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2015 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1 **TITLE: RETITLING “BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY” TO “BOARD OF MINISTERIAL**
2 **LEADERSHIP”**

3 **SPONSORING GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL: Oregon-Idaho Conference Board of Ordained**
4 **Ministry**

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9 **This petition is: A change to the 2012 United Methodist Discipline, Paragraph 635**

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

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14 Throughout the text of the entire 2012 Book of Discipline, replace the title “Board of Ordained
15 Ministry” with “Board of Ministerial Leadership”.

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17 Throughout the text of the entire 2012 Book of Discipline, replace the title “District Committee on
18 Ordained Ministry” with “District Committee on Ministerial Leadership”.

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20 Make changes as noted in the following section of the 2012 Book of Discipline:

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22 ¶635.2 (a) To assume the primary responsibility for the enlistment and recruitment of ~~ordained~~
23 ~~clergy~~ **ministerial leadership for our churches and other ministry settings** by working in consultation
24 with the cabinet and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry to study and interpret the
25 ~~clergy~~ **ordained, licensed, certified, and assigned ministerial leadership** needs and resources of the
26 annual conference, with due regard to the inclusive nature of the Church. It shall, with the assistance
27 of the local church committee on pastor-parish relations, conference agencies, and every ordained
28 ~~minister~~ **, licensed, certified, and assigned leader** of the conference, enlist women and men of all
29 races and ethnic origins for ~~the ordained ministry as a vocation~~ and guide those persons in the
30 process of education, training, ~~and ordination~~, **and discernment of the most appropriate path for**
31 **their ministry,** recommending colleges and schools of theology listed by the University Senate,
32 **licensing school, and other approved educational opportunities.** Persons recruited should have an
33 understanding of and appreciation for persons of different racial and ethnic heritages.

34 ¶635.2 (o) To provide support services for **all those in ministerial leadership, including ordained,**
35 **licensed, certified, and assigned, to provide** ~~the ordained minister’s~~ career development, including
36 personal and career counseling, continuing education, formation in servant leadership and
37 continuing spiritual growth in Christ, assistance in preparation for retirement, and all matters

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1 pertaining to clergy morale. In providing such support, the board in cooperation with the cabinet,
2 shall give training and guidance to each local committee on pastor-parish relations regarding its work
3 and role.

4 ¶635.2 (p) To work with and support the Order of Deacon, ~~and~~ the Order of Elder, **and the**
5 **Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associate Members (see ¶ 323)**, including receiving reports, offering
6 financial support, and coordinating ~~the Orders' these group's activities activity~~ with the continuing
7 formation offerings of the board. The board may delegate continuing formation responsibility of the
8 ~~Orders~~ **groups** by mutual agreement, with final approval, evaluation, and budgeting remaining with
9 the board.

10 ~~635.2 (q) (p. 462) To work with and Support the Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associate Members~~
11 ~~(see ¶ 323), including receiving reports, offering financial support, and coordinating their continuing~~
12 ~~formation.~~

13 635.2 (r) To provide a means of evaluating the effectiveness of ~~ordained ministers~~ **ministerial leaders**
14 in the annual conference (¶¶604.4,350). Suggested guidelines will be provided by the General Board
15 of Higher Education and Ministry, Division of Ordained Ministry. In cooperation with the cabinet, the
16 board shall develop standards of effectiveness for ~~clergy~~ **ministerial leaders, whether ordained,**
17 **licensed, certified, or assigned**, serving as pastors of congregations in that annual conference.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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The Board of Ordained Ministry bears responsibility for ordained, licensed, and certified church
leaders. As the nature of “church” changes and we seek new models for ministry in our
communities, we need to be holistic in developing and deploying integrated and diverse “ministerial
leadership” into our communities.