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Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg

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7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Arrival Break
7:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Exhibits Open
7:30 AM	Shuttle pick-up to Clergy & Leadership Training (Mission Experience) — SCC Street Entrance
7:45 AM	Consecration Prayer
7:45 AM	Doors open to Worship
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9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Legislative Committees
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11:30 AM	Shuttle to Health Checks (Mission Experience)
11:30 AM	Shuttle to Children's Bible Camp (Mission Experience)
11:30 AM	Shuttle to Christian Discipleship Discussions (Mission Experience)
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	GC26 Shuttle Hotels
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1:00 PM	Shuttle returns from Clergy & Leadership Training
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1:45 PM – 3:15 PM	Legislative Committees
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3:45 PM – 6:00 PM	Legislative Committees
4:30 PM	Shuttle return from Health Checks
5:00 PM	Shuttle return from Children's Bible Camp
5:00 PM	Shuttle return from Christian Discipleship Discussions
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM	GC26 Shuttle Hotels
6:00 PM	Deadline for Submitting Committee Actions
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Dinner on own
7:00 PM	Consecration Prayer
7:30 PM – 9:30 PM	Legislative Committees (as needed)
7:30 PM – 9:30 PM	Worship Rehearsal with Zimbabwe Choir
8:00 PM	GC26 Shuttle Off-Site Lodging
9:15 PM – 10:00 PM	GC26 Shuttle Hotels
10:00 PM	Deadline for Submitting Committee Actions

CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

CHANGE TO NOMINATIONS

The following nominees did not make the slate of commission and committee nominations due to a submission error. Please add them to your slate.

- Conferences Commission – clergy member – Keihwan Kevin Ryoo
- Connectional Council – lay member – Eugene Paik
- Council on Appeals – clergy member – Sungwon Nam, Yon Taek Bae
- Discipleship, Doctrine, and Just Ministry Commission – clergy member – Theddius J Kim, David Ryu (Sung-Soo); Lay member – Jonathan S. Jeon
- Ecumenical Relationships – lay member – Kiho D Sohn
- Finance, Administration, Pensions, and Benefits Commission – lay member – Sung-Soo Kim
- General Conference Commission – clergy member – Ilyoung William Kim, David Ryu (Sung-Soo), Yon Taek Bae
- Global Episcopacy Committee – clergy member – Ilyoung William Kim, Theddius J Kim; Lay member – Kiho D Sohn
- Kingdom Advancement Commission – lay member – Yoonhee Kang
- Ministry and Higher Education Commission – clergy member – Sungwon Nam; Lay member – Jonathan S. Jeon

Kingdom Advancement

- Greg West*, clergy nominee, is a current member of the commission.

REFERRALS

- **Petition 1105** (page 518) is referred from the Constitution, Connectional Organization, and Finance Legislative Committee to the Ministry Legislative Committee.
- **Petition 1106** (page 522) is referred from the Constitution, Connectional Organization, and Finance Legislative Committee to the Ministry Legislative Committee.
- **Petition 1107** (page 524) is referred from the Constitution, Connectional Organization, and Finance Legislative Committee to the Ministry Legislative Committee.
- **Petition 1115** (page 464) is referred from the Constitution, Connectional Organization, and Finance Legislative Committee to the Judicial Administration Legislative Committee.
- **Petition 1129** (page 519) is referred from the Constitution, Connectional Organization, and Finance Legislative Committee to the Ministry Legislative Committee.
- **Petition 1245** (page 429) is referred from the Constitution, Connectional Organization, and Finance Legislative Committee to the Conferences Legislative Committee.
- **Petition 1266** (page 523) is referred from the Constitution, Connectional Organization, and Finance Legislative Committee to the Ministry Legislative Committee.

DELEGATION CHANGES

Virginia

- Withdraw lay alternate Michael Thomas Huff, add lay reserve Eric Roy Shuey as the new lay alternate.

EPISCOPAL NOMINEES

- Baziel Yoila Yayuba has withdrawn from standing for election as a bishop. “This does not mean withdrawing my support for the Global Methodist Church. I remain fully committed to the Church, its leadership, and the mission of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world.”

PRAYER CORRECTION

- It was not Gabriella Kopas who was taken to the hospital, it was Adwoa Brewu, representative of the Aldersgate Europe emerging area. Please keep Adwoa in your prayers.

CORRECTION TO YESTERDAY'S DAILY JOURNAL

- Yesterday's Daily Journal incorrectly stated that the congregations affected by the flooding in Nepal are Global Methodist congregations. They are not. These churches exist and remain in our prayers, but they are not Global Methodist congregations.

CORRECTION TO PETITIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- Yesterday's Daily Journal reported three petitions of the Judicial Administration Legislative Committee as supported. None of the three was approved. The disposition printed for each is corrected below, and one vote total is corrected with it.
- Consent Agenda JUD-1A should not have appeared in yesterday's edition at all. Petitions 1114 and 1327 were its only members, and both belong on JUD-1B.

Petition 1114 — Additional Flexibility for Unresolved Complaints (Report page 570)

- Printed as Supported as Original on Consent Agenda JUD-1A. Correctly: Rejected in Favor of, on Consent Agenda JUD-1B — Petition Rejected. Vote: 25 Yes / 1 No / 0 Abstentions.

Petition 1327 — Full Biblical Accountability (Report page 571)

- Printed as Supported as Original on Consent Agenda JUD-1A, with a vote of 29 Yes / 1 No / 1 Abstention. Correctly: Not Approved as Original, on Consent Agenda JUD-1B — Petition Rejected, with a vote of 29 Yes / 1 No / 0 Abstentions.

Petition 1045 — Petition to amend Paragraph 905 from the Book of Doctrines and Discipline (Report page 572)

- Printed as Supported as Original. Correctly: Not Approved as Original. Its placement was right: at 21 Yes / 8 No / 0 Abstentions it does not reach the consent threshold and was properly taken as an individual consideration.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS ADDED

Social Witness Legislative Committee Officers

Subcommittee A

- Daniel Buck, chair (Great Lakes)
- David Spivey, secretary (North Carolina)

Subcommittee B

- Mandy White, chair (West Plains)
- Becky Heeren, secretary (Upper Midwest)

PETITIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Committee Actions

Sunday, 30 August 2026 – Monday, 31 August 2026

Day 2 calendars. In a consent-agenda identifier the digit is the conference day and the letter its disposition, A supported and B rejected. A petition may be moved off a consent agenda from the floor, in which case it is taken and recorded on its own. Committee actions taken on Sunday and reported in the Monday edition are not repeated here.

DOCTRINES AND SACRAMENTS | PETITIONS COMPLETED

Consent Agenda DS-2A – Petitions Supported

Petition 1077 Page 27 **Clarify Inclusive Interpretation of Wesley Writings**

Supported as Amended: 45 Yes / 3 No / 2 Abstentions

Amendment:

Change to the rationale:

Footnote: It is permissible

Petition 1140 Page 39 **Simplify Professing Membership Paragraph**

Supported as Original: 58 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1300 Page 36 **Clarification of Granting Sacramental Authority to Deacons**

Supported as Original: 51 Yes / 1 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1331 Page 45 **Local Authority to Serve Wine Without Requiring Grape Juice**

Supported as Amended: 50 Yes / 1 No / 1 Abstention

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

Congregations may serve either wine or grape juice in the celebration of Holy Communion, according to the practice and discernment of the local church. Congregations should seek to serve either wine or grape juice in the celebration of Holy Communion, according to the practice and discernment of the local church.

In cases where a person cannot receive wine due to concerns related to alcohol, provision should be made for grape juice under pastoral guidance.

Petition 1406 Page 43 **Global Unity, Local Flexibility: Faithful Church Membership**

Supported as Amended: 36 Yes / 3 No / 12 Abstentions

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

Faithful membership in the local church requires active participation in the means of grace, including acts of piety and acts of mercy. These actions position us to receive God's grace individually and communally as we encounter Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. As we receive God's grace, we expect God to transform us, causing us to grow in holiness and be perfected in love

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Petition 1428 Page 37 **Addition of Growth in Holiness to Baptismal Vows**

Supported as Amended: 52 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

Do you commit yourself to growing in holiness and pursuing Christian Perfection? **entire sanctification?**

Do you commit yourself to receiving and pursuing holiness and entire sanctification?

Petition 1430 Page 42 **Addition of Growth in Holiness to Membership Vows**
Supported as Amended: 55 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

~~Are you growing in holiness and pursuing Christian Perfection?~~

Do you commit yourself to receiving and pursuing holiness and entire sanctification?

