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Legislative Items

For the 49th session of the
Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference

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The United Methodist Church

2017 Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference

CONSENT CALENDARS

Votes of the Legislative Assembly show in each listing [Yes-No-Abstain]

CONSENT CALENDAR #1: ACTION REQUESTS RECOMMENDED FOR DEFEAT

(requires **majority** vote, unless removed, approval of the calendar #1 defeats this item)

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CONSENT CALENDAR #3: ACTION REQUEST CALLING FOR RULE CHANGE

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CONSENT CALENDAR #4: STANDING RESOLUTIONS – RENEWALS

(requires **two-thirds** vote, unless removed, approval of the calendar #4 approves these items.

Lacking a two-thirds majority vote for Consent Calendar #4, all items on the consent calendar fail.

New Standing Resolutions cannot be on a Consent Calendar, these items are all renewals, some amended, of items passed in prior Annual Conferences)

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LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR (continued)

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

The Legislative Assembly is described in Conference Rule 2.024 which states, in part, "The Bishop shall preside over a Legislative Assembly. ... Voting Members of the Legislative Assembly shall be drawn from the membership of the Annual Conference, ... Membership shall be representative of the Annual Conference as a whole, with effort made to balance gender, age, ethnic and national origin, theological perspective, and socioeconomic location. No discrimination shall be made based on gender identity, disability, or sexual orientation." The rule goes on to specify a list of membership for the assembly.

Conference rule 2.041 further states, "... The Legislative Assembly will provide with any submission of a consent calendar the Annual Conference a full list of legislative Assembly membership present and voting and appropriate information regarding representative membership."

Twenty-eight members were present and voting for most items reviewed by the Legislative Assembly when it meet on April 7, 2017 at First United Methodist Church in Portland, Oregon. Bishop Elaine JW Stanovsky presided with assistance from Rev. Lowell Greathouse as Vice-Chair and Rev. Laura Jaquith Bartlett as Conference Secretary.

Legislative Assembly Voting Members in Attendance

Name		Role
Rick Beadnell	Lay	Council on Finance and Administration Chair
Mike Benischek	Clergy	Cascadia District Clergy
Joshua Bynum	Lay	Sage District Lay Leader
Dave Childress	Clergy	Crater Lake District Clergy
Gwen Drake	Clergy	Cabinet Representative
Danna Drum	Clergy	Board of Pensions Chair
John Go	Clergy	CORR Representative
Lydia Henry	Lay	Columbia District Lay Leader
Michele Holloway	Clergy	Columbia District Clergy Rep.
Warren Light	Clergy	Leg. Chair and Crater Lake District Rep.
Kalina Malua Katoa	Clergy	CORR Representative
Larry McClure	Lay	Trustees Chair
Duane Medicine Crow	Lay	Cascadia District Laity
Ted Myers	Clergy	Columbia District Clergy
Jan Nelson	Lay	Conference Lay Leader
Julia Nielsen	Clergy	Board of Ordained Ministry - Deacon Rep.
Ronald Oliveira	Lay	Crater Lake District Laity
Mel Phillips	Lay	Crater Lake District Laity
Paula Sadler	Lay	Cascadia District Lay Leader
Rand Sargent	Clergy	Cascadia District Clergy
Carol Seckel	Clergy	Board of Ordained Ministry - Elder Rep.
Ric Shewell	Clergy	Sage District Clergy
Carole Sullivan	Lay	Board of laity
Debbie Wallace	Lay	Sage District Laity
Donna Ward	Lay	UMW Representative
Suzanne Wardenaar	Lay	Columbia District Laity
Andy Williams	Clergy	Sage District Clergy
Dan Wilson-Fey	Clergy	MLT Representative

Demographic Summary:

<u>District:</u>		<u>Ethnicity:</u>		<u>Age:</u>	
Cascadia	9	African American	1	Youth *	0
Columbia	9	Asian	1	Young Adult *	0
Crater lake	4	Native American	1	Adult	18
Sage	6	Pacific Islander	1	Older Adult	10
		White	24	Age Range	32-76
				Average Age	59

Clergy members: 15

Lay Members: 13

* Youth members were not able to participate because of transportation and safe sanctuary policy compliance challenges. Young adult members were not able to participate because of conflict with class schedules.

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1 **TITLE:** Changing the Sexual Ethics Requirement for Retired Clergy Not Under Appointment

2 **SPONSORING GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL:** Edson Gilmore

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8 **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDATION: 1 YES, 27 NO, 0 ABSTAIN**

9
10 **I petition the Oregon-Idaho Annual conference to take the following action:**

11
12 Insert the following sentence on page 41, Conference Policies, line 22

13 **“Exceptions to the above attendance requirements include retired clergy, not serving under**
14 **appointment, who have never been charged with sexual misconduct, abuse, or harassment.”**

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16 The following paragraphs on Conference Policies, Page 41, beginning on line 14 would then read:

17 “The following persons are required to complete an annual online knowledge test on the
18 Sexual Ethics Policy: 1) all Oregon-Idaho clergy members (see definition of “clergy” above) and 2) all
19 other clergy currently serving under appointment by the Oregon-Idaho Bishop. When requested,
20 provisions will be made for the online test to be taken on paper and returned to the District
21 Superintendent via the U.S. mail.

22 “The following persons are also required to attend one “Sexual Ethics, Abuse Prevention,
23 and Healthy Boundaries” training offered by the Board of Ordained Ministry each quadrennium: all
24 clergy currently appointed by the Oregon-Idaho bishop and/or serving in a ministerial role in an
25 Oregon-Idaho ministry setting. **Exceptions to the above attendance requirements include retired**
26 **clergy, not serving under appointment, who have never been charged with sexual misconduct,**
27 **abuse, or harassment.** The Board of Ordained Ministry shall determine if a non-Board of Ordained
28 Ministry training is equivalent to the training promoted by the Board of Ordained Ministry.
29 Considerations will include the training’s number of contact hours, content, and the qualifications of
30 the workshop leader(s).”

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33 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

34 **What will this action accomplish?**

35 It will provide support to clergy under appointment and additional ministries to the local
36 congregation.

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38 **Why is it important?**

39 The retired clergy, not under appointment, are available to fill the pulpit for active clergy on
40 vacation; cover for active clergy in case of emergency, do visitation when requested, and provide
41 support to the ordained and local clergy. If the retired clergy do not keep up with these

1 requirements, or apply for an exemption, they are not allowed to provide pastoral or lay services in
2 the local congregation. The retired clergy have taken the online tests and the quadrennial
3 requirements for a number of years, have proven themselves worthy and reliable, and in their retired
4 status should be exempt from these specific requirements in order to provide occasional support to
5 clergy under appointment.

