



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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☒ Valid Country and State Selected

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Submitter Type *

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

Group *

GMC General Conference Commiss ▼

Your Role In Group *

Administrator/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 Sections *

Section 7 - Conferences

Petition Title *

Adding a Paragraph Just to Add a Paragraph

Rationale for Petition *

There are only eleven paragraphs in Section 7 of the Book of Doctrines and Discipline. We need to ensure that we have as much filler as possible, so we will add another paragraph.

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

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Enter Petition Text

Instructions (Click to close)



Petition Text *

The screenshot shows the TinyMCE editor interface. At the top is a menu bar with 'File', 'Edit', 'View', 'Insert', and 'Format'. Below the menu is a toolbar containing undo and redo icons, a paragraph dropdown menu, and buttons for bold, italic, bulleted list, numbered list, decrease indent, and increase indent. The main editing area has a light gray background and contains the text 'ADD NEW Paragraph 707' in a bold, italicized, sans-serif font. Below this, there is a paragraph of text: '¶707 - THE NEED FOR A LARGE RULE BOOK. The General Conference is required to add enough new paragraphs to the Book of Doctrines and Discipline so that the finished product is at least 700 pages when in its printed and bound final form. The Connectional Council is authorized to add filler as needed, should the General Conference Secretary notify the council if such action on their part is needed to fulfill the requirements of this paragraph.' At the bottom of the editor, there is a status bar showing 'p > span' and the TinyMCE logo.

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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



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Thank You!

Your submission has been received.



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