2) If a professed member... a transfer of the professed member shall be followed each year until that professed member... not been able to relate that professed member...

(3) If the address of a professed member... ~~including listing the name in the church bulletin, circularizing it and circulate the list of names~~ throughout the parish, and ~~reading it from the pulpit~~. If the member can be located... still unknown, the professed member's name...

(4) If the directives... with out success, the professed member's... provided that the professed member's name shall... consecutive years preceding removal. On the roll there shall be entered after the name: "Removed by or der of the charge on conference action"; and if... ~~However the~~ **The** record shall be retained (~~see paragraph 231~~)... Should a transfer of professing membership...

(5) Recognizing that the Church has a continuing moral and spiritual obligation to nurture all persons, even those whose names have been removed from the roll of professing members, it is recommended that a roll of persons thus removed shall be maintained. It shall then become the responsibility of the...

Concur  Non concur Date /

**739-241**

**Subject: Clarify language about removing member names by pastor**

Committee Item: LC43-241-A  
Petition:

30338-LC-241-D, Pg. 1111  
Membership: 98; Present: 75;  
For: 69; Against: 5; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/5

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend 241:

A pastor, upon receiving a request from a member to transfer to a church of an other denomination, or upon receiving such request from a pastor or duly authorized official of another denomination, shall (with the approval of the member) is sue a certificate of transfer **for a members** and, upon receiving confirmation of said the member's reception into an other congregation, shall properly record the transfer of such person on the membership roll of the local church; and the ~~membership~~ **member's name** shall thereby be terminated **removed**.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**740-206.3**

**Subject: Adding the word "assignment" for pastors and other staff to cooperative parishes**

Com mit tee Item: LC59-206.3-C

Petition:

30026-LC-206.3-D, Pg. 39  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 75;  
For: 70; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**741-213**

**Subject: DS may appoint a task force to determine future viability of a congregation**

Com mit tee Item: LC60-213-C

Petition:

31142-LC-213-D, Pg. 1103  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 76;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**742-216**

**Subject: Member of a local UMC is member of the universal church as well as the denomination**

Com mit tee Item: LC61-216-C

Petition:

30324-LC-216-D, Pg. 1105  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 76;  
For: 75; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**743-214**

**Subject: Change language to comply with Judicial Council 811**

Com mit tee Item: LC64-214-A

Petition:

30322-LC-214-D, Pg. 1104

Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 81;  
For: 79; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence as amended as fol lows:

Add to the end:

(In the case of per sons whose dis abil i ties prevent them from as sum ing the vows, their le gal guard ian(s), them selves mem bers in full cove nant re la tion ship with God and the Church, the com mu nity of faith, may re cite the ap pro pri ate vows on their be half.)

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**744-201**

**Subject: The local church provides most significant place where disciple-making happens**

Com mit tee Item: LC67-201-C

Petition:

31961-LC-201-D, Pg. 1665  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 81;  
For: 71; Against: 5; Not Voting: 5;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**745-247**

**Subject: Local church confer with annual conference for guidelines for information technology**

Com mit tee Item: LC82-247-A

Petition:

31149-LC-247-D, Pg. 1114  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 74;  
For: 74; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence as amended as fol lows:

Amend 247:

Standards for Com puted In for ma tion and Data In for ma tion Tech nology—Each lo cal church, as it cre ates or main tains com put er ized in for ma tion and data, shall be is strongly en cour aged to con fer with its an nual con fer ence for recom mend a tions and guid e lines as it re lates to in for ma tion tech nology. use the den om i na tional stan dards for com put er in for ma tion and data and the op er a tions and le gal guide lines for church com put er data es ta blished and main tained by the Gen eral Coun cil on Fi nance and Ad min is tra tion.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**746-249.8**

**Subject: Local churches should intentionally nurture & support candidates for ordained ministry**

Com mit tee Item: LC87-249.8-A

Petition:

30599-LC-249.8-D, Pg. 1116  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 76;  
For: 74; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence as amended as fol lows:

Amend ¶249.8

Add: **some fi nan cial sup port, in clud ing the Min is terial Edu ca tion Fund** for their...

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**747-249.13**

**Subject: D.S. to notify local churches amounts apportioned for gen'l church, jurisdictional and conf. funds**

Com mit tee Item: LC93-249.13-A

Petition:

30064-LC-249.13-D, Pg. 1116  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 76;  
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 3;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence as amended as fol lows:

In sert be fore last sen tence the fol low ing:

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**748-254**

**Subject: Recast church council language for focus on spiritual leadership and mission of the Church**

Com mit tee Item: LC96-254-A

Petition:

30424-LC-254-D, Pg. 1118  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 72;  
For: 70; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence as amended by sub sti tut ing the fol lowing:

Re place 254. With the fol low ing:

1. **Purpose**—The church coun cil shall pro vide for plan ning, and im ple ment ing a pro gram of nur ture, out reach, wit ness, and

resources in the local church. It shall also provide for the administration of its organization and temporal life. It shall envision, plan, implement and annually evaluate the mission and ministry of the church. The church council shall be amenable to and function as the administrative agency of the charge conference (Para. 249).

**2. Mission and Ministry**—Nurture, outreach, and witness ministries, and their accompanying responsibilities include:

a) The nurturing ministries of the congregation shall give attention to but not be limited to education, worship, Christian formation, membership care, small groups, and stewardship. Attention must be given to the needs of individuals and families of all ages.

b) The outreach ministries of the church shall give attention to local and larger community ministries of compassion, justice and advocacy. These ministries include church and society, global ministries, higher education and campus ministry, health and welfare, Christian unity and interreligious concerns, religion and race, and the status and role of women.

c) The witness ministries of the church shall give attention to developing and strengthening evangelistic efforts of sharing of personal and congregational stories of Christian experience, faith, and service; communications; lay speaking ministries; and other means which give expressions of witness for Jesus Christ.

d) The leadership development and resourcing ministries shall give attention to the ongoing preparation and development of lay and clergy leaders for the ministry of the church (§ 262.1).

**3. Meetings**—a) The council shall meet at least quarterly. The chairperson or the pastor may call special meetings.

b) In order for the council to give adequate consideration to the missional purpose of the local church, it is recommended that the first agenda item at each meeting be related to its ministries of nurture, outreach, and witness. The administrative and supportive responsibilities of the church will then be given attention. It is recommended that the council use a consensus/discernment model of decision making.

**4. Other Responsibilities** - It will also be the responsibility of the church council to:

(a) review the membership of the local church;

(b) fill interim vacancies occurring among the lay officers of the church between sessions of the annual charge conference;

(c) establish the budget on recommendation of the committee on finance and ensure

adequate provision for the financial needs of the church;

(d) recommend to the charge conference the salary and other remuneration of the pastor(s) and staff members after receiving recommendations from the committee on pastor-parish relations (staff-parish relations);

(e) review the recommendation of the committee on pastor-parish relations regarding provision of adequate housing for the pastor(s), and report the same to the charge conference for approval. Housing provisions shall comply with the annual conference housing policy and parish standards. Housing shall not be considered as part of compensation or remuneration;

**5. Membership**—The charge conference will determine the size of the church council. Members of the church council shall be involved in the mission and ministry of the congregation as defined in para. 254.2. The membership of the council may consist of as few as eleven persons or as many as the charge conference deems appropriate. The council shall include persons who represent the program ministries of the church as outlined in para. 245. The membership shall include but not be limited to the following:

(1) the chairperson of the church council;

(2) the lay leader;

(3) the chairperson and/or a representative of the pastor-parish relations committee;

(4) the chairperson and/or a representative of the committee on finance;

(5) the chairperson and/or a representative of the board of trustees;

(6) the church treasurer;

(7) a lay member to annual conference;

(8) the president and/or a representative of the United Methodist Men;

(9) the president and/or a representative of the United Methodist Women;

(10) a representative of the United Methodist Youth

(11) the pastor(s)

**6. Quorum**—The members present and voting at any duly announced meeting shall constitute a quorum.

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## 749-258

**Subject: "God & Country" award prog. available to local ch.ed. prog. & scout coord. relate to ch.sch.supt**

Com mit tee Item: LC105-258-C

Petition:

30276-LC-258-D, Pg. 1816

Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 73;

For: 68; Against: 3; Not Voting: 2;

Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur re nce.

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## 750-261

**Subject: This paragraph was incorporated into 258.1**

Com mit tee Item: LC106-261-C

Petition:

30428-LC-261-D, Pg. 1128

Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 73;

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

Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur re nce.

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## 751-258

**Subject: Defining young people and the ministries to them**

Com mit tee Item: LC107-258-A

Petition:

31215-LC-258-D, Pg. 1124

Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 74;

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

Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur re nce as amended as fol lows: Amend paragraph 258.2 last sen tence:

**Young adults who are ~~full~~ mem bers of the church. . .**

[ ] Con cur re nce [ ] Non con cur re nce Date /

## 752-258.2

**Subject: New model for youth empowerment**

Com mit tee Item: LC110-258.2-A

Petition:

31507-LC-258.2-D, Pg. 1125

Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 72;

For: 68; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur re nce as amended as fol lows:

**1) In each charge con fer ence there may be a Coun cil Task Force for Youth Em pow er ment. Its pur pose shall be to make youth ministry more effective in the lo cal church by: Cre ating a fo rum for the free ex change of ideas, goals and pro grams con cern ing youth min is try in the**

to local church by youth, young adults, and adults; Having youth directly involved in the planning and implementing of programs in youth ministry; Building strong leaders for the church to day and to morrow through empowering youth to be in ministry within the local church and beyond.

2) The Council shall be made up of no less than three-fourths (3/4) youth. Nominations for members of the Council (both youth and adults) shall come from the youth group (or related structure). The nominations will then be sent to the Committee on Nominations for approval and then to the charge conference for approval.

The Council shall be composed of:

(a) At least one young adult

(b) The coordinator of youth ministries (or related position) and other related staff as ex-officio members with voice but not vote.

(c) Any youth serving on a district, conference, jurisdictional or general church board or agency

(d) Any adult serving on a district, conference, jurisdictional or general church youth council or organization.

All offices of this Council shall be held by youth. No member shall serve for more than four consecutive years.

1) The Council shall meet at least semi-annually. It may meet additionally at the request of the pastor, coordinator of youth ministries (or related person), or an officer of the committee. ~~The Council may meet in closed session upon recommendation of the pastor, any other person accountable to the Council, an officer of the Council, or the coordinator of youth ministries (or related position).~~

2) Responsibilities:

(a) To assist the coordinator of youth ministry (or related position) and other related staff in planning and developing activities, program emphases, and settings for youth in the local church.

(b) To assist the coordinator of youth ministry (or related position) in finding and encouraging qualified adults and interns to work with youth in the local church.

(c) To develop ~~contract or a covenant~~ for all adult volunteer youth workers, and provide annual evaluations of these workers.

(d) To encourage and facilitate the furthering of education for the coordinator of youth ministries (or related position) and related staff.

(e) To encourage and educate youth on possible careers in professional ministry and how to consider any vocational calling and opportunity to serve.

(f) To be a resource for other churches interested in starting or revitalizing youth ministry within their own local churches.

(g) To further educate youth and adults on the United Methodist Church's stance as a connectional church by encouraging and supporting the participation of youth and adults in district, annual conference, jurisdictional, and central conferences, and other general church ministries.

(h) To promote and educate persons about Youth Service Fund.

(I) To promote the camping and retreat ministries within the local church.

(J) To empower youth to be participants in the United Methodist Church.

(k) To consult with assist the Pastor/Staff Parish Relations Committee in:  
1) Developing written job descriptions;  
2) Nominating and selecting;  
3) Evaluating the job performance of the coordinator of youth ministries (or related position) and any other volunteer and paid staff related to youth ministry in the local church.

(L) It is strongly recommended that the Council develop a program budget for their ministry.

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**753-258**

**Subject: Role of small groups becomes more obvious, easier to comprehend/plan for equipping folks**

Com mit tee Item: LC113-258-A  
Petition:

30427-LC-258-D, Pg. 1123  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 72;  
For: 69; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

discernment, *bible study*, *biblical* and theological reflection, prayer, community building, service with the poor and marginalized, and advocacy for peace and justice. *Local Churches or charges are encouraged to develop a policy to provide for the safety of the infants, children, and youth entrusted to their care.*

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**754-2540.2**

**Subject: Change provisions of leases to shorten terms, make para. apply to all lessees**

Com mit tee Item: LC124-2540.2-C  
Petition:

31196-LC-2540.2-D, Pg. 1137  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 71;  
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**755-2539**

**Subject: Unincorporated local church property may be leased for thirty days**

Com mit tee Item: LC125-2539-C  
Petition:

31195-LC-2539-D, Pg. 1136  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 68;  
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**756-2533**

**Subject: Resources may be secured from Nat'l Assoc of UM Foundations, GCFA**

Com mit tee Item: LC126-2533-A  
Petition:

31193-LC-2533-D, Pg. 1136  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 65;  
For: 65; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend 2533.1 and 8:

1. Provide the services . . . board of trustees. Consideration shall be given to the placement of funds with the conference or area United Methodist foundation, or local church foundation, for administration and investment.

8. Resources for these tasks may be secured from conference and/or area United Methodist foundations and development offices, **the National Association of United Methodist Foundations**, ~~from~~ the General Board of Discipleship, **the General Council on Finance and Administration**, and from other appropriate sources for program assistance and direction.

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**757-2548.2**  
**Subject: Before DS rec discontinuance of a ch. the DS shall help the cong. assess its potential**  
 Com mit tee Item: LC127-2548.2-C  
 Petition:  
 31110-LC-2548.2-D, Pg. 1139  
 Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 79;  
 For: 78; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**758-2548**  
**Subject: If AC declares local church discontinued, failure to complete steps doesn't invalidate the decision**  
 Com mit tee Item: LC130-2548-C  
 Petition:  
 31198-LC-2548-D, Pg. 1139  
 Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 78;  
 For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;  
 Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**759-264**  
**Subject: Local church may be moved to another annual conf. if "professing" members vote it**  
 Com mit tee Item: LC148-264-A  
 Petition:  
 30352-LC-264-D, Pg. 1134  
 Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 67;  
 For: 67; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence as amended as fol lows:

Amend first sen tence of 264:

... to an other in which it is geo graph i cally lo cated by a two-thirds vote of ~~those~~ **the professing members (paragraph 215.2) who are** pres ent . . .

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**Consent Calendar B04**

**760-NonDis**  
**Subject: Encourage plan for seminary graduates to retire their debt/financial planning**  
 Com mit tee Item: CO66-NonDis-A  
 Petition:  
 31989-CO-NonDis-O  
 Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 79;  
 For: 74; Against: 0; Not Voting: 5;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence as amended as fol lows: Sec tion a, add words: "to help seminary graduates **and Course of Study grad u ates...**" Sec tion b, add words: "United Methodistseminaries **and Course of Study Schools...**"

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**761-R481**  
**Subject: Eradication of Sexual Harassment in The United Methodist Church and Society**  
 Com mit tee Item: CS71-R481-C  
 Petition:  
 30308-CS-R481-U, Pg. 1383  
 Mem ber ship: 120; Pres ent: 94;  
 For: 94; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

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**762-R339**  
**Subject: Amendments to "New Developments in Genetic Science"**  
 Com mit tee Item: CS72-R339-C  
 Petition:  
 30507-CS-R339-U, Pg. 116  
 Mem ber ship: 120; Pres ent: 94;  
 For: 94; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**763-R251**  
**Subject: Federal funds for Indian Health Services**  
 Com mit tee Item: CS73-R251-C  
 Petition:  
 30558-CS-R251-U, Pg. 114  
 Mem ber ship: 120; Pres ent: 94;  
 For: 94; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

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**764-R352**  
**Subject: Prejudice against Muslims and Arabs in the US**  
 Com mit tee Item: CS74-R352-C

Petition:  
 30562-CS-R352-U, Pg. 1819  
 Mem ber ship: 120; Pres ent: 94;  
 For: 94; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**765-R424**  
**Subject: Universal access to health care in the US and related territories**  
 Com mit tee Item: CS75-R424-C  
 Petition:  
 30565-CS-R424-U, Pg. 118  
 Mem ber ship: 120; Pres ent: 94;  
 For: 94; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

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**766-R505**  
**Subject: Church-government relations in the US**  
 Com mit tee Item: CS76-R505-A  
 Petition:  
 30566-CS-R505-U, Pg. 135  
 Mem ber ship: 120; Pres ent: 94;  
 For: 94; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Paragraph one, lines 1-3

In response to a question about paying taxes, Jesus said: "Render **Then give** to Caesar ~~the things that are~~ **what is** Caesar's,..."

Concurrence  Nonconurrence Date /

**767-R520**

**Subject: Community life and public education**

Committee Item: CS77-R520-C  
Petition:

30568-CS-R520-U, Pg. 1819  
Membership: 120; Present: 94;  
For: 94; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

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**768-R534**

**Subject: Grand jury abuse**

Committee Item: CS78-R534-C  
Petition:

30572-CS-R534-U, Pg. 142  
Membership: 120; Present: 94;  
For: 94; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

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**769-R565**

**Subject: Penal reform**

Committee Item: CS79-R565-C  
Petition:

30575-CS-R565-U, Pg. 148  
Membership: 120; Present: 93;  
For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

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**770-R573**

**Subject: Repression and the right to privacy**

Committee Item: CS80-R573-C  
Petition:

30578-CS-R573-U, Pg. 149  
Membership: 120; Present: 93;  
For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

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**771-NonDis**

**Subject: Juvenile delinquency and prevention**

Committee Item: CS81-NonDis-C  
Petition:

30584-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 77  
Membership: 120; Present: 93;  
For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

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**772-NonDis**

**Subject: Ask Attorney Gen'l of U.S. to investigate violations of Sherman Anti-trust Act re: farms**

Committee Item: CS83-NonDis-C  
Petition:

30724-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 87  
Membership: 120; Present: 93;  
For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

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**773-R178**

**Subject: UMC and America's native people**

Committee Item: CS84-R178-C  
Petition:

30853-CS-R178-U, Pg. 113  
Membership: 120; Present: 93;  
For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

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**774-R212**

**Subject: Comity agreements affecting development of Native American ministries by UMC**

Committee Item: CS85-R212-C  
Petition:

30855-CS-R212-U, Pg. 113  
Membership: 120; Present: 93;

For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

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**775-R570**

**Subject: Religious Liberty**

Committee Item: CS86-R570-C  
Petition:

30941-CS-R570-U, Pg. 149  
Membership: 120; Present: 93;  
For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

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**776-NonDis**

**Subject: Justice for Filipino WWII veterans**

Committee Item: CS88-NonDis-C  
Petition:

31264-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 90  
Membership: 120; Present: 93;  
For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

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**777-NonDis**

**Subject: GC petition US president to pardon**

**Latin-American debt as an aid to reestablishing human lives**

Committee Item: CS89-NonDis-C  
Petition:

31282-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 1356  
Membership: 120; Present: 93;  
For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

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**778-NonDis**

**Subject: Human rights of native people of the Americas**

Committee Item: CS90-NonDis-C  
Petition:

31298-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 92  
Membership: 120; Present: 93;  
For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/6  
The Committee recommends concurrence.  
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**779-NonDis**  
**Subject: Native American social witness program**  
Com mit tee Item: CS91-NonDis-C  
Petition:  
31299-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 92  
Mem ber ship: 120; Pres ent: 93;  
For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6  
The Committee recommends concurrence.  
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**780-NonDis**  
**Subject: Protecting Native American "Sacred Sites"**  
Com mit tee Item: CS92-NonDis-C  
Petition:  
31300-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 93  
Mem ber ship: 120; Pres ent: 93;  
For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6  
The Committee recommends concurrence.  
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**781-R236**  
**Subject: Change laws that support under use of pain relieving medication**  
Com mit tee Item: CS93-R236-C  
Petition:  
31344-CS-R236-U, Pg. 113  
Mem ber ship: 120; Pres ent: 93;  
For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6  
The Committee recommends concurrence.  
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**782-NonDis**  
**Subject: Urge state legislatures to allow candidates w/o large bank accounts to appear on the ballot**  
Com mit tee Item: CS94-NonDis-C  
Petition:  
31388-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 97  
Mem ber ship: 120; Pres ent: 93;

For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6  
The Committee recommends concurrence.  
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**783-NonDis**  
**Subject: Cease mountaintop removal coal mining**  
Com mit tee Item: CS95-NonDis-C  
Petition:  
31692-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 98  
Mem ber ship: 120; Pres ent: 93;  
For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6  
The Committee recommends concurrence.  
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**784-R421**  
**Subject: Treatment of women under Soc Sec. in the US**  
Com mit tee Item: CS97-R421-C  
Petition:  
31758-CS-R421-U, Pg. 117  
Mem ber ship: 120; Pres ent: 93;  
For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6  
The Committee recommends concurrence.  
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**785-NonDis**  
**Subject: UN Nations resolutions & the Israel-Palestinian conflict**  
Com mit tee Item: CS98-NonDis-C  
Petition:  
31776-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 102  
Mem ber ship: 120; Pres ent: 93;  
For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6  
The Committee recommends concurrence.  
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**786-NonDis**  
**Subject: Farm family justice**  
Com mit tee Item: CS99-NonDis-C  
Petition:  
31838-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 1268  
Mem ber ship: 120; Pres ent: 93;  
For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.  
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**787-NonDis**  
**Subject: White privilege in the U.S.**  
Com mit tee Item: CS100-NonDis-C  
Petition:  
31948-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 1644  
Mem ber ship: 120; Pres ent: 93;  
For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6  
The Committee recommends concurrence.  
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**788-NonDis**  
**Subject: Prisons and criminal justice**  
Com mit tee Item: CS101-NonDis-C  
Petition:  
31950-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 1646  
Mem ber ship: 120; Pres ent: 93;  
For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6  
The Committee recommends concurrence.  
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**789-NonDis**  
**Subject: Correcting injustice in health care**  
Com mit tee Item: CS102-NonDis-C  
Petition:  
31952-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 1648  
Mem ber ship: 120; Pres ent: 93;  
For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6  
The Committee recommends concurrence.  
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**790-NonDis**  
**Subject: Affirmation of the precautionary principle**  
Com mit tee Item: CS103-NonDis-C  
Petition:  
31954-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 1652  
Mem ber ship: 120; Pres ent: 93;



For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

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**791-NonDis**  
**Subject: One step toward a dioxin-free future**

Committee Item:  
CS104-NonDis-C  
Petition:

31957-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 1653  
Membership: 120; Present: 93;  
For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

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**792-NonDis**  
**Subject: Hate crimes in the U.S.**

Committee Item:  
CS105-NonDis-A  
Petition:

30846-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 87  
Membership: 120; Present: 72;  
For: 62; Against: 3; Not Voting: 7;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

14. Encourage The United Methodist Church ~~in other countries~~ **all over the world** to engage in efforts to address hate-based activities in ways appropriate to their particular context.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

**793-NonDis**  
**Subject: Women and Social Security in the US**

Committee Item:  
CS127-NonDis-C  
Petition:

30581-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 65  
Membership: 120; Present: 89;  
For: 75; Against: 5; Not Voting: 9;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

**794-R569**

**Subject: Ratification for District of Columbia representation**

Committee Item: CS128-R569-A  
Petition:

30577-CS-R569-U, Pg. 148  
Membership: 120; Present: 92;  
For: 81; Against: 0; Not Voting: 11;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend "Ratification for District of Columbia Representation," p. 569, *Book of Resolutions*:

The Scriptures tell us clearly that God shows no partiality (Acts 10:34 **NRSV**). The Social Principles of The United Methodist Church cite state that **"the strength of a political system depends upon the full and willing participation of its citizens."** as a key factor in the strength of our political system.