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

8 This will be carried out by the Board of Ordained ministry and the Cabinet as they monitor the clergy
9 on their completion of Sexual Ethics Policy requirements.

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

12 The only cost will be the change in the printing of the Conference Policies in the Conference Journal,
13 and some secretarial time. In fact, it should save time and money because it will not be necessary to
14 cover the cost for the retired to attend these classes nor to monitor them each year for completion.

1 **TITLE:** Proposal to Divide the Principal of the Southern Oregon Project Fund
2 **SPONSORING GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL:** Board of Camp and Retreat Ministries
3 **SPOKESPERSON:** Todd Bartlett
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7 **AMENDED IN YELLOW, ADD IN BOLD, DELETE IN STRIKE-OUT**
8 **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: 26 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSTAIN**

10

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

12 Divide the principal of the Southern Oregon Project Fund, established in 1997 from the proceeds of
13 the sale of the Loon Lake Camp to fulfill the intent of strengthening camp and retreat opportunities
14 for the people of the churches of southern Oregon in carrying out their ministries.

15 \$150,000 to be designated to the Camp Latgawa Development Fund. (For immediate use to upgrade
16 shower houses/bathrooms, meeting and lodging spaces. Any remaining balance shall be placed in
17 the Camp Latgawa Maintenance Reserve Fund.)

18 \$150,000 to the CARE Fund (to grow the endowment principal).

19 Remaining balance (\$110,430.66 as of 04/07/17) to go to the CARE Project Fund (administered by the
20 Facilities and Property Division of the BCRM. Funds are applied for by sites to address the needs of
21 safety, health, maintenance and improvements to the sites.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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25 **Historical information related to this fund.**

26 Loon Lake Camp closed in 1997; sold in 2003 for \$398,461. Fund balance Dec, 2016: \$410,430.66.

27 The motion from the Trustees that was approved at the 1997 Annual Conference session stated: that
28 "the proceeds be held and used by the Board of Camp and Retreat Ministries for the acquisition of a
29 campsite in Southern Oregon in accordance with the recommendations of a task force study on
30 camping needs in the Southern Oregon region". (p.40, 1997 Journal)

31 Task forces to explore camping options in Southern Oregon were convened in 1988, another was
32 convened 1996-1998, and another task force in 2007-2008 and also in 2014. Over all these years, the
33 Exec Dir, the task forces, and the Facilities and Property Division have faithfully investigated all leads
34 regarding purchase of a site for a camp/retreat center that would be more favorably located or have
35 better features to serve us more adequately. Nothing better than what we already have at Camp
36 Latgawa was ever identified.

1 We have also explored working ecumenically with several sites owned by other denominations and
2 independent Christian groups. We have encouraged churches, for instance, to make use of Camp
3 Myrtlewood (a Church of the Brethren-owned site in Bridge, OR – Rt 42 between Roseburg and Coos
4 Bay, near Myrtle Point).

5 **What will this action accomplish?**

6 This action will accomplish the intent of the fund’s purpose, strengthening the camp and retreat
7 ministry in Southern Oregon by making funds available now to improve the condition of the buildings
8 at Camp Latgawa. It will also support long term care of all of our sites by contributing the CARE
9 (Camp and Retreat Endowment) Fund. The CARE Fund, established in 1996, has assisted all of our
10 sites by helping to underwrite some of the costs of replacement of worn out equipment.

11

12 **Why is it important?**

13 So that we can improve the experience of all persons at Camp Latgawa and all of our sites by
14 supporting improvements focused on the safety and health of all of our campers and guests.

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

17 The Board of Camp and Retreat Ministries will adjust the stipulations of this fund according to the
18 action of the Annual Conference. The Board with assistance of the office of the Conference
19 Treasurer and the support of the Facility and Property Division will accomplish this task by July 1,
20 2017.

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

23 There is no cost to the Annual Conference to carry out this action.

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1 **TITLE:** Send a Letter Supporting Protecting the Right to Peacefully Address Injustice through
2 Boycotts, Divestment and Sanctions

3 **SPONSORING GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL:** Oregon-Idaho Holy Land Task Force and Oregon-
4 Idaho Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSA)

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10 **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: 28 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSTAIN**

12
13 **We petition the Oregon-Idaho Annual conference to take the following action:**

14
15 **Upon passage by the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference of Standing Resolution SR-F [renamed after**
16 **Legislative Assembly as SR-7], the Conference Secretary and the Holy Land Task Force will write a**
17 **letter to the President of the United States and to the Governors, the congressional**
18 **representatives and the members of the state legislatures of Oregon and Idaho, informing those**
19 **elected officials of this resolution and attaching the full text of the resolution, said letter to include**
20 **the approximate number of congregations and church members within the Oregon-Idaho Annual**
21 **Conference. Said letter would end with this sentence: "We urge you to oppose legislation that**
22 **would limit free speech—and to support freedom for the Palestinian people."**

24 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

25 **What will this action accomplish?**

26
27 Putting action to the words of *Protecting the Right to Peacefully Address Injustice through Boycotts,*
28 *Divestment and Sanctions.*

29 **Why is it important?**

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31 These rights are under threat, and we are calling upon leadership to respect and affirm them.

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

33
34 Conference Secretary and the Holy Land Task Force will write the letter. Staff may be asked to
35 provide support to collate, staple, and send copies.

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

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38 The cost will be limited to less than \$100, including some staff time. The Annual Conference can
39 absorb this cost.

