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## 6 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### 7 **What will this action accomplish?**

8 This action will empower the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference, its staff, leaders and  
9 representatives, to facilitate at minimal expense to the local church, the efforts of local churches  
10 committed to the cause of full inclusion, to disaffiliate from the United Methodist denomination  
11 and thereby stop participating in a global denomination that is actively doing harm to LGBTQ+  
12 people. It will make it less difficult for local churches to disaffiliate from the United Methodist  
13 denomination.

### 14 **Why is it important?**

15 United Methodist teachings on human sexuality have done immeasurable harm to LGBTQ+  
16 people around the world, for decades.

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18 There is no evidence to suggest that efforts to amend our Book of Discipline to be more kind to  
19 LGBTQ+ people will be successful in the foreseeable future.

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21 Some local churches are willing to continue to work for change in the Book of Discipline. Some  
22 local churches are unwilling to wait any longer for changes to be made to the Book of Discipline.

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24 The Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference should make it as easy as possible for local churches  
25 committed to the cause of full inclusion, to stop participating in a global denomination that is  
26 actively doing harm to LGBTQ+ people.

### 27 **How will it be carried out? By whom?**

28 This standing resolution will be implemented by whoever negotiates disaffiliation agreements for  
29 the Annual Conference.

### 30 31 **How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?**

32 This action request may reduce the amount of money that the annual conference might receive  
33 from future disaffiliations. However, the conference budget does not currently

- 1 include any forecasted revenue from disaffiliations, nor does the conference budget include
- 2 any contingencies for churches potentially disaffiliating. This action request therefore does
- 3 not impact the conference 2022 budget, or the proposed 2023 conference budget.