

1 **ACTION REQUEST #14**
2 **2021 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

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4 **TITLE:** New Conference Rule 10.030
5 **SPONSORING GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL:** Oregon-Idaho Cabinet
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10 **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ACTION:** Recommend for approval 19-1-0.

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12 **I/We petition the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference to take the following action:**

13 Adopt new Conference Rule 10.030:

14 No clergyperson may hold their charge conference relationship where a family member is
15 currently appointed.

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17 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

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19 **What will this accomplish?**

20 This will standardize what has inconsistently been long-practiced. It will also ensure that clergy
21 members of the annual conference maintain some connection with clergy beyond one's own
22 family.

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24 **Why is it important?**

25 The appointed pastor has some responsibility (sometimes including supervisory responsibility)
26 for those clergy who relate to the charge conference. Cabinet members believe it is in the best
27 interest of all to simply avoid this kind of institutional power dynamic in familial relationships.
28 We do this regularly, for example, by not allowing any district superintendent to supervise a
29 clergy spouse.

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31 **How will it be carried out? By whom?**

32 District Superintendents will no longer approve charge conference relationships where a family
33 member is the appointed pastor and will require a change in charge conference relationship if
34 an appointment change creates this situation.

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36 **How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?**

37 There will be no cost to the Annual Conference.