1 **TITLE:** Conference Personnel Committee Rule Change [6.006]
2 **SPONSORING GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL:** Conference Personnel Committee
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8 **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: 26 YES; 1 NO; 0 ABSTAIN**

10
11 **We petition the Oregon-Idaho Annual conference to take the following action.**

12 Replace the language of Conference Rule 6.006 with the following language:

13 **The Annual Conference shall elect a Conference Personnel Committee as follows:**

- 14 **1) Purpose:** To ensure that there are adequate and just employment policies for the conference
15 staff, not including appointed clergy. The Conference Personnel Committee shall have
16 responsibility for Conference program and finance staff structure, approve new and modified
17 positions and job descriptions to strategically align Conference staff with the vision and mission
18 of the Conference; and to oversee staff evaluation, recognition and disciplinary procedures with
19 the staff member's direct supervisor and the Conference Treasurer.
- 20 **2) Scope:** The CPC will work in collaboration and consultation with the other conference agencies
21 that employ staff, to support the mission of the Conference as well as create and nurture a spirit
22 of unity among all employees.
- 23 **3) Organization:** The CPC will consist of 4 ex-officio, non-voting members including the Bishop or
24 designee, conference treasurer, dean of the cabinet, Human Resources manager. Additionally,
25 five voting members, 4 laity and one clergy from the annual conference, will be nominated by
26 the Conference Nominating Committee and elected by the Annual Conference for terms of four
27 years. The Chair will be elected by the Annual Conference **from among the five voting members.**
28 The Vice-Chair and Secretary will be elected from among the membership of the committee.
29 These members will have expertise in personnel related issues and policies. Voting members will
30 be appointed by the Chair to lead issues of a) Compensation, b) Job Description Development, c)
31 Policy Development. The CPC shall report to the Ministerial Leadership Team (MLT).
- 32 **4) Meeting Schedule:** The CPC shall meet at least twice annually and more often as needed. The
33 CPC shall meet as needed to receive, review and reach decisions regarding grievances brought by
34 non-appointed Conference Staff.
- 35 **5) Confidentiality:** Any staff-specific personnel matters shall be confidential and not discussed
36 outside the parameters of this committee.

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38 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

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40 *** Current Conference Rule 6.006 reads:**

1 * The Bishop will designate a Conference Personnel Committee to assure ensure that there
2 are adequate and just employment policies for the conference support staff. The Conference
3 Personnel Committee shall have responsibility for Conference program and finance staff structure,
4 approve new and modified positions and job descriptions to strategically align Conference staff with
5 the vision and mission of the Conference; and to oversee staff disciplinary and recognition procedures
6 with the staff member's direct supervisor and the Conference Treasurer. The Conference Personnel
7 Committee shall include the bishop, conference treasurer, dean of the cabinet, and lay members.

8
9 **What will this action accomplish?**

10 It will provide consistency, equity and justice for personnel, and guidance for the MLT.

11
12 **Why is it important?**

13 This committee to provide a fair and equitable workplace for conference employees.

14
15 **How will it be carried out? By whom?**

16 This committee is currently functioning; these organizing principles/rules have been endorsed by the
17 members of this committee. It will carry out the functions under the MLT. The Conference Treasurer
18 will provide guidance.

19
20 **How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?**

21 Staff time (from the Conference Treasurer and HR manager) is currently allocated. Other members
22 (Conference Cabinet Chair, appointed clergy) have attended in the past. This will allow for greater
23 efficiency in the supervision of staff and it is expected the workplace will function with greater clarity
24 of role and purpose.

1 **TITLE:** Restructuring the Annual Conference Ministry Leadership Team (MLT)/Revision of
2 Conference Rules Relating to the Ministry Leadership Team (Chapter 9—9.000- 9.030)

3 **SPONSORING GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL:** Ministry Leadership Team

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8 **AMENDED IN YELLOW, ADD IN BOLD, DELETE IN STRIKE-OUT**

9 **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: 26 YES; 1 NO; 0 ABSTAIN**

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

13 Revise Rule 9.000:

14 ~~There will be a Ministry Leadership Team chaired by the Bishop and charged with connecting and~~
15 ~~aligning the ministries and resources of the annual conference with its mission and vision, and~~
16 ~~providing for connections with the agencies of the General Church. The Oregon-Idaho Annual~~
17 **Conference shall have a Ministry Leadership Team (MLT), which is charged with the**
18 **responsibility of providing on-going oversight for the mission and ministry of the Oregon-Idaho**
19 **Annual Conference within the Greater Northwest Area's vision and strategies. The MLT will**
20 **accomplish this by helping to:**

- 21 (1) **Contextualize the mission of the United Methodist Church to our settings within the**
22 **Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference.**
- 23 (2) **Prioritize and align our connectional resources to live out our mission and purpose as a**
24 **church as described in the Book of Discipline, ¶601.**
- 25 (3) **Encourage and support our local congregations throughout this process to demonstrate**
26 **vitality and further this mission through their life and ministry.**
- 27 (4) **Provide for the functions and maintain General Conference connections as appropriate**
28 **and outlined in the Book of Discipline, ¶601.**

29 Revise Rule 9.010:

30 The Ministry Leadership Team shall consist of **no more than 16 individuals. The MLT chair will be**
31 **determined by the bishop, in consultation with the Director of Connectional Ministries (or**
32 **equivalent) and the AC Lay Leader. MLT members include:**

33 The **GNW Area Bishop** ~~(chair)~~

34 The Conference Lay Leader

35 **Director of Connectional Ministries (or equivalent)**

1 ~~District Superintendents~~

2 **Two District Superintendents and two District Lay Leaders (such that each district is**
3 **represented)**

4 ~~Director of Stewardship and Finance~~

5 **Conference Treasurer / Benefits Officer**

6 **Director of Communications**

7 **A representative of the Council on Finance and Administration**

8 **A representative of the Conference Board of Pensions**

9 **A representative of the Board of Ordained Ministry**

10 ~~Director of Camp and Retreat Ministries~~ **A representative of the Board of Camp and Retreat**
11 **Ministries**

12
13 **Persons who are determined by the Bishop to be serving in lead positions of Annual**
14 **Conference priority ministries (such as the Vital Church Project, ~~Camp and Retreat Ministry,~~**
15 **Imagine No Malaria, Hunger Initiative, etc.)***

16 ***Additional individuals may be named by the bishop, in consultation with the Director of**
17 **Connectional Ministries (or equivalent) and the AC Lay Leader, in order to help maintain a**
18 **sense of balance and attend to all of our various equity concerns related to clergy/laity, age,**
19 **ethnicity, etc. (BOD ¶1610.5)**

20
21 ~~And no more than 7 others serving in leadership positions identified by the bishop as essential~~
22 ~~for effective management of the conference mission.~~

23 **The remainder of Rule 9.010 will be deleted and replaced with the following words, which**
24 **shall be renumbered as Rule 9.015 and Titled, "General Church Connections and**
25 **Responsibilities."**

26 **The MLT will align and oversee the work of the annual conference, in concert with the**
27 **Bishop of the Greater NW Area and conference leadership as outlined in the Book of**
28 **Discipline, so that the functions of ministry and administration are appropriately**
29 **implemented within the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference.**

30 **Rule 9.020 and 9.030 will remain as currently stated:**

31 9.020 The Ministry Leadership Team may authorize Conference Ministry Teams as needed to
32 fulfill the mission and vision of the conference. Conference Ministry Teams will have:

- 33 1. a mission aligned with the Conference mission, vision, and values,
34 2. a mission plan including an identified mission field, method and specific measurable
35 achievable goals, and
36 3. a team leader accountable to the Ministry Leadership Team.
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1 9.030 The Ministry Leadership Team shall consult with CCF &A in the creation of the Annual
2 Conference Budget.