In keeping with the idea of impartiality and the call for citizen participation, we are concerned about the lagging issue of ratification of the constitutional amendment providing for full representation of the District of Columbia in the Congress. We are well aware that the population of the District of Columbia is powerless with respect to our national legislative body.

In October of 1971, a statement of the Board of Christian Social Concerns of The United Methodist Church asked the United States Congress to provide the District of Columbia with two voting U.S. Senators plus the number of voting U.S. Representatives it would be entitled to if it were a State. This position was reaffirmed by the Board of Church and Society in October of 1978.

In 1978, the U.S. Congress passed a constitutional amendment providing for full voting representation of the District of Columbia in both the House and the Senate.

**In order for this this amendment is now before the various state legislatures and, to become law, must it needed to be ratified by thirty-eight states by 1985. A number of states have already ratified the amendment. Only 16 of the required 38 states voted to ratify the amendment.**

**In 1993, the League of Women Voters U.S. (LWVUS) Board again tried to attain voting rights for Washingtonians. They agreed that statehood would "afford the same rights of self-government and full voting representation" for citizens of the District as of other U.S. citizens. Unfortunately, this effort did not succeed.**

~~The population of the District of Columbia contains about 750,000 residents is~~

~~approximately 950,000. This represents a population equal to or greater than seven states, each of which has full voting representation in the U.S. Congress. Each year, District residents pay more than \$1 billion into the federal treasury, yet they are not permitted to have voting representation in the Congress. Such a practice appears to violate our American heritage of "no taxation without representation" **no taxation without representation.**~~

~~In terms of simple justice, we believe it is appropriate that District of Columbia citizens should have the right to elect national legislators who make the laws under which they too must live. Therefore, we urge all uncommitted state legislators to ratify the constitutional amendment providing the District of Columbia with full voting representation in the Congress. **Therefore, we have joined the Coalition for D.C. Representation in Encouraging Leagues across the country to call for the rights enjoyed by all other citizens to be applied to the residents of the District of Columbia.** We further encourage all United Methodists to support ~~contact~~ **contact** their state legislators in this endeavor **on this is sue.**~~

See Social Principles, 68B.

**Add: Delete the ratification of the District of Columbia representation on p. 569 of current Book of Resolutions.**

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

**795-NonDis**  
**Subject: Support voting rights for the people of Washington D.C.**

Committee Item:  
CS129-NonDis-A  
Petition:

30156-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 46  
Membership: 120; Present: 93;  
For: 80; Against: 0; Not Voting: 13;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Whereas, the District of Columbia was established on the first Monday in December, 1800, by an Act of Congress as a seat for the national government under authority granted to the Congress by Article 1, Section 8, of the U.S. Constitution, under which the Congress has the power to "exercise exclusive legislation in all cases whatsoever, over such District. . ."; Whereas, no provision for voting representation of the Federal Legislature for the residents of this Federal District was made in the Constitution or has been made at any time since;

Whereas, throughout our nation's history, citizens of the District of Columbia

have given their undivided allegiance to the United States: fighting and dying in wars, paying their full measure of taxes, and providing labor and resources to the federal government; and

Whereas, we recognize that governments derive their "just Powers from the Consent of the Governed" in order to secure the people's rights "endowed by their Creator"; and

Whereas, the Social Principles contained in the United Methodist Book of Discipline state that the "form and the lead-ers of all governments should be determined by exercise of the right to vote guaranteed to all adult citizens," and further, that "the strength of a political system depends on the full and willing participation of its citizens"; and

Whereas, it has been the enduring tradition and history of the United Methodist Church, from the time of Wesley to the present day, to support the rights of the individual, to provide relief to the disenfranchised, and to champion the equality of all persons before God and before the law; and

Whereas, we are agreed that the continuing disenfranchisement of the citizens of the District of Columbia is an egregious moral wrong which must be rectified, it is hereby

Resolved, that the ~~Baltimore-Washington~~ **General** Conference of the United Methodist Church declares its full support, on moral grounds, for the provision of full democratic rights to the people of the District of Columbia. We affirm that District citizens are entitled to political rights equal to those of other Americans, including voting representation in both Houses of Congress. We call on the President and the Congress of the United States of America to take action to provide congressional representation to the citizens of Washington, D.C., by whatever means they should find suitable and appropriate, and

Be it further resolved that we call on all United Methodist congregations in the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference and through out the United States, to support the people of the District of Columbia in this cause. We call on the ~~General Conference~~ **United States members** of The United Methodist Church to ~~adopt resolutions supporting voting representation for the citizens of Washington, D.C., and to encourage its members~~ to call upon their elected representatives in Congress to demand democratic rights for the District of Columbia, and

Be it further resolved, that we call on other communities of faith, locally and through out the nation, to join with us in ad-

vocating for the provision of these rights to Washington, D.C., so that at last the citizens of the District of Columbia are provided with the same democratic rights available to all other Americans.

Concur  Non concur Date /

### 796-NonDis

**Subject: Every UMC be an official weapon-free zone**

Committee Item:

CS130-NonDis-A

Petition:

31806-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 1267  
Member ship: 120; Pres ent: 91;  
For: 84; Against: 1; Not Voting: 6;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

#### 31806 CS NonDis O

Whereas, in keeping within the spirit of Isaiah 2:4, "God shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords

into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift

up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more;"

Whereas, reflecting the church's traditional role as a place of safety and sanctuary,

Therefore, we petition General Conference that every United Methodist

Church be officially declared a weapon-free zone, and that no fire arm or ~~edged weapons be allowed in the place of~~ worship and in any part of the church plant.

Concur  Non concur Date /

### 797-NonDis

**Subject: Church support current abolitionist efforts to end slavery**

Committee Item:

CS131-NonDis-A

Petition:

31813-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 1267  
Member ship: 120; Pres ent: 91;  
For: 90; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

#### 31813 CS NonDis O

Whereas, the institution of slavery controls the lives of over 27 million persons

world-wide, in lands including Sudan, Mauritania, India, Pakistan, Brazil, and Thailand; and

Whereas, slavery is a crime against humanity, and is expressly prohibited by international law and a number of international treaties; and

Whereas, the United Nations, the United States Congress, the United States State Department, the American Anti-Slavery Group, Christian Solidarity International, as well as a host of other organizations, have recognized and officially documented the current existence of slavery; and

Whereas, founder of Methodism, John Wesley, in numerous instances, including a tract entitled "Thoughts on Slavery" and sermon entitled "The Use of Money," condemned slavery as wrong and incompatible for Christ's teachings; and

Whereas, The United Methodist Church regards the institution of slavery as an "infamous evil" and recognizing that "All forms of enslavement are to tally prohibited and shall no way be tolerated by the Church" (*Book of Discipline*, 68.A); and

Whereas, the General Board on Global Ministries, through the United Methodist Committee on Relief Sudan Emergency campaign, as well as other United Methodist organizations, has worked to aid enslaved and freed slaves; and

Therefore be it resolved, that The United Methodist Church of financially support modern-day abolitionist efforts to end slavery.

Be it further resolved, that The United Methodist Church actively champion anti-slavery efforts by petitioning the United Nations, United States Congress and State Department, and the legislative bodies of all countries in which The United Methodist Church has an organized ecclesiastical structure, to demand the freeing of all modern-day slaves.

Be it further resolved, that The United Methodist Church petition the United Nations and the United States Congress and State Department to ~~bring down the regimes of~~ **abolish** slavery through the use of nonmilitary options such as negotiations and sanctions; and

Be it further resolved, that The United Methodist Church officially support stock/mutual fund divestment campaigns that urge people to remove funds from organizations whose actions contribute to slavery's existence.

Be it further resolved, that The United Methodist Church inform all members of the Church, via news publications and other communication channels of the connectional system, that slavery currently

exists and that The United Methodist Church of fi cially op poses its ex is tence.

Be it fur ther re solved, that this doc u ment be sent to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Pres i dent of the United States, the United States Con gress, and the leg is la tive bod ies of coun tries in which The United Methodist Church has an estab lished ec cle si asti cal struc ture.

[ ] Con cur rence [ ] Non con cur rence Date /

## 798-NonDis Subject: Being the church amid disagreement

Committee Item:  
CS132-NonDis-A

Petition:

30306-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 1379  
Mem ber ship: 120; Pres ent: 91;  
For: 86; Against: 2; Not Voting: 3;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence as amended as fol lows:

**In sert new item be fore “1. Be gin shar ing where we agree.” and in sert new item fol lowing 11. “Utilize resources ... dis agree ment.” in section en titled *Ministry of Mindfulness***

To the peo ple called United Meth od ists, with the hope that, through prayer and holy conferencing, we will en gage each other in love and grace as we deal with is sues upon which we dis agree:

As a Church fac ing a new mil len nium we continue to disagree, sometimes bit terly. Important biblical, theological and scientific questions remain in dispute among per sons of good will. This has been true on many is sues through out the his tory of our denomination. Called as United Meth od ists to be vig i lant on is sues of in clu sive ness, we urge the Church to pause in re flection on the process of disagreement. What hopes would we lift up for our own denomination?

When we en gage in deeply felt strug gle for the truth, emo tions run high. Our hu man na ture moves us to yearn for “vic tory” -for win ning the debate, making judgment in hopes it will settle the controversy that causes us dis com fort and pain as a com mu nity. The “mean ing” of any com mu ni ca tion has two parts: the con tent, ideas, or po si tion on the is sue, and the feel ings we have about those ideas. In pro longed dis agree ment, we may find our selves step ping on the feel ings of others in our ur gency to find the true, win ning po si tion. We re mind our selves as a com mu nity of faith to re mem ber who we are, what both civil and re li gious com mu ni ties per ceive about us in our dis cord, and

what we have called our selves to be as a Church.

*Biblical and theological reflections and a Par a ble for our Time*

In “The Min is try of all Chris tians,” par. 117, we hold our selves ac count able to this call:

“We rec og nize that God made all cre ation and saw that it was good. As a di verse peo ple of God who bring spe cial gifts and ev i dences of God’s grace to the unity of the Church and to so ci ety, we are called to be faith ful to the ex am ple of Je sus’ min is try to all per sons.”

We can heed this call to value all of God’s cre ation as good, and all of God’s chil dren ca pable of bring spe cial gifts to our Church and to so ci ety. These special gifts can be gifts of en gaged lis ten ing, care ful feed back dur ing dis agree ment, and sus pen sion of judge ment and re tri bu tion. The di verse peo ple of God are in deed that – di verse. We do not al ways agree. But if we heed this call to value all of God’s cre ation, we show our world how to dis agree in re mark able and lov ing ways.

Je sus shared a par a ble that speaks pow er fully to our time. In the par a ble of the wheat and the weeds (Matt. 13:24-30), he shares a story about difference, discord, and judgment that be comes a par a ble of grace. When asked if the weeds should not be culled from the wheat field, the house holder claimed the re spon si bil ity to judge what would hap pen to the weeds when the harvest came. The house holder did not dis pute that there were weeds in the fields, but the judgment of which were weeds and what would hap pen to them was the house holder’s to make. The house holder re fuses to judge at the be gin ning. This is a story about rush ing to judgment, and Je sus shares a cau tion based on our hu man na ture to take ac tion on as sump tions that may or may not be true. When sep a ra tion is gra ciously post pon ed, what is perceived as weed may be found to be wheat in deed!

The reign of God as we know it now, as we ex pe ri ence it, as we try to be faith ful within it, is not pre cise and neat and or derly. This im pre ci sion comes as a grace to us. First of all, it frees us from the build ing of walls that exclude and efforts to have a “pure” com mu nity. Surely care ful thought must be given to the ar tic u la tion of Christian doctrine and the ex po si tion of Christian be hav ior. But the grace of im pre ci sion al lows us to keep those who dif fer with us within the con cern and the care of God.

Secondly, strengthened and guided by the grace of God, saves us from hav ing to ~~make the judgments that are beyond our com pe tence.~~ We we must make our own

prayerful decisions about good and evil, about right and wrong as clearly as pos si ble. But the ul ti mate judgment upon oth ers and upon our selves is not ours to make. Only God can make such judgments, and in due course this will be done. In the mean time, we must be more pa tient with one another. Be cause we do not have to sort out now who is and who is not within the reign of God, we can live with open ness and free dom to ward oth ers. We must not separate ourselves from those who see things dif fer ently. This is a par a ble about grace and about being faith ful in liv ing it.

*How shall we dis agree?*

In ev ery com mu nity, there will be con flict and dif fer ences of opin ion, some quite strongly held. How we dis agree, more so than which po si tion pre vails, has a power ful impact on many audiences. As caring Chris tians, we carry re spon si bil ity for this im pact whether or not we are aware of it. These are some of those au di ences watch ing how we Chris tians dis agree, ar gue, and debate to gether:

young peo ple, our youth and chil dren who watch us as role mod els for their lives,

our lo cal con gre ga tions look ing for wis dom and guid ance in their min is try,

lead ers of our na tions and lo cal com mu ni ties world wide,

those about whom we de bate, for most dis cord is rooted in ex pe ri ences of hu man lives,

even the ex treme ex am ple of less scrup u lous, even reck less per sons who may use our

protestations and the invisible at mo sphere our discord creates to justify their acts of vi o lence.

*Power of a dis cern ing ques tion*

In the midst of en gaged de bate, our abil ity to lis ten to one another can weaken. True lis ten ing, hear ing feel ings as well as ideas, can be en hanced when we can fo cus for a time on ques tions that help us dis cern one another’s po si tions on mat ters of im por tance. Ques tions that

might help us do this are:

1. How shall we agree to treat one another while we dis agree?

2. How can we show hos pi tal ity to one another while we dis agree?

3. What hopes for The United Meth od ist Church do we have in com mon?

4. When confronting divisive issues along which hard lines have been drawn, can we tem po rarily sus pend de ci sion making in order, through prayer, silence and study, to dis cern the ap pro pri ate re sponse for these times?

5. How can we use this period of discernment to deepen our understanding of all positions on the issue?

6. Until we can agree on a resolution, can we agree to suspend motions, decisions, policy development that will assert one position over the other?

7. How could we use this time of suspended judgment to deepen our understanding of all positions on the issue?

8. What are the positive and negative effects of our disagreement on our congregations, our members, our clergy and laity, and on the communities where we serve?

9. What action as a community of faith should we take in light of these effects?

10. What would we like the nature of our community in The United Methodist Church to be when this issue that divides us is finally resolved?

#### *Ministry of Mindfulness*

Local congregations, study groups, cabinets, clusters and districts, annual, central and General Conferences can be holy and hopeful places of discord. Regardless of our positions on controversial issues, we can practice a ministry of mindfulness of the impact of our discord. Some strategies may be helpful in these settings:

**Begin by sharing and studying relevant scripture, as scripture is our primary authority, and also consulting additional aspects of the Wesleyan quadrilateral—tradition, reason, and experience.**

1. Begin sharing where we agree.

2. Remember to honor our relationships to each other as children of God, as we debate.

3. Practice the art of “feedback” - true feedback in which many positions are shared and heard, and repeated back.

4. Place emphasis on the “spiritual discipline of true listening” - at tending and listening for the feelings of the others as well as their ideas.

5. Use facilitators to maintain safe spaces for difficult feelings and ideas to be shared.

6. Address the issues. In the absence of consensus, share clearly and candidly what we are willing to risk for the sake of justice and compassion.

7. Be mindful not to attack the messenger when discussing the message.

8. Use principles of mediation, focusing on interests (what we would like to happen, how we would envision things to be) rather than the positions or stands we take to get there.

9. Speak faithful hope for the possibility of future reconciliation and resolution.

What will it be like when we are through this discord?

10. Practice “holy conferencing” - in fusing debate and dialogue with prayer, silence, and more prayer. Pray for each other, for our church, for future possibilities, for hope, and for guidance of the Holy Spirit as we move through discord.

11. Utilize resources available to our groups, congregations, conferences and agencies to strengthen our sense of community, especially in disagreement.

**12. Pray for and practice the discipline of patience. Forging new understandings and agreements will take intentional effort.**

Concur  Non concur Date /

### **799-R297**

**Subject: Housing, in the USA**  
Committee Item: CS133-R297-C  
Petition:

30560-CS-R297-U, Pg. 115  
Membership: 120; Present: 91;  
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 19;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concur  Non concur Date /

### **800-NonDis**

**Subject: U.S. role in Colombia**  
Committee Item:  
CS137-NonDis-A

Petition:

31953-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 1651  
Membership: 120; Present: 90;  
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 8;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

For many years the nation of Colombia has suffered from internal conflict caused in part by the United States-sponsored “war on drugs.” Large areas of land have been rendered unusable and crops destroyed by indiscriminate spraying of chemicals intended to destroy coca plants.

The land rights of indigenous peoples have been violated by Colombian and American corporations exploring and drilling for oil in rain forests.

Paramilitary death squads that receive support from the United States spread fear among the Colombian people. **Internal**

**civil war has left 1.4 million internally displaced people in Colombia.**

The war against drugs has not succeeded in curbing the production and export of drugs from Colombia. In fact, it has created sharp political and military divisions in that country.

The present policy of the United States has exacerbated the basic problem in Colombia which is poverty.

Therefore, the United Methodist Church urges the United States government to:

Stop all current and future United States military aid to Colombia

Support negotiations between the Colombian government and the guerrillas to end the civil war.

Divert funds used for DEA military raids and crop fumigation to provide viable economic alternatives to coca production.

Support indigenous peoples' rights to self-determination and control over resource in their traditional home lands.

Concur  Non concur Date /

### **801-NonDis**

**Subject: Close the US Army School of the Americas**  
Committee Item:  
CS138-NonDis-A  
Petition:

30528-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 50  
Membership: 120; Present: 90;  
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 5;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

The United Methodist Church calls upon the US President and the US Congress to close the US Army School of the Americas (SOA) at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

History

The SOA was established by the US in 1946 in Panama to promote stability and combat communism in the region. It moved to Ft. Benning, Georgia in 1984 under terms of the Panama Canal Treaty. Panama's President Jorge Illueca called it the “biggest base for destabilization in Latin America,” and a major Panamanian newspaper called it “The School of the Assassins.” The School trains 900-2,000 soldiers a year from Latin America and the Caribbean. In its 50-year history, the SOA has trained more than 60,000 military personnel.

Controversy about the School continued with the release in March 1993, of the United Nations Truth Commission Report on El Salvador. This report indicated that 48 military officers cited for human rights vio-

lations were trained at the SOA. Other findings in the report about SOA graduates:

- 19 of the 26 officers involved in the 1989 murders of Jesuit priests and the subsequent cover-up;

- 2 of the three soldiers involved in the 1980 murder of Archbishop Oscar Romero;

- 3 of the five soldiers involved in the 1980 murder of US church women;

- all three soldiers cited for the 1981 murder of union leaders;

- 2 of 3 cited for the 1981 El Junquillo massacre;

- 10 of 12 cited for the 1981 El Mozote massacre;

- 3 of 6 cited for the 1983 Las Hojas massacre; and

- 6 of 7 cited for the 1988 San Sebastian massacre.

In September 1996, the Department of Defense (DoD) released copies and translations of seven Spanish-language training manuals taken out of circulation in 1991 when the DoD discovered material and passages condoning murder, torture, kidnaping and extortion. According to the DoD, the manuals had been used from 1982 to 1991 by instructors at the SOA and by mobile training teams of the US Southern Command. The material in these manuals violated US law. The DoD ordered the manuals and their source material destroyed.

#### US Foreign Policy Context

According to Jeffrey Davidow, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, US foreign policy objectives for Latin America and the Caribbean are: to promote free trade and economic integration in order to enhance economic development and assist American business; to strengthen democracy and the rule of law to ensure that the values and principles that have

guided the US thrive throughout the hemisphere; to combat drug trafficking, migrant smuggling and environmental degradation to minimize the impact of these transnational problems; and to encourage sustainable development and poverty alleviation programs to improve living standards for all citizens of the region (testimony by Jeffrey Davidow before the House International Relations Committee, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, 3/19/97).

Davidow also stated that, "Disparities in income, inadequate health and education, fragile democracies and the narcotics trade create conditions of tremendous cost and risk to US national interests." The two Summits of the Americas (Miami, 1994 and Santiago, 1998) put forward the vision of a

hemisphere of free trade, strong democratic institutions, and fewer problems with drugs, environmental degradation and poverty. But the reality is that US assistance to the region is at an all-time low.

The SOA is not the kind of assistance Latin America needs. The School's original goal of fighting communism in the region is not valid. The real security "threat" to the US from Latin America is the poverty that exists there, forcing people to migrate to already over crowded cities, or further north. Faced with starvation, some Latin American people have become involved in the drug trade.

US foreign policy objectives do not take into consideration the needs of the people of Latin America. Where they appear to do so, these objectives in practice contradict each other. Through our continued military training in Latin America, we have maintained a relationship of control and obligation to the power elite. We have traded our focus on fighting communism to free trade and economic expansion. Access to resources has been restricted to the few business, government and military elite. This reality has kept most of the Latin American population in poverty. Most of the people do not see the benefits of free trade and economic development. Military rulers and rulers supported by the military have prevailed at the expense of human rights and freedoms.

Expanding the principles which have guided the US may not be greeted warmly by the people of Latin America. Continuing to favor military institutions over democratic movements is not the route to sustainable communities in Latin America. The principles which result in our policy have led to the oppression and suffering of many people in Latin America. If given a choice, many citizens in Latin America would probably opt for the prevalence of their own rich culture, allowed to flourish unimpeded by selfish, out side interests, and not for an imported version of what the US has decided is best for them. As Christians, we cannot support such condescension. The United Methodist Bishops have stated, "It is not the function of Christian witness to "westernize," "easternize," "Americanize," or in other ways acculturate human attitudes and responses. It is the function of the Christian to bring the full dimensions of a gospel of love and justice to bear upon the human situation." An enemy of peace, as outlined by the Bishops, is economic exploitation. "With networks of economic and military interests intruding into almost every land, [the "super powers"] frustrate authentic self-determination, manipulate power relationships, and disturb the essential ingredients of international community." (Both quoted statements are from the

"Bishops' Call for Peace and Self-Development of Peoples.")

The government's most recent justification for the SOA is to train soldiers to combat narco-terrorism in Latin America. This allows the SOA to accuse its opponents of being "soft" on fighting the international drug trade. This sudden shift in public relations strategy has occurred at a time when some Latin American military officers training at the School have been accused of laundering drug money and participating in the drug trade.

Closing the SOA may seem like a small step in the overall US foreign policy scheme, but it is an important symbol of US policy toward Latin America. Closing the School would send a message to the people of Latin America and encourage the emergence of policies that create real security in the region. At a time when we are looking for real assistance for Latin America, the SOA should not be seen as a substitute for that.

