

1 **Action Request #8**

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3 **2021 OREGON-IDAHO**
4 **ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

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6 **TITLE:** New Conference Rule 1.034

7 **SPONSORING GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL:** Conference Rules Committee

8 **SPOKESPERSON:** Steve Mitchell

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12 **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ACTION:** Recommend for approval 20-0-0

13 *The Assembly substituted the text below for the original Action Request.*

14 **I/We petition the Oregon-Idaho Annual conference to take the following action:**

15 Adopt new Conference Rule 1.034:

16 A person who has been assigned by the district superintendent to serve in a pastoral role for
17 a chartered United Methodist church or for a new church start—unless already a lay
18 member of annual conference under Conference Rule 1.033—shall be entitled to a seat
19 within the bar of the annual conference, with voice but no vote, provided that the new
20 church start is listed on Question 14a, b, or c of the current Business of the Annual
21 Conference Report.

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23 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION** *Note that the supporting information is no longer*
24 *completely relevant for the substituted text above.*

25 **What will this action accomplish?** The rule provides for new church starts or faith
26 communities or missional congregations established as pastoral charges to elect lay
27 members of annual conference.

28 **Why is it important?** These new faith communities will have a voice and vote in the work of
29 Annual Conference. This is requested by our Conference's Appointive Cabinet.

30 **How will it be carried out? By whom?** This action will be carried out by the respective
31 Charge Conferences.

32 **How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?** There will be no cost to the
33 Annual Conference.