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5 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

6 **Current Rules 9.000 - 9.030 are as follows:**

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8 **9.000** There will be a Ministry Leadership Team chaired by the Bishop and charged with connecting
9 and aligning the ministries and resources of the annual conference with its mission and vision, and
10 providing for connections with the agencies of the General Church.

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12 **9.010** The Ministry Leadership Team shall consist of: The Bishop (chair)

13 The Conference Lay Leader

14 District Superintendents

15 Director of Stewardship and Finance

16 Director of Camp and Retreat Ministries

17 And no more than 7 others serving in leadership positions identified by the bishop as essential for
18 effective management of the conference mission.

19 **1.** The office of the Bishop will be accountable for connection and alignment of ministries related
20 to:

21 Conference Sessions Committee

22 Committee on the Episcopacy (¶ 637)

23 Episcopal Residence Committee (¶ 638)

24 Conference Nominating Committee

25 Rules Committee

26 Conference Board of Global Ministries (¶ 633)

27 Conference Board of Church and Society (¶ 629)

28 Vital Church Project (which will care for connections with the GBOD ¶ 630) Joint Committee on
29 Incapacity (¶ 652)

30 Administrative Review Committee (¶ 636)

31 Committees on Investigation (¶ 2703)

32 Commission on Archives and History (¶ 641)

33 Campus Ministries (¶ 634)

34 Conference Youth Ministries (¶ 649.1)

35 Board of Ordained Ministry (¶ 635)

36 **2.** The Conference Lay Leader will be accountable for connection and alignment of ministries
37 related to:

38 a. The Board of Lay Ministry (¶ 631)

39 **3.** The Director of Stewardship and Finance will be accountable for connection and alignment of
40 ministries related to:

41 a. Conference Council on Finance and Administration (¶ 611)

1 **b. Conference Board of Trustees (¶ 640)**

2 **c. Commission on Equitable Compensation (¶ 625)**

3 **d. Board of Pensions (¶ 639)**

4 **e. United Methodist Retirement Fund**

5 **4. The Director of Camp and Retreat Ministries will be accountable for connection and alignment of**
6 **ministries related to Camp and Retreat Ministries**

7 **5. The District Superintendents will be accountable for connection and alignment of ministries**
8 **related to:**

9 **a. District Committees on Ordained Ministry (¶ 665)**

10 **b. District Committees on Superintendency (¶ 668)**

11 **c. District Boards of Church Location and Building (¶ 2518)**

12 **6. The MLT will hold the Director of Communications accountable for connection and alignment of**
13 **ministries related to communications (¶ 646)**

14
15 **9.020 The Ministry Leadership Team may authorize Conference Ministry Teams as needed to fulfill**
16 **the mission and vision of the conference. Conference Ministry Teams will have:**

17 **1. a mission aligned with the Conferences mission, vision and values,**

18 **2. a mission plan including an identified mission field, method and specific measurable achievable**
19 **goals, and**

20 **3. a team leader accountable to the Ministry Leadership Team.**

21
22 **9.030 The Ministry Leadership Team shall consult with CCF&A in the creation of the Annual**
23 **Conference Budget.**

24
25 **What will this action accomplish?**

26 In order to better achieve the UMC mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation
27 of the world, we propose to re-define, align and re-activate the Ministry Leadership Team (MLT) as
28 the guiding coalition to oversee the strategic direction of the annual conference. This legislation will
29 help provide a greater sense of coordination and oversight for our connectional work, align our efforts
30 within the Greater NW Episcopal Area, and further our mission and ministry between annual
31 conference sessions, while also providing a better sense of direction for our common work.

32
33 **Why is it important?**

34 Currently the MLT does not have a sense of clarity about its role and authority within the life of the
35 annual conference and as a result has not provided the kind of leadership that was originally
36 envisioned for its stated purpose. This legislation will correct this matter by providing a renewed
37 sense of purpose and direction for the MLT within the life of the annual conference.

38
39 **How will it be carried out? By whom?**

40 The following defines the authority, responsibility, and accountability that will be a part of the MLT's
41 role within the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference. This action will be carried out by the MLT.

1 **Responsibility**

2 It is the responsibility of the MLT to take on the following activities within the parameters set forth
3 by the annual conference and AC rules/actions:

- 4 o Align the resources of the Oregon-Idaho Conference to a shared vision of the area.
- 5 o Discern and articulate the reason that the Oregon-Idaho AC exists and to strategize the
6 application of its assets toward fulfilling that reason.
- 7 o Facilitate and inspire the collaboration of ministries in the various local churches.
- 8 o Develop a multi-directional communications system that engages people in the
9 connectional church.
- 10 o Work in partnership with the bishop and appointive cabinet to cast the vision.
- 11 o Facilitate connections within the annual conference.

12 The MLT may consult with other representative bodies and ministry teams in the annual conference
13 in order to fulfill its responsibilities.

14 **Authority**

15 In order to fulfill its responsibility, the Ministry Leadership Team (MLT) will:

- 16 (1) Contextualize the mission of the United Methodist Church to our settings within the Oregon-
17 Idaho Annual Conference.
- 18 (2) Prioritize and align our connectional resources to live out our mission and purpose as a
19 church as described in the Book of Discipline, ¶1601.
- 20 (3) Encourage and support our local congregations throughout this process to demonstrate
21 vitality and further this mission through their life and ministry.
- 22 (4) Provide for the functions and maintain General Conference connections as appropriate and
23 outlined in the Book of Discipline, ¶1601.