~~The SOA claims that~~ **Though** the percentage of its students who have been implicated in atrocities is small. The question must not be what number or percentage of SOA trained soldiers have been involved in atrocities, but how people have been victimized by SOA trained soldiers. The question must be how to best use limited natural, economic and human resources to create real security in the hemisphere. US foreign policy must be guided by an ethic that is based on long-range objectives and real security. Advancing policies that continue to impoverish most Latin American citizens, or even maintaining the status quo is an acceptable to us as Christians. From a security and foreign policy standpoint they don't make sense either. Establishing acceptable living conditions for all the people of the Americas should be our goal. The SOA is not a means to that end. As the United Methodist Bishops stated in the 1992 Episcopal Address:

"Peace makers of the world must insist that the arms trade and all military assistance programs for poor nations must cease . . . The common enemy of humanity is militarism . . . We will have no peace on or with the earth until the people of the earth live together in the harmony of a just social order."

#### Action:

Based on our historical advocacy for human rights and against the militarization of societies, The United Methodist Church urges the US President and the Congress to act immediately to close the US Army School of the Americas at Ft. Benning, Georgia. The \$20 million in funding provided to the School annually should be used

to support sustainable living and conflict resolution in Latin America, not to further militarize societies.

We urge all United Methodists in the United States to work actively to close the School

of the Americas and to educate and inform others about closing the School. United Methodists are encouraged to contact the President, their Senators and Representatives to support legislation to close the School.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

### 802-R680

#### **Subject: Understanding globality in the UM tradition**

Committee Item: CS139-R680-C  
Petition:

30542-CS-R680-U, Pg. 156  
Membership: 120; Present: 90;  
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 5;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

### 803-R658

#### **Subject: UMC and peace**

Committee Item: CS140-R658-C  
Petition:

30526-CS-R658-U, Pg. 152  
Membership: 120; Present: 90;  
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 5;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

### 804-NonDis

#### **Subject: Enlarge U.S. pres. cabinet to include a Sec'y of Peace**

Committee Item:  
CS142-NonDis-C

Petition:

30694-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 86  
Membership: 120; Present: 90;  
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 5;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

### 805-R556

#### **Subject: Abolishing nuclear weapons is a matter of human rights**

Committee Item: CS143-R556-C  
Petition:

30617-CS-R556-U, Pg. 146  
Membership: 120; Present: 90;  
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 5;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

### 806-NonDis

#### **Subject: Receive guidelines for ministering to Mormons who seek to become UM**

Committee Item: DI93-NonDis-A  
Petition:

30419-DI-NonDis-O, Pg. 300  
Membership: 109; Present: 80;  
For: 80; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/5

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Whereas, there is a perceived *an expressed* need on the part of United Methodists for more clarity on the issues surrounding the reception of people baptized in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons) who seek to become members of The United Methodist Church; and

Whereas, there are varying practices in United Methodist churches in such instances, some not recognizing the Latter-day Saints' baptism, and so baptizing them; and some recognizing the baptism, and so receiving them as baptized Christians; and

Whereas, United Methodists seek to act in ways that are faithful, compassionate, and just in relationship to other faith traditions, extending hospitality to ward all and charity to ward those whose faith and practice differ from ours;

*Therefore, while our denomination must continue to seek further clarity on issues of our own faith, we have enough clarity to take steps to ward establish a policy for the United Methodist Church regarding the reception of those converting from the LDS Church. It is our recommendation that following a period of catechesis (a time of intensive exploration and instruction in the Christian faith), such a convert should receive the sacrament of Christian baptism.*

We, *further*, petition the 2000 General Conference to receive *Sacramental Faithfulness: Guidelines for Receiving People From The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons)*, found on pages 215 to 223 of the Advance Edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, Volume 1, Section 1, with the following changes as a study resource and guideline for pastors and congregations who face the challenge of receiving former Mormons who seek to become United Methodist:

on page 222 top of page, left column, beginning with the end of line 2: change the paragraph to read "~~United Methodism should declare that~~ The church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, **by self-definition**, does not fit within the bounds of the historic, apostolic tradition of Christian faith. This conclusion is supported by the fact that the LDS Church itself, while calling itself Christian, explicitly professes a distinction and separateness from the ecumenical community and is intentional about clarifying significant differences in doctrine. **As United Methodists we agree with their assessment that the LDS Church is not a part of the historic, apostolic tradition of the Christian faith.**"

We also petition the 2000 General Conference to authorize the General Board of Discipleship to provide resources *in accordance with the Sacramental Faithfulness: Guidelines for Receiving People From the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon)*, to the Church to guide pastors and congregations to receive former Latter-day Saints (Mormons) who seek to become United Methodists in ways that are faithful to our United Methodist heritage

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

### 807-NonDis

#### **Subject: Christian helpers on the Internet**

Committee Item:  
DI101-NonDis-A

Petition:

31844-DI-NonDis-O, Pg. 1274  
Membership: 109; Present: 81;  
For: 79; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows: strike the petition and replace with:

Whereas there is a need for a "seeker's link" on the official United Methodist website.

Therefore be it resolved that a new web page on the GBOD website, designed and monitored by GBOD, would provide spiritual guidance for those seeking

knowledge of and a relationship with, or belief in Jesus Christ; that this guidance may include scriptural references, information concerning study guides and prayer resources, and a list of possible contacts (E-mail, phone, etc.) For seekers in their home area; and that this web page be directly linked to the official United Methodist Church website.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**808-NonDis**  
**Subject: Develop a Service of Reaffirmation of Baptismal and Ordination Vows**

Committee Item: DI103-NonDis-A  
Petition:  
31699-DI-NonDis-O, Pg. 303  
Mem ber ship: 109; Pres ent: 79;  
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence as amended as fol lows: Re place pe ti tion with at tached amend ment:

Whereas there is a need for worship re sources for the re af firm a tion of or di na tion vows, we there fore suggest that the Gen eral Board of Dis ci ple ship de velop these re sources.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**809-NonDis**  
**Subject: Adopt Korean-English bilingual hymnal as official resource**

Committee Item: DI106-NonDis-C  
Petition:  
30421-DI-NonDis-O, Pg. 456  
Mem ber ship: 109; Pres ent: 68;  
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**810-NonDis**  
**Subject: Support petition of GBOD for Korean-English bilingual hymnal as official UMC resource**

Committee Item: DI110-NonDis-C  
Petition:  
30483-DI-NonDis-O, Pg. 457  
Mem ber ship: 109; Pres ent: 70;

For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**811-NonDis**  
**Subject: Reports presented with other general agencies**

Com mit tee Item: FA47-NonDis-C  
Petition:  
30714-FA-NonDis-O\$, Pg. 362  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 76;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**812-NonDis**  
**Subject: Condition of the agencies of the Church/internal control/internal audit perspective**

Com mit tee Item: FA52-NonDis-C  
Petition:  
30709-FA-NonDis-O\$, Pg. 348  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 76;  
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**813-NonDis**  
**Subject: DCOR/DBV payment options**

Com mit tee Item: FA79-NonDis-C  
Petition:  
31316-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 1324  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 77;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**814-NonDis**  
**Subject: Increase in MPP cash-out amount for deceased participants**

Com mit tee Item: FA80-NonDis-C  
Petition:  
31315-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 1324

Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 77;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**815-NonDis**  
**Subject: Increase in the MPP cash-out amount**

Com mit tee Item: FA81-NonDis-C  
Petition:  
31314-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 1324  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 77;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**816-NonDis**  
**Subject: Change of the MPP waiver notice**

Com mit tee Item: FA82-NonDis-C  
Petition:  
31313-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 1324  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 77;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**817-NonDis**  
**Subject: Increase in the MPP waiver election period**

Com mit tee Item: FA83-NonDis-C  
Petition:  
31312-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 1314  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 77;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**818-NonDis**  
**Subject: Revision of the MPP cash-out provisions**

Com mit tee Item: FA84-NonDis-C  
Petition:  
31311-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 1314  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 77;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

### 819-NonDis

#### Subject: Expansion of disability eligibility in the MPP

Committee Item: FA85-NonDis-C  
Petition:

31310-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 1323  
Membership: 97; Present: 78;  
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

### 820-NonDis

#### Subject: MPP contributions

Committee Item: FA86-NonDis-C  
Petition:

31309-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 1323  
Membership: 97; Present: 78;  
For: 76; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

### 821-NonDis

#### Subject: Clarification of MPP contribution deadline

Committee Item: FA87-NonDis-C  
Petition:

31308-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 1323  
Membership: 97; Present: 78;  
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

### 822-NonDis

#### Subject: Eliminate monthly contribution requirement in MPP

Committee Item: FA88-NonDis-C  
Petition:

31307-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 1323  
Membership: 97; Present: 78;  
For: 78; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

### 823-NonDis

#### Subject: Amend Definition of compensation in the MPP

Committee Item: FA90-NonDis-A  
Petition:

31306-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 1323  
Membership: 97; Present: 80;  
For: 77; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Effective January 1, 2001 **2002**, amend section 2.11...

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

### 824-NonDis

#### Subject: Set tithing as a goal for everyone in UMC

Committee Item:  
FA126-NonDis-C

Petition:  
30154-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 454  
Membership: 97; Present: 61;  
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

### 825-NonDis

#### Subject: Clergy compensation packages be above national poverty level

Committee Item:  
FA127-NonDis-C

Petition:  
30076-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 453  
Membership: 97; Present: 61;  
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

### 826-NonDis

#### Subject: Clarification of staff retirement benefits program waiver notice provision

Committee Item:  
FA153-NonDis-C

Petition:

31323-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 1327  
Membership: 97; Present: 80;  
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

### 827-NonDis

#### Subject: Eliminate one-year break in service requirement concerning cash-out in staff retirement benefits

Committee Item:  
FA154-NonDis-A

Petition:  
31324-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 1327  
Membership: 97; Present: 80;  
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Add the following to Petition Numbered 31324:

Effective January 1, 2001, amend section 504d. to read:

If the present value of the Participant's Account is equal to or less than ~~\$3005,000~~, the Administrator may direct the Trustee to distribute the full amount to the Participant

without the consent of the Participant or his/her spouse.

Effective January 1, 2001, amend section 5.05b.(3) to read:

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 5.05b(1) or Section 5.05b(2), if the present

value of a deceased Participant's Account is equal to or less than ~~\$35005,000~~ at the time

of his/her death, the Administrator may direct the Trustee to distribute the full amount to

the Participant's Beneficiary without the consent of the Beneficiary.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

### 828-NonDis

#### Subject: Increase in staff retirement benefits program waiver election period

Committee Item:  
FA155-NonDis-C

Petition:  
31322-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 1327  
Membership: 97; Present: 80;



For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concur  Non concur Date /

**829-NonDis**  
**Subject: Providing disabled individuals access to funds in the staff retirement benefits program**

Committee Item:  
FA157-NonDis-C

Petition:

31320-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 1326  
Membership: 97; Present: 79;  
For: 78; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concur  Non concur Date /

**830-NonDis**  
**Subject: Clarify staff retirement benefits program contribution deadline**

Committee Item:  
FA158-NonDis-C

Petition:

31319-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 1326  
Membership: 97; Present: 77;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concur  Non concur Date /

**831-NonDis**  
**Subject: Eliminate waiting period for participating in the staff retirement benefits program**

Committee Item:  
FA159-NonDis-C

Petition:

31318-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 1325  
Membership: 97; Present: 76;  
For: 74; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concur  Non concur Date /

**832-NonDis**

**Subject: Amend definition of compensation in the staff retirement benefits program**

Committee Item:  
FA160-NonDis-C

Petition:

31317-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 1325  
Membership: 97; Present: 77;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concur  Non concur Date /

**833-R462**

**Subject: Investment ethics**

Committee Item: FA162-R462-C

Petition:

31289-FA-R462-U, Pg. 469  
Membership: 97; Present: 76;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concur  Non concur Date /

**834-NonDis**

**Subject: GBPHB examine its policies re employer contrib. to employee's acct**

Committee Item:  
FA167-NonDis-C

Petition:

31753-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 469  
Membership: 97; Present: 76;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concur  Non concur Date /

**835-NonDis**

**Subject: Amendment of distribution of funds from the general agency benefit trust**

Committee Item:  
FA192-NonDis-C

Petition:

31926-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 1327  
Membership: 97; Present: 85;  
For: 84; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concur  Non concur Date /

**836-NonDis**

**Subject: Living into the Future**  
Committee Item: GJ63-NonDis-A

Petition:

31967-GJ-NonDis-O, Pg. 1686  
Membership: 92; Present: 82;  
For: 79; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows: Delete the entirety of the existing text and replace with the following:

We commend to The United Methodist Church at all levels the following transformational directions. These central ideas are at the heart of the needed change in The United Methodist Church.

1. Center on Christian formation.
2. Call forth covenant leadership.
3. Empower the connection for ministry.
4. Strengthen our global connection and ecumenical relationships.
5. Encourage doctrinal and theological discourse.

These valuable principles and ideas need to be brought to life at every level of the UMC over the next quadrennium. Each organizational level of the church from the local congregation through all levels of the general church should begin to live out these transformational directions.

To guide us this way the General Conference charges the General Council on Ministries:

1.) To work with the church in discerning God's will for its work and living as biblical people in the Wesleyan tradition through a style of leadership that is collegial, cooperative, inclusive, and actively practices hospitality.

2.) To model the articulation of a clear and compelling mission vision through a holistic process that focuses the work of all the parts.

3.) To determine the most effective design for the work of the General Conference.

\*Developing specific ways for agencies to integrate their work for greater collaboration and elimination of duplication;

\*Determining how general agencies can better provide resources for annual conferences and local churches;

\*Recommending to the 2004 General Conference the best way to staff the work beyond

annual conferences and determining where the responsibility for personnel should be vested.

\*Developing ways of evaluating the results of the work of the agencies.

4.) To assist local congregations and annual conferences in their efforts to organize in such ways that enable them to live out the transformational directions in the context of their ministry while maintaining the connectional nature of the church.

5.) To relate to annual conferences and build mutual relationships with annual conference leadership to assist them in living out the transformational directions.

6.) To continue the dialogue about the global nature of The United Methodist Church.

In order to be good stewards of the time and money invested in the Connectional Process Team Report, it and all its related research are forwarded to the GCOM, with deep appreciation, as resource material for its ongoing work.

The results of this work shall be contained in the General Council on Ministries report to the 2004 General Conference.

Concur  Non concur Date /

### 837-NonDis

#### Subject: Use UMC name properly

Committee Item: GJ73-NonDis-A  
Petition:

31700-GJ-NonDis-O, Pg. 782  
Membership: 92; Present: 82;  
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows: Delete the wording entirely and add:

Whereas, the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church were united under the name The United Methodist Church in the year 1968 and that the uniting name has great historical significance for both bodies;

Therefore, be it resolved, that in so far as possible, all materials used in correspondence, advertisements, and signs of the said churches and other denominational organizations use the complete proper name, "The United Methodist Church," capitalizing the word The when referring to the denomination as a whole.

Concur  Non concur Date /

### 838-NonDis

#### Subject: Continue GCOM

Committee Item: GJ86-NonDis-A  
Petition:

31552-GJ-NonDis-O, Pg. 781  
Membership: 92; Present: 80;  
For: 80; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows: delete the part that is struck

Resolved: that the 2000 General Conference of the United Methodist Church continue the general agency known as the General Council on Ministries as described in the ~~Book of Discipline, paragraphs 901-907.~~

Concur  Non concur Date /

### 839-R599

#### Subject: East Timor

Committee Item: GM7-R599-A  
Petition:

30842-GM-R599-U, Pg. 921  
Membership: 113; Present: 74;  
For: 74; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

In the last paragraph, insert in the last sentence: "... the President of Indonesia, the President of Portugal, and all appropriate ecumenical colleagues."

Concur  Non concur Date /

### 840-NonDis

#### Subject: Restorative justice

Committee Item:  
GM65-NonDis-C

Petition:  
30583-GM-NonDis-O, Pg. 73  
Membership: 113; Present: 75;  
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concur  Non concur Date /

### 841-R281

#### Subject: Holy boldness: a national plan for urban ministry

Committee Item: GM66-R281-C  
Petition:

30839-GM-R281-U, Pg. 186  
Membership: 113; Present: 75;  
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concur  Non concur Date /

### 842-R529

#### Subject: Equal justice

Committee Item: GM67-R529-A  
Petition:

30571-GM-R529-U, Pg. 140  
Membership: 113; Present: 75;  
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

In #2, in the bold section after "United States," strike "the" and insert "there are".

In #4, second line at the end, add "race or".

In #4, after "community protection" change period to semi-colon; keep the small "t" immediately following; change period to semi-colon following "qualified judges" and strike the rest of the paragraph.

Concur  Non concur Date /

### 843-NonDis

#### Subject: Legacy of US atomic testing on Marshall Islands

Committee Item:  
GM70-NonDis-C

Petition:

31766-GM-NonDis-O, Pg. 917  
Membership: 113; Present: 75;  
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concur  Non concur Date /

### 844-NonDis

#### Subject: Victims of crime

Committee Item:  
GM72-NonDis-A

Petition:

30579-GM-NonDis-O, Pg. 62  
Membership: 113; Present: 75;  
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Add at the end of item number 6: "... and to assure and advocate for the fair treatment of victims and survivors."

Concur  Non concur Date /

**845-NonDis****Subject: Ending Puerto Rico's colonial status**

Committee Item:  
GM73-NonDis-A  
Petition:

31327-GM-NonDis-O, Pg. 910  
Membership: 113; Present: 75;  
For: 73; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

At the beginning of the resolution, insert the following:

**We direct the secretary of The General Conference of The United Methodist Church to send a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States and to all members of Congress.**

also, at the end of the resolution,

1. A School of Christian Mission study theme on Puerto Rico be established in the 2001-2004 quadrennium providing study materials for United Methodists;

2. United Methodists advocate before the President of the U.S. and Congress for the people of Puerto Rico to be accorded full opportunity for true self determination in accordance with the General Assembly Resolution 1514 (XV), and in accordance with the United Nations Charter, and in territorial laws and treaties.

~~Be it resolved, that the General Conference of the United Methodist Church, sends copy of this resolution to the President of the United States and to all the members of Congress urging them to take speedy actions to relinquish its control over the Nation Island of Puerto Rico.~~

Concur  Non concur Date /

**846-R683****Subject: US-China political relations**

Committee Item: GM74-R683-A  
Petition:

30860-GM-R683-U, Pg. 926  
Membership: 113; Present: 75;  
For: 74; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Readopt "United States—China Relations," p. 683 (with the following changes:)

The United Methodist Church:

~~1. Affirms the establishment of full diplomatic relations between the United States and the People's Republic of China as an important step toward mutual cooperation and understanding and toward world peace;~~

~~2. Advocates that the U.S. government, in accordance with the Joint Communique of December 1978, should continue to deal with the people of Taiwan on an unofficial basis;~~

3. Recognizes the necessity for China to continue its economic and social development and urges U.S. cooperation to that end within the context of Chinese independence and selfhood.

4. Feels the long-term basis of U.S.—China relations should emphasize people to people, education, social and economic short-term or expedient military or strategic interests; expresses deep concern about the anti-Soviet rationale used to explain U.S. PRC relations; opposes the sale of U.S. military equipment to the PRC.

5. Endorses a peaceful approach to ending the long-standing conflict between the governments in the People's Republic of China and in Taiwan while recognizing that the resolution of the status of Taiwan is a matter for the Chinese people themselves **People's Republic of China and for Taiwan** and in that context supports the continued reduction and early cessation of U.S. arms sales in Taiwan;

6. Declares our continuing concern regarding the human rights of all people on both sides of the Taiwan Straits; and

7. Recognizes that U.S.-PRC relations have an important influence on the peace and stability of the Asian region, particularly in Southeast Asia; and urges both the United States, and the People's Republic of

China, and Taiwan to seek peaceful means to contribute to the peace and stability of the region.

Concur  Non concur Date /

**847-NonDis****Subject: 2001-2004 A time to discern the ministry of the church**

Committee Item:  
HE154-NonDis-C  
Petition:

30596-HE-NonDis-O, Pg. 1025  
Membership: 108; Present: 82;  
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concur  Non concur Date /

**848-NonDis****Subject: Continue Black College Fund**

Committee Item:  
HE174-NonDis-C  
Petition:

31345-HE-NonDis-O, Pg. 1030  
Membership: 108; Present: 99;  
For: 99; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concur  Non concur Date /

**849-NonDis****Subject: Delete 101,102,103 and move first 3 paragraphs before 201 into their places**

Committee Item: LC66-NonDis-A  
Petition:

31964-LC-NonDis-O, Pg. 1831  
Membership: 98; Present: 80;  
For: 72; Against: 3; Not Voting: 5;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

To correct an editorial error from 1996 Book of Discipline.

Add the paragraph entitled:

"The Global Nature of Our Mission" preceding ¶201.