*Will you be a faithful member of the [Name] Global Methodist Church (or alternatively the [Name], a Global Methodist local church), doing all in your power to strengthen its ministries through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness as Christ's representative **disciple** in this world?*

Consent Agenda DS-2B — Petitions Rejected

Petition 1011 Page 34 **Petition on Sacramental Authority**
Not Approved as Original: 51 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1056 Page 5 **Seeking All the Power and Gifts of the Holy Spirit**
Rejected in Favor of: 51 Yes / 0 No / 2 Abstentions

Petition 1061 Page 33 **Addition of the “Catechism of The Global Methodist Church” to “PART ONE: DOCTRINE”**
Not Approved as Original: 50 Yes / 3 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1062 Page 35 **Extending Sacramental Authority to Trained Laity**
Not Approved as Original: 48 Yes / 2 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1315 Page 41 **Making Disciples**
Rejected in Favor of: 52 Yes / 0 No / 6 Abstentions

Petition 1403 Page 9 **Global Unity, Local Flexibility: More Than Aspirational**
Rejected in Favor of: 51 Yes / 0 No / 2 Abstentions

Petition 1404 Page 10 **Global Unity, Local Flexibility: For the Local Church**
Rejected in Favor of: 51 Yes / 0 No / 2 Abstentions

Petition 1405 Page 40 **Global Unity, Local Flexibility: Church Membership Expectations**
Not Approved as Original: 55 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1461 Page 8 **Worship as New Creation People**
Rejected in Favor of: 51 Yes / 0 No / 2 Abstentions

Individual Consideration — Not on a Consent Agenda

Petition 1013 Page 44 **The Meaning of Holy Communion**
Supported as Amended: 51 Yes / 1 No / 2 Abstentions

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

~~Par. 421. THE MEANING OF HOLY COMMUNION. In the Sacrament of Holy Communion which is also called The Lord's Supper and the Eucharist we are invited into deep participative fellowship with Jesus Christ (Greek *koinonia*: 1 Cor 10:16-17). Jesus is actively and sacramentally present in the bread and the cup as well as with the communicants as his Holy Church. Moreover through the Sacrament Christ convicts forgives heals fortifies empowers sanctifies transforms and provides many spiritual fruits and gifts to communicants. As we receive the Sacrament continuously it is sustaining food for our lifelong Christian pilgrimage.~~

Holy Communion is normatively practiced within the gathered congregation which is assembled as the living Body of Christ to *remember* the living Head of the Body Jesus Christ the Risen Lord. This remembrance is much more

than a psychological-historical recall—viz. a calling back to mind of a past event (Greek *mimneskoma*). Holy Communion manifests a divine-kairological recall—viz. a calling back of Christ in his Real Presence as a living sign: “Do this to call *me* back” (Greek *anamnesis*). Thus the Sacrament is a personal and supernatural meeting between the Church and the Lord of the Church. In and through the Sacrament the communicants actually encounter (meet) the Crucified and Risen Jesus Christ who is present as the Host of his Table (1 Cor 11:23–26).—

In the service of divine worship the Sacrament of Holy Communion which is practiced as the Wesleyan Altar Call should follow the Proclamation of the Word. The two—both Word *and* Sacrament—should be pragmatically held together in the primary worship service of the local Methodist church. In the Wesleyan-Methodist imperative—pastors and local congregations should offer the “constant” opportunity for the people to receive the Holy Sacrament and to encounter the Living and Risen Jesus Christ at his at least weekly Word and Table meeting. (See John Wesley’s Sermon 101 “The Duty of Constant Communion”.) Word and Sacrament constantly used together are the preeminent Means of Grace for Christian growth in holiness and discipleship. Therefore they should be practiced by each local church as often as possible.

It is prudent for the properly consecrated elements of Holy Communion to be taken to those who could not be physically present in the regular weekly service of worship. It is also prudent to offer non-alcoholic juice and gluten-free bread as health alternatives.—

THE MEANING AND MODE OF HOLY COMMUNION. Like baptism, the sacrament of Holy Communion is a sign of God’s grace present through the physical elements, offering the Gospel promise that all who come to Christ in repentance and faith receive new life in him. In Holy Communion, also known as the Lord’s Supper or the Eucharist (from the Greek word for “thanksgiving”), we are invited into fellowship (koino nia) with the effectual real spiritual presence of Christ Jesus in the whole of the sacrament; we participate in the communion of saints with the church universal; and we are given a foretaste of God’s eternal banquet, the marriage supper of the Lamb. The sacrament may be offered to all who repent of sin and desire to draw near to God and lead a life of obedience to Christ. Holy Communion is normally celebrated in the midst of the congregation, physically gathered to remember and respond to God’s mighty acts of salvation revealed in Holy Scripture. Local congregations are urged to ensure regular opportunities for the congregation to commune in word and table. John Wesley argued that “it is the duty of every Christian to receive the Lord’s Supper as often as he can.”²⁰ This is because Christ commands it and we receive great benefits through it; we receive “the food of our souls.” God has given us the Lord’s Supper, according to Wesley, “that through this means we may be assisted to attain those blessings which he hath prepared for us; that we may obtain holiness on earth, and everlasting glory in heaven.”²² Thus, believers should partake of Holy Communion as often as they can. Holy Communion recalls Jesus’s actions at the Last Supper: he took the bread and cup, gave thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples. Thus, the Communion liturgy should reflect these actions by including: • the taking/preparation of the bread and cup; • a time for repentance and confession of sins, including a pronouncement of pardon for sins; • thanksgiving for the gifts about to be received; • the words of institution, which recall Jesus’s words at the Last Supper; • the prayer of invocation, in which the Holy Spirit is invited to make the gifts of bread and wine become for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ; • the breaking of the bread; and • the distribution of the elements to all who repent of sin and desire to draw near to God and lead a life of obedience to Christ. Those who cannot (or choose not to) receive the eucharistic elements for whatever reason are still encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing. The elements of Holy Communion may be taken to those whose condition prevents them from being physically present. We encourage the use of nonalcoholic wine or juice for Holy Communion. Nonalcoholic juice must be offered as an option where wine is used.

Petition 1443 Page 28 Clarify Understanding of Wesley’s Sermons and Notes

Supported as Amended: 56 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

¶ 107. FOUNDATIONAL WESLEYAN STANDARDS FOR CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP. Representing the normative contributions and emphases of Methodism’s articulation of the Christian faith, the Wesleyan Standards have, to one degree or another, been broadly shared between the spiritual descendants of the eighteenth-century evangelical renewal led by John and Charles Wesley. These historic standards teach us what it means to be Methodist and the teachings of our communities should remain consistent with their main doctrinal themes, theological teachings, and piety. These standards teach us what it means to be Methodist and the teachings of our communities should be consistent with them. **These Wesleyan Standards must be respected throughout our Church as important documents for our theological grounding. They should shape the faith and ministry of our clergy and other**

~~teachers, and all Global Methodists are encouraged to consult them as resources to guide their understanding of Scripture and theology. Given the great breadth of topics covered and John Wesley's brief expressions of personal opinions on non-essential issues, the Global Methodist Church does not expect the same level of conformity with every statement made in these particular Wesleyan Standards as it does with the doctrinal standards of the preceding paragraphs, as long as our approaches to these Wesleyan Standards do not "strike at the root" of historic or Wesleyan Christian faith, do not contradict the core theological teachings and themes of these documents, and remain aligned with our other standards of doctrine.~~ These Wesleyan Standards include the following:

LOCAL CHURCH | PETITIONS COMPLETED

Consent Agenda LC-2A — Petitions Supported

Petition 1031 Page 98 **Clarifying Membership**
Supported as Original: 50 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1032 Page 133 **Removing a Spurious Reference**
Supported as Original: 51 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1098 Page 96 **Clarifying the Definition of Baptized Membership**
Supported as Amended: 49 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

The baptized membership of a local church shall include all baptized people who have received Christian baptism in the local congregation ~~or elsewhere, or and those~~ whose membership has been transferred to the local church ~~subsequent to after receiving Christian baptism in some other another~~ congregation.

The baptized membership of a local church shall include all baptized persons who received Christian baptism in the local congregation, and all persons received into the local church who previously received Christian baptism in another congregation.

Petition 1139 Page 97 **Clarifying the Definition of Professing Membership**
Supported as Original: 50 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1142 Page 108 **Clarifying the Process of Transferring Membership**
Supported as Amended: 51 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

¶ 423. TRANSFER FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS. A member in good standing in any Christian denomination who has received Holy Baptism as defined by ¶415 and desires to unite with the Global Methodist Church may be received as either a baptized or a professing member. A person may be received as a baptized member by notification of transfer from that person's previous church or **other satisfactory evidence** of Holy baptism. A person may be received as a professing member after meeting the requirements above for baptized membership and taking the **vows of membership** (see ¶¶ 411, 418, 419). The pastor will report the reception of all transferring members to that person's previous church. **For persons received by transfer, the pastor shall notify the previous church of the date of reception.** It is recommended that instruction in the faith, work, and polity of the Global Methodist church be provided for all such persons.