24 **Accountability**

25 The MLT will develop a set of clearly defined metrics to aid in its work and report on the progress of
26 the annual conference in relationship to these metrics each year. The MLT meeting cycle will take
27 place in a format such as the following in order to live out its purpose and function:

- 28 Summer/Fall Hold an annual MLT Retreat to set priorities and strategies for the coming year
- 29 Fall/Winter Review strategies, assess progress in the AC and begin developing budget/funding
30 discussions for the coming year
- 31 Winter/Spring Do mid-year evaluation/review, finalize budget and work with CF&A, continue to
32 evaluate strategic work within the AC
- 33 Spring Finalize annual conference preparations/communication/annual report, and review
34 progress being made on AC strategy and implementation

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1 **MLT Outputs and Outcomes**

2 In 2017-18, the MLT will: (1) establish priorities, strategies, and outcomes for the annual conference,
3 so that it is better positioned to advance its mission and ministry, and (2) assess the number of
4 congregations that demonstrate vitality, by using the Readiness 360 process and other evaluative
5 tools for measurement.

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

8 The funds needed for the work of MLT will include the costs involved in holding 4 to 6 meetings
9 annually. We are projecting \$5000 for this expense, and these funds will come from the MLT line
10 item of the AC operating budget. Any additional expenses will be covered by the AC Mission and
11 Ministry budget.

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1 **TITLE:** Reasonable Compliance Required Under Conference Rule 2.024

2 **SPONSORING GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL:** Legislative Team

3 **SPOKESPERSON:** Warren Light

4 **SPOKESPERSON'S ADDRESS:** 2520 Harris Street, Eugene OR 97405

5 **SPOKESPERSON'S E-MAIL:** uowesleycenter@gmail.com

6 **SPOKESPERSON'S TELEPHONE:** 541.654.8144

7 **AMENDED IN YELLOW, ADD IN BOLD, DELETE IN STRIKE-OUT**

8 **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: 28 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSTAIN**

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We petition the Oregon-Idaho Annual conference to take the following action:

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Add the following language after the last words of **Conference Rule 2.024:**

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Compliance with this rule [2.024] requires:

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****a reasonable attempt by organizers of the Legislative Assembly to meet all category**

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requirements,

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****persons representing the named categories have been asked to serve with appropriate**

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notice, and

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****actual attendance of Legislative Assembly is at least 70% of membership as prescribed**

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herein.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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Conference Rule 2.024 The Bishop shall preside over a Legislative Assembly. Support staff shall consist of a vice-chair for logistics, the Conference Secretary, the Conference Communication Director, and the Legislative Coordinator(s). These persons have right of voice, but not vote, unless appointed to the Legislative Assembly itself. Voting members of the Legislative Assembly shall be drawn from the membership of the Annual Conference, shall be named to a four-year term, and may serve for a second four-year term. Membership shall be representative of the Annual Conference as a whole, with effort made to balance gender, age, ethnic and national origin, theological perspective, and socioeconomic location. No discrimination shall be made based on gender identity, disability, or sexual orientation.

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Legislative Assembly Membership shall consist of:

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- The lay leader of the annual conference.

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- A second lay member named by the Board of Laity.

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- Four representatives from each District (Two clergy and two lay, including one of whom shall be the District lay leader.)

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- Two representatives named by (and members of) the Board of Ordained Ministry (one deacon and one elder).

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- Two youth representatives chosen from a pool representing all Districts.

- 1 • Two young adult representatives chosen from a pool representing all Districts.
- 2 • Two members named by the Commission on Religion and Race.
- 3 • One member from each of the following administrative teams: Conference Council of
- 4 Finance & Administration, Conference Board of Pensions, Conference Board of Trustees.
- 5 • The Annual Conference President of the United Methodist Women, or a designated
- 6 representative.
- 7 • The Annual Conference President of the United Methodist Men, or a designated
- 8 representative.
- 9 • One representative of the Appointive Cabinet.
- 10 • One representative of the Ministry Leadership Team.

11 If a Legislative Assembly member is unable to attend, an equitable and representative person
12 may be chosen by the representative entity as a replacement. ****[The proposed additional***
13 ***language would be inserted here]****

14 **What will this action accomplish?**

15 This rule change will acknowledge the realities that some people intending to serve may not be able
16 to serve, that some categories may not have persons available to serve, and that a last-minute
17 emergency may delay others.

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19 **Why is it important?**

20 Conference Rule 2.024 is intended to provide integrity to the process, not derail the Legislative
21 Assembly where illness, emergency, or changes in Annual Conference may dampen attendance.

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

24 Currently, the Legislative Team under the guidance and authority of the Sessions Committee carries
25 out the invitation process as stated within the rule.

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

28 This rule will need to be published. However, the greatest cost concern is where a Legislative
29 Assembly would take place, have a few absentees, and then be declared invalid at Annual
30 Conference. Such an occurrence would result in a massive waste of time, human resource and
31 money.

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1 **TITLE:** Abundant Health Task Force Formation, Mission, and Budget

2 **SPONSORING GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL:** Abundant Health Work Team on behalf of the Global
3 Mission Team

4 **SPOKESPERSON:** Emilie Kroen

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8 **AMENDED IN YELLOW, ADD IN BOLD, DELETE IN STRIKE-OUT**

9 **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: 25 YES; 1 NO; 0 ABSTAIN**

12 We are united by Jesus's words in John 10:10, "I came that they may have life, and have it
13 abundantly." God calls his church to the ministry of healing. No one alone has the resources necessary
14 to fulfill the promise of Abundant Health. Therefore, we seek to engage at least 10,000 churches to
15 develop support systems that support abundant health within their communities, especially the well-
16 being and health of women and children. Churches can contribute locally to the health of all God's
17 children in their communities and the health of children around the world.

18 — General Board of Global Ministries, www.umcabundanthealth.org/about

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

21 Become an Abundant Health Annual Conference by participating in the General Board of Global
22 Ministries Abundant Health initiative in the following manner:

24 The Annual Conference form an Abundant Health Task Force to lead, inform, and guide the work of
25 the conference and local churches in participating in the United Methodist Abundant Health
26 initiative.

28 Funding Through June 2020

29 Further, the Abundant Health Task Force shall be granted an annual budget of \$25,000 for a part-
30 time coordinator, and \$5,000 for program expenses beginning July 1, 2017, and continuing through
31 June 30, 2020. These funds would come from both the conference budget and the Mission
32 Opportunity Fund as determined by the Ministry Leadership Team and the Annual Conference
33 Council on Finance and Administration.