Concur  Non concur Date /

**850-NonDis****Subject: A call to undergird cooperative parish ministries & ecumenically shared ministries**

Committee Item:

LC149-NonDis-A

Petition:

31100-LC-NonDis-O, Pg. 1141

Membership: 98; Present: 79;

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

Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Whereas, cooperative parish ministry is an intentional plan of team ministry which enables groups of congregations and pastors in a defined geographic area, both as United Methodists and ecumenically, to work together in nurturing, outreach, and prophetic ministries; and

Whereas, ecumenical shared ministry is a way by which a local United Methodist church and one or more local congregations of other Christian traditions may form an ecumenical congregation; and

Whereas, cooperative parish ministry and ecumenical shared ministry offer a means by which groups of churches, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, intentionally and intensively witness to the unity of the church in Christ through more effective response to both local and global issues and needs; and

Whereas, cooperative parish ministry and ecumenical shared ministry enable local congregations to work together to enhance ministry, utilize wise stewardship of limited resources and live out the ecumenical spirit in creative ways responsive to the needs of God's peoples as well as to opportunities for expanded mission and ministry; and

**Whereas, the consultation on Ecumenical Shared Ministries was held in February, 1998, in Syracuse, New York, and attended by representatives of the denominations engaged in Ecumenical Shared Ministries; and**

Whereas, the bishops, laity and clergy present at the Fifth Consultation on Cooperative Parish Ministry, which met in November of 1999, affirmed cooperative ministry as one of the primary forms of ministry for United Methodism at the present time and in the future; and

Whereas, *The Book of Discipline* directs bishops, district superintendents and conference staff to develop and implement strategies designed to enable cooperative parish ministry;

Therefore, be it resolved, that annual conferences be called on to develop recommendations to enable the implementation of United Methodist and ecumenical cooperative ministries; and

Be it further resolved, that the Council of Bishops and the general church boards and agencies be called on to provide resources

for the annual conferences as they engage in a continuing process of training and development of cooperative parish ministry and ecumenical shared ministry; and

**Be it further resolved, that the Council of Bishops develop policies, organizational structures, and processes that will facilitate more effective appointment-making to cooperative parish ministries; and**

**Be it further resolved, that the Council of Bishops create a continuing process for the training and regular updating of bishops and district superintendents regarding the cooperative parish ministry paradigm; and**

**Be it further resolved, that the Council of Bishops develop recommendations for the initiation, ongoing development, and support of United Methodist and ecumenical cooperative parish ministries within their episcopal areas; and**

**Be it further resolved, that the General Board of Global Ministries, and other related boards and agencies continue to provide encouragement and financial support for the ongoing work of the National Cooperative Parish Ministry Leadership Team; and**

**Be it further resolved, that the General Board of Global Ministries and other related boards and agencies undergird the leadership team as it coordinates a Sixth Consultation on Cooperative Parish Ministry the last year of the quadrennium, 2000-2004.**

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

**Consent Calendar C04****851-513****Subject: Jurisdictional conf. shall have twice the number of GC members**

Committee Item: CO49-513-N

Petition:

31511-CO-513-D, Pg. 172

Membership: 89; Present: 79;

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

Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non-concurrence.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

**852-NonDis****Subject: All pastors should vote on issues that pertain to their role or churches**

Committee Item: CO50-NonDis-N

Petition:

31353-CO-NonDis-O, Pg. 183

Membership: 89; Present: 79;

For: 78; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non-concurrence.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

**853-NonDis****Subject: Conferences should have written policy regarding clergy sexual misconduct**

Committee Item: CO51-NonDis-N

Petition:

31352-CO-NonDis-O, Pg. 183

Membership: 89; Present: 79;

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

Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non-concurrence.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

**854-NonDis****Subject: Delegates to GC may serve only two consecutive terms**

Com mit tee Item: CO55-NonDis-N  
 Petition:  
 31737-CO-NonDis-O, Pg. 184  
 Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 79;  
 For: 73; Against: 2; Not Voting: 4;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**855-NonDis**  
**Subject: Delegate election shall  
 be by plurality**  
 Com mit tee Item: CO56-NonDis-N  
 Petition:

31738-CO-NonDis-O, Pg. 184  
 Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 79;  
 For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**856-12**  
**Subject: GC made up of not less  
 than 600 and not more than  
 1000 delegates**  
 Com mit tee Item: CO57-12-N  
 Petition:

31794-CO-12-C, Pg. 161  
 Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 79;  
 For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**857-13**  
**Subject: Gather as GC once  
 very five years**  
 Com mit tee Item: CO58-13-N  
 Petition:

31325-CO-13-C, Pg. 161  
 Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 79;  
 For: 77; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**858-39**  
**Subject: Delete paragraph 39**  
 Com mit tee Item: CO59-39-N  
 Petition:

31614-CO-39-C, Pg. 164  
 Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 79;  
 For: 77; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**859-39**  
**Subject: Local church may  
 decide for itself to bec. indep.  
 and retain title/possession of its  
 property**  
 Com mit tee Item: CO60-39-N  
 Petition:

31610-CO-39-C, Pg. 164  
 Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 79;  
 For: 73; Against: 5; Not Voting: 1;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**860-1104.1**  
**Subject: CC members of GBOD  
 should be elected by Comm. on  
 Conf. Affairs**  
 Com mit tee Item: CO62-1104.1-N  
 Petition:

31556-CO-1104.1-D, Pg. 287  
 Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 79;  
 For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**861-NonDis**  
**Subject: Each annual  
 conference hold training  
 seminar to identify unmet  
 spiritual needs of community**  
 Com mit tee Item: CO64-NonDis-R  
 Petition:

31777-CO-NonDis-O, Pg. 1829  
 Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 79;  
 For: 78; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
 Date: 5/6

The Com mit tee rec om mends re fer ral to  
 General Board of Dis ci ple ship.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**862-NonDis**  
**Subject: Local churches conduct  
 open forum on issues that arise  
 at A.C.**

Com mit tee Item: CO65-NonDis-N  
 Petition:  
 31730-CO-NonDis-O, Pg. 184  
 Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 79;  
 For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**863-NonDis**  
**Subject: Assist new, appointed  
 pastors with their seminary debt**  
 Com mit tee Item: CO67-NonDis-N  
 Petition:

30160-CO-NonDis-O, Pg. 1816  
 Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 77;  
 For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**864-661.3**  
**Subject: Add certified lay  
 preachers continuing education  
 to committee on lay speaker  
 responsibilities**

Com mit tee Item: CO68-661.3-N  
 Petition:  
 30100-CO-661.3-D, Pg. 1816  
 Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 79;  
 For: 78; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**865-603**  
**Subject: Clergy session only  
 body to vote on ordination,  
 character and conf. relations of  
 clergy**

Com mit tee Item: CO70-603-N  
 Petition:  
 31526-CO-603-D, Pg. 175  
 Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 79;  
 For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**866-405-\$**  
**Subject: Jurisdictional conference may make an episcopal area using a Metro.Stat.Area of 1,500,000**  
Com mit tee Item: CO72-405-N\$  
Petition:  
31491-CO-405-D\$, Pg. 165  
Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 78;  
For: 73; Against: 2; Not Voting: 3;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**867-405**  
**Subject: Bishops in jurisdictions**  
Com mit tee Item: CO74-405-N  
Petition:  
31007-CO-405-D, Pg. 164  
Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 78;  
For: 78; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**868-406**  
**Subject: Each A.C. elect its own bishop for one eight-year term**  
Com mit tee Item: CO75-406-N  
Petition:  
30929-CO-406-D, Pg. 166  
Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 78;  
For: 75; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**869-407**  
**Subject: Term Limits**  
Com mit tee Item: CO77-407-N  
Petition:  
31976-CO-407-D  
Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 78;  
For: 75; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**870-12**  
**Subject: Do not hold GC in cities where pro. sports teams use ethnic caricatures and mascots**  
Com mit tee Item: CO78-12-R  
Petition:  
31297-CO-12-C, Pg. 161  
Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 78;  
For: 78; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Com mit tee rec om mends re fer ral to  
Com mis sion on the Gen eral Con fer ence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**871-605.6**  
**Subject: Allow all AC members to attend and speak at clergy session w/o vote**  
Com mit tee Item: CO84-605.6-N  
Petition:  
31528-CO-605.6-D, Pg. 177  
Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 77;  
For: 75; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**872-605.6**  
**Subject: Clergy session may be attended by AC members w/o vote but w/voice**  
Com mit tee Item: CO85-605.6-N  
Petition:  
31527-CO-605.6-D, Pg. 177  
Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 77;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**873-604**  
**Subject: A.C. may only use persuasion and negotiation to convince local ch. not to withdraw, not civil ct**  
Com mit tee Item: CO90-604-N  
Petition:  
31713-CO-604-D, Pg. 177  
Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 79;  
For: 76; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**874-605.6**  
**Subject: Remove "ordained ministers and local pastors" and replace with "clergy members"**  
Com mit tee Item: CO91-605.6-N  
Petition:  
31103-CO-605.6-D, Pg. 177  
Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 79;  
For: 73; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**875-607.1**  
**Subject: AC structures, functions and relationships**  
Com mit tee Item: CO94-607.1-N  
Petition:  
31220-CO-607.1-D, Pg. 179  
Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 79;  
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**876-606.3**  
**Subject: Include more info to aid in locating a church by both lay and clergy**  
Com mit tee Item: CO95-606.3-N  
Petition:  
30233-CO-606.3-D, Pg. 178  
Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 79;  
For: 75; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**877-602.1**  
**Subject: Remove the exception, allowing associate and affiliate clergy members to vote on all matters**  
Com mit tee Item: CO96-602.1-N  
Petition:  
30235-CO-602.1-D, Pg. 175  
Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 79;

For: 74; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

### **878-607.3**

**Subject: Remove limitation  
where local pastor may serve**

Com mit tee Item: CO98-607.3-N

Petition:

31104-CO-607.3-D, Pg. 179

Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 79;

For: 72; Against: 5; Not Voting: 2;

Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

### **879-602.1**

**Subject: Clergy can vote on  
everything in the annual  
conference except for  
restrictions by Constitution**

Com mit tee Item: CO99-602.1-N

Petition:

30163-CO-602.1-D, Pg. 173

Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 79;

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

Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

### **880-602.1**

**Subject: Remove part-time local  
pastors from annual conference  
membership**

Com mit tee Item: CO100-602.1-N

Petition:

31033-CO-602.1-D, Pg. 174

Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 79;

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

Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

### **881-602.1**

**Subject: Associate/affiliate  
clergy members can vote on all  
matters except  
ordination/character/clergy  
conf.re**

Com mit tee Item: CO101-602.1-N

Petition:

31435-CO-602.1-D, Pg. 174

Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 79;

For: 75; Against: 4; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

### **882-607**

**Subject: Delete "whenever  
possible"**

Com mit tee Item: CO102-607-N

Petition:

31942-CO-607-D, Pg. 1656

Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 79;

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

Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

### **883-15**

**Subject: Statute of limitations  
on child or sexual abuse**

Com mit tee Item: CO106-15-N

Petition:

31938-CO-15-C, Pg. 1656

Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 79;

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

Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

### **884-33**

**Subject: Change ordained  
ministerial to clergy**

Com mit tee Item: CO109-33-R

Petitions:

30023-CO-33-C, Pg. 163;

30104-CO-33-C, Pg. 163;

30232-CO-602.1-D, Pg. 174

Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 78;

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

Date: 5/8

The Com mit tee rec om mends re fer ral to  
General Board of Higher Education and  
Ministry.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

### **885-502.3**

**Subject: Sec'y of GC can adjust  
numbers of delegates to be  
elected to GC**

Com mit tee Item: CO112-502.3-N

Petition:

31509-CO-502.3-D, Pg. 168

Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 66;

For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;

Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

### **886-30**

**Subject: Seat deaconesses with  
clergy**

Com mit tee Item: CO113-30-N

Petition:

30125-CO-30-C, Pg. 162

Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 66;

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

Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

### **887-NonDis**

**Subject: Set up policy that every  
A.C. w/at least ten delegates to  
G.C. at least one shall be youth**

Com mit tee Item:

CO114-NonDis-N

Petition:

31085-CO-NonDis-O, Pg. 301

Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 66;

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

Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

### **888-602**

**Subject: General Conference  
Delegates**

Com mit tee Item: CO115-602-N

Petition:

31979-CO-602-D

Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 66;

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

Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**889-30****Subject: Clarify boundaries for deaconess appointments**

Committee Item: CO116-30-N

Petition:

31506-CO-30-C, Pg. 163

Membership: 89; Present: 66;

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

Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Nonconcurrency.

 Concurrency  Nonconcurrency Date /**890-NonDis****Subject: Oppose abuse of animals & support laws & practices that teach awareness of all God's creation**

Committee Item:

CS106-NonDis-N

Petition:

30173-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 47

Membership: 120; Present: 93;

For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Nonconcurrency.

 Concurrency  Nonconcurrency Date /**891-R522****Subject: The criminal justice system**

Committee Item: CS107-R522-N

Petition:

30569-CS-R522-U, Pg. 138

Membership: 120; Present: 93;

For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Nonconcurrency.

 Concurrency  Nonconcurrency Date /**892-NonDis****Subject: Faithful care for the dying**

Committee Item:

CS108-NonDis-N

Petition:

30580-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 63

Membership: 120; Present: 93;

For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Nonconcurrency.

 Concurrency  Nonconcurrency Date /**893-NonDis****Subject: Local jails and the local courts**

Committee Item:

CS110-NonDis-N

Petition:

30590-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 82

Membership: 120; Present: 93;

For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Nonconcurrency.

 Concurrency  Nonconcurrency Date /**894-R352****Subject: Prejudice against Muslims and Arabs in USA**

Committee Item: CS111-R352-N

Petition:

30856-CS-R352-U, Pg. 117

Membership: 120; Present: 93;

For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Nonconcurrency.

 Concurrency  Nonconcurrency Date /**895-R59****Subject: Industry continue reducing Dioxin emissions**

Committee Item: CS112-R59-N

Petition:

30989-CS-R59-U, Pg. 89

Membership: 120; Present: 93;

For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Nonconcurrency.

 Concurrency  Nonconcurrency Date /**896-NonDis****Subject: UMC urge state leg. to review require. for pol. party Pres/VicePres candidates to appear on ballot**

Committee Item:

CS113-NonDis-N

Petition:

31389-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 98

Membership: 120; Present: 93;

For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Nonconcurrency.

 Concurrency  Nonconcurrency Date /**897-NonDis****Subject: Urge Congress of US to deflect harassment of president**

Committee Item:

CS114-NonDis-N

Petition:

31845-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 1268

Membership: 120; Present: 93;

For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Nonconcurrency.

 Concurrency  Nonconcurrency Date /**898-NonDis****Subject: Notify Congress of US to place tobacco products behind counters, out of reach of youth**

Committee Item:

CS115-NonDis-N

Petition:

31846-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 1269

Membership: 120; Present: 93;

For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Nonconcurrency.

 Concurrency  Nonconcurrency Date /**899-NonDis****Subject: End USA-UN economic sanctions against Iraq**

Committee Item:

CS136-NonDis-N

Petition:

31956-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 1833

Membership: 120; Present: 90;

For: 90; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Nonconcurrency.

 Concurrency  Nonconcurrency Date /**900-NonDis****Subject: Reaffirm the call for ending economic sanctions against Iraq**

Committee Item:

CS141-NonDis-N

Petition:



## Petition:

30697-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 87  
 Member ship: 120; Pres ent: 90;  
 For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 5;  
 Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
 currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**901-NonDis**

**Subject: Hold jurisdictional  
 consultations to rehumanize and  
 relocalize our food systems**

Committee Item:  
 CS144-NonDis-R

## Petition:

30218-CS-NonDis-O, Pg. 48  
 Member ship: 120; Pres ent: 90;  
 For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 5;  
 Date: 5/8

The Com mit tee rec om mends re fer ral to  
 Gen eral Board of Church and So ci ety.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**902-NonDis**

**Subject: Allow other  
 denominational pastor to  
 preside at communion if UM  
 pastor invites**

Com mit tee Item: DI96-NonDis-R  
 Petition:

31940-DI-NonDis-O, Pg. 1656  
 Mem ber ship: 109; Pres ent: 79;  
 For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/5

The Com mit tee rec om mends re fer ral to  
 Gen eral Board of Dis ci ple ship.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**903-NonDis**

**Subject: Evangelism become the  
 number one Missionary Priority**

Committee Item:  
 DI104-NonDis-N

## Petition:

31784-DI-NonDis-O, Pg. 1829  
 Mem ber ship: 109; Pres ent: 63;  
 For: 63; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
 currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**904-NonDis**

**Subject: Commission panel to  
 restore hymns and Psalms to  
 original texts**

Committee Item:  
 DI105-NonDis-N

## Petition:

31729-DI-NonDis-O, Pg. 468  
 Mem ber ship: 109; Pres ent: 66;  
 For: 66; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
 currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**905-273**

**Subject: Certified lay preacher  
 training, certifying, assigning  
 and supervising**

Com mit tee Item: DI108-273-N  
 Petition:

30089-DI-273-D, Pg. 280  
 Mem ber ship: 109; Pres ent: 77;  
 For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
 currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**906-661.5**

**Subject: Include certified lay  
 preacher courses taken and  
 completed**

Com mit tee Item: DI109-661.5-N  
 Petition:

30093-DI-661.5-D, Pg. 286  
 Mem ber ship: 109; Pres ent: 77;  
 For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
 currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**907-821.1**

**Subject: Change MEF  
 formula; AC keep  
 more; remaining funds spend in  
 AC; GBHEM spend more on  
 Black seminary**

Com mit tee Item: FA25-821.1-N  
 Petition:

30122-FA-821.1-D\$, Pg. 445  
 Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 88;  
 For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
 currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**908-821**

**Subject: MEF funds distributed  
 by AC to support ministerial  
 candidates approved by  
 ACBOM**

Com mit tee Item: FA26-821-N  
 Petition:

31792-FA-821-D, Pg. 446  
 Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 88;  
 For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
 currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**909-821.1**

**Subject: MEF funds shall be  
 distributed by A.C.**

Com mit tee Item: FA27-821.1-N  
 Petition:

30957-FA-821.1-D, Pg. 446  
 Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 88;  
 For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
 currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**910-818.1**

**Subject: Interdenominational  
 cooperation fund**

Com mit tee Item: FA31-818.1-N  
 Petition:

30822-FA-818.1-D, Pg. 445  
 Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 73;  
 For: 72; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
 currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**911-819**

**Subject: Remove black from  
 Black College fund and distrib.  
 fund in best way**

Com mit tee Item: FA36-819-N  
 Petition:

31551-FA-819-D, Pg. 445  
 Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 63;  
 For: 63; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**912-818**

**Subject: Interdenominational Cooperation Fund shall support basic budgets of Council of Bishops & GCCUIC**

Com mit tee Item: FA39-818-N  
Petition:

30823-FA-818-D, Pg. 445  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 73;  
For: 72; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**913-828**

**Subject: Monthly payment of travel by bishop**

Com mit tee Item: FA42-828-N  
Petition:

30627-FA-828-D\$, Pg. 447  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 77;  
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**914-NonDis**

**Subject: Continue Native Am. Awareness Sunday as a special offering**

Com mit tee Item: FA54-NonDis-N  
Petition:

30020-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 452  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 76;  
For: 73; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**915-NonDis-\$**

**Subject: Support report, recommendation & funding request o of the NFAAUM**

Com mit tee Item:  
FA56-NonDis-N\$  
Petition:

31764-FA-NonDis-O\$, Pg. 1829  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 80;  
For: 74; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**916-NonDis**

**Subject: Raise money for Russian seminary and church growth**

Com mit tee Item: FA60-NonDis-N  
Petition:

30097-FA-NonDis-O\$, Pg. 453  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 81;  
For: 79; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**917-611.3**

**Subject: GCFA shall report to A.C. apportioned amount so it may apportion to districts and churches**

Com mit tee Item: FA61-611.3-N  
Petition:

30238-FA-611.3-D, Pg. 426  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 81;  
For: 78; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**918-610**

**Subject: Add words from 806.12 denying funds to gay caucus' to paragraph 610**

Com mit tee Item: FA62-610-N  
Petition:

30072-FA-610-D, Pg. 1816  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 81;  
For: 79; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**919-806.12**

**Subject: Remove exclusive language regarding funding of gay groups**

Com mit tee Item: FA65-806.12-N  
Petition:

30149-FA-806.12-D, Pg. 436  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 78;  
For: 71; Against: 1; Not Voting: 6;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**920-NonDis**

**Subject: Instruct GCFA that 806.12 includes all funds and includes UM bishop salaries**

Com mit tee Item: FA66-NonDis-N  
Petition:

31687-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 1827  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 78;  
For: 71; Against: 1; Not Voting: 6;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**921-806.12**

**Subject: UMC officials shall not support programs not consistent with Social Principles**

Com mit tee Item: FA67-806.12-N  
Petition:

30954-FA-806.12-D, Pg. 436  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 78;  
For: 71; Against: 1; Not Voting: 6;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**922-806.12**

**Subject: Remove GCFA responsibility for ensuring no UM funds go to gay/lesbian groups**

Com mit tee Item: FA68-806.12-N  
Petition:

30133-FA-806.12-D, Pg. 436  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 78;  
For: 71; Against: 1; Not Voting: 6;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**923-806.12**

**Subject: Delete 806.12**

Com mit tee Item: FA69-806.12-N  
Petition:

30821-FA-806.12-D, Pg. 436  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 78;  
For: 71; Against: 1; Not Voting: 6;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**924-818**

**Subject: GCCUIC in  
consultation with Council of  
Bishops funds for ecumenical  
agencies**

Com mit tee Item: FA70-818-N  
Petition:

30824-FA-818-D, Pg. 442  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 73;  
For: 72; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**925-818**

**Subject: Disbursement of funds  
to ecumenical organizations**

Com mit tee Item: FA71-818-N  
Petition:

30825-FA-818-D, Pg. 443  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 73;  
For: 72; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**926-637.2**

**Subject: Conf. Bd. of Pensions  
laymembers shall be professing  
members of local churches**

Com mit tee Item: FA74-637.2-N  
Petition:

30367-FA-637.2-D, Pg. 430  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 77;  
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**927-648**

**Subject: Incapacity leave  
committee in each annual  
conference**

Com mit tee Item: FA76-648-N  
Petition:

30412-FA-648-D, Pg. 430  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 76;  
For: 74; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**928-805.1**

**Subject: GCFA should have  
central conf. representative**

Com mit tee Item: FA94-805.1-R  
Petition:

31545-FA-805.1-D, Pg. 431  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 61;  
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Com mit tee rec om mends re fer ral to  
Gen eral Coun cil on Fi nance and Ad min is-  
tra tion for study at next Gen eral Con fer-  
ence.

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**929-NonDis**

**Subject: Develop "easy to use"  
index for BOD 2000**

Com mit tee Item: FA96-NonDis-R  
Petition:

31821-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 1329  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 61;  
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Com mit tee rec om mends re fer ral to  
Gen eral Board of Pub li ca tions

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**930-NonDis**

**Subject: Publish BOD in loose  
leaf format; later editions  
publish only pages of  
corrections and changes**

Com mit tee Item: FA97-NonDis-R  
Petition:

31941-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 1659  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 61;  
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/8

The Com mit tee rec om mends re fer ral to  
Gen eral Board of Pub li ca tions

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**931-NonDis**

**Subject: BOD should be free on  
the official UMC web site**

Com mit tee Item: FA98-NonDis-R  
Petition:

31698-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 468  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 61;  
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Com mit tee rec om mends re fer ral to  
Gen eral Board of Pub li ca tions

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**932-620**

**Subject: AC may give authority  
to itself to determine equitable  
salary system for all its clergy**

Com mit tee Item: FA103-620-N  
Petition:

31530-FA-620-D, Pg. 428  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 61;  
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

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**933-611.3**

**Subject: Separate WSF and  
Conf. Benevolences into two line  
items to give local church  
flexibility**

Com mit tee Item: FA106-611.3-N  
Petition:

30169-FA-611.3-D\$, Pg. 426  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 61;  
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**934-612**

**Subject: Annual Conference  
approve General Church  
apportionment**

Com mit tee Item: FA107-612-N  
Petition:

30065-FA-612-D, Pg. 180

Membership: 97; Present: 61; For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0; Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Nonconcurrency.

Concurrency  Nonconcurrency Date /

**935-611.3**

**Subject: Budgeting procedure change—WSF not combined with other local church apportionments**

Committee Item: FA109-611.3-N  
Petition:

30062-FA-611.3-D\$, Pg. 179  
Membership: 97; Present: 61; For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0; Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Nonconcurrency.

Concurrency  Nonconcurrency Date /

**936-611**

**Subject: Defining “line item”**

Committee Item: FA110-611-N  
Petition:

31879-FA-611-D, Pg. 1295  
Membership: 97; Present: 61; For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0; Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Nonconcurrency.

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**937-612.1**

**Subject: Make sure apportionments are equitable.**

Committee Item: FA111-612.1-N  
Petition:

30943-FA-612.1-D, Pg. 427  
Membership: 97; Present: 61; For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0; Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Nonconcurrency.

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**938-2504**

**Subject: Local church can vote to leave UMC w/2/3 vote and take property with it**

Committee Item: FA118-2504-N  
Petition:

30972-FA-2504-D, Pg. 450

Membership: 97; Present: 61; For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0; Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Nonconcurrency.

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**939-2505**

**Subject: Add new paragraph: Don’t use church property for “immoral” purposes.**

Committee Item: FA119-2505-N  
Petition:

30654-FA-2505-D, Pg. 450  
Membership: 97; Present: 61; For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0; Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Nonconcurrency.

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**940-2520**

**Subject: Local church prepare and submit a summary of employ’t practices & safety record of contractors**

Committee Item: FA123-2520-N  
Petition:

30291-FA-2520-D, Pg. 451  
Membership: 97; Present: 61; For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0; Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Nonconcurrency.