Petition 1158 Page 130 **Clarify Membership of Church Committees**
Supported as Amended: 51 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

2. Members of all boards, councils, commissions, committees, and task forces in a local church shall be persons of genuine Christian character who love God and the church, are morally disciplined, are committed to the mandate of inclusiveness in the life of the church, are loyal to the ethical standards of the Global Methodist Church, and are competent to administer its affairs. All persons with vote must be professing members of the

~~Global Methodist Church on the active membership roll of the local church where they serve. The pastor in charge is the administrative officer of the local church and, as such, shall be an ex officio member with vote of all its conferences, boards, councils, commissions, committees, and task forces, unless otherwise restricted by the Book of Doctrines and Discipline. The pastor in charge may also designate another pastor appointed to the church to take their place as the ex officio member of any board, council, commission, committee, or task force.~~

2. Members of all official administrative bodies boards, councils, commissions, committees, and task forces in a local church shall be persons of genuine Christian character who love God and the church, are morally disciplined, are committed to the mandate of inclusiveness in the life of the church, are loyal to the ethical standards of the Global Methodist Church, and are competent to administer its affairs. All lay persons with vote must be professing members of the Global Methodist Church on the active membership roll of the local church where they serve. The pastor in charge is the administrative officer of the local church and, as such, shall be an ex officio member with vote of all its official administrative bodies conferences, boards, councils, commissions, committees, and task forces, unless otherwise restricted by the Book of Doctrines and Discipline. The pastor in charge may also designate another pastor appointed to the church to take their place as the ex officio member of any official administrative bodies board, council, commission, committee, or task force.

Petition 1159 Page 132 **Define Quorum for All Church Committees**
Supported as Original: 51 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1161 Page 135 **Clarify Which Pastor Can Call a Charge Conference**
Supported as Original: 51 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1162 Page 137 **New Section to Allow Electronic Charge Conferences**
Supported as Original: 51 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1163 Page 138 **Clarify Ability to Call a Local Charge Conference**
Supported as Original: 51 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1169 Page 164 **Clarify Role of Church Council**
Supported as Original: 51 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1170 Page 166 **Clarify Who Can Call Special Meetings of the Church Council**
Supported as Original: 51 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1173 Page 172 **Clarify Membership and Purpose of Nominations and Leadership Development Committee**
Supported as Amended: 47 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

~~1. The Nominations and Leadership Development Committee shall serve throughout the year to guide the church council on matters regarding the leadership (other than the pastors and employed staff) of the congregation, so as to focus on mission and ministry as the context for service; guide the development and training of spiritual leaders; recruit, nurture, and support spiritual leaders; and assist the church council in assessing changing leadership needs.~~

1. The Nominations and Leadership Development Committee shall serve throughout the year to guide the church council on matters regarding the lay leadership (other than the pastors and employed staff) of the congregation, so as to focus on mission and ministry as the context for service; guide the development and training of spiritual leaders; recruit, nurture, and support spiritual leaders; and assist the church council in assessing changing leadership needs.

~~4. To secure experience and stability, the membership may be divided into three classes, one of which would be elected each year for a three-year term. The lay leader is exempt from the three-year term on this committee. Retiring members of the committee shall not succeed themselves. Only one person from an immediate family residing in the same household shall serve on the committee. The lay leader shall not serve as a member of the committee if they are restricted by the above family relationships. When vacancies occur during the year, successors shall be elected by the church council.~~

4. The charge conference shall determine the committee's size, membership, and terms of service. ~~To secure-~~

~~experience and stability, the membership may be divided into three classes, one of which would be elected each year for a three-year term. The lay leader is exempt from the three-year term on this committee. Retiring members of the committee shall not succeed themselves. Only one person from an immediate family residing in the same household shall serve on the committee. The lay leader shall not serve as a member of the committee if they are restricted by the above family relationships. When vacancies occur during the year, successors shall be elected by the church council.~~

~~5. In the identification and selection process, care shall be given that the leadership of ministries reflects inclusivity and diversity.~~

~~5. In the identification and selection process, care shall be given that the leadership of ministries reflects inclusivity and diversity. In recommending leaders, the committee shall consider the congregation's diversity, the spiritual gifts of its members, and the leadership needed for its mission and ministry.~~

Petition 1207 Page 149 **Clarify Duty of Charge Conference to Explain Connectional Funding**
Supported as Original: 51 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1302 Page 129 **Ensuring Safety in This Matter**
Supported as Original: 50 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1398 Page 106 **Global Unity, Local Clarity: Simplifying Inactive Membership Provisions**
Supported as Amended: 47 Yes / 0 No / 1 Abstention

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

Members placed on the inactive roll may remain in that status while efforts are made to restore them to active membership. **Members on the inactive roll shall be restricted from leadership and voting.** The charge conference may remove inactive members by a two-thirds vote upon recommendation of the pastor.

Petition 1399 Page 105 **Global Unity, Local Clarity: Clarifying Member Accountability and Restoration**
Supported as Original: 46 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1400 Page 104 **Global Unity, Local Flexibility: Simplifying Pastoral Discipleship Responsibility**
Supported as Amended: 45 Yes / 0 No / 1 Abstention

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

~~**The pastor shall ensure that members are cared for and equipped for ministry through discipleship.**~~
The pastor shall ensure that members are cared for and equipped for ministry through an intentional discipleship process that helps members go on to Christian perfection.

Petition 1401 Page 103 **Global Unity, Local Clarity: Simplifying Member Participation Expectations**
Supported as Amended: 51 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

Each member shall fulfill their vows of baptism and membership by faithfully participating in the life and ministry of the church. Each congregation shall establish and communicate clear expectations for its members.

Consent Agenda LC-2B — Petitions Rejected

Petition 1160 Page 134 **Remove Diaconal Ministers and Retired Clergy from Charge Conference Membership**
Rejected in Favor of: 51 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1171 Page 170 **Clarify Review of Housing and Benefits**
Rejected in Favor of: 51 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1366 Page 173 **Global Unity, Local Clarity: Simplifying Leadership Development Structure**
Rejected in Favor of: 48 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1367 Page 171 **Global Unity, Local Flexibility: Simplifying Council Membership and Quorum**
Not Approved as Original: 46 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1368 Page 169 **Global Unity, Local Clarity: Simplifying Responsibilities of the Church Council**
Not Approved as Original: 45 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1369 Page 167 **Global Unity, Local Flexibility: Simplifying Church Council Meetings**
Rejected in Favor of: 51 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1382 Page 131 **Global Unity, Local Clarity: Clarifying Qualifications for Church Leadership**
Rejected in Favor of: 51 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1396 Page 109 **Global Unity, Local Clarity: Simplifying Reception from Other Denominations**
Rejected in Favor of: 50 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1397 Page 107 **Global Unity, Local Flexibility:**
Removing Annual Membership Renewal Requirement
Not Approved as Original: 49 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1410 Page 99 **Covenantal Connections: Laity**
Not Approved as Original: 50 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1411 Page 136 **Charge Conference Authority and Church-Wide Votes**
Rejected in Favor of: 51 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Individual Consideration — Not on a Consent Agenda

Petition 1370 Page 165 **Global Unity, Local Clarity: Removing Programmatic Ministry Descriptions**
Not Approved as Original: 33 Yes / 16 No / 0 Abstentions

MINISTRY | PETITIONS COMPLETED

Consent Agenda MIN-2A — Petitions Supported

Petition 1126 Page 283 **Ministerial Training Fund-Corrected Format**
Supported as Amended: 52 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

¶511. MINISTERIAL TRAINING FUND. A fund for ministerial education shall be maintained by the Connectional Council of the Global Methodist Church. The Finance, Administration, Pension and Benefits Commission will annually assess the fund and recommend the total amount available for distribution. Funds shall be allotted to Annual Conferences in accordance with the policy established by the Ministry and Higher Education Commission. A certified candidate or clergy person pursuing educational requirements for ordination, may request a scholarship from their Annual Conference Board of Ministry to assist with educational expenses. **All previously dispersed funds shall be considered as grants and not loans.**

Petition 1128 Page 242 **Character and Competency of the Ordained.**
Supported as Amended: 58 Yes / 2 No / 0 Abstentions

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

¶505. CHARACTER AND COMPETENCY OF THE ORDAINED. ~~Those to be ordained must meet the following qualifications in the same spirit as John Wesley's 1756 Address to the Clergy, before clergy are ordained, they are to demonstrate a distinct formation and competency.~~ Ordained clergy must meet the following qualifications in the same spirit as John Wesley's 1756 Address to the Clergy, they are to demonstrate a distinct formation and competency. All education (Para. 507) seeks to serve these formative competencies:

Commitment to live in covenant through Wesleyan classes and bands, or similar fellowship groups.