35 Oversight and Missional Objectives

36 The Abundant Health Task Force will report to, and receive direction from, the Ministry Leadership
37 Team. The Abundant Health Task Force will report to the Ministry Leadership Team no less than
38 quarterly. The outcome measurements will be reported by each ministry setting based on the
39 ministry provided, with data obtained by the Task Force.

41 The Abundant Health Task Force will also coordinate its work with the Conference Board of Global
42 Ministries to integrate local and global health and encourage volunteerism through Volunteer in
43 Mission and other programs of the church. The Abundant Health shall also work with United

1 Methodist Women to teach and take action for the improvement of Global Health, especially for
2 women and children.

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4 The Abundant Health Task Force shall encourage churches to participate in Abundant Health
5 activities, provide resources, and provide training for church leaders.

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7 The Abundant Health Task Force will act locally and globally with activities such as:

- 8 • Promoting the 10,000 Church Challenge goal and other resources of the Abundant Health
9 initiative.
- 10 • Organizing conference-wide fund raising events such as district challenges and 5K runs.
- 11 • Offering conference-wide learning through book readings and local church learning groups.
- 12 • Sponsoring learning events at the Annual Conference Session, District Trainings, and other
13 opportunities.
- 14 • Encouraging and recognizing the work of local churches that work for the improvement of
15 global and local health **including mental health and treatment of trauma.**
- 16 • Informing, encouraging, and recognizing mission activities throughout the globe by
17 • participating in Abundant Health-related GBGM Advance or UMW giving opportunities.

18 19 Staffing and Human Resources

20 To effectively accomplish this work, the Task Force may hire a part-time coordinator to: champion
21 the work of Abundant Health; provide resources and training; provide updates on events, successes,
22 and actions; and keep the need for a worldwide effort of The United Methodist Church before the
23 conference.

24
25 The Ministry Leadership Team will name the members of the Task Force with input from the Board of
26 Lay Ministries, the Appointive Cabinet, and the bishop. The UMW President, or a designee, shall be a
27 member of the task force.

28 29 Local Ministry Participation, Action, and Missional Goal

30 Local churches and ministries will participate in the 10,000 Church Challenge by initiating and/or
31 enhancing community-based ministry opportunities for healthy lifestyle choices through healthy
32 eating, active living, mental health education and promotion, and tobacco- and drug-free living.
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34 Specific examples could include the following:

- 35 • Partnering with a local public school to provide nutritious weekend meals for Backpack
36 Buddies.
- 37 • Supporting vulnerable children (homeless, fostered, incarcerated parent, disabled, etc.) with
38 coats, pajamas, lice kits, school supplies, etc.
- 39 • Conducting a study of a relevant Abundant Health issue, then formulate a plan and take
40 action. For example: Maternal mortality rates in the U.S. have been increasing in recent
41 years; one option would be to figure out the impact within your community and take steps
42 locally to decrease maternal mortality rates.
- 43 • Establishing a giving program for at least one Abundant Health-related GBGM Advance or
44 UMW giving opportunities such as:
 - 45 o A United Methodist Women program with International Child Care at Grace
46 Children's Hospital in Haiti and/or their disability program in the Dominican Republic
 - 47 o Imagine No Malaria
 - 48 o Maua Methodist Hospital in Kenya Advance #09613A

- 1 o Global Health Advance #3021770
- 2 o United Methodist Women’s Legacy Fund, World Thank Offering, and/or Call to
- 3 Prayer and Self Denial
- 4 o “Shade & Fresh Water,” Brazil Advance #11580A
- 5 o Missionary Katherine T. Parker, serving as part of the health team of the United
- 6 Mission to Nepal; Missionary Support Code: 15187Z
- 7 • Offering food pantries.
- 8 • Creating community gardens.
- 9 • Providing weekly community meals.
- 10 • Sponsoring interfaith conferences on spirituality and mental health.
- 11 • Partnering with a peer-to-peer counseling group.
- 12 • Partnering with county health training.
- 13 • Teaching congregation members how to assess family and friends and how to make
- 14 referrals.
- 15 • Dedicating one Sunday every year to each topic: substance abuse, suicide prevention, eating
- 16 disorders, and sleep disorders.
- 17 • Developing a Congregational Care Team led by a Faith Community Nurse.
- 18 • Including fresh fruits, vegetables, and whole grains at all potlucks, church, or community
- 19 meals.
- 20 • Limiting portion size by using smaller plates and beverage containers or eliminating buffet-
- 21 style meals at church events.
- 22 • Serving healthy drinks and water (e.g., replacing offerings with water, 100% fruit juice, or
- 23 low-fat or fat-free milk).
- 24 • Sharing health messages/tips through bulletin inserts, bulletin board announcements, or
- 25 church newsletters, or by observing a health minute or projector displays during worship.
- 26 • Entering into an Health/Wellness Agreement with the pastor, then monitoring and
- 27 celebrating health improvements.
- 28 • Encouraging members of the congregation to take the Personal Health Assessment and talk
- 29 over the results with their doctor.
- 30 • Sharing data of such work with the Abundant Health Task Force.

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What will this action accomplish?

Abundant Health will enhance and expand intentional ministries focused on the mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual health of the people in our churches, our local communities, and around the world. Abundant Health will also demonstrate what is possible in the world of public health through the power and influence of a global, faith-driven, multimillion-member, connectional organization such as The United Methodist Church. The global goal is to reach 1 million children with lifesaving and health-promoting measures by 2020.

The Abundant Health initiative seeks to build on existing energy within Oregon-Idaho churches by starting new Abundant Health-related ministries and/or enhancing and extending the current Abundant Health-related ministries in which churches are already engaged.

1 **Why is it important?**

2 At General Conference 2016, the General Board of Global Missions (GBGM) launched the Abundant
3 Health Initiative. In addition to asking us all to give to mission in ways that improve children and
4 maternal health around the globe, the 10,000 Church Challenge was announced. This GBGM-
5 sponsored challenge seeks to engage 10,000 churches to develop support systems for health care
6 treatment, education, and prevention in our communities.

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8 We invite all churches in Oregon and Idaho to participate in this challenge by engaging their
9 congregation and community in health enhancing ministries through:

- 10 • Physical activity,
11 • Healthy diet and nutrition,
12 • Tobacco and drug-free living, and/or
13 • Mental health education and promotion.