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**941-NonDis-\$**

**Subject: Establish diminution of apportionment system**

Committee Item: FA124-NonDis-N\$  
Petition:

31725-FA-NonDis-O\$, Pg. 468  
Membership: 97; Present: 61; For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0; Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Nonconcurrency.

Concurrency  Nonconcurrency Date /

**942-NonDis**

**Subject: Endorsing advocacy**

Committee Item: FA125-NonDis-N

Petition: 31816-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 1328  
Membership: 97; Present: 61; For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0; Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Nonconcurrency.

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**943-NonDis**

**Subject: Return Native Am. lands to Indian nation which resides within those bounds**

Committee Item: FA128-NonDis-R  
Petition:

31296-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 461  
Membership: 97; Present: 61; For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0; Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends referral to General Board of Global Ministries

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**944-NonDis**

**Subject: Scrutinize/establish policies for use/retention of unrestricted reserves by boards/agencies of UMC**

Committee Item: FA131-NonDis-N  
Petition:

31334-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 463  
Membership: 97; Present: 76; For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0; Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Nonconcurrency.

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**945-NonDis-!**

**Subject: Budget funds for World Methodist Council in amt of a million for each year of next quadrennium**

Committee Item: FA132-NonDis-N!  
Petition:

31342-FA-NonDis-O!, Pg. 464  
Membership: 97; Present: 76; For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0; Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Nonconcurrency.

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**946-NonDis**  
**Subject: Apportionment shall be no greater than 10 percent of local church's budget**

Committee Item: FA133-NonDis-N  
Petition: 31810-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 1328  
Membership: 97; Present: 76;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**947-806.1**  
**Subject: GCFA shall recommend a budget no larger than receipts of preceding quad. adjusted for inflation**

Committee Item: FA134-806.1-N  
Petition: 30492-FA-806.1-D, Pg. 436  
Membership: 97; Present: 76;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**948-806**  
**Subject: GCFA shall hold down meeting costs as part of good stewardship**

Committee Item: FA136-806-N  
Petition: 31548-FA-806-D, Pg. 437  
Membership: 97; Present: 76;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**949-806.14**  
**Subject: Keep funds from UM entities that re-interpret the historicity of Jesus**

Committee Item: FA137-806.14-N  
Petition: 31549-FA-806.14-D, Pg. 435  
Membership: 97; Present: 76;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**950-805.4**  
**Subject: Delete 804.4b-c-d-e**

Committee Item: FA141-805.4-N  
Petition: 31546-FA-805.4-D, Pg. 432  
Membership: 97; Present: 61;  
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**951-807.5**  
**Subject: Use cross & flame insignia for promoting work and knowledge of UMC**

Committee Item: FA142-807.5-N  
Petition: 30192-FA-807.5-D, Pg. 437  
Membership: 97; Present: 61;  
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**952-821**  
**Subject: Persons with disabilities**

Committee Item: FA143-821-N  
Petition: 31943-FA-821-D, Pg. 1658  
Membership: 97; Present: 61;  
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**953-2500**  
**Subject: No use of church property for immoral purposes**

Committee Item: FA146-2500-N  
Petition: 31026-FA-2500-D, Pg. 459  
Membership: 97; Present: 61;  
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**954-811**  
**Subject: Any general appeals shall be subject to the provisions of this paragraph**

Committee Item: FA148-811-N  
Petition: 31175-FA-811-D, Pg. 439  
Membership: 97; Present: 85;  
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**955-612.4**  
**Subject: Clarify line item delineation of apportionments to increase accountability**

Committee Item: FA149-612.4-N  
Petition: 30130-FA-612.4-D, Pg. 427  
Membership: 97; Present: 76;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**956-NonDis**  
**Subject: Provide ID card to clergy w/account w/GBPHB**

Committee Item: FA151-NonDis-N  
Petition: 31369-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 465  
Membership: 97; Present: 80;  
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**957-NonDis**  
**Subject: Should be possible to reinvest retirement funds w/GBPHB**

Committee Item: FA152-NonDis-N  
Petition: 31360-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 464  
Membership: 97; Present: 80;  
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

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### **958-NonDis**

#### **Subject: Revise staff retirement benefits program cash-out provisions**

Committee Item:  
FA156-NonDis-N  
Petition:

31321-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 1327  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 79;  
For: 78; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

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### **959-1504**

#### **Subject: GCFA report to GC specific investment concerns**

Com mit tee Item: FA161-1504-N  
Petition:

31868-FA-1504-D, Pg. 1295  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 76;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

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### **960-637**

#### **Subject: AC board of pensions shall include at least one retired clergy**

Com mit tee Item: FA163-637-N  
Petition:

31537-FA-637-D, Pg. 430  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 76;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

### **961-1506.2**

#### **Subject: Return overfunding monies to the AC that raised them**

Com mit tee Item: FA164-1506.2-N  
Petition:

31577-FA-1506.2-D, Pg. 448  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 76;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

### **962-1506.12**

#### **Subject: Remove the words "health & welfare benefit prog. for clergy"**

Committee Item:  
FA165-1506.12-N  
Petition:

31578-FA-1506.12-D, Pg. 448  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 76;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

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### **963-NonDis**

#### **Subject: GBPHB allow clergy to convert MPP supplement into an MPP defined benefit**

Committee Item:  
FA166-NonDis-N  
Petition:

31695-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 467  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 76;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

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### **964-NonDis-\$**

#### **Subject: Extend for one quadrennium pension build-up of P.R.Meth.Ch pastors in the plan on 12/31/92**

Committee Item:  
FA168-NonDis-N\$  
Petition:

31505-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 466  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 76;  
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

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### **965-807**

#### **Subject: Assign to GCFA supervision of UMC name**

Com mit tee Item: FA171-807-N  
Petition:

30191-FA-807-D, Pg. 437  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 83;  
For: 83; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

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### **966-622.2**

#### **Subject: Clarify goals of the minimum Equitable Comp. standards**

Com mit tee Item: FA173-622.2-N  
Petition:

31275-FA-622.2-D, Pg. 430  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 83;  
For: 80; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

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### **967-622.2**

#### **Subject: Clarify to whom supplementation from Equitable Compensation Fund is directed**

Com mit tee Item: FA174-622.2-N  
Petition:

31274-FA-622.2-D, Pg. 429  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 86;  
For: 83; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

### **968-617**

#### **Subject: Purposes for system of clergy support**

Com mit tee Item: FA179-617-N  
Petition:

31272-FA-617-D, Pg. 428  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 85;  
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

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**969-622.1****Subject: Membership of commission on equitable compensation**Com mit tee Item: FA180-622.1-N  
Petition:31163-FA-622.1-D, Pg. 429  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 85;  
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence. Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /**970-622.5****Subject: Include ministry years served in other denom. in standards for clergy support**Com mit tee Item: FA182-622.5-N  
Petition:30816-FA-622.5-D, Pg. 429  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 85;  
For: 83; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence. Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /**971-2518****Subject: Bd of Building & Location membership to be 2/3 professing members of UMC**Com mit tee Item: FA185-2518-N  
Petition:30381-FA-2518-D, Pg. 451  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 88;  
For: 85; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence. Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /**972-2520.1****Subject: Include accessibility plan in architectural plans**Com mit tee Item: FA186-2520.1-N  
Petition:30416-FA-2520.1-D, Pg. 452  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 88;  
For: 86; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;  
Date: 5/8The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence. Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /**973-806.1****Subject: Limit local church apportionments to a max of 10% of expenditures**Com mit tee Item: FA187-806.1-N  
Petition:30953-FA-806.1-D, Pg. 437  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 88;  
For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence. Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /**974-NonDis****Subject: GC,AC & district relinquish all claims to local church property**Com mit tee Item:  
FA188-NonDis-N  
Petition:31365-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 464  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 88;  
For: 87; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence. Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /**975-NonDis****Subject: GBGM,GBCS, GCCUIC shall provide statement of accountability at least semiannually**Com mit tee Item:  
FA189-NonDis-N  
Petition:31378-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 465  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 87;  
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;  
Date: 5/8The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence. Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /**976-616.1****Subject: Benevolences & WSF apportioned separately**Com mit tee Item: FA194-616.1-N  
Petition:30063-FA-616.1-D\$, Pg. 180  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 87;  
For: 87; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence. Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /**977-824-\$****Subject: Arriving at estimated jurisdictional episcopal budgets**Com mit tee Item: FA196-824-N\$  
Petition:30059-FA-824-D\$, Pg. 724  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 79;  
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence. Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /**978-1506.17****Subject: Plan-sponsor responsible for pension & benefit contributions if the MPP/ CPP participant isn't**Com mit tee Item:  
FA200-1506.17-N  
Petition:31135-FA-1506.17-D, Pg. 449  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 77;  
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence. Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /**979-303.2****Subject: Bishops are pastors and teachers of doctrine principally through colleges and council**Com mit tee Item: FO56-303.2-N  
Petition:30996-FO-303.2-D, Pg. 521  
Mem ber ship: 116; Pres ent: 109;  
For: 109; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/5The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence. Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /**980-NonDis****Subject: Challenging the 2000 General Conference to use discernment**Com mit tee Item: FO57-NonDis-N  
Petition:

31278-FO-NonDis-O, Pg. 545  
 Mem ber ship: 116; Pres ent: 111;  
 For: 108; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/5

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

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### **981-NonDis**

**Subject: Allow voluntary prayer  
 in schools and sports**

Com mit tee Item: FO68-NonDis-N  
 Petition:

31694-FO-NonDis-O, Pg. 551  
 Mem ber ship: 116; Pres ent: 115;  
 For: 114; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/5

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

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### **982-103**

**Subject: Ambassadors of Christ**

Com mit tee Item: FO71-103-N

Petition:

30876-FO-103-D, Pg. 518  
 Mem ber ship: 116; Pres ent: 101;  
 For: 100; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/5

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

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### **983-NonDis**

**Subject: Biblical creation  
 account is literally true**

Com mit tee Item: FO72-NonDis-N

Petition:

30103-FO-NonDis-O, Pg. 528  
 Mem ber ship: 116; Pres ent: 99;  
 For: 99; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/5

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

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### **984-65.F**

**Subject: Women and men are  
 "other" not "another"**

Com mit tee Item: FO83-65.F-N

Petitions:

30036-FO-65.F-D, Pg. 495;  
 30145-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 488;  
 30188-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 488;

30246-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 490;  
 30264-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 497;  
 30629-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 498;  
 30716-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 491;  
 31062-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 498;  
 31068-FO-65-D, Pg. 1281;  
 31071-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 500;  
 31073-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 493;  
 31384-FO-65-D, Pg. 479;  
 31641-FO-65.I-D, Pg. 482;  
 31646-FO-65-D, Pg. 483;  
 31647-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 483;  
 31651-FO-65-D, Pg. 483;  
 31745-FO-NonDis-O, Pg. 101  
 Mem ber ship: 116; Pres ent: 114;  
 For: 113; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
 Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

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### **985-65.F**

**Subject: Change 'sex' to  
 'gender'**

Com mit tee Item: FO84-65.F-N

Petitions:

30077-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 496;  
 30227-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 497;  
 30240-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 490;  
 30486-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 497;  
 30494-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 490;  
 30603-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 490;  
 30650-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 491;  
 31061-FO-65.F-D, Pg. 1281;  
 31064-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 493;  
 31065-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 499;  
 31070-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 500;  
 31074-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 501;  
 31084-FO-66.G-D, Pg. 510;  
 31303-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 479;  
 31604-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 479;  
 31645-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 482  
 Mem ber ship: 116; Pres ent: 115;  
 For: 114; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
 Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

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### **986-65.G**

**Subject: Sacred worth not  
 determined by sexual  
 orientation**

Com mit tee Item: FO85-65.G-N

Petitions:

30022-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 496;  
 30095-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 484;  
 30166-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 497;

30183-FO-NonDis-O, Pg. 529;  
 30222-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 489;  
 30500-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 498;  
 30630-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 498;  
 30692-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 498;  
 31072-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 500;  
 31075-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 493;  
 31653-FO-65-D, Pg. 484;  
 31654-FO-65-D, Pg. 484;  
 31655-FO-65-D, Pg. 485;  
 31798-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 1282;  
 31965-FO-65-D, Pg. 1832

Mem ber ship: 116; Pres ent: 116;  
 For: 115; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
 Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

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### **987-65.C**

**Subject: Marriage is between  
 two persons**

Com mit tee Item: FO86-65.C-N

Petitions:

30035-FO-65.C-D, Pg. 1279;  
 30037-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 496;  
 30144-FO-65.C-D, Pg. 488;  
 30217-FO-65.C-D, Pg. 1280;  
 30221-FO-65.C-D, Pg. 1657;  
 30231-FO-65.C-D, Pg. 489;  
 30632-FO-70-D, Pg. 517;  
 30634-FO-304.2-D, Pg. 522;  
 30998-FO-304.3-D, Pg. 524;  
 31060-FO-65.C-D, Pg. 495;  
 31069-FO-65-D, Pg. 479;  
 31630-FO-65.A-D, Pg. 480;  
 31631-FO-65.C-D, Pg. 480;  
 31633-FO-65.C-D, Pg. 481;  
 31635-FO-65.C-D, Pg. 481;  
 31636-FO-65.C-D, Pg. 481;  
 31638-FO-65.C-D, Pg. 481;  
 31640-FO-65-D, Pg. 482;  
 31643-FO-65.K-D, Pg. 482;  
 31648-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 483;  
 31664-FO-66-D, Pg. 1284;  
 31791-FO-65.C-D, Pg. 486;  
 31842-FO-NonDis-O, Pg. 1291;  
 31891-FO-304.2-D, Pg. 1288;  
 31893-FO-304.2-D, Pg. 1288;  
 31960-FO-65-D, Pg. 1658

Mem ber ship: 116; Pres ent: 116;  
 For: 115; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
 Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

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**988-65.C**

**Subject: Homosexual unions shall not be conducted in our schools**

Com mit tee Item: FO87-65.C-N  
Petitions:

- 30269-FO-65.C-D, Pg. 1280;
- 30674-FO-NonDis-C, Pg. 536;
- 31049-FO-65-D, Pg. 1281;
- 31052-FO-65.C-D, Pg. 505;
- 31056-FO-65.C-D, Pg. 495;
- 31371-FO-NonDis-O, Pg. 549;
- 31372-FO-NonDis-O, Pg. 549;
- 31632-FO-65.C-D, Pg. 480;
- 31637-FO-65.C-D, Pg. 481;
- 31797-FO-65.C-D, Pg. 1281;
- 31840-FO-NonDis-O, Pg. 1291;
- 31894-FO-304.3-D, Pg. 1288;
- 31987-FO-65.C-D

Mem ber ship: 116; Pres ent: 116;  
For: 115; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

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**989-65.C**

**Subject: Change language regarding covenanting ceremonies to:"urge our ministers not to perform"**

Com mit tee Item: FO88-65.C-N  
Petitions:

- 30171-FO-65.C-D, Pg. 1280;
- 30189-FO-65.C-D, Pg. 488;
- 30247-FO-65.C-D, Pg. 490;
- 30263-FO-304.3-D, Pg. 524;
- 30628-FO-65.C-D, Pg. 491;
- 30691-FO-65.C-D, Pg. 1657;
- 30900-FO-304.3-D, Pg. 524;
- 31053-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 505;
- 31054-FO-65.C-D, Pg. 1657;
- 31055-FO-65.C-D, Pg. 495;
- 31627-FO-65-D, Pg. 480;
- 31628-FO-65-D, Pg. 480;
- 31634-FO-65.C-D, Pg. 481;
- 31639-FO-65.C-D, Pg. 482;
- 31975-FO-65.C-D

Mem ber ship: 116; Pres ent: 116;  
For: 115; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

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**1185-304.3**

**Subject: Practicing homosexuals forbidden to enter ordained ministry**

Com mit tee Item: FO89-304.3-N  
Petitions:

- 30001-FO-304.3-D, Pg. 522;
- 30055-FO-304.3-D, Pg. 522;
- 30109-FO-304.3-D, Pg. 522;
- 30117-FO-304.3-D, Pg. 523;
- 30180-FO-304.3-D, Pg. 523;
- 30190-FO-304.3-D, Pg. 523;
- 30616-FO-NonDis-O, Pg. 532;
- 30651-FO-304.1-D, Pg. 521;
- 30901-FO-304.3-D, Pg. 1826;
- 30902-FO-304.3-D, Pg. 521;
- 30997-FO-304.3-D, Pg. 524;
- 31447-FO-304.3-D, Pg. 524;
- 31448-FO-304.2-D, Pg. 522;
- 31449-FO-304.2-D, Pg. 522;
- 31450-FO-304.3-D, Pg. 525;
- 31451-FO-304.3-D, Pg. 525;
- 31986-FO-304.3-D

Mem ber ship: 116; Pres ent: 115;  
For: 114; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

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**990-117**

**Subject: Inclusiveness doesn't mean accepting homosexual lifestyle**

Com mit tee Item: FO90-117-N  
Petitions:

- 30203-FO-117-D, Pg. 519;
- 30643-FO-117-D, Pg. 520;
- 31420-FO-117-D, Pg. 520;
- 31421-FO-117-D, Pg. 520;
- 31919-FO-117-D, Pg. 1287

Mem ber ship: 116; Pres ent: 115;  
For: 114; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

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**991-66.H**

**Subject: Retain commitment against coercion and marginalization of former homosexuals**

Com mit tee Item: FO91-66.H-N  
Petitions:

- 30239-FO-66.H-D, Pg. 1283;
- 30613-FO-66.H-D, Pg. 1283;

- 30631-FO-66.H-D, Pg. 511;
- 30633-FO-70-D, Pg. 517;
- 31086-FO-66.H-D, Pg. 511;
- 31087-FO-66.H-D, Pg. 511;
- 31265-FO-66-D, Pg. 507;
- 31339-FO-R112-U, Pg. 557;
- 31666-FO-66-D, Pg. 1284;
- 31667-FO-66-D, Pg. 1284;
- 31668-FO-66-D, Pg. 1285;
- 31669-FO-66-D, Pg. 1285

Mem ber ship: 116; Pres ent: 115;  
For: 114; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

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**992-NonDis**

**Subject: GC develop a "Quadrennial Directional Statement" on homosexuality away from "schism"**

Com mit tee Item: FO92-NonDis-N  
Petitions:

- 30696-FO-NonDis-O, Pg. 536;
- 31024-FO-2400-D, Pg. 776;
- 31337-FO-R414-U, Pg. 559;
- 31357-FO-NonDis-O, Pg. 548;
- 31752-FO-NonDis-O, Pg. 554;
- 31757-FO-NonDis-O!, Pg. 784;
- 31805-FO-NonDis-O, Pg. 1289;
- 31809-FO-NonDis-O, Pg. 1830

Mem ber ship: 116; Pres ent: 115;  
For: 114; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

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**993-117**

**Subject: Define UM inclusive language further**

Com mit tee Item: FO93-117-N  
Petitions:

- 30136-FO-117-D, Pg. 519;
- 30223-FO-NonDis-O, Pg. 531;
- 30648-FO-NonDis-O, Pg. 84;
- 30663-FO-NonDis-O, Pg. 534;
- 31363-FO-NonDis-O, Pg. 548;
- 31377-FO-NonDis-O, Pg. 549;
- 31650-FO-65-D, Pg. 483;
- 31689-FO-0-D, Pg. 551;
- 31834-FO-NonDis-O!, Pg. 1290

Mem ber ship: 116; Pres ent: 115;  
For: 114; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

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**994-NonDis**

**Subject: Use Promise Keeper statement on homosexuality**

Com mit tee Item: FO94-NonDis-N Petitions:

- 30664-FO-NonDis-D, Pg. 535;
- 31063-FO-NonDis-O, Pg. 544;
- 31707-FO-NonDis-O, Pg. 553

Mem ber ship: 116; Pres ent: 115; For: 114; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1; Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

[ ] Con cur rence [ ] Non con cur rence Date /

**995-65.G**

**Subject: Keep present language regarding homosexuality and same gender unions in Book of Discipline**

Com mit tee Item: FO95-65.G-N Petition:

30071-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 527

Mem ber ship: 116; Pres ent: 116; For: 115; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1; Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

[ ] Con cur rence [ ] Non con cur rence Date /

**996-65.C**

**Subject: Ministers who conduct same-sex unions will be terminated nor hold any position within UMC**

Com mit tee Item: FO96-65.C-N Petition:

31304-FO-65.C-D, Pg. 479

Mem ber ship: 116; Pres ent: 116; For: 114; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2; Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

[ ] Con cur rence [ ] Non con cur rence Date /

**997-65.H**

**Subject: Family violence and abuse**

Com mit tee Item: FO101-65.H-N Petition:

30038-FO-65.H-D, Pg. 501  
Mem ber ship: 116; Pres ent: 114; For: 111; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2; Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

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**998-65.C**

**Subject: Reaffirm 65C (Marriage) and keep as is worded**

Com mit tee Item: FO102-65.C-N Petition:

30488-FO-65.C-D, Pg. 490

Mem ber ship: 116; Pres ent: 83; For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1; Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

[ ] Con cur rence [ ] Non con cur rence Date /

**999-R406**

**Subject: Continuation of Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st century**

Com mit tee Item: GJ17-R406-N

Petition:

31210-GJ-R406-U, Pg. 785

Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 79; For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0; Date: 5/5

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

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**1000-710.1**

**Subject: Members of gen'l agencies must have been four years as professing member of a UMC**

Com mit tee Item: GJ27-710.1-N

Petition:

30377-GJ-710.1-D, Pg. 720

Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 82; For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0; Date: 5/5

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

[ ] Con cur rence [ ] Non con cur rence Date /

**1001-267**

**Subject: Wherever GCOM is mentioned in BOD change to Cov. Coun. including but not limited to these para's**

Com mit tee Item: GJ64-267-N

Petition:

31121-GJ-267-D, Pg. 777

Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 80; For: 74; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2; Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

[ ] Con cur rence [ ] Non con cur rence Date /

**1002-702.1**

**Subject: Gen'l agencies will have rep's as members of Covenant Council**

Com mit tee Item: GJ65-702.1-N

Petitions:

31123-GJ-702.1-D, Pg. 715;

31124-GJ-703.1-D, Pg. 716;

31125-GJ-713-D, Pg. 721;

31126-GJ-719-D, Pg. 723;

31127-GJ-906-D, Pg. 725;

31128-GJ-906-D, Pg. 725;

31129-GJ-906.16-D, Pg. 726;

31130-GJ-907.1-D, Pg. 727;

31131-GJ-907.5-D, Pg. 728;

31693-GJ-NonDis-O, Pg. 1827

Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 80; For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 4; Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

[ ] Con cur rence [ ] Non con cur rence Date /

**1003-2604.1**

**Subject: Professing member must fill any vacancy on Judicial Council**

Com mit tee Item: GJ66-2604.1-N

Petitions:

30385-GJ-2602-D, Pg. 730;

30386-GJ-2604.1-D, Pg. 733;

30387-GJ-2624.3-D, Pg. 742;

30388-GJ-2626.2-D, Pg. 752;

30390-GJ-2626.4-D, Pg. 753;

30391-GJ-2626.5-D, Pg. 753;

30392-GJ-2626.6-D, Pg. 753;

30402-GJ-2629.3-D, Pg. 771

Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 81; For: 81; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0; Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

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**1004-901**  
**Subject: Provide for a Covenant Council**

