

CONSENT CALENDAR AR 04

2015 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1 **TITLE:** Revision of Conference Rule 13.060 Election of Associate Conference Lay Leader

2 **SPONSORING GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL:** Board of Lay Ministry

3 **SPOKESPERSON:** Mary Foote, Conference Lay Leader

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8 **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDATION: YES 23, NO 0, ABSTAIN 0**

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

12 13.060

13 The Conference Lay Leader may nominate a professing member of a United Methodist Church within the
14 annual conference to serve as Associate Conference Lay Leader. **Nominations may also come from the floor.**

15 This nomination will be subject to ratification by the Board of Lay Ministry and the Ministry Cabinet. **The lay
16 members at a Laity Session at the Annual Conference will elect the Associate Conference Lay Leader by a
17 majority vote. The Associate Conference Lay Leader will be a Lay Member of Annual Conference.** At the
18 request of the Conference Lay Leader, the Associate Conference Lay Leader is authorized to serve in the place
19 of the Conference Lay Leader.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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23 **What will this action accomplish?**

24 Conference Rule 13.060 allows the addition of an Associate Conference Lay Leader. This revision clearly makes
25 the Associate Conference Lay Leader a Member of Annual Conference. Also in 13.060, the Associate
26 Conference Lay Leader is nominated by the Conference Lay Leader and ratified by the Board of Lay Ministry
27 and the Ministry Cabinet; the laity have no further voice in the selection. This revision allows a vote by laity.

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30 **Why is it important?**

31 Making the Associate Conference Lay Leader a Member of Annual Conference aids the candidate in
32 understanding the duties of a Lay Member to Annual Conference and aids the Conference Secretary in
33 identifying laity roles in annual conference. Voting for an Associate Lay Leader gives a greater number of lay
34 members a voice in the selection.

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

37 The Board of Lay Ministry will carry out this action.

38 [Be specific. Who will monitor the action? When? If the Conference Secretary is to write a letter, include the
39 appropriate contact information and the content of the letter.]

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

42 This action will be completed within the time and cost allowed for the Annual Conference Laity Session.