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15 Abundant Health seeks to make a spiritual connection with individuals and communities, enhance
16 the spiritual development of our congregation, and enhance the lives of the people touched by the
17 ministries provided in very real and tangible ways.

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19 Christ came to bring abundant life, his calling we embody,
20 Each time we touch the heart and soul; and heal the broken body.

21 —Rev. Tim Winslea
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23 **How will it be carried out? By whom?**

24 The General Board of Global Ministries is leading the Abundant Health initiative
25 (www.umcabundanthealth.org). For the Oregon-Idaho Conference, the Abundant Health Task Force
26 will oversee the Abundant Health initiative and a program coordinator will provide support by
27 educating, resourcing, encouraging, and engaging local churches and campus and campus ministries.

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29 The Abundant Health Task Force will report to the Ministry Leadership Team no less than quarterly.
30 The outcome measurements will be reported by each ministry setting based on the ministry
31 provided. As examples: a food pantry would report the number of people served or amount of food
32 distributed over a given period of time; a community garden would report the number for pounds of
33 produce provided to the local food pantry; a suicide prevention seminar would count the number of
34 attendees. Ministry impacts will be celebrated through success stories. For example: an exercise
35 program would measure pounds lost and impact measured by the number of people who were able
36 to stop taking high blood pressure medication.

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

39 The Task Force shall have an annual budget of \$25,000 for a part-time coordinator, and \$5,000 for
40 program expenses beginning July 1, 2017, and continuing through June 30, 2020. These funds could
41 come from both the conference budget and the Mission Opportunity Fund as determined by the
42 Ministry Leadership Team and the Annual Conference Council on Finance and Administration.

1 **TITLE: Planetary Stewardship**
2 **SPONSORING GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL:** Planet Church Committee, Portland First UMC; Outreach
3 Committee, Lake Oswego UMC
4 **SPOKESPERSON:** Renee Harber, Dave Kracke, Eric Carlson
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8 **This petition is** a renewal of an existing Standing Resolution (minor revisions emboldened)

9 **AMENDED IN YELLOW, ADD IN BOLD, DELETE IN STRIKE-OUT**

10 **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: 25 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSTAIN**

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13 **Text of the Standing Resolution as it would appear in the Conference Journal:**

14 Our planet with its life-nourishing balance of water, air, nutrients and climate is a precious gift and
15 sacred trust from our Creator. Climate scientists continue to warn with increasing urgency that we
16 humans are inflicting dangerous damage to this gift, - being virtually unanimous in their peer
17 reviewed reports saying that continuing growth of greenhouse gas emissions is pushing our planet
18 toward catastrophic climate change.

19 Furthermore, the human produced emissions are coming mainly from the developed countries and
20 wealthier peoples, while it is the less developed countries and peoples living in poverty who are least
21 able to cope with resulting droughts, floods, growing food shortages, rising sea levels and other
22 extreme weather events. **Reduction of the air and water pollution that results from burning fossil
23 fuels will also have measurable benefits for the health of people and the environment regardless
24 of climate change.**

25 Finally, in many places population growth itself continues to stress our planet as a driver of climate
26 change, food shortages and rapid species loss, while it is widely forecast that business as usual during
27 the next 40 years will add another 2 billion people to our planet.

28 We, as the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference, affirm that as people of faith living in one of the
29 world's wealthiest nations our responsibilities include considering the adoption of science-based
30 lifestyle changes and policies that will reduce human produced greenhouse gases; divesting from
31 fossil fuel enterprises which are increasing greenhouse gases; promoting attitudes and policies that
32 reduce human population growth to sustainable levels, and assisting the globe's most vulnerable
33 populations to adapt to climate change. So may we move toward humanity's reconciliation with this
34 awesome God-given life-sustaining place called earth.

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37 **What will this action accomplish?** We will encourage churches to build understandings and
38 commitments enabling individuals and congregations to care about and advocate for crucially
39 important science based changes in life-styles and public policies.

40 **Why is it important?** It has to do with our helping salvage a livable planet for the future as expressing
41 our love for God who created and affirmed all life on our planet to be very good.

- 1 **How will this action be carried out? By whom?** Conference and congregational leaders along with
- 2 people called Methodist will care about and study these matters in a way that leads to informed life
- 3 style changes and informed support for appropriate public policies.

- 4 **How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?** There will be no additional cost because
- 5 this does not involve an additional program, but will come to be seen as an important part of the
- 6 main mission of the church.

1 **TITLE:** Open Membership (2013)
2 **SPONSORING GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL:** Oregon-Idaho Reconciling United Methodists
3 **SPOKESPERSON:** Jeanne Knepper
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7 **This petition is: A renewal of an existing Standing Resolution (no or minor revisions)**
8 **AMENDED IN YELLOW, ADD IN BOLD, DELETE IN STRIKE-OUT**
9 **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: 28 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSTAIN**

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Text of the Standing Resolution as it would appear in the Conference Journal:

The Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference expects and encourages its congregations and clergy to abide by the principle: Membership in any local church in the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference shall not be denied on the basis of race, color, age, national origin, economic condition, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical ability, or any other status.

18 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

19 **What will this action accomplish?**

20 This means that 'open hearts, open minds, open doors' will be implemented fully for membership.

21 **Why is it important?**

22 Jesus welcomed all people, and so will we. It is important, in a time when people are not sure
23 whether they are welcome, that we name our commitment to be welcoming.

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

25 Congregations and clergy will welcome all persons into church life and membership.

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

27 The cost of a quarter page in the Journal.
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1 **TITLE:** Welcoming the Migrant in Our Midst
2 **SPONSORING GROUP:** Sanctuary Taskforce of the First United Methodist Church of Eugene
3 **SPOKESPERSON:** Rev. Adam Briddell, Associate Pastor, Eugene 1st United Methodist Church
4 **SPOKESPERSON'S ADDRESS:** 1376 Olive Street, Eugene, OR 97401
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6 **SPOKESPERSON'S TELEPHONE:** 202-255-8369
7 **This petition is: A New Standing Resolution**
8 **AMENDED IN YELLOW, ADD IN BOLD, DELETE IN STRIKE-OUT**
9 **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: 28 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSTAIN**

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12 **Text of the Standing Resolution as it would appear in the Conference Journal:**

13
14 The vast majority of people now living in Oregon and Idaho are the descendants of immigrants who
15 migrated here seeking safety, security and prosperity. Today, more than 390,000 people in Oregon,
16 and more than 95,000 people in Idaho, were born outside of the United States.