Com mit tee Item: GJ67-901-N

Peti tions:

- 31930-GJ-901-D, Pg. 1335;
- 31931-GJ-902-D, Pg. 1335;
- 31933-GJ-904-D, Pg. 1335;
- 31934-GJ-905-D, Pg. 1336;
- 31955-GJ-NonDis-O, Pg. 1831

Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 81;  
For: 81; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

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**1005-NonDis**

**Subject: Enact moratorium on UMC restructuring**

Com mit tee Item: GJ68-NonDis-N  
Peti tion:

30153-GJ-NonDis-O, Pg. 772

Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 82;  
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

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**1006-NonDis**

**Subject: Simplifying complaint process**

Com mit tee Item: GJ69-NonDis-N  
Peti tion:

31824-GJ-NonDis-O, Pg. 1343

Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 82;  
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

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**1007-NonDis**

**Subject: GCFA report complaints against bishops placed with an independent body**

Com mit tee Item: GJ70-NonDis-N  
Peti tion:

31827-GJ-NonDis-O, Pg. 1344

Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 82;

For: 81; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

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**1008-NonDis**

**Subject: Establish study commission to simplify complaint and trial procedures**

Com mit tee Item: GJ71-NonDis-N  
Peti tion:

31724-GJ-NonDis-O, Pg. 1346

Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 82;  
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

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**1009-901**

**Subject: GCFA is empowered to dismantle GCOM**

Com mit tee Item: GJ74-901-N  
Peti tion:

31869-GJ-901-D, Pg. 1335

Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 81;  
For: 81; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

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**1010-902**

**Subject: Delete 902-907.4; 907.5-6 substitute "GCFA" where ever "GCOM" appears**

Com mit tee Item: GJ75-902-N

Peti tion:

31870-GJ-902-D, Pg. 1335

Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 80;  
For: 80; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

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**1011-702**

**Subject: Delete 702.2-4**

Com mit tee Item: GJ76-702-N  
Peti tion:

31875-GJ-702-D, Pg. 1334

Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 80;  
For: 80; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

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**1012-703.1**

**Subject: Change "GCOM" to just "General Council"**

Com mit tee Item: GJ77-703.1-N  
Peti tion:

31876-GJ-703.1-D, Pg. 1334

Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 81;  
For: 81; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

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**1013-NonDis**

**Subject: Eliminate GCOM**

Com mit tee Item: GJ78-NonDis-N  
Peti tion:

31014-GJ-NonDis-O, Pg. 776

Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 80;  
For: 80; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

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**1014-0**

**Subject: Create a General Conference Covenant Council to function between General Conference sessions**

Com mit tee Item: GJ79-0-N  
Peti tion:

30181-GJ-0-C, Pg. 708

Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 80;  
For: 80; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1015-267.1**

**Subject: Continue Human Rels. Day Special Sun. w/offering**

Com mit tee Item: GJ83-267.1-N  
Peti tion:

30614-GJ-267.1-D, Pg. 712

Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 83;  
For: 80; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1016-NonDis**

**Subject: Resolutions on Special Sundays**

Com mit tee Item: GJ87-NonDis-N Petitions:

30134-GJ-266-D, Pg. 709;  
30498-GJ-266-D, Pg. 709;  
30892-GJ-266-D, Pg. 710;  
31153-GJ-266-D, Pg. 710;  
31154-GJ-267-D, Pg. 710;  
31393-GJ-NonDis-O, Pg. 601  
Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 82;  
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

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**1017-267**

**Subject: Change from six special Sundays w/offering to four**

Com mit tee Item: GJ88-267-N Petition:

31445-GJ-267-D, Pg. 711  
Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 82;  
For: 81; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

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**1018-267.6**

**Subject: Retain Native American Awareness Sunday offering**

Com mit tee Item: GJ90-267.6-N Petition:

30296-GJ-267.6-D, Pg. 713  
Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 83;  
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

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**1019-266**

**Subject: Continue Peace with Justice Sunday**

Com mit tee Item: GJ91-266-N Petition:

30497-GJ-266-D, Pg. 775  
Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 65;  
For: 65; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1020-268.1**

**Subject: Move Heritage Sunday to June**

Com mit tee Item: GJ92-268.1-N Petition:

31446-GJ-268.1-D, Pg. 713  
Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 80;  
For: 76; Against: 2; Not Voting: 2;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1021-NonDis**

**Subject: Keep Peace with Justice Sunday separate from Human Relations Day**

Com mit tee Item: GJ94-NonDis-N Petition:

30011-GJ-NonDis-O, Pg. 772  
Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 79;  
For: 78; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

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**1022-NonDis**

**Subject: Adopt Children's Day as a special Sunday with special offering**

Com mit tee Item: GJ95-NonDis-N Petition:

30143-GJ-NonDis-O, Pg. 772  
Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 79;  
For: 78; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

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**1023-NonDis**

**Subject: Retain Peace w/Justice as separate offering and keep division of 50% & 50% receipts**

Com mit tee Item: GJ96-NonDis-N

Petition:  
31023-GJ-NonDis-O, Pg. 776  
Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 79;  
For: 77; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1024-NonDis**

**Subject: Keep Rural Life Sunday**

Com mit tee Item: GJ97-NonDis-N Petition:

31331-GJ-NonDis-O, Pg. 780  
Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 79;  
For: 77; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

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**1025-721**

**Subject: Closed meetings with 3/4 voting members present**

Com mit tee Item: GJ98-721-N Petition:

30476-GJ-721-D, Pg. 723  
Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 78;  
For: 75; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

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**1026-NonDis-!**

**Subject: GC commission a panel to rewrite the Social Principles**

Com mit tee Item: GJ99-NonDis-N! Petition:

31262-GJ-NonDis-O!, Pg. 778  
Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 73;  
For: 73; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1027-NonDis**

**Subject: Oppose economic sanctions against Iraq**

Com mit tee Item: GM68-NonDis-N Petition:

30216-GM-NonDis-O, Pg. 48  
 Member ship: 113; Pres ent: 75;  
 For: 67; Against: 5; Not Voting: 3;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

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**1028-NonDis**  
**Subject: Explore practical**  
**ministries of interethnic**  
**reconciliation among Hutu &**  
**Tutsi people**

Committee Item:  
 GM69-NonDis-N  
 Petition:

31785-GM-NonDis-O, Pg. 919  
 Member ship: 113; Pres ent: 75;  
 For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

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**1029-NonDis**  
**Subject: National**  
**Comprehensive Plan for Town**  
**and Country Ministry**

Committee Item:  
 GM75-NonDis-N  
 Petition:

31690-GM-NonDis-O, Pg. 915  
 Member ship: 113; Pres ent: 75;  
 For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

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**1030-R620**  
**Subject: In support of**  
**self-determination and**  
**noninterven**

Committee Item: GM76-R620-N  
 Petition:

30858-GM-R620-U, Pg. 924  
 Member ship: 113; Pres ent: 75;  
 For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

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**1031-R684**

**Subject: Recommendations on**  
**US-China political realtions**

Com mit tee Item: GM79-R684-N  
 Petition:

31788-GM-R684-U, Pg. 926  
 Member ship: 113; Pres ent: 75;  
 For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

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**1032-306.2**

**Subject: Candidates shall be in**  
**good standing for one year**  
**instead of two.**

Com mit tee Item: HE93-306.2-N  
 Petition:

30607-HE-306.2-D, Pg. 948  
 Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 91;  
 For: 90; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

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**1033-306.2**

**Subject: Add the word**  
**“advisor” to person mentoring a**  
**new candidate**

Com mit tee Item: HE94-306.2-N  
 Petition:

30903-HE-306.2-D, Pg. 946  
 Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 90;  
 For: 90; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1034-319**

**Subject: Delete words “assisting**  
**the elders”**

Com mit tee Item: HE98-319-N  
 Petition:

31463-HE-319-D, Pg. 956  
 Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 86;  
 For: 84; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

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**1035-321.4**

**Subject: Scripture is primary**  
**source and norm for belief and**  
**practice**

Com mit tee Item: HE125-321.4-N  
 Petition:

31896-HE-321.4-D, Pg. 1359  
 Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 91;  
 For: 88; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

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**1036-337.1**

**Subject: Bishop may give**  
**permission for a transferring**  
**clergy member to serve on**  
**agencies**

Com mit tee Item: HE127-337.1-N  
 Petition:

30563-HE-337.1-D, Pg. 969  
 Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 91;  
 For: 90; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

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**1037-337**

**Subject: Commissioned**  
**ministers from another**  
**denomination may be appointed**

Com mit tee Item: HE128-337-N  
 Petition:

30911-HE-337-D, Pg. 969  
 Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 91;  
 For: 89; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

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**1038-357**

**Subject: Amend title**

Com mit tee Item: HE131-357-N  
 Petition:

30813-HE-357-D, Pg. 984  
 Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 85;  
 For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

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**1039-357**

**Subject: Change title to "Withdrawal from Conference Membership"**

Committee Item: HE132-357-N  
Petition:  
30814-HE-357-D, Pg. 984  
Membership: 108; Present: 85;  
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1040-331**

**Subject: Bring list of pastoral duties into line with Part IV of BOD**

Committee Item: HE133-331-R  
Petition:  
31899-HE-331-D, Pg. 1360  
Membership: 108; Present: 85;  
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends referral to  
Board of Higher Education - Section of El-  
ders and Local Pastors

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**1041-331.1**

**Subject: Marriage counseling**

Committee Item: HE134-331.1-N  
Petition:  
31898-HE-331.1-D, Pg. 1360  
Membership: 108; Present: 85;  
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1042-401**

**Subject: Because of their power, bishops shall not publicly violate BOD**

Committee Item: HE135-401-N  
Petition:  
31885-HE-401-D, Pg. 1368  
Membership: 108; Present: 85;  
For: 78; Against: 4; Not Voting: 3;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1043-NonDis**

**Subject: Remove supervisory duty from College of Bishops for complaint against a bishop**

Committee Item:  
HE136-NonDis-N  
Petition:  
31818-HE-NonDis-O, Pg. 1371  
Membership: 108; Present: 83;  
For: 79; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1044-NonDis**

**Subject: Create a task force to monitor accountability of bishops**

Committee Item:  
HE137-NonDis-N  
Petition:  
31830-HE-NonDis-O, Pg. 1372  
Membership: 108; Present: 83;  
For: 82; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1045-NonDis**

**Subject: Evaluation of bishops**

Committee Item:  
HE138-NonDis-N  
Petition:  
31817-HE-NonDis-O, Pg. 1371  
Membership: 108; Present: 83;  
For: 83; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1046-634**

**Subject: Nomination of administrative review committee**

Committee Item: HE139-634-N  
Petition:  
31881-HE-634-D, Pg. 1369  
Membership: 108; Present: 83;  
For: 82; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1047-NonDis**

**Subject: Make jurisdictional episcopacy committee more active in bishops accountability**

Committee Item:  
HE140-NonDis-N  
Petition:  
31831-HE-NonDis-O, Pg. 1373  
Membership: 108; Present: 83;  
For: 81; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1048-331.3**

**Subject: Pastor-in-charge is the supervisor or may delegate the responsibility**

Committee Item: HE141-331.3-N  
Petition:  
31900-HE-331.3-D, Pg. 1363  
Membership: 108; Present: 79;  
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1049-332**

**Subject: Preserving the inviolability of the Church**

Committee Item: HE142-332-N  
Petition:  
31901-HE-332-D, Pg. 1363  
Membership: 108; Present: 80;  
For: 80; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1050-NonDis**

**Subject: Establish a training program for bishops and district superintendents**

Committee Item:  
HE143-NonDis-N  
Petition:

31832-HE-NonDis-O, Pg. 1373  
 Member ship: 108; Pres ent: 80;  
 For: 80; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

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### 1051-633

**Subject: Allow nominations  
 from the floor of annual conf to  
 BOM**

Com mit tee Item: HE144-633-N  
 Petition:

31880-HE-633-D, Pg. 1368  
 Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 80;  
 For: 80; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

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### 1052-33

**Subject: Amend 33 - Change  
 "ordained ministerial" to "clergy"**

Com mit tee Item: HE149-33-N  
 Petition:

31982-HE-33-C  
 Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 81;  
 For: 81; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

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### 1053-NonDis

**Subject: Use various words to  
 refer to minister**

Com mit tee Item:  
 HE150-NonDis-N  
 Petition:

31826-HE-NonDis-O, Pg. 1372  
 Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 81;  
 For: 78; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

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### 1054-NonDis

**Subject: Delete "The Ministry of  
 the Ordained"**

Com mit tee Item:  
 HE151-NonDis-N  
 Petition:

31841-HE-NonDis-O, Pg. 1374  
 Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 82;  
 For: 81; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

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### 1055-NonDis

**Subject: Exempt those still  
 waiting reg. requirements for  
 ordination as Elder from further  
 processes**

Com mit tee Item:  
 HE152-NonDis-N  
 Petition:

31763-HE-NonDis-O, Pg. 1034  
 Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 82;  
 For: 80; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

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### 1056-NonDis

**Subject: Those who don't  
 believe in Bible, want to change  
 its teachings should be taken out  
 of leadership**

Com mit tee Item:  
 HE153-NonDis-N  
 Petition:

31366-HE-NonDis-O, Pg. 1031  
 Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 82;  
 For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

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### 1057-355

**Subject: If retired clergy notify  
 conf.sec'y they'll attend A.C.  
 they'll have voice/vote/expenses  
 paid**

Com mit tee Item: HE157-355-N  
 Petition:

30920-HE-355-D, Pg. 980  
 Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 82;  
 For: 81; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

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### 1058-355

**Subject: Deacon and  
 probationary member may  
 continue toward Elder even if  
 reached age 70, if desired**

Com mit tee Item: HE158-355-N  
 Petition:

30293-HE-355-D, Pg. 980  
 Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 82;  
 For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

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### 1059-345

**Subject: Admission and  
 continuance as an associate  
 member**

Com mit tee Item: HE160-345-N  
 Petitions:

31091-HE-300-D, Pg. 974;  
 31480-HE-345-D, Pg. 975  
 Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 94;  
 For: 93; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

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### 1060-319

**Subject: Deacon may administer  
 sacraments with or without  
 elder within context of ministry**

Com mit tee Item: HE161-319-N  
 Petitions:

31811-HE-319-D, Pg. 1359;  
 31895-HE-319-D, Pg. 1359  
 Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 95;  
 For: 93; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
 currence.

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### 1061-343.5

**Subject: Local pastors may have  
 voice and vote except on matters  
 restricted by the constitution**

Com mit tee Item: HE162-343.5-N

## Petitions:

31101-HE-343.5-D, Pg. 973;  
31479-HE-345.5-D, Pg. 977

Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 95;  
For: 92; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

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**1062-343.1**

**Subject: Remove inconsistent  
sentence regarding full-time  
student**

Com mit tee Item: HE166-343.1-N  
Petition:

30193-HE-343.1-D, Pg. 974

Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 103;  
For: 103; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

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**1063-NonDis**

**Subject: Use portion of Black  
College Fund money for direct  
scholarships for  
African-American UMs**

Com mit tee Item:  
HE175-NonDis-N

## Petitions:

30271-HE-NonDis-O, Pg. 1021;  
31340-HE-NonDis-O, Pg. 1030;  
31348-HE-NonDis-O, Pg. 1031;  
31362-HE-NonDis-O, Pg. 1031

Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 101;  
For: 101; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

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**1064-1417.2**

**Subject: Regarding membership  
in the University Senate**

Com mit tee Item:  
HE176-1417.2-N

## Petition:

30960-HE-1417.2-D, Pg. 1010

Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 100;  
For: 98; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

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**1065-1417.2**

**Subject: University Senate  
members shall subscribe to  
UMC doctrinal standards**

Com mit tee Item:

HE177-1417.2-N

## Petition:

30961-HE-1417.2-D, Pg. 1010

Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 100;  
For: 100; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

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**1066-1419**

**Subject: Institutions affiliated  
w/UMC must reflect UMC  
theology**

Com mit tee Item: HE178-1419-N  
Petition:

30963-HE-1419-D, Pg. 1011

Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 100;  
For: 100; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

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**1067-1418.3**

**Subject: GBHEM review  
schools to assure they fit  
w/mission and doctrine of UMC**

Com mit tee Item:  
HE179-1418.3-N

## Petition:

31021-HE-1418.3-D, Pg. 1011

Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 101;  
For: 101; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

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**1068-1418**

**Subject: Establish process for  
recognizing UM doctrine at UM  
seminaries & affiliated  
institutions**

Com mit tee Item: HE180-1418-N  
Petition:

30017-HE-1418-D, Pg. 1011

Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 101;  
For: 101; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

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**1069-1427.1**

**Subject: UM theology schools  
maintain, defend Church's  
doctrine and faith**

Com mit tee Item:  
HE181-1427.1-N

## Petition:

31576-HE-1427.1-D, Pg. 1016

Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 101;  
For: 101; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

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**1070-1405**

**Subject: Encourage Chrsitian  
presence in UM related  
institutions**

Com mit tee Item: HE182-1405-N  
Petition:

31573-HE-1405-D, Pg. 1009

Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 99;  
For: 99; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1071-1406**

**Subject: All UM affiliated school  
uphold historic Christian and  
Wesleyan beliefs**

Com mit tee Item: HE183-1406-N  
Petition:

31574-HE-1406-D, Pg. 1009

Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 99;  
For: 99; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

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**1072-NonDis**  
**Subject: Accept students from Gordon-Conwell, Oral Roberts and place these two seminaries on approved list**

Committee Item:  
HE184-NonDis-N  
Petition:

31771-HE-NonDis-O, Pg. 1035  
Member ship: 108; Pres ent: 99;  
For: 97; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1073-NonDis**  
**Subject: Each UM theological school include multi-ethnic development in curricula and program development**

Committee Item:  
HE185-NonDis-N  
Petition:

31780-HE-NonDis-O, Pg. 1035  
Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 99;  
For: 93; Against: 5; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1074-NonDis**  
**Subject: Support UM student ministries w/funding & resource**

Committee Item:  
HE186-NonDis-N  
Petition:

31761-HE-NonDis-O, Pg. 1034  
Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 100;  
For: 99; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1075-NonDis**  
**Subject: Bishops sitting as trustee of UM affiliated ed. organ. shall insist on alcohol abstention**

Committee Item:  
HE187-NonDis-N  
Petition:

31749-HE-NonDis-O, Pg. 1034

Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 102;  
For: 100; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1076-NonDis**  
**Subject: Expand criteria for Merit scholarships to include nonUMC college/university students**

Committee Item:  
HE188-NonDis-N  
Petition:

30671-HE-NonDis-O, Pg. 1026  
Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 101;  
For: 101; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1077-315.9**  
**Subject: The concept and activity of evil**

Com mit tee Item: HE194-315.9-N  
Petition:

30905-HE-315.9-D, Pg. 1826  
Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 102;  
For: 100; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1078-315.4**  
**Subject: Include teaching on UMW**

Com mit tee Item: HE195-315.4-N  
Petition:

31457-HE-315.4-D, Pg. 952  
Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 101;  
For: 99; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1079-315.2**  
**Subject: Delete 315.2**

Com mit tee Item: HE196-315.2-N  
Petition:

31456-HE-315.2-D, Pg. 952

Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 102;  
For: 101; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1080-315.3**  
**Subject: A.C. may elect to probationary membership a person with degree from univ. not listed by Univ.Senate**

Com mit tee Item: HE197-315.3-N  
Petition:

30224-HE-315.3-D, Pg. 952  
Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 102;  
For: 99; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1081-NonDis**  
**Subject: Defeat CPT recommendation to remove voice/vote of retired pastors**

Com mit tee Item:  
HE198-NonDis-N  
Petition:

31350-HE-NonDis-O, Pg. 1031  
Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 103;  
For: 103; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1082-NonDis**  
**Subject: Reject proving bad faith amendment**

Com mit tee Item:  
HE199-NonDis-N  
Petition:

31820-HE-NonDis-O, Pg. 1371  
Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 102;  
For: 102; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1083-NonDis**  
**Subject: Retired clergy attendance at annual conference**

Committee Item:  
HE200-NonDis-N  
Petition:  
31720-HE-NonDis-O, Pg. 1033  
Membership: 108; Present: 103;  
For: 103; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1084-633.1**  
**Subject: Lay “professing members” may vote as members of a.c. board of ordained ministry**

Com mit tee Item: HE203-633.1-N  
Petitions:  
30365-HE-633.1-D, Pg. 1006;  
30366-HE-635.1-D, Pg. 1008;  
30372-HE-659.1-D, Pg. 1009;  
30373-HE-662.1-D, Pg. 1009  
Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 97;  
For: 96; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1085-NonDis**  
**Subject: UMC monitor misrepresentation within official & unofficial UM publications & report it**

Com mit tee Item: IC46-NonDis-N  
Petition:  
31746-IC-NonDis-O, Pg. 1420  
Mem ber ship: 73; Pres ent: 59;  
For: 55; Against: 1; Not Voting: 3;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con currence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1086-2303**  
**Subject: GCUMM membership**

Com mit tee Item: IC48-2303-N  
Petition:  
31584-IC-2303-D, Pg. 1098  
Mem ber ship: 73; Pres ent: 59;  
For: 59; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con currence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1087-530.1**  
**Subject: Change may to shall be a jurisdictional comm. on archives and history**

Com mit tee Item: IC49-530.1-N  
Petition:  
31519-IC-530.1-D, Pg. 1827  
Mem ber ship: 73; Pres ent: 58;  
For: 55; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con currence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1088-NonDis**  
**Subject: Broaden scope of GCRR**

Com mit tee Item: IC51-NonDis-N  
Petition:  
31823-IC-NonDis-O, Pg. 1422  
Mem ber ship: 73; Pres ent: 58;  
For: 58; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1089-2008.14**  
**Subject: Add ethnocentric violence to program responsibilities of GCRR**

Com mit tee Item: IC52-2008.14-N  
Petition:  
31582-IC-2008.14-D, Pg. 1094  
Mem ber ship: 73; Pres ent: 59;  
For: 58; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1090-249.12**  
**Subject: Set up minimum economic packages for clergy that sustain effective ministry**

Com mit tee Item: LC62-249.12-N  
Petition:  
31268-LC-249.12-D, Pg. 1116  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 79;  
For: 77; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con currence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1091-213**  
**Subject: Assessment of local church potential**

Com mit tee Item: LC63-213-N  
Petition:  
30158-LC-213-D, Pg. 1103  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 79;  
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1092-217.7**  
**Subject: Ecumenical creed and doctrinal standards of the UMC summarize faith in the OT and NT**

Com mit tee Item: LC68-217.7-N  
Petition:  
30991-LC-217.7-D, Pg. 1105  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 81;  
For: 75; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1093-218**  
**Subject: Worship attendance count may include those in attendance at other church events**

Com mit tee Item: LC69-218-N  
Petition:  
31423-LC-218-D, Pg. 1106  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 80;  
For: 78; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1094-206.1**  
**Subject: CC may vote to use labels or logos that identify missional outreach cooperation**

Com mit tee Item: LC70-206.1-N  
Petition:  
31911-LC-206.1-D, Pg. 1425  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 81;  
For: 80; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1095-217****Subject: Express dissension internally and not publically or in the secular media**

Com mit tee Item: LC71-217-N  
Petition:

30057-LC-217-D, Pg. 1105  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 81;  
For: 77; Against: 1; Not Voting: 3;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

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**1096-NonDis****Subject: If 75% of AdBd(Coun) believes Scripture is con the BoD on homosexuality it can leave w/its property**

Com mit tee Item: LC72-NonDis-N  
Petition:

31333-LC-NonDis-O, Pg. 1141  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 81;  
For: 81; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1097-204****Subject: Congregations to ensure all within its fellowship are warmly and hospitably welcomed**

Com mit tee Item: LC73-204-N  
Petition:

30137-LC-204-D, Pg. 1103  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 81;  
For: 76; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1098-204****Subject: Each congregation write theological description of their worship and mission**

Com mit tee Item: LC74-204-N  
Petition:

31422-LC-204-D, Pg. 1103  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 81;

For: 78; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1099-206.1****Subject: Local churches may vote to work w/other churches subject to the Restrictive Rules**

Com mit tee Item: LC75-206.1-N  
Petition:

31034-LC-206.1-D, Pg. 1103  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 81;  
For: 79; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1100-217****Subject: When a person unites with a UM church they profess their own faith in God**

Com mit tee Item: LC76-217-N  
Petition:

30325-LC-217-D, Pg. 1105  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 81;  
For: 80; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

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**1101-222****Subject: Allow adults to be baptized even if they were baptized as an infant**

Com mit tee Item: LC77-222-N  
Petition:

30880-LC-222-D, Pg. 1106  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 70;  
For: 69; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1102-222.1****Subject: Add the word "doctrine" to list of duties for instruction**

Com mit tee Item: LC78-222.1-N  
Petition:

30879-LC-222.1-D, Pg. 1106  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 69;  
For: 67; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1103-226****Subject: Any baptized person in good standing or professing member may be received into UMC**

Com mit tee Item: LC81-226-N  
Petition:

30328-LC-226-D, Pg. 1107  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 74;  
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 4;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1104-246.3****Subject: Use "professing" to make membership terminology consistent**

Com mit tee Item: LC83-246.3-N  
Petition:

30347-LC-246.3-D, Pg. 1114  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 74;  
For: 74; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

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**1105-249.8****Subject: "Professing" members may be candidates to ministry**

Com mit tee Item: LC84-249.8-N  
Petition:

30348-LC-249.8-D, Pg. 1115  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 76;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1106-249.12**

**Subject: Change this paragraph to be consistent with 322.10 in the matter of deacon compensation**

Com mit tee Item: LC86-249.12-N  
Petition:  
30883-LC-249.12-D, Pg. 1116  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 76;  
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1107-250**

**Subject: "Professing" members of local church may vote at church conference**

Com mit tee Item: LC88-250-N  
Petition:  
30349-LC-250-D, Pg. 1117  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 76;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1108-249.13**

**Subject: Conference benvolences are the minimum needed for annual conference ministry & mission**

Com mit tee Item: LC89-249.13-N  
Petition:  
31150-LC-249.13-D, Pg. 1117  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 76;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1109-253.2**

**Subject: Limit lay member to AC term to 4 consecutive years**

Com mit tee Item: LC90-253.2-N  
Petition:  
31427-LC-253.2-D, Pg. 1118  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 76;  
For: 71; Against: 5; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1110-253.1**

**Subject: Local church lay leader and associate lay leaders**

Com mit tee Item: LC91-253.1-N  
Petition:  
31425-LC-253.1-D, Pg. 1118  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 76;  
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1111-253**

**Subject: Expand lay leadership members**

Com mit tee Item: LC92-253-N  
Petition:  
31426-LC-253-D, Pg. 1118  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 76;  
For: 74; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1112-2528.4**

**Subject: Add celebrating homosexual unions as a chargeable offense**

Com mit tee Item: LC94-2528.4-N  
Petition:  
31591-LC-2528.4-D, Pg. 1136  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 76;  
For: 68; Against: 5; Not Voting: 3;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1113-262**

**Subject: Add classes to local church bodies if the church has consistently had ave. 500+ worship over 3yrs**

Com mit tee Item: LC95-262-N  
Petition:  
31436-LC-262-D, Pg. 1128  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 74;  
For: 70; Against: 2; Not Voting: 2;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1114-258.1**

**Subject: Each local church shall have a Sunday school for educational ministry**

Com mit tee Item: LC97-258.1-N  
Petition:  
30889-LC-258.1-D, Pg. 1126  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 74;  
For: 71; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1115-258.3**

**Subject: There "may" be a unit of UMW in each local church**

Com mit tee Item: LC98-258.3-N  
Petition:  
31434-LC-258.3-D, Pg. 1125  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 71;  
For: 61; Against: 5; Not Voting: 5;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1116-258.2**

**Subject: Scouting mnistry may be included in local church ministries if meets UM Constit. & SocPrin guidel.**

Com mit tee Item: LC99-258.2-N  
Petition:  
31433-LC-258.2-D, Pg. 1124  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 71;  
For: 68; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1117-258.2**

**Subject: Two adults shall be present in each Sunday School class for children and youth**

Com mit tee Item: LC100-258.2-N  
Petition:  
30994-LC-258.2-D, Pg. 1126  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 72;

For: 67; Against: 5; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1118-255.1**

**Subject: Guidelines for naming  
ministry coordinators in local  
churches**

Com mit tee Item: LC101-255.1-N  
Petition:

30425-LC-255.1-D, Pg. 1122  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 75;  
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1119-258.2**

**Subject: "Professing" members  
can be youth**

Com mit tee Item: LC102-258.2-N  
Petition:

30351-LC-258.2-D, Pg. 1126  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 74;  
For: 74; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1120-258.2**

**Subject: Eighteen-year-old  
church members may vote at  
Church Conferences**

Com mit tee Item: LC103-258.2-N  
Petition:

30995-LC-258.2-D, Pg. 1126  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 74;  
For: 74; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1121-258.3**

**Subject: Local church  
encouraged to have an  
organized unit of UMW**

Com mit tee Item: LC104-258.3-N  
Petition:

30888-LC-258.3-D, Pg. 1127

Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 74;  
For: 69; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1122-254.2**

**Subject: Outreach ministries to  
include earth advocacy**

Com mit tee Item: LC108-254.2-N  
Petitions:

30027-LC-254.2-D, Pg. 1121;  
30139-LC-254.2-D, Pg. 1122;  
30272-LC-254.4-D, Pg. 1122;  
30273-LC-254.1-D, Pg. 1120;  
30600-LC-254.2-D, Pg. 1122;  
30886-LC-254-D, Pg. 1120;  
30887-LC-254-D, Pg. 1120;  
31151-LC-254.4-D, Pg. 1121;  
31428-LC-254.4-D, Pg. 1121;  
31431-LC-254.2-D, Pg. 1121;  
31432-LC-254.4-D, Pg. 1121

Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 70;  
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1123-262.2**

**Subject: Add new duties to  
Staff/Parish Relations  
Committee**

Com mit tee Item: LC111-262.2-N  
Petitions:

31438-LC-262.2-D, Pg. 1132;  
31915-LC-262.2-D, Pg. 1831;  
31916-LC-262.2-D, Pg. 1426  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 68;  
For: 67; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1124-262.2**

**Subject: AC can vote to allow  
itself to cooperate in setting  
equitable salary for its' clergy**

Com mit tee Item: LC112-262.2-N  
Petition:

31443-LC-262.2-D, Pg. 1132  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 66;  
For: 65; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1125-264**

**Subject: Delete this paragraph**  
Com mit tee Item: LC115-264-N  
Petition:

31444-LC-264-D, Pg. 1135  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 66;  
For: 66; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1126-264**

**Subject: If Ch.Conf. votes five  
yrs in row to withdraw from  
denomination, it may do so**

Com mit tee Item: LC116-264-N  
Petition:

31714-LC-264-D, Pg. 1135  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 66;  
For: 65; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1127-NonDis**

**Subject: Retain membership  
vows as written and baptized  
infants as preparatory members**

Com mit tee Item:  
LC117-NonDis-N  
Petition:

31815-LC-NonDis-O, Pg. 1428  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 66;  
For: 64; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1128-215.1**

**Subject: Valid baptism is  
administered in the name of the  
Father/Son/Holy Spirit**

Com mit tee Item: LC119-215.1-N  
Petition:

30990-LC-215.1-D, Pg. 1105  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 60;  
For: 60; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Corrections to the Calendar

Calendar Item 161 should read: Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

14 -806

Subject: Be neutral on abortion and GCFA police entire UMC to assure compliance

Committee Item: FA9-806-N Petition:

30202-FA-806-D, Pg. 432 Member ship: 97; Present: 83; For: 81; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2; Date: 5/3

The Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

[ ] Concurrence [ ] Nonconcurrency Date /

161-NonDis

Subject: Support International Day of Prayer

Committee Item: 31731-GM-NonDis-O, Pg. 916 Member ship: 113; Present: 92; For: 55; Against: 34; Not Voting: 3; Date: 5/3

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows.

Whereas, many societies are intolerant of religious people, and deny them human rights; and

Whereas, according to the U.S. State Department, the governments of over 60 nations around the world condone the persecution of Christians; and

Whereas, the people called Methodists have traditionally taken the lead in opposing injustice, intolerance and bigotry; and

Whereas, Methodists believe in the power of prayer;

Therefore be it resolved that the United Methodist congregations ob-

serve an International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Each November, the first day to be observed on Nov. 12, 2000;

Be it further resolved that through our earnest prayers we may grow in our sense of unity with Christians around the world and become more aware of the needs of our brothers and sisters and the problems they may encounter because of modern religious persecution and suffering, who suffer because of their Christian faith.

[ ] Concurrence [ ] Nonconcurrency Date /

440 -NonDis

Subject: Provide grants to churches to help them become accessible for physically challenged people

Committee Item: GM31-NonDis-A

Petition: 31808-GM-NonDis-O, Pg. 1356

Member ship: 113; Present: 100; For: 95; Against: 5; Not Voting: 0; Date: 5/5

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Whereas, It is essential that the United Methodist Church as a denomination find a way to assist in di vidual churches in the annual conferences to find grant money to assist them in becoming more accessible by removing architectural barriers; and

Whereas, our denomination establishes many programs around specific groups of people, whether they be ethnic groups or age-targeted groups; and

Whereas, each of the groups that the church claims an interest in and sets priorities for include persons with disabilities. There are more than 54 million in the United States alone. The United Nations recently focused on the issue of disability by calling for in stitutions to become more accessible; and ,

Whereas, several years ago, \$500 grants were awarded to churches that were

qualified, to help them increase their accessibility; and

Whereas, GCFA is recommending \$16.3 million for in no vative and emerging ministries during the 2001-2004 quadrennium;

Therefore be it resolved, that it would be appropriate to set aside monies from this source to again provide accessibility grants or loans to churches in each of the annual conferences. The program could be administered from within the General Board of Global Ministries or the General Board of Church and Society or some other appropriate body.

[ ] Concurrence [ ] Nonconcurrency Date /

625 -NonDis-\$

Subject: Asian American language ministry study

Committee Item: GM25-NonDis-A\$

Petition: 30863-GM-NonDis-O\$, Pg. 1822

Member ship: 113; Present: 100; For: 100; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0; Date: 5/5

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows: Delete the following paragraph under Findings:

There is an urgent need to develop new ministries, fellowships, and congregations. With sufficient resources and support, The United Methodist Church could begin 100 new Asian American congregations, ministries, and fellowships in the 2000-2004 Quadrennium. This could be done with the joint effort of the general boards and agencies, annual conferences, districts, and others.

Currently, there is a shortage of leadership . . .

In the 1st paragraph under "Recruitment and Training of Pastoral and Lay Leadership", insert the word, Visayan, after Tagalog

[ ] Concurrence [ ] Nonconcurrency Date /

Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Nonconcurrency.

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1129-215

Subject: Change language on baptism to comply with Judicial Council 811

Committee Item: LC120-215-N

Petition: 30323-LC-215-D, Pg. 1104 Member ship: 98; Present: 60;

For: 60; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0; Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Nonconcurrency.

[ ] Concurrence [ ] Nonconcurrency Date /

**1130-221.3**

**Subject: "Professing" members may proceed on chargeable offenses**

Committee Item: LC121-221.3-N  
Petition:

30326-LC-221.3-D, Pg. 1106

Membership: 98; Present: 60;  
For: 60; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1131-262.1**

**Subject: Elect nominees "either" from the floor "or through recommendation of Comm. on Nom. and Personnel."**

Committee Item: LC122-262.1-N  
Petitions:

30493-LC-262.1-D, Pg. 1129;

30606-LC-262.1-D, Pg. 1129;

30890-LC-262.1-D, Pg. 1130;

31216-LC-262.1-D, Pg. 1130;

31437-LC-262.1-D, Pg. 1130;

31439-LC-262.1-D, Pg. 1130

Membership: 98; Present: 60;  
For: 60; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1132-2548.5**

**Subject: Discontinuation or abandonment of local church property**

Committee Item: LC128-2548.5-N  
Petition:

30977-LC-2548.5-D, Pg. 1140

Membership: 98; Present: 75;  
For: 69; Against: 5; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1133-200**

**Subject: Add as the second new paragraph text after 241 regarding membership**

Committee Item: LC129-200-N  
Petition:

30340-LC-200-D, Pg. 1112

Membership: 98; Present: 81;  
For: 78; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1134-200**

**Subject: Add "professing" members to the charge conference**

Committee Item: LC132-200-N  
Petition:

30346-LC-200-D, Pg. 1114

Membership: 98; Present: 82;  
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1135-249**

**Subject: CC set pastoral compensation within guidelines established by annual conference**

Committee Item: LC134-249-N  
Petition:

31914-LC-249-D, Pg. 1425

Membership: 98; Present: 81;  
For: 78; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1136-NonDis**

**Subject: Local church may establish Covenant of Ch.Member. and annual Renewal covenant by 3/4 vote of CC**

Committee Item:  
LC135-NonDis-N  
Petition:

31709-LC-NonDis-O, Pg. 1142

Membership: 98; Present: 81;  
For: 80; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1137-NonDis**

**Subject: Reject/oppose overtures from United Religions Initiative**

Committee Item:  
LC136-NonDis-N  
Petition:

31748-LC-NonDis-O, Pg. 1143

Membership: 98; Present: 81;  
For: 75; Against: 5; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1138-2524**

**Subject: Local church Board of Trustees membership shall be 2/3 professing members of UMC**

Committee Item: LC137-2524-N  
Petition:

30382-LC-2524-D, Pg. 452

Membership: 98; Present: 81;  
For: 80; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1139-2527.1**

**Subject: Cooperative parish board of trustees membership shall be 2/3 professing members of UMC**

Committee Item: LC138-2527.1-N  
Petition:

30383-LC-2527.1-D, Pg. 1135

Membership: 98; Present: 82;  
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

Concur  Non con cur Date /

**1140-2529.2**

**Subject: Local church board of trustee chair shall be a professing member of the UMC**

Committee Item: LC139-2529.2-N  
Petition:

30384-LC-2529.2-D, Pg. 1136

Membership: 98; Present: 82;  
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

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### 1141-2551

#### **Subject: Allow exemption from trust clause**

Com mit tee Item: LC140-2551-N

Petition:

31851-LC-2551-D, Pg. 1426

Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 82;

For: 80; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

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### 1142-253

#### **Subject: "Professing membership" shall provide the lay leader of a local church**

Com mit tee Item: LC142-253-N

Petition:

30350-LC-253-D, Pg. 1117

Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 81;

For: 81; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

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### 1143-248.7

#### **Subject: Absentee Ballot**

Com mit tee Item: LC143-248.7-N

Petition:

31977-LC-248.7-D

Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 81;

For: 81; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

### 1144-66

#### **Subject: Every church must have a child advocate on staff**

Com mit tee Item: LC144-66-N

Petition:

31801-LC-66-D, Pg. 1285

Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 81;

For: 81; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

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### 1145-253.2

#### **Subject: Change "charge" to "church"**

Com mit tee Item: LC146-253.2-N

Petition:

31525-LC-253.2-D, Pg. 1118

Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 81;

For: 81; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

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### 1146-NonDis

#### **Subject: Cooperative parish ministries**

Com mit tee Item:

LC147-NonDis-N

Petitions:

30540-LC-R198-U, Pg. 1143;

30837-LC-R198-U, Pg. 1144;

31697-LC-NonDis-O, Pg. 1142

Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 79;

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

Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

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## Calendar Items

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### 1147-502.3-MR

#### **Subject: Change number formula for G.C. delegates to restore fairness and balance**

Com mit tee Item: CO48-502.3-C

Petition:

30120-CO-502.3-D, Pg. 168

Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 80;

For: 51; Against: 24; Not Voting: 5;

Date: 5/5

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Minority Report:

Paragraph 502.3a

"One clergy del e gate for the first 140 209 clergy mem bers of the an nual con fer ence and one clergy del e gate for each ad di tional 140 209 clergy mem bers or ma jor frac tion thereof, and

b. "One clergy delegate for the first 44,000 41,800 mem bers of lo cal churches of the an nual con fer ence and one del e gate for each additional 44,000 41,800 local church mem bers or ma jor frac tion thereof."

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### 1148-30

#### **Subject: Add young person from each district as member of AC**

Com mit tee Item: CO52-30-C

Petition:

31211-CO-30-C, Pg. 162

Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 79;

For: 74; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

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### 1149-405-\$

#### **Subject: If an AC exceeds 250,000 members Jur. Conf may realign episcopal/AC boundaries**

Com mit tee Item: CO71-405-N\$

Petition:

31492-CO-405-D\$, Pg. 165

Mem ber ship: 89; Pres ent: 79;

For: 69; Against: 6; Not Voting: 4;

Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /



**1150-603**

**Subject: Annual conference may decide to be in session every second year**

Committee Item: CO80-603-N

Petition:

31710-CO-603-D, Pg. 175  
 Membership: 89; Present: 72;  
 For: 39; Against: 31; Not Voting: 2;  
 Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
 currence.

Concur  Non con cur Date /

**1151-604.13**

**Subject: Open meetings, annual conferences**

Committee Item: CO81-604.13-C

Petition:

30475-CO-604.13-D, Pg. 176  
 Membership: 89; Present: 73;  
 For: 35; Against: 33; Not Voting: 5;  
 Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concur-  
 rence.

Concur  Non con cur Date /

**1152-606.3**

**Subject: Remove the word "preferably"**

Committee Item: CO82-606.3-C

Petition:

30234-CO-606.3-D, Pg. 177  
 Membership: 89; Present: 77;  
 For: 69; Against: 6; Not Voting: 2;  
 Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concur-  
 rence.

Concur  Non con cur Date /

**1153-606.9**

**Subject: Allow individuals to see their records and add to it**

Committee Item: CO97-606.9-N

Petition:

31529-CO-606.9-D, Pg. 177  
 Membership: 89; Present: 79;  
 For: 70; Against: 6; Not Voting: 3;  
 Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
 currence.

Concur  Non con cur Date /

**1154-508**

**Subject: Make BoD free on the official web site**

Committee Item: CO105-508-N

Petition:

31514-CO-508-D, Pg. 170  
 Membership: 89; Present: 80;  
 For: 71; Against: 9; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
 currence.

Concur  Non con cur Date /

**1155-507**

**Subject: Changes in church law should take effect as soon as possible**

Committee Item: CO110-507-N

Petition:

31513-CO-507-D, Pg. 169  
 Membership: 89; Present: 78;  
 For: 57; Against: 19; Not Voting: 2;  
 Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
 currence.

Concur  Non con cur Date /

**1156-12.1**

**Subject: Increase the number of GC delegates**

Committee Item: CO111-12.1-C

Petition:

31612-CO-12.1-C, Pg. 161  
 Membership: 89; Present: 66;  
 For: 56; Against: 8; Not Voting: 2;  
 Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concur-  
 rence.

Concur  Non con cur Date /

**1157-31**

**Subject: Jurisdictional & central conferences may give lay full vote on everything**

Committee Item: CO117-31-A

Petition:

31045-CO-31-C, Pg. 163  
 Membership: 89; Present: 65;  
 For: 43; Against: 18; Not Voting: 4;  
 Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concur-  
 rence as amended as follows: Delete the two  
 words "Jurisdictional and" so that the text  
 begins, "Central conferences may...."

Concur  Non con cur Date /

**1158-NonDis-\$**

**Subject: Formation of non-geographic judicatories**

Committee Item:

CO118-NonDis-N\$

Petition:

31849-CO-NonDis-O\$, Pg. 1345  
 Membership: 89; Present: 64;  
 For: 52; Against: 8; Not Voting: 4;  
 Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
 currence.

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**1159-R1**

**Subject: Oppose privatization of Social Security**

Committee Item: CS126-R1-R

Petition:

30124-CS-R1-U, Pg. 45  
 Membership: 120; Present: 93;  
 For: 45; Against: 33; Not Voting: 15;  
 Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends referal to  
 General Board of Church and Society.

Concur  Non con cur Date /

**1160-NonDis-!**

**Subject: New tribal economic strategies for the next century**

Committee Item:

CS135-NonDis-C!

Petition:

31302-CS-NonDis-O!, Pg. 462  
 Membership: 120; Present: 90;  
 For: 90; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
 Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concur-  
 rence.

Concur  Non con cur Date /

**1161-NonDis**

**Subject: GBOD create proactive program of love and hope for and to those wishing to leave homosexual lifestyle**

Committee Item:

DI102-NonDis-N

Petition:

31744-DI-NonDis-O, Pg. 1828  
 Membership: 109; Present: 76;

For: 52; Against: 24; Not Voting: 0; Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1162-NonDis-\$  
Subject: Episcopal Fund**

Committee Item:  
FA34-NonDis-C\$  
Petition:

30704-FA-NonDis-O\$, Pg. 334  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 65;  
For: 65; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

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**1163-NonDis-\$  
Subject: Black College Fund**

Committee Item:  
FA37-NonDis-C\$  
Petition:

30702-FA-NonDis-O\$, Pg. 331  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 59;  
For: 59; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

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**1164-806.12  
Subject: GCFA shall have the responsibility and authority to stop funds given to gays**

Committee Item: FA40-806.12-N  
Petition:

30255-FA-806.12-D, Pg. 436  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 78;  
For: 56; Against: 19; Not Voting: 3;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1165-NonDis-\$  
Subject: Ministerial Education Fund**

Committee Item:  
FA41-NonDis-C\$  
Petition:

30701-FA-NonDis-O\$, Pg. 330  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 88;

For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0; Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

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**1166-NonDis-\$  
Subject: Budget of the GCFA**

Committee Item:  
FA48-NonDis-C\$  
Petition:

30713-FA-NonDis-O\$, Pg. 361  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 76;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

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**1167-NonDis-\$  
Subject: References from the 1996 General Conference**

Committee Item:  
FA49-NonDis-C\$  
Petition:

30712-FA-NonDis-O\$, Pg. 358  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 76;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1168-NonDis-!  
Subject: Pay equity in the general agencies of the UMC**

Committee Item:  
FA50-NonDis-C!  
Petition:

30711-FA-NonDis-O\$, Pg. 352  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 76;  
For: 74; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1169-NonDis-\$  
Subject: Directives for the administration of the General Funds**

Committee Item:  
FA51-NonDis-C\$  
Petition:

30710-FA-NonDis-O\$, Pg. 350  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 76;  
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1170-NonDis-!  
Subject: Asian American language ministry study**

Committee Item:  
FA55-NonDis-C!

Petition:  
31767-FA-NonDis-O\$, Pg. 469  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 80;  
For: 80; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1171-NonDis  
Subject: Continue support of Methodist Church of Puerto Rico in transition time**

Com mit tee Item: FA57-NonDis-N  
Petition:

31287-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 460  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 80;  
For: 73; Against: 6; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1172-NonDis  
Subject: Support GBHEM efforts to keep UM Student Day Special Offering**

Com mit tee Item: FA59-NonDis-N  
Petition:

30485-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 457  
Mem ber ship: 97; Pres ent: 81;  
For: 65; Against: 15; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1173-806.1  
Subject: Use actual receipts for budgeting procedures and comparisons**

Committee Item: FA64-806.1-C  
Petition:

30006-FA-806.1-D, Pg. 436  
Membership: 97; Present: 80;  
For: 41; Against: 38; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

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**1174-805.1-\$**  
**Subject: Add young person  
between ages of 12 and 17**

Committee Item: FA95-805.1-C\$  
Petition:

31246-FA-805.1-D, Pg. 431  
Membership: 97; Present: 61;  
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

**1175-6**  
**Subject: Title to properties**

Committee Item: FA145-6-C  
Petition:

30809-FA-6-C, Pg. 425  
Membership: 97; Present: 61;  
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

**1176-NonDis-\$**  
**Subject: Exempt from pension  
build-up P.R.Methodish Church  
pastors entering into plan after  
1/2/2001**

Committee Item:  
FA169-NonDis-A\$  
Petition:

31504-FA-NonDis-O, Pg. 466  
Membership: 97; Present: 76;  
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Effective January 1, 2001, amend section 4.01c. Of the Ministerial Pension Plan, to read:

For participants who do not receive a contribution pursuant to Section 4.01j(4), serving full-time appointment, eligible to

be enrolled prior to January 1, 2001 and who are receiving Compensation at least equivalent to 60% of the applicable Conference Average Compensation or 60% of the Denominational Average Compensation, whichever is less, in the Puerto Rico Methodist Church, in addition to the contribution required in Section 4.01a, the Puerto Rico Methodist Church shall contribute a build-up to the Account of such Participants in an amount equal to the Denominational Average Compensation, multiplied by the contribution rate of the Puerto Rico Methodist Church, less the required contribution in accordance with section 4.01a above.

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**1177-NonDis**  
**Subject: Health care is a basic  
human right; end private health  
insurance; adopt nat'l health  
care system**

Committee Item: FO67-NonDis-N  
Petition:

30198-FO-NonDis-O, Pg. 530  
Membership: 116; Present: 115;  
For: 98; Against: 15; Not Voting: 2;  
Date: 5/5

The Committee recommends Nonconcurrency.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

**1178-68**  
**Subject: Allow voluntary prayer  
in schools**

Committee Item: FO69-68-A  
Petition:

31677-FO-68-D, Pg. 514  
Membership: 116; Present: 115;  
For: 84; Against: 30; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/5

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Add the following to the end of 68D:

**The state should not prohibit the free exercise of organized, voluntary prayer in public schools or at other public occasions. It is vital that we not misinterpret the rightful separation of church and state as the abolition of all religious expression from public view.**

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

**1179-103**  
**Subject: Work for reconciliation  
under Jesus**

Committee Item: FO70-103-A  
Petition:

30875-FO-103-D, Pg. 517  
Membership: 116; Present: 103;  
For: 65; Against: 38; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/5

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend the last sentence to read:

We call all persons into discipleship and for the reconciliation of all things under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

**1180-65**  
**Subject: Suicide**

Committee Item: FO74-65-A  
Petition:

30550-FO-65-D, Pg. 504  
Membership: 116; Present: 99;  
For: 76; Against: 20; Not Voting: 3;  
Date: 5/5

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Move the proposed paragraph 1 to be the second paragraph. The entire proposed ¶65.II.M would read:

**We believe that suicide is not the way a human life should end.** The church has an obligation to see that all persons have access to needed pastoral and medical care and therapy in those circumstances that lead to loss of self-worth, or suicidal despair, and/or the desire to seek physician assisted suicide. We encourage the church to provide education to address the biblical, theological, social and ethical issues related to suicide, including United Methodist theological seminary courses focusing on issues of suicide.

**A Christian perspective on suicide begins with an affirmation of faith that nothing, including suicide, separates us from the love of God. (Romans 8:38-39). Therefore, we deplore the condemnation of people who take their own lives, and we consider unjust the stigma that so often falls on surviving family and friends.**

We strongly encourage pastors to address this issue through preaching and teaching. We urge pastors to provide pastoral care to attempers,... remove the oppressive stigma around suicide. **The church does not endorse the enlistment of medical providers, who are charged to cure and to care, to assist people in taking their own lives.**

Delete the last paragraph.

Concurrence  Non concurrence Date /

**1181-200-MR**

**Subject: UMC affirms that Jesus Christ is one and only Savior of the world, Lord of all**

Com mit tee Item: FO75-200-A  
Petition:

31606-FO-200-D, Pg. 520  
Mem ber ship: 116; Pres ent: 103;  
For: 57; Against: 45; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/5

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend Part V, Sec. I of the BOD (pg. 114) to read:

The mis sion of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by proclaiming the good news of God's grace... the vi sion Scrip ture holds be fore us. **The United Meth od ist Church affirms that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the one and only Savior of the world, and the Lord of all.**

**The Church affirms and shall be obe di ent to the words of Je sus Christ in John 14:6(NIV): "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father ex cept through me." Although We respect persons of all religious faiths, we de fend the right of re li gious free dom, and we af firm that "There is sal va tion in no one else, for there is no other name un der heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12, NRSV)**

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**1182-NonDis-MR**

**Subject: Jesus is the only way.**

Com mit tee Item: FO76-NonDis-A  
Petition:

30665-FO-NonDis-O, Pg. 535  
Mem ber ship: 116; Pres ent: 103;  
For: 58; Against: 43; Not Voting: 2;  
Date: 5/5

The Committee recommends con cur rence as amended as fol lows:

Amend the last para graph to read:

~~Although we~~ **We re spect and seek di a logue with** per sons of all re li gious faiths and we defend the right of religious free dom, ~~we~~. **We re af firm** that, "there is sal va tion in no one else, for there is no other name un der heaven given among mor tals by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12 NRSV)

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**1183-65.C-MR**

**Subject: Retain prohibition against same gender service**

Com mit tee Item: FO77-65.C-C  
Petition:

30052-FO-65.C-D, Pg. 484  
Mem ber ship: 116; Pres ent: 106;  
For: 64; Against: 37; Not Voting: 5;  
Date: 5/7

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

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**1184**

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**1185-304.3**

**Has been placed on Con sent Calendar C04.**

**1186**

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**1187-65.G**

**Subject: All persons, regardless of sexual orientation, may receive ministry of the church**

Com mit tee Item: FO98-65.G-N  
Petition:

30693-FO-65.G-D, Pg. 498  
Mem ber ship: 116; Pres ent: 114;  
For: 72; Against: 37; Not Voting: 5;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con cur rence.

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**1188-65.F**

**Subject: Change `sex' to `gender'**

Com mit tee Item: FO99-65.F-N  
Petition:

30005-FO-65.F-D, Pg. 495  
Mem ber ship: 116; Pres ent: 104;  
For: 67; Against: 32; Not Voting: 5;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1189-66.F**

**Subject: Change "sex" to "gender"**

Com mit tee Item: FO100-66.F-N  
Petition:

30007-FO-66.F-D, Pg. 1283  
Mem ber ship: 116; Pres ent: 115;  
For: 97; Against: 14; Not Voting: 4;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con cur rence.

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**1190**

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**1191-NonDis**

**Subject: Affirm BOD process for dealing w/violations of it**

Com mit tee Item: GJ60-NonDis-N  
Petition:

31329-GJ-NonDis-O, Pg. 780  
Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 72;  
For: 57; Against: 13; Not Voting: 2;  
Date: 5/5

The Committee recommends Non con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1192-3**

**Subject: Articles of religion and the confession of faith**

Com mit tee Item: GJ72-3-A  
Petition:

30806-GJ-3-C, Pg. 705  
Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 81;  
For: 81; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence as amended as fol lows: add words at end in place of prior to their unit ing

Amend 3. Arti cle III:

The Arti cles of Re li gion and the Con fes sion of Faith **of The United Methodist Church** are ~~shall be~~ those ~~currently~~ **for merly** held by The Meth od ist Church and The Evan gel i cal United Brethren Church, respec tively: ~~, prior to their uniting in 1968.~~ **, at the time of their unit ing.**

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1193-267.3-\$**

**Subject: Clarify use of World Communion Sunday receipts**

Com mit tee Item: GJ89-267.3-C\$

Petition:

31968-GJ-267.3-D\$

Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 84;

For: 84; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1194-268.1**

**Subject: Change date of Heritage Sunday from April to May**

Com mit tee Item: GJ93-268.1-N

Petition:

30088-GJ-268.1-D, Pg. 714

Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 79;

For: 72; Against: 7; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1195-NonDis-!**

**Subject: Research plan for the UMC**

Com mit tee Item:

GJ100-NonDis-C!

Petition:

31392-GJ-NonDis-O!, Pg. 595

Mem ber ship: 92; Pres ent: 73;

For: 68; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

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**1196-NonDis-\$**

**Subject: Continue restorative justice ministries**

Com mit tee Item:

GM16-NonDis-C\$

Petition:

30870-GM-NonDis-O\$, Pg. 899

Mem ber ship: 113; Pres ent: 74;

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

Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1197-NonDis**

**Subject: GBGM will cooperate with other denominations in proclaiming the gospel throughout the world**

Com mit tee Item:

GM17-NonDis-N

Petition:

31018-GM-1301-D, Pg. 865

Mem ber ship: 113; Pres ent: 85;

For: 66; Against: 19; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con cur rence.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1198-NonDis**

**Subject: Puerto Rican political prisoners**

Com mit tee Item:

GM64-NonDis-C

Petition:

31281-GM-NonDis-O, Pg. 1356

Mem ber ship: 113; Pres ent: 74;

For: 32; Against: 25; Not Voting: 17;

Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

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**1199-NonDis-\$**

**Subject: GBGM keep deploying Church & Comm. workers**

Com mit tee Item:

GM77-NonDis-C\$

Petition:

30230-GM-NonDis-O\$, Pg. 49

Mem ber ship: 113; Pres ent: 103;

For: 95; Against: 1; Not Voting: 7;

Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

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**1200-332-MR**

**Subject: Move prohibition against same sex union to ministry section**

Com mit tee Item: HE159-332-A

Petition:

30049-HE-332-D, Pg. 966

Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 102;

For: 58; Against: 38; Not Voting: 6;

Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence as amended as follows: In place of "move the last sen tence..." place the words, "insert after ¶332.5 a new ¶332.6 which reads, "cere monies that cele brate homo sexual..."

Minority Report:

Insert as ¶332.6 Ceremonies that cele brate ho mo sex ual un ions shall not be re quired of our min is ters not be con ducted in our churches with out the per mis sion of the pas tor in charge.

Con cur rence  Non con cur rence Date /

**1201-NonDis**

**Subject: All ordained clergy participate in an intensive trng to help develop multi-cultural sensitivity**

Com mit tee Item:

HE168-NonDis-R

Petition:

31781-HE-NonDis-O, Pg. 1036

Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 101;

For: 95; Against: 6; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/8

The Com mit tee rec om mends re fer ral to

Board of Higher Ed u ca tion with amend ment as fol lows: In para graph 5 line 4 take out word "man date" and in sert word "en cour age" and next to last para graph add "be en cour aged to "be fore "de velop"

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**1202-315.4**

**Subject: Evangelism as undergraduate requirement for candidates.**

Com mit tee Item: HE172-315.4-C

Petition:

30623-HE-315.4-D, Pg. 952

Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 101;

For: 66; Against: 26; Not Voting: 9;

Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends con cur rence.

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**1203-315.6****Subject: Evangelism as requirement for local pastor candidate.**Com mit tee Item: HE173-315.6-C  
Petition:30625-HE-315.6-D, Pg. 954  
Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 102;  
For: 90; Against: 12; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8The Committee recommends concur-  
rence.

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**1204-1405****Subject: Institutions receiving support shall increase its accessibility for the disabled**Com mit tee Item: HE192-1405-N  
Petitions:31945-HE-1405-D, Pg. 1659;  
31946-HE-1405-D, Pg. 1659  
Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 101;  
For: 94; Against: 6; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/8The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

[ ] Con cur rence [ ] Non con cur rence Date /

**1205-315.9****Subject: Delete "marriage" add "all covenant relationships" regarding examination of ministerial candidates**Com mit tee Item: HE193-315.9-N  
Petition:30637-HE-315.9-D, Pg. 954  
Mem ber ship: 108; Pres ent: 102;  
For: 84; Against: 18; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

[ ] Con cur rence [ ] Non con cur rence Date /

**1206-2303-\$****Subject: Increase Commission membership by 14; WSF supplement funds raised by the Commission**Com mit tee Item: IC45-2303-A\$  
Petition:30286-IC-2303-D\$, Pg. 1096  
Mem ber ship: 73; Pres ent: 56;  
For: 55; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6The Committee recommends concur-  
rence as amended as follows: **Page 1096  
Para 2303**; Pet 30286In crease Com mis sion mem ber ship by  
**16**; WSF match funds raised by the  
Com mis si

on

**Paragraph #1** change thirty-seven (37)  
to thirty-nine (39)**Page 1097; Para graph #5** change from  
One (1) to Three (3) elected pres i dents from  
national or ga ni za tions of United Meth od ist  
Men of central conferences, representing  
each of the three (3) cen tral con fer ence re-  
gions, selected by the central conference  
mem bers of the Col lege of Bish ops.Five [5] mem bers at large elected by the  
com mis sion in clud ing at least two [2]  
young peo plebe tween ages nine teen [19] and thirty  
[30].**Add after Para graph #9:** In addition,  
the GCUMM wel comes pat i ci pa tion from  
per sons re pre sent ing men's min is try in  
Pan-Meth od ist and con cor dat church or ga-  
ni za tions.3. Last sen tence should end"...Pres i dents  
of Cen tral Con fer ence Or ga ni za tions..."**Para > 2302 [2nd para 6]** ADD last sen-  
tence "This shall in clude meet ing and re-  
lated ex penses for the cen tral con fer ence  
pres i dents."

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**1207-2302.2****Subject: Support Scouting and ensure it is meets UM Constit and Soc. Principles values**Com mit tee Item: IC47-2302.2-N  
Petition:31583-IC-2302.2-D, Pg. 1096  
Mem ber ship: 73; Pres ent: 59;  
For: 46; Against: 6; Not Voting: 7;  
Date: 5/6The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

[ ] Con cur rence [ ] Non con cur rence Date /

**1208-0****Subject: All meeting of all bodies of UMC shall be open to the public**Com mit tee Item: IC50-0-N  
Petition:31611-IC-0-C, Pg. 1089  
Mem ber ship: 73; Pres ent: 60;  
For: 45; Against: 12; Not Voting: 3;

Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non con-  
currence.

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**1209-2103.11****Subject: Commission encouraged to explore relationship between spiritual gifts & women in the Bible**Com mit tee Item: IC53-2103.11-A  
Petition:31585-IC-2103.11-D, Pg. 1827  
Mem ber ship: 73; Pres ent: 59;  
For: 33; Against: 21; Not Voting: 5;  
Date: 5/6The Committee recommends concur-  
rence as amended as fol lows: Amend ment  
to PARA 2103.5Add a sec ond sen tence to  
read: "The com mis sion shall also be en-  
cour aged toex plore the re la tion ships be tween  
spir i tual gifts and women in the Bi ble."

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**1210-262.4****Subject: Regardng responsible handling & reporting of offerings**Com mit tee Item: LC9-262.4-A  
Petition:30891-LC-262.4-D, Pg. 1133  
Mem ber ship: 98; Pres ent: 75;  
For: 67; Against: 6; Not Voting: 2;  
Date: 5/6The Committee recommends concur-  
rence as amended as fol lows:

Amend 262.4 a)

The com mit tee shall des ig nate at least  
two per sons (~~preferably not of the same  
family~~) **not of the im me di ate fam ily re-  
sid ing in the same house hold** to count the  
offering. ~~giving a record of funds received  
to both the fi nan cial sec re tary and church  
treas urer.~~ **They shall work un der the su-  
per vi sion of the fi nan cial sec re tary. A re-  
cord of all funds re ceived shall be given to  
the fi nan cial sec re tary and treas urer.**  
Funds re ceived shall be de pos ited promptly  
in ac cor dance with the pro ce dures es tab-  
lished by the com mit tee on fi nance. The fi-  
nan cial sec re tary shall keep re cords of the  
con tri bu tions and pay ments.

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**1211-255.1****Subject: Elect a scouting coordinator when there are scout ministries or civic youth-serving ministries**

Committee Item: LC44-255.1-A

Petition:

30275-LC-255.1-D, Pg. 1122  
Membership: 98; Present: 73;  
For: 57; Against: 16; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend 255.1:

...co or di na tors of young adult and/or older adult ministries may be elected.

**Where there are civic youth-serving agencies or scout ing min is try units present there may shall be elected a scout ing coordinator.** Where needs for ...

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**1212-42****Subject: Add "professing" to clarify those eligible to elect church or charge officers**

Committee Item: LC65-42-C

Petition:

30317-LC-42-C, Pg. 1102  
Membership: 98; Present: 81;  
For: 76; Against: 3; Not Voting: 2;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence.

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**1213-249****Subject: Charge conf. decides whether or not gay unions shall be permitted w/a 2/3 vote needed**

Committee Item: LC85-249-N

Petition:

30885-LC-249-D, Pg. 1115  
Membership: 98; Present: 76;  
For: 65; Against: 10; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

[ ] Con cur rence [ ] Non con cur rence Date /

**1214-R428****Subject: Use of church facilities by community groups**

Committee Item: LC109-R428-A

Petition:

30857-LC-R428-U, Pg. 1144  
Membership: 98; Present: 74;  
For: 48; Against: 18; Not Voting: 8;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Encouragement shall be given for the use of local church facilities by community groups and agencies that serve social and service needs of the total community *that are in keeping with the mission of the United Methodist Church.*

[ ] Con cur rence [ ] Non con cur rence Date /

**1215-NonDis****Subject: Church Council to elect teachers, counselors and officers; nominations shall be by work area chair**

Committee Item:

LC114-NonDis-N

Petition:

31837-LC-NonDis-O, Pg. 1428  
Membership: 98; Present: 66;  
For: 55; Against: 10; Not Voting: 1;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

[ ] Con cur rence [ ] Non con cur rence Date /

**1216-R694****Subject: Use diverse metaphorical images from Bible**

Committee Item: LC118-R694-A

Petition:

30844-LC-R694-U, Pg. 1144  
Membership: 98; Present: 64;  
For: 43; Against: 17; Not Voting: 4;  
Date: 5/6

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Delete current text of "Biblical Language," and replace with the following new text, p. 694:

Whereas, The United Methodist Church affirms the use of biblical language and images in worship and in our common life together, and affirms the use of language that reflects the long-standing commitment to the inclusiveness and diversity of United Methodist members and constituencies;

Therefore, be it resolved, that United Methodist clergy and laity be encouraged to use diverse metaphorical images from the Bible, including masculine/feminine meta

phors; use language for humans that reflects both male and female; use metaphors of *color* darkness, ability, and age in positive rather than exclusively negative ways; andBe it further resolved, that *publications, audio visual media and other materials of the United Methodist Church print and audiovisual media* shall reflect the diverse biblical metaphors, as well as language that reflects the diversity and inclusiveness of humanity.; and~~Be it further resolved, that United Methodist Publishing House will update guidelines for using inclusive language in media that will reflect the issues of gender, race, age, and ability. The guidelines will assist in the use of diverse metaphors for God, including feminine/masculine metaphors, as legitimate, biblical ways to address God. The guidelines will be provided to all general agency staff, conference staff and contracted writers and producers of official United Methodist materials; and~~~~Be it further resolved, that the General Council on Ministries or other appropriate body will update the document "Words that Hurt, Words that Heal" in order to provide biblically and historically grounded resources for using diverse metaphors and language for God, including biblical feminine/masculine language and metaphors. From this resource, the General Council on Ministries or other appropriate body will develop a concise set of guidelines for inclusion in the next edition of *The United Methodist Book of Worship*. "Words that Hurt, Words that Heal" will be studied during the 2004-2008 quadrennium in congregational and other United Methodist settings, and related resources will be provided on the Internet.~~

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**1217-2548.3****Subject: When abandoning a church, D.S. and trustees to notify chair of conf. archives and history**

Committee Item: LC131-2548.3-N

Petition:

30086-LC-2548.3-D, Pg. 1139  
Membership: 98; Present: 80;  
For: 68; Against: 12; Not Voting: 0;  
Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Non concurrence.

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**1218-200**

**Subject: Basic information in 242-244 is resubmitted as new paragraph**

Committee Item: LC133-200-N

Petition:

30339-LC-200-D, Pg. 1111

Membership: 98; Present: 82;

For: 58; Against: 21; Not Voting: 3;

Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends Noncon-  
currence.

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**1219-2542**

**Subject: Use equity to fund redevelopment of dying church**

Committee Item: LC141-2542-A

Petition:

31592-LC-2542-D, Pg. 1137

Membership: 98; Present: 82;

For: 58; Against: 22; Not Voting: 2;

Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concur-  
rence as amended as fol lows:

Add a new subparagraph to the  
end of 2542:

Ex cep tion to this re stric tion may be  
granted in specifically designated in-  
stances to al low use of eq uity and/or ac-  
cumulated assets from the sale of  
prop erty to pro vide for con gre ga tional  
re-development efforts including pro-  
gram and staff. Such ex cep tion may be  
granted by the annual conference, the  
bishop, and the cab i net upon re quest of  
the lo cal church in con sul ta tion with con-  
gre ga tion de vel op ment staff where appli-  
cable. A clear and detailed 3-5 year

re-development plan that projects a  
self-supporting ministry must accom-  
pany the re quest.

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**1220-262.2**

**Subject: Notify pastor or staff of meeting w/DS if that pastor/staff's continued employment is discussed**

Committee Item: LC145-262.2-C

Petition:

31152-LC-262.2-D, Pg. 1132

Membership: 98; Present: 83;

For: 67; Against: 14; Not Voting: 2;

Date: 5/8

The Committee recommends concur-  
rence.

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## Removed from the consent Calendar

### 354-68

Re moved from con sent cal en dar A03by  
the fol low ing peo ple:

Howard, Clifton  
Stroman, Pat  
Sands, Judy  
Smith, Hiram  
Goad, Babe

Ew ing, E. Keith  
Barnes, Wil liam S.  
Fields, Lynette  
Courtoy, Charles W.  
Bass, Ressie Mae

Fukumoto, JoAnn Y.  
Wilkes, Beverly L.

### 475-647.1

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the fol low ing peo ple:

Pe ter son, John D.  
Kelsey-Powell, Ana K.  
Willson, June B.  
Elliott, Joshua A.  
Jones-Yelvington, Tim

### 461-NonD

Re moved from con sent cal en dar C03by  
the fol low ing peo ple:

Doyle, Lin  
Allread, Ardith  
Scott, Wil liam D.

### 355-69

Re moved from con sent cal en dar A03by  
the fol low ing peo ple:

Corrections to Consent  
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