Emotional maturity within systems of accountability

Integrity in all relationships, including fidelity in a Christian marriage between one man and one woman, or celibacy in singleness.

Freedom from love of money, praise, ambition, sensuality, and diversions

Freedom from love of wealth, praise, ambition, sensuality, and diversions

Careful abstinence from all evil and its appearance

Models and equips for disciple-making multiplication

Ability to defend the orthodox faith

Demonstrated ability to empower laity and raise up future clergy

Ability to defend the orthodox faith

Commitment to Wesleyan spiritual formation

Demonstrated ability to empower laity and raise up future clergy

Petition 1408 Page 275 **Restoring the Historic Questions for Elder Ordination**
Supported as Original: 51 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1449 Page 227 **Incorporating Missionaries within the Denominationally Recognized Offices of Ministry**

Supported as Amended: 50 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

2. With the exception of the offices of bishop and presiding elder, which are reserved for elders, all laity and clergy may serve in various offices. Offices of ministry refer to what followers of Christ do for the general building up of the body of Christ. Offices include, but are not limited to, apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers, administrators, miracle workers, healers, and helpers (Eph. 4:11-13; 1 Cor. 12:28). ~~Offices include, but are not limited to, apostles, prophets, missionaries, evangelists, pastors, teachers, administrators, miracle workers, healers, and helpers (Eph. 4:11-13; 1 Cor. 12:28).~~ Offices include, but are not limited to, apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers, missionaries, administrators, miracle workers, healers, and helpers (Eph. 4:11-13; 1 Cor. 12:28). The Holy Spirit works in and through a call to ministry and the subsequent discernment and affirmation of that call by the church.

Consent Agenda MIN-2B — Petitions Rejected

Petition 1070 Page 259 **Clarification on Educational Requirements**
Rejected in Favor of: 55 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1084 Page 282 **Ministerial Training Fund**
Rejected in Favor of: 50 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1085 Page 262 **Clarification on Educational Pathways**
Rejected in Favor of: 55 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1135 Page 234 **Clergy Orders**
Not Approved as Original: 60 Yes / 0 No / 1 Abstention

Petition 1148 Page 268 **Elders Requirement of Finance and Administration Training**
Rejected in Favor of: 55 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1294 Page 271 **Remove Superfluous Information About Degrees**
Rejected in Favor of: 55 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1346 Page 272 **Educational Pathways**
Rejected in Favor of: 55 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Individual Consideration — Not on a Consent Agenda

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

¶507. EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ORDINATION. 1. Educational Objectives. Following the admonition of John Wesley to unite both knowledge and vital piety, candidates for ordination as a deacon or elder within the Global Methodist Church must fulfill basic educational requirements as a part of their preparation process. ~~As a global church, the specific requirements may vary in different regions of the world (¶507.2), but all shall be aimed at ensuring that our clergy everywhere have studied to “present themselves to God as one approved, as workers who do not need to be ashamed and who correctly handle the word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15). As a global church, the specific requirements may vary in different regions of the world (¶507.2), but all shall be aimed at ensuring that our clergy everywhere meet the requirements of ¶505 and have studied to “present themselves to God as one approved, as workers who do not need to be ashamed and who correctly handle the word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15).~~

2. Pathways to Ordination. While educational programs and opportunities may be different based upon geography and life circumstances, those wishing to serve God’s people through ordination within the Global Methodist Church should pursue the highest level of learning and preparation possible. The historic degree in North American settings, designed to prepare an elder for a lifetime of ministry, is generally the Master of Divinity (MDiv), though an equivalent education is possible through such degrees as a Master of Arts (MA) in biblical studies, a Master’s in Ministry (MMin), a Master’s in Theology (MTh), or, for persons residing other than in the United States and Europe, a Bachelor’s degree (BA) in the practice of ministry including biblical studies. In addition, individuals whose setting, age, or life circumstances make such formal academic degree programs difficult or impracticable may, with a secondary diploma, complete a nondegree certificate of pastoral studies from an educational program or programs approved by the Commission on Ministry, requiring the completion of at least the core classes outlined below. a. The Global Methodist Church expects those called to serve God’s people through ordination to pursue the highest level of learning and preparation possible, in accordance with educational systems throughout the world.

Prior to pursuing education for clergy credentialing, the candidate for ordained ministry shall have completed at least a secondary education or its equivalent.

b. Once certified by the annual conference board of ministry (¶506.3), the candidate for ministry will share in writing with the board of ministry their planned pursuit of education requirements. The Board of Ministry shall maintain a connection with the candidate for educational and formative progress annually.

c. Three recognized approved programs of study fulfill the needed educational requirements for credentialing as an ordained clergy person: (1) DEGREED educational programming, (2) COURSE OF STUDY certificate programming, or (3) GLOBAL METHODIST SCHOOL OF MINISTRY programming as stipulated in ¶507.7.b.

d. All programming in ¶507.2.c. (degreed, course of study, and school of ministry) shall include the prescribed courses toward ordination as stipulated in ¶507.3 for deacon and also ¶507.4 for elder. All programs approved to train candidates for ordination shall be designated as such by the Ministry and Higher Education Commission upon recommendation of its Committee on Approval, according to ¶810.

A list of approved schools or programs for ministry education will be maintained by the Commission on Ministry and Higher Education. Beginning January 1, 2026, candidates for ordination are required to choose from the list of approved institutions or programs to complete educational requirements for ordination. A listing of approved schools and programs for ministry education will be maintained by the Ministry and Higher Education Commission. As of January 1, 2026, students beginning their studies are required to choose from the list of approved institutions or programs to complete educational requirements for ordination. Students who have completed their studies or enrolled prior to January 1, 2026, are not required to complete their studies at an approved school.

The Global Methodist Church will accept courses, singly or in combination, from any of the above listed degree or certificate programs, so long as the required courses are successfully completed for the level of ordination being

pursued.

Students who are engaged in or have completed a theological degree or its equivalent prior to joining the Global Methodist Church will have their transcripts audited by the Board of Ministry for equivalency. All such students should be expected to take additional courses for theological and polity congruence. *3. Deacons' Educational Requirements.* ~~A total of ten courses (approximately thirty credit hours) are required for those ordained as deacons.~~ A total of 10 courses are required for those ordained as deacons. These ten courses are:

- Introduction to Old Testament
- Introduction to New Testament
- Systematic Theology
- Wesleyan Theology and Doctrine
- Methodist History and Polity of the Global Methodist Church
- Basics of Preaching
 - Pastoral Care
 - Evangelism and Mission
 - Wesleyan Understanding of the Sacraments and Worship
- Inductive Bible Study or Hermeneutics

4. Elders' Educational Requirements. ~~Individuals who have been previously ordained as a deacon in the Global Methodist Church may be eligible to be ordained as an elder in the Global Methodist Church following the completion of at least ten additional courses, including eight required courses as follows:~~ ~~**Individuals who have been previously ordained as a deacon in the Global Methodist Church may be eligible to be ordained as an elder in the Global Methodist Church following the completion of at least ten additional courses, including eight required courses listed below.**~~ **Individuals who have been previously ordained as a deacon in the Global Methodist Church may be eligible to be ordained as an elder in the Global Methodist Church following the completion of at least ten additional courses, including nine required courses listed below.** Courses may be combined/distributed by approved schools and programs.

- History of Christianity Through the Reformation
- History of Christianity, Reformation to the Present
- Apologetics
- Wesleyan Discipleship and Spiritual Formation
- Christian Leadership and Conflict Resolution
- An additional Old Testament Class
- An additional New Testament Class
- Ministry of the Holy Spirit

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Remaining Elective Courses may be chosen from among the following areas:

- Mission of the Church and Church Renewal
- Cross-Cultural Ministry and Evangelism
- Advanced Preaching • Hebrew or Greek language studies
 - Pastoral Counseling
 - **Church Finance and Administration**
 - Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) in a hospital or similar setting
 - Philosophy of Religion
 - Field Study in Israel
- Theology Electives

- Theology of Worship
- Children or Youth Ministry
- Gospel Vision for Justice
- Media and Modern Applications
- Directed Internship or independent study

Under rare exceptions, candidates may petition the Board of Ministry to exercise discretion to grant equivalency to these requirements based on applicable life experience or education. These exceptions shall not exceed 20% of the overall education requirements. **An Annual Conference Board of Ministry may grant exceptions to the educational requirements for Deacons or Elder defined in paragraph 507 for a Conference-certified candidate for ministry. Such an exception would require a 3/4 majority recommendation from the Board of Ministry to the Annual Conference Clergy Session.**

5. Global Education Committee. A Global Education Committee shall be formed as part of the Commission on Ministry and Higher Education that shall serve to encourage and connect Wesleyan theological education in the varying regions around the world, ensuring consistent standards for training clergy that align with the missional and theological aims of the Global Methodist Church.

5. Assessments. In addition to the written requirements and Board of Ministry interviews, Deacon and Elder ordination candidates shall demonstrate their competency through a written or oral examination developed by the Ministry and Higher Education Commission. The examinations shall be evaluated by the Annual Conference Board of Ministry using rubrics produced by the Ministry and Higher Education Commission.

6. Continuing Education for Clergy. Following ordination as a deacon or elder, clergy are expected to continue learning throughout their lifetimes by means of classes, retreats, seminars, and study leaves on at least an annual basis wherever possible. Time in continuing education shall not be counted as vacation or personal time.

7. Certification of Classes and Nondegree Certificate of Pastoral Studies Programs. The Commission on Ministry and Higher Education will determine whether courses at a given institution meet the requirements listed in this paragraph. Each annual conference board of ministry shall certify that the courses taken by a person correspond sufficiently to these areas. The Commission on Ministry and Higher Education will recommend competencies and courses for ministerial training, as well as establish standards for and supervise approved nondegree certificate of pastoral studies programs in conjunction with the annual conference boards of ministry. a. The Commission on Ministry and Higher Education, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Approval, will determine whether courses at a given institution meet the requirements listed in this paragraph. The Ministry and Higher Education Commission will recommend competencies and courses for ministerial training, as well as establish standards for and supervise approved degree and non-degree certificate of pastoral studies programs in conjunction with the annual conference boards of ministry. These standards shall be listed on the Global Methodist Church website annually.

b. The Global Methodist Church takes into consideration the exceptional circumstances of distance from approved theological institutions, language barriers or technological challenges which prevent the completion of theological education. Provided these exceptional circumstances exist, those pursuing educational credentialing may pursue fulfillment of their educational requirements at a Global Methodist School of Ministry approved by the Ministry and Higher Education Commission.

8. Changes in Requirements. ~~In the event of a change in educational requirements within the Global Methodist Church, candidates in process shall be allowed to complete their educational program as per the requirements specified in the Book of Doctrine and Disciplines (including the Transitional Book of Doctrine and Discipline) in effect at the time they began their studies, provided that the candidate demonstrates adequate progress toward the completion of their education.~~ In the event of a change in educational requirements and/or institutional approval within the Global Methodist Church, candidates in process shall be allowed to complete their educational program in the institution in which they began their program, provided it received either full or provisiona status at the time of their matriculation as per the requirements specified in the Book of Doctrine and Disciplines (including the Transitional Book of Doctrine and Discipline) in effect at the time they began their studies, provided that the candidate demonstrates adequate progress toward the completion of their education.

9. Review of Courses. ~~The Commission on Ministry and Higher Education shall complete a review of the courses required for ordination in consultation with the Advisory Committee to the Committee on Approval and~~

representatives from the boards of ministry and bring recommendations to the 2026 General Conference. The Ministry and Higher Education Commission shall complete a review of the courses required for ordination in consultation with the Advisory Committee to the Committee on Approval and representatives from the boards of ministry and bring recommendations to the General Conference.

Petition 1442 Page 274 **Clarify Doctrinal Expectations for Clergy**
Not Approved as Original: 5 Yes / 32 No / 8 Abstentions

Petition 1450 Page 293 **Clarifying the Qualifications and Process for Commissioning Missionaries**
Supported as Amended: 59 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

~~THIS PETITION AMENDS ¶515~~

~~¶515 THE MINISTRY OF MISSIONARIES. Throughout the history of the church, individuals have been called by God and sent by the church to share the good news of Jesus across cultures, make disciples in distant places, and equip emerging Christian communities for growth, faith-sharing, and deeds of mercy in Jesus' name. As ambassadors of Christ, these are vocational missionaries called to bring the message of peace and reconciliation with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.~~

~~Qualifications and Commissioning of Lay and Clergy Missionaries. The Global Methodist Church recognizes and celebrates both lay and clergy missionaries. Commissioning to the office of missionary in the Global Methodist Church is approved by the annual conference missions committee or equivalent. It is recommended that missionaries be commissioned at annual conference sessions. Candidates who desire to serve as a Global Methodist Church missionary must:~~

~~Communicate God's call on their lives to cross-cultural vocational ministry;~~

~~Be able to testify to the good news of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God as well as their conversion to Christ;~~

~~Bear fruit, showing that God has empowered them with gifts to lead others to saving faith in Christ, to make disciples of Jesus Christ, and a commitment to making disciples who make disciples;~~

~~Embrace and affirm the *Book of Doctrines and Discipline* of the Global Methodist Church, with a commitment to the practices of spiritual disciplines and patterns of holiness consistent with the General Rules, and be a member in good standing of a Global Methodist congregation for at least one year;~~

~~Have received training for:~~

~~(1) Cross-cultural missions (such as *Perspectives*, or comparable training as approved by the annual conference missions committee or equivalent);~~

~~(2) Evangelism, disciple-making, and disciple making movements;~~

~~(3) Lay candidates must complete Certified Lay Ministry requirements (¶409) or a minimum 60 contact hour conference-approved equivalent;~~

~~Receive the endorsement of their local church by a vote of the church council, and also the endorsement of the annual conference missions committee or the equivalent;~~

~~Provide evidence as to how they will receive ongoing pastoral/member care and support, to ensure personal and family well-being while in their field of service;~~

~~Serve with, and under the oversight of an approved Global Methodist Church ministry or an approved Global Methodist missional partner as determined by the Connectional Council of the Global Methodist Church or its designee;~~

~~Submit a ministry report to their charge conference annually.~~

~~Appointment of Deacons and Elders as Missionaries. Missionaries who meet the criteria as a deacon or elder may be appointed as a missionary according to the requirements of ¶610.10.~~

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The Global Methodist Church recognizes and celebrates both lay and clergy missionaries. Commissioning to the office of missionary in the Global Methodist Church is approved by the annual conference missions committee or equivalent.

It is recommended that missionaries be commissioned at annual conference sessions.

2. Process for Commissioning of Lay and Clergy Missionaries

A. Persons seeking commissioning as a missionary must be a member of a Global Methodist Church for at least one year before starting the process. They must embrace and affirm the Book of Doctrines and Discipline of the Global Methodist Church with a commitment to the practices of spiritual disciplines and patterns of holiness consistent with the General Rules.

B. Persons experiencing a call to ministry as a Missionary shall complete the following requirements

1. Meet with the Staff/Parish Relations Committee or equivalent for an interview to discuss the following questions:

a) Their conversion to Christ;

b) Their call to cross-cultural vocational ministry;

c) How do they effectively communicate the good news of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God?

d) Where do their lives bear fruit, showing that God has empowered them with gift to lead others to saving faith in Christ and to make disciples of Jesus Christ?

e) How they will receive ongoing pastoral/member care and support, to ensure personal and family well-being while in their field of service?

2. To receive the endorsement of the local Church and be recommended to the Conference Missions Committee or equivalent committee, the person must:

A. Be recommended by 2/3 secret ballot of the Staff/Parish Relations Committee or equivalent to the Church/Charge Conference.

B. Be endorsed by his or her local church/charge conference by a majority vote

C. and receive the approval of the annual conference Missions committee or the equivalent.

3. Required Training for Commissioned Missionaries

A. Commissioned Missionaries must receive training for:

1) Cross-cultural missions (such as Perspectives, or comparable training as approved by the annual conference missions committee or equivalent);

2) Evangelism, disciple-making, and disciple making movements;

3) Lay candidates must complete Certified Lay Ministry requirements (~~¶409~~) (~~¶502~~) or a minimum 60 contact hour conference-approved equivalent;

4. Continuation as Commissioned Missionary

A. Provide evidence to the Conference Missions Committee or the equivalent committee that they will serve with, and under the oversight of an approved Global Methodist Church ministry or an approved Global Methodist missional partner as determined by the Connectional Council of the Global Methodist Church or its designee.

B. Submit an annual ministry report to conference missions committee or equivalent.

C. Commissioned Missionaries will be confirmed annually the conference missions committee or equivalent.

5. Appointment of Deacons and Elders as Missionaries.

A. Missionaries who meet the criteria as a deacon or elder may be appointed as a missionary according to the requirements of ¶610.10.

CONFERENCES | PETITIONS COMPLETED

Consent Agenda CONF-2A — Petitions Supported

Petition 1002 Page 393 **Empowers the Annual Conference to Provide for the General Wellbeing of Its Clergy**

Supported as Amended: 34 Yes / 0 No / 1 Abstention

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

~~9. Establish minimum standards for the general welfare of its clergy (i.e. health and life insurance pension parsonages and other ministry housing) if desired (¶¶ 443.4c-445.8m).~~ **9. Establish minimum standards for the general welfare of its clergy.**

Petition 1036 Page 381 **Updating Title Reference**

Supported as Original: 39 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1037 Page 384 **Consistency with Supply Pastor Voting**

Supported as Original: 33 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1055 Page 408 **Petition to Amend ¶ 710 Annual Conferences Boards and Committees**

Supported as Amended: 34 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

~~9. In annual conferences where the number of clergy and laity or where distances and insufficient technology prevents the regular administration of the above-mentioned annual conference committees an annual conference with the endorsement of its bishop may submit a plan for the approval of an alternative annual conference structure to the Conferences Commission.~~ **9. While annual conferences are to be structured in accordance with paragraphs 710.1-8; however, in annual conferences where the number of clergy and laity or where distances, insufficient technology, or other extenuating circumstances prevents the regular administration of the above-mentioned annual conference committees an annual conference with the endorsement of its bishop may submit a plan for the approval of an alternative annual conference structure to the Conferences Commission, subject to annual review.**

Petition 1136 Page 386 **Election of a Conference Lay Leader by The Annual Conference**

Supported as Amended: 31 Yes / 2 No / 0 Abstentions

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

~~708.9. The annual conference shall elect a secretary, a Lay Leader or Equivalent, and such other officers as it may determine.~~ **708.9. The annual conference shall elect a Conference Secretary, a Conference Lay Leader, and such other officers as it may determine.**

Petition 1191 Page 406 **Clarifying Language on the Committee on Investigation**

Supported as Original: 31 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1192 Page 407 **Clarifying Language on the Administrative Review Committee**

Supported as Original: 32 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1225 Page 373 **Clarifying the Power and Authority of the General Conference**

Supported as Original: 37 Yes / 1 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1226 Page 375 **Clarifying the Authority of the General Conference**

Supported as Amended: 38 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

~~11. Fix the ratio of representation to the General Conference.~~ **11. Fix the ratio of representation to the General**

Conference, according to paragraph 711.2.

Petition 1227 Page 376 **Clarifying the Legislative Authority of the General Conference**
Supported as Original: 30 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1314 Page 378 **Allowance for Flexibility for Hybrid General Conferences**
Supported as Amended: 38 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

Virtual Sessions. Where necessary due to international or local conditions that prevent the physical assembling of delegates, with the approval of the Assembly of Bishops, the Connectional Council of the Global Methodist Church may, with a two-thirds vote, authorize the conducting of the conference via electronic or other digital means (¶208). ~~Where necessary and can be reasonably accommodated, a delegation from a given Annual Conference to the General Conference, up to and including the entire set of Annual Conference delegations, may meet virtually with the approval of the bishops of the Church and the Connectional Council. Where necessary and can be reasonably accommodated, a delegation from a given Annual Conference to the General Conference, up to and including the entire set of delegates, may meet virtually with the approval of a two-thirds vote of the Assembly of Bishops and the Connectional Council.~~

Consent Agenda CONF-2B — Petitions Rejected

Petition 1027 Page 388 **Order of Election Required**
Not Approved as Original: 0 Yes / 34 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1100 Page 374 **Clarify the Power of the General Conference to Define and Establish a Connectional Council**
Rejected in Favor of: 38 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1113 Page 402 **Selection Process and Operating Guidance for Annual Conference Nominations and Leadership Committees**
Not Approved as Original: 1 Yes / 33 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1132 Page 395 **Annual Conference Prayer Network Committee**
Not Approved as Original: 2 Yes / 32 No / 3 Abstentions

Petition 1189 Page 391 **Defining an Annual Conference Delegation to General Conference**
Not Approved as Original: 0 Yes / 31 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1193 Page 409 **Separating the Connectional Funding from Delegate Formula**
Not Approved as Original: 0 Yes / 35 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1224 Page 372 **Clarifying the Power and Authority of the General Conference**
Rejected in Favor of: 39 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1244 Page 414 **Protection of Existing Young People's Structures**
Not Approved as Original: 0 Yes / 34 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1259 Page 382 **New ¶708. Financial Matters of the General Conference**
Not Approved as Original: 0 Yes / 32 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1287 Page 392 **Allowance for Delegates from Newly Formed Churches**
Not Approved as Original: 0 Yes / 29 No / 1 Abstention

Petition 1312 Page 367 **Specifying Allowance of Additional Charge Conferences**
Not Approved as Original: 2 Yes / 33 No / 2 Abstentions

Petition 1463 Page 368 **Open Meetings**
Not Approved as Original: 0 Yes / 39 No / 0 Abstentions

Individual Consideration — Not on a Consent Agenda

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

¶ 706. PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE. Any official organization, clergy member, or lay member of the Global Methodist Church may submit a petition or resolution to the General Conference according to the process laid out in the Plan of Organization and Covenant. Any official organization, clergy member, or professing member of the Global Methodist Church may submit a petition or resolution to the General Conference according to the process laid out in the Plan of Organization and Covenant.
The process shall contain the following:

4. Petitions or resolutions submitted by individuals must provide valid contact information for the individual and all ten cosigners. Petitions or resolutions submitted by individuals must provide valid contact information for the individual and all ten other professing members or clergy cosigners. Petitions and resolutions submitted on behalf of official Global Methodist organizations must contain valid contact information for the person submitting on behalf of the organization. Meeting minutes or other attesting documentation (approved by the General Conference Secretary or their designee) must be submitted with the petition or resolution.

5. In situations where a constituent of the GMC lacks access to the technology needed to submit a petition or resolution, the office of the annual conference in which the constituent resides shall work with the constituent to ensure access to the submission process. 5. In situations where a member of the GMC lacks access to the technology needed to submit a petition or resolution, the office of the annual conference in which the member resides shall work with said member to ensure access to the submission process.

4. Petitions and resolutions must be received by the General Conference Secretary or their designee no later than 120 days prior to the opening session of the General Conference. 6. Petitions and resolutions must be received by the General Conference Secretary or their designee no later than 120 days prior to the opening session of the General Conference.

5. Petitions properly submitted shall be distributed in advance of the General Conference in all the principal languages of the church and made available to delegates at least 60 days prior to the opening session of the General Conference. **Petitions and resolutions properly submitted shall be distributed in advance of the General Conference in all the official languages of the church and made available to delegates at least sixty days prior to the opening session of the General Conference.** 7. Petitions and resolutions properly submitted shall be distributed in advance of the General Conference in all the official languages of the church and made available to delegates at least sixty days prior to the opening session of the General Conference. -Where the content of petitions or resolutions is essentially the same, the petition or resolution will be published once, with the first author named and the number of additional copies received noted. Upon publication, all translations of the advance publication shall be made available as a downloadable file, free of charge, on the denominational website. Petitions and/or resolutions received after the deadline may be printed and/or distributed to all the delegates upon the approval of each for distribution by the General Conference. **Petitions and/or resolutions received after the deadline may be considered by the General Conference upon a 2/3 vote of the delegates present and voting.** **Petitions and/or resolutions received after the deadline will not be considered by the General Conference.**

6. The secretary of the General Conference or designee shall arrange for electronic access to all petitions, including General Conference actions and the resulting impact on the Book of Doctrines and Discipline, throughout the General Conference session. 8. The General Conference Secretary or designee shall arrange for electronic access to all petitions, including General Conference actions and the resulting impact on the **Book of Doctrines and Discipline, throughout the General Conference session.** This access shall be available at least until the publication of the new edition of the *Book of Doctrines and Discipline*. Implementation shall be according to guidelines established by the Connectional Council of the Global Methodist Church.

Petition 1187 Page 385 **Clarifying Lay Membership of an Annual Conference**

Supported as Amended: 33 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

1. Annual conferences shall be formed for the purpose of connecting clergy and laity for shared ministry and accountability across a geographical region. A special annual conference or district that is not geographically bound and overlaps the boundaries of other annual conferences or districts can be formed by the decision of General Conference at the request of a group of churches. ~~The voting membership of an annual conference shall be composed of those elders, deacons, and transitional local pastors under appointment (except as limited elsewhere in the Book of Doctrines and Discipline) and senior clergy who meet the qualifications of ¶ 520, as well as at least an equal number of lay members elected by each charge or by the district or annual conference.~~ The voting membership of an annual conference shall be composed of those elders, deacons, supply pastors, and transitional local pastors under appointment (except as limited elsewhere in the Book of Doctrines and Discipline) and senior clergy who meet the qualifications of ¶ 520, as well as at least an equal number of lay members elected by each charge or by the district or annual conference. Each charge shall be entitled to as many lay members as it has appointed clergy. The annual conference may add lay members of the annual conference who are serving in conference leadership positions, and other lay members as it chooses. The annual conference shall determine the method of electing additional lay members to equalize the number of clergy members. ~~Only laity shall vote in the election of equaling laity. Only laity shall vote in the election of equaling laity.~~ The annual conference shall determine the number of additional lay members and the method of election. Such members may be elected by a charge conference, district conference, laity session of the annual conference, or the annual conference, but they must be elected and not appointed.

Petition 1202 Page 396 **Establishment of the Board of Laity in the Annual Conference**

Not Approved as Original: 10 Yes / 28 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1265 Page 405 **Annual Conference Boards and Committee ¶710:5c**

Supported as Amended: 30 Yes / 5 No / 0 Abstentions

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

~~The Conference Superintendent shall serve as a chairman of the committee. The committee shall elect from its members vice chair, secretary, and any other officers it deems necessary.~~

The Conference Superintendent shall serve as an ex officio member of the committee. The committee shall elect from its members any other officers it deems necessary.

The Conference Superintendent shall serve as the chair of the committee, with voice, but no vote, except to cast a deciding vote. The committee shall elect from its members any other officers it deems necessary.

CONSTITUTION, CONNECTIONAL ORGANIZATION, AND FINANCE | PETITIONS COMPLETED

Consent Agenda CCOF-2A — Petitions Supported

Petition 1054 Page 544 **Connectional Operations Office**

Supported as Amended: 46 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

¶ 815. CONNECTIONAL OPERATIONS OFFICER. The connectional operations officer shall bear responsibility for the fruitful and accountable functioning of all general church boards, commissions, and councils as they work together to fulfill the General Conference's missional mandates between General Conferences. ~~The connectional operations officer shall bear responsibility for the fruitful and accountable functioning of the Connectional Council and all general church commissions, committees, and councils as they work together to fulfill the mission of the GMC and any missional mandates passed at General Conference. The connectional operations officer shall bear responsibility for the fruitful and accountable functioning of the Connectional Council and all general church~~

commissions, committees, and councils as they work together to fulfill the mission of the Global Methodist Church and any missional mandates passed at General Conference.

5. *Dismissal From Office.* The connectional operations officer is an “at will” employee of the Global Methodist Church. Therefore, the officer may be dismissed by a majority vote of the Connectional Council for any reason and without warning as long as the dismissal does not violate applicable laws in the state where the Global Methodist Church is incorporated. In keeping with Christian principles and ethical standards, the Connectional Council shall work to remedy any deficiencies in performance before moving to dismiss the connectional operations officer. The council may choose to propose a severance agreement with a monetary component that includes a non-disparagement clause: ~~Therefore, the officer may be dismissed by a majority vote of the Connectional Council for any reason as long as the dismissal does not violate applicable laws in the state where the Global Methodist Church is incorporated.~~ **Therefore, the officer may be dismissed by a majority vote of the Connectional Council for any reason as long as the dismissal does not violate applicable laws where the Global Methodist Church is incorporated.**

a. Serve as the chief operations officer bearing responsibility for the accountable functioning of the Connectional Council, connectional commissions, and task forces as they work to fulfill the General Conference’s missional mandates between General Conferences. ~~Serve as the chief operations officer bearing responsibility for the accountable functioning of the Connectional Council, connectional commissions, committees, and councils as they work to fulfill the mission of the GMC and the General Conference’s missional mandates.~~ **Serve as the chief operations officer bearing responsibility for the accountable functioning of the Connectional Council, connectional commissions, committees, and councils as they work to fulfill the mission of the Global Methodist Church and the General Conference’s missional mandates.**

j. i. **In consultation with the Finance, Administration, Pension, and Benefits Commission and the executive director of finance, prepare the general church budget for deliberation, amendment, and approval. In consultation with the Finance, Administration, and Benefits Commission and the executive director of finance, prepare the general church budget for deliberation, amendment, and approval.**

Petition 1065 Page 457 Local Church Connectional Funding Remittance Options

Supported as Amended: 41 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

7. Each month the local church shall remit one-twelfth of the annual sum of general church connectional funding to the Treasurer of the Global Methodist Church and one-twelfth of the annual conference connectional funding to the respective annual conference. ~~The local church shall periodically remit, no less than annually, general church connectional funding to the general church or to its respective annual conference for forwarding to the general church. The local church shall periodically remit, under direction of its annual conference, no less than annually, general church connectional funding to the general church or to its respective annual conference for forwarding to the general church.~~ Annual conferences shall report to the general church a detailed listing of local churches and period(s) for funds received as remitted. The local church shall also periodically remit, no less than annually, annual conference connectional funding to its respective annual conference.

Petition 1086 Page 420 Grammatical Edit

Supported as Amended: 40 Yes / 4 No / 0 Abstentions

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

¶ 204. *Article III. A Church For All—*~~All persons are made in God’s image and are loved by him. All persons, from the moment of conception, are made in God’s image and are loved by him~~ All are thus welcome within our churches to join with others in the worship of God, to participate in its ministries, and upon repentance ~~repenting of~~ their sin, professing faith in Jesus Christ, being baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and demonstrating a sincere desire for a holy life, to become members in any local church within the connection. ~~All are thus welcome within our churches to join with others in the worship of God, to participate in its ministries, and upon repenting of their sin, professing faith in Jesus Christ, being baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and demonstrating a sincere desire for a holy life, to become members in any local church within the connection.~~

Petition 1092 Page 441 **Defining the Assembly of Bishops**

Supported as Amended: 44 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

Article VIII. The Episcopacy—The general superintendency of the Global Methodist Church shall be entrusted to bishops who shall provide spiritual leadership to the church and exercise temporal authority as adopted by the General Conference. Bishops shall be elected as per the procedures established by the General Conference and shall serve at its pleasure to guard the faith, order, unity, liturgy, doctrine, and discipline of the church. ~~All active bishops shall be members of the Assembly of Bishops. The Assembly of Bishops shall be limited to all active Bishops.~~

Petition 1101 Page 474 **Clarify the Nomenclature of the Connectional Commissions**

Supported as Amended: 41 Yes / 2 No / 0 Abstentions

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

~~3. The following connectional commissions are established within the Global Methodist Church: Kingdom Advancement Commission; Discipleship, Doctrine, and Just Ministry Commission; Ministry and Higher Education Commission; Finance, Administration, and Benefits Commission; General Conference Commission, Ecumenical Relationships Commission; and Conferences Commission.~~

The following connectional commissions are established within the Global Methodist Church: Kingdom Advancement Commission; Discipleship, Doctrine, and Ethics Commission; Ministry and Higher Education Commission; Finance, Administration, and Benefits Commission; General Conference Commission, Ecumenical Relationships Commission; and Conferences Commission.

Petition 1102 Page 477 **Remove Duplicative Language**

Supported as Original: 46 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1108 Page 526 **Clarifying the Role of Finance, Administration, Pensions, and Benefits Commission**

Supported as Original: 46 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1109 Page 530 **Clarifying the Role of the General Conference Commission**

Supported as Original: 46 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1118 Page 541 **Clarifying the Role of Conferences Commission**

Supported as Original: 46 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1195 Page 553 **Clarifying Compliance with Local Law**

Supported as Original: 49 Yes / 1 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1196 Page 554 **Renumbering Paragraph on Boards of Directors**

Supported as Original: 49 Yes / 1 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1215 Page 450 **Clarify Wesleyan Value of Connectional Funding**

Supported as Original: 49 Yes / 1 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1217 Page 455 **Clarify Procedures for Setting, Remitting, and Explaining Connectional Funding**

Supported as Amended: 42 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

~~7. Each month the local church shall remit one-twelfth of the annual sum of general church connectional funding to the treasurer of the Global Methodist Church and one-twelfth of the annual conference connectional funding to the respective annual conference. Each month the local church shall remit at least one-twelfth of the annual sum of the general church connectional funding and at least one-twelfth of the annual conference connectional funding to the respective annual conference. Each month, the annual conference treasurer shall remit all general church connectional funding collected from local churches to the treasurer of the Global Methodist Church.~~

The local church shall periodically remit, under direction of its annual conference, no less than annually, general church connectional funding to the general church or to its respective annual conference for forwarding to the general church. Annual conferences shall report to the general church a detailed listing of local churches and period(s) for funds received as remitted. The local church shall also periodically remit, no less than annually, annual conference connectional funding to its respective annual conference.

Petition 1218 Page 458 **Clarify Procedure for Designating Missional Churches**

Supported as Original: 49 Yes / 1 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1253 Page 543 **Global Unity, Local Flexibility: Elimination of ¶814.6**

Supported as Original: 46 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1277 Page 454 **Global Unity, Local Flexibility: Eliminating ¶449.3**

Supported as Original: 49 Yes / 1 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1278 Page 451 **Global Unity, Local Flexibility: Eliminating ¶449.1**

Supported as Original: 49 Yes / 1 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1437 Page 516 **Change Name to Discipleship, Doctrine, and Ethics Commission**

Supported as Original: 46 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

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Petition 1029 Page 529 **Petition Removing General Conference Administrative Committee Nominees' Restriction**

Not Approved as Original: 46 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1038 Page 472 **Open Meetings on Connectional Commissions**

Not Approved as Original: 46 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1039 Page 496 **Open Meetings on Connectional Council**

Not Approved as Original: 46 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1040 Page 550 **Simplifying Vote Percentages**

Rejected in Favor of: 46 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1072 Page 481 **Petition Deleting Outdated References in 800s Paragraphs**

Rejected in Favor of: 46 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1075 Page 502 **Petition Deleting Outdated References in 800s Paragraphs**

Rejected in Favor of: 46 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1103 Page 487 **Clarify Roles and Responsibilities of Commission Chairs**

Rejected in Favor of: 45 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1119 Page 542 **Delete Extraneous Language from the Role of the Conferences Commission**

Not Approved as Original: 46 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1120 Page 548 **Clarifying the Role of Connectional Operations Officer and Deletion of Extraneous Language**

Rejected in Favor of: 46 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1123 Page 491 **Election of Commission Officers**

Rejected in Favor of: 45 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1152 Page 482 **Consistency of Nominations for Connectional Commissions and Connectional Council (1 of 3)**

Rejected in Favor of: 46 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1157 Page 489 **Leadership of Connectional Commissions**

Rejected in Favor of: 45 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1239 Page 421 **Make Honoring the Image of God in All a Core Constitutional Value**
Not Approved as Original: 41 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1251 Page 551 **Global Unity, Local Flexibility: Reduction of ¶815.6m**
Rejected in Favor of: 46 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1252 Page 549 **Global Unity, Local Flexibility: Elimination of ¶815.1c**
Rejected in Favor of: 46 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1267 Page 515 **Global Unity, Local Flexibility: Elimination of ¶809**
Not Approved as Original: 46 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1276 Page 456 **Global Unity, Local Flexibility: Adding an Adjective to ¶449.6**
Rejected in Favor of: 49 Yes / 1 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1310 Page 423 **Clarification of Opening Statement About Charge Conferences**
Not Approved as Original: 47 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1313 Page 419 **Global Unity, Local Flexibility: Removal of ¶201**
Not Approved as Original: 47 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1329 Page 528 **Pensions and Benefits for Non-US Clergy & Staff**
Not Approved as Original: 46 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1452 Page 476 **Commission Name Change: Kingdom Advancement Commission**
Rejected in Favor of: 46 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1465 Page 460 **Restricting Grounds For Establishing Annual Conferences**
Not Approved as Original: 49 Yes / 1 No / 0 Abstentions

Individual Consideration — Not on a Consent Agenda

Petition 1093 Page 442 **Clarifying the Powers and Responsibilities of the Connectional Council on Appeals**
Supported as Original: 10 Yes / 2 No / 1 Abstention

Petition 1134 Page 488 **Election of Commission Officers**
Supported as Amended: 44 Yes / 1 No / 0 Abstentions

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

¶ 804. LEADERSHIP OF CONNECTIONAL COMMISSIONS. 1. *Commission Chair* — The presiding officer of each connectional commission shall be the chair of the connectional commission. The chair may be lay or clergy and shall be subject to the membership requirement of ¶ 803.2b. ~~Following the 2024 convening General Conference, the Connectional Council shall elect the chair for each connectional commission from the persons elected to each connectional commission. Each chair elected prior to the 2026 General Conference shall serve for a term of two years or until their successor has been elected and shall be eligible for re-election following the 2026 General Conference. Effective immediately upon passage and beginning with the 2026 General Conference, each commission shall elect officers from its members (chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary).~~ the chair of each connectional commission shall be elected as provided in ¶803.2c. Each chair elected at the 2026 General Conference and thereafter shall serve for a term of six years, with eligibility to be reelected once for a second term of six years. Time served as a connectional commission member shall count toward the total term limit for the chair. Any vacancy in the chair position shall be filled by the Connectional Council upon nomination by the relevant connectional commission. In the event of an officer vacancy, each commission shall elect a replacement officer from its members.

Petition 1316 Page 424 **Global Unity, Local Flexibility: Removal of Language in ¶206.1**
Not Approved as Original: 35 Yes / 4 No / 0 Abstentions

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Consent Agenda JUD-2B — Petitions Rejected

Petition 1046 Page 580 **Petition to Amend Paragraph 917 of the Book of Doctrines and Discipline.**
Not Approved as Original: 31 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1081 Page 573 **Extending Fair Process to Include Anti-Retaliation and Restorative Communication**
Not Approved as Original: 31 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1082 Page 576 **Additional Chargeable Offenses for Laity**
Not Approved as Original: 31 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1154 Page 583 **Consistency of Nominations For Connectional Council on Appeals (2 of 3)**
Not Approved as Original: 32 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1289 Page 582 **Allowing More Candidates for Council on Appeals**
Rejected in Favor of: 32 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1311 Page 579 **Suspension of Lay Members from Leadership Positions Pending Trial**
Not Approved as Original: 32 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1421 Page 577 **Judicial Complaints of Sexual Misconduct for Both Clergy and Laity**
Not Approved as Original: 32 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1423 Page 578 **Amending Chargeable Offenses of Lay Members**
Not Approved as Original: 32 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1440 Page 574 **A Process for Administration of Complaints with Multiple Complainants or Respondents**
Rejected in Favor of: 29 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1453 Page 575 **Nominations of Annual Conference Administrative Review Committee Members**
Not Approved as Original: 32 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Individual Consideration — Not on a Consent Agenda

Petition 1284 Page 568 **Recusal and Conflicts of Interest for the Council on Appeals**
Not Approved as Original: 27 Yes / 4 No / 0 Abstentions

Petition 1414 Page 581 **Establishment of the Number of Clergy and Laity to Be Elected to the Connectional Council on Appeals**
Supported as Amended: 31 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstentions

Amendment:

Provision that changed:

¶ 920. MEMBERSHIP. 1. ~~The Connectional Council on Appeals is the highest judicial body in the Global Methodist Church. The council shall be composed of seven members. When the initial council is elected by the convening General Conference, four members shall be clergy and three members shall be laity. Members elected at the 2024 Convening General Conference shall be eligible for nomination at the 2026 General Conference and their two-year term shall not count against the term limit specified herein. At the 2026 General Conference four members shall be clergy and three members shall be laity. A member's term of office shall be six years. A member may serve a maximum of two consecutive six-year terms. The number of clergy and laity shall alternate every six years so that the clergy have the four members during one six-year term and the laity have the four members during the next six-year term. Members shall either be elders or laity who are professing members of the Global Methodist Church. Members shall be professing members of the Global Methodist Church (clergy or laity). Bishops shall be ineligible for election to the council. The Connectional Council on Appeals is the highest judicial body in the Global Methodist Church. The council shall be composed of seven members. Members~~

elected at the 2024 convening General Conference shall serve for two years or until their successors are elected. Persons elected at the 2024 convening General Conference shall be eligible for nomination at the 2026 General Conference and their two-year term shall not count against the term limit specified herein. At the 2026 General Conference four members shall be clergy and three members shall be laity. A member's term of office shall be six years. A member may serve a maximum of two consecutive six-year terms. The number of clergy and laity shall alternate every six years so that the clergy have the four members during one six-year term and the laity have the four members during the next six-year term. Members shall be professing members of the Global Methodist Church (clergy or laity). Bishops shall be ineligible for election to the council. The language of this petition will be effective upon passage by the 2026 General Conference.

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Committee insertion	<u>All previously dispersed funds shall be considered as grants</u>
Committee deletion	When the initial council is elected by the convening...
Committee deletion of a petitioner insertion	Members shall be professing members of the Global Methodist...
Petitioner insertion (v1.30)	<u>...nominated by the conference superintendent...</u>
Petitioner deletion (v1.30)	The committee shall be nominated by the bishop...



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