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18 Regardless of status and documentation, immigrants and refugees sit in our pews and are behind the
19 pulpits of our churches, and they have added to our witness for Christ as we have all dedicated our-
20 selves to the church's mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
21 Immigrants and refugees are making immeasurable contributions to our cultural, economic and civic
22 life.

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24 We remember that the writer of Leviticus commands the love of the immigrant, who "shall be to you
25 as the citizen among you" (Leviticus 19:33-34);" and that early in Jesus' life, he was a refugee to Afri-
26 ca fleeing persecution and violence in his homeland (Matthew 2:13-15). Jesus could not be more
27 clear, that the nations would be judged on the basis of the way they fed the hungry, clothed the na-
28 ked and cared for prisoners (Matthew 25:31-46). And our Social Principles call us to "we recognize,
29 embrace, and affirm all persons, regardless of country of origin, as members of the family of God
30 (United Methodist Book of Discipline, III. The Social Community ¶162 H Rights of Immigrants)."

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32 The Oregon-Idaho Conference of The United Methodist Church, as followers of Jesus, repents of the
33 racism and violence that has been directed toward newly arriving migrants from all parts of the
34 world.

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36 We express our opposition to any immigration policy that excludes refugees solely on the basis of
37 their religion or national origin.

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39 We celebrate the work of our Hispanic Ministry Council and support the formation of an immigration
40 task force by the Conference to help provide guidance to churches seeking to be in ministry to immi-
41 grants in our communities.

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2 We encourage all churches to educate and equip their members to provide hospitality and welcome
3 to migrants and refugees in their communities, and to take further actions and advocacy for just poli-
4 cies after prayer and discernment.

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6 We affirm the ancient right of churches to be sanctuaries for those living in fear for their own safety
7 or the safety of the friends and family, especially our immigrant neighbors who may lack legal status
8 or appropriate documentation.

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10 We call upon our political leaders and policy makers to assure our laws affirm the worth, dignity, in-
11 herent values and rights of immigrants.

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13 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

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15 **What will this action accomplish?**

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17 Engaging in ministry with immigrants and refugees in our communities increasingly risks confronta-
18 tion with civil authorities, and increasingly requires the willingness to engage in civil disobedience on
19 behalf of vulnerable people in our community. For leaders in the local church who are on the front-
20 lines of these risky, faithful ministries, the support and encouragement of our annual conference is
21 important.

22
23 **Why is it important?**

24
25 We continue to hear from our immigrant neighbors how fearful they are for their own safety, and
26 the safety of their friends and loved ones. It is vitally important that the Annual Conference encour-
27 age our congregations to be places of safety and sanctuary for our immigrant brothers and sisters,
28 regardless of their status or documentation.

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

31
32 This resolution, if adopted by the Annual Conference, will support conference and local leaders in our
33 churches as they work for and with immigrants and refugees in our communities.

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35 **How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?** No cost other than staff and print for
36 publication.

1 **TITLE: Oregon-Idaho Conference Supports Sanctuary for Immigrants and Refugees**

2 **SPONSORING GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL: Peace with Justice, OR-ID MFSA**

3 **SPOKESPERSON: Claudia Roberts**

4 **SPOKESPERSON'S ADDRESS: 5328 NE 40th Avenue**

5 **SPOKESPERSON'S E-MAIL: Clarobb@juno.com**

6 **SPOKESPERSON'S TELEPHONE:**

7 **This petition is: A New Standing Resolution**

8 **AMENDED IN YELLOW, ADD IN BOLD, DELETE IN STRIKE-OUT**

9 **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: 27 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSTAIN**

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12 **Text of the Standing Resolution as it would appear in the Conference Journal:**

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14 We encourage all of the churches and church sponsored facilities in the Oregon-Idaho Conference to
15 study the option to become a "Sanctuary" site for immigrants and refugees. We ask these faith
16 communities to take a stand to protect everyone who comes into their churches or facilities
17 regardless of their immigrant status. The community would not be required to house immigrants or
18 refugees ~~unless they chose to do so.~~ **If such faith communities choose to do so, we encourage these**
19 **communities to learn about protocols that provide maximum safety for immigrants.** Declaring
20 solidarity with immigrants and refugees helps to make our communities safer and more just.

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22 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

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24 **What will this action accomplish?**

25 Immigrants are living in fear among us and often do not know where they can go where they will feel
26 welcome and safe. By offering the hospitality that Jesus told us we should provide in Matthew
27 25:34-40 which includes "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave
28 me something to drink, I was a stranger and you took me in."

29
30 **Why is it important?**

31 Immigrants and refugees are important members of our communities and are our neighbors and
32 friends. They need to see that we, as United Methodist Christians, live our faith and stand in
33 solidarity with those who are marginalized and live in fear.

34
35 **How will it be carried out? By whom?**

36 Churches and other facilities are urged to seek out resources in their own communities to help them
37 learn about the issues being faced by their neighbors and how they can stand in solidarity with them.
38 They may also use the Sanctuary Tool Kit available at the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice
39 web site: www.imirj.org. or information provided by the Western Methodist Justice Movement
40 Action Network "#Documented by Love" on their web site: www.wmjm.org.

1 Claudia Roberts, OR-ID Conference Peace with Justice Coordinator, and some members of the
2 #Documented by Love Action Network would be available for consultation or presentations in the
3 local churches on an “as available” basis.

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

6 There would no cost to the conference other than the costs associated for including the resolution in
7 the conference journal.

1 **TITLE:** Opposing Legislation Requiring Restraining Order Against Survivors in Cases of
2 Domestic Violence

3 **SPONSORING GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL:** The Wesley Foundation

4 **SPOKESPERSON:** Warren Light, Jordan Henderson, and Wesley Student Interns

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7 **SPOKESPERSON'S TELEPHONE:** 541.654.8144

8 **This petition is a New Standing Resolution**

9 **AMENDED IN YELLOW, ADD IN BOLD, DELETE IN STRIKE-OUT**

10 **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: 27 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSTAIN**

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13 *The deafening and disabling silence that has surrounded the abuse of women and children is being*
14 *broken. We now know that overwhelming numbers of women and children in our churches and*
15 *communities are being battered, raped, emotionally and psychologically abused, and physically*
16 *and sexually assaulted. . