



2026 General Conference

Petition Submission

Background Information and Documents

[Plan of Organization and Covenant](#)

[Petition Process Overview \(including Submission Instructions\)](#)

[Book of Doctrines and Discipline](#)

[Judicial Practice and Procedures](#)

Document Review Verification *

- ☐ I have downloaded and read the Plan of Organization & Covenant and the Petitions Process Overview documents linked above. Links to the Book of Doctrines and Discipline & the Judicial Practice and Procedures are provided here for your convenience.

Submission Reminders

- **Three Categories of Petitions** - Petitions can include:

- 1) Changes to one paragraph or
- 2) A new paragraph or
- 3) A resolution.

NOTE: Where a change in one paragraph necessitates changing another paragraph, the changes can be submitted in one petition.

To **submit legislation to change existing language**, choose the paragraph number appearing first in the document to which you are proposing a change (BDD or JPP).

- **GMC Membership** - All individuals submitting petitions for consideration **MUST** be a member of the Global Methodist Church. All cosigners be members of the Global Methodist Church. Groups eligible to submit legislation **MUST** meet the requirements in the Petitions Process Overview document linked above.

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Petitioner Information

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US: United States ▼

State/Province/Region *

US: Louisiana ▼

Valid Country Selection *

☒ Valid Country and State Selected

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City

71270-1913

Postal/Zip Code

Louisiana

State/Province/Region

United States

Country

Submitter Type *

- ☐ Individual
- ☐ Committee/Commission/Group
- ☒ Annual Conference

GMC Conference *

US: Trinity



Your Role In Annual Conference *

Conference Staff



Date of Organizational Approval *

12-05-2025



Date submitting group voted or approved petition

Upload Meeting Minutes or Letter (10MB limit - PDF Preferred, .doc and .docx also accepted) *



Upload Meeting Minutes or Letter

Drag and drop files here

Upload a copy of the meeting minutes or a letter signed by the chair and secretary which certifies that the petition was approved by the committee or group

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Petition

Petition Type *

- ☒ Book of Doctrines and Discipline
- ☐ Judicial Practice and Procedures
- ☐ Resolution

Paragraph Modification Type *

- ☒ Change existing ☐ Add new

BDD Paragraphs *

1706 x

BDD Subparagraph *

1 x

Petition Title *

Updating the Petition Submission Process for Our Current and Future Contexts

Rationale for Petition *

This subparagraph should provide maximum flexibility to the General Conference Secretary or their designee to devise an optimal petition submission process that allows for adaptation to current circumstances - especially given the rapid development of new technologies.

Please provide information regarding your rationale for submitting this petition. This content is subject to editing for clarity. (750 characters or less)

270/750

Enter Petition Text

Instructions (Click to close)



Petition Text *

FileEditViewInsertFormat

Underline

1. The petition must be sent to the General Conference Secretary or a designated petitions secretary. ~~It shall be in typed or printed or electronic form, or other means approved by the General Conference Secretary, and shall follow a format determined by them. It shall be submitted in the form and method approved by the General Conference Secretary or their designee. This form and method shall be determined and publicized no less than 330 days before the convening of the General Conference. The Connectional Council may approve an exception to this in situations where a special session of the General Conference is called between regularly scheduled sessions.~~

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Review Submission

Review *

☒ I have reviewed the previous pages and certify that the information is accurate

Your Signature



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Submission Date

12-15-2025



Date

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Submit



Thank You!

Your submission has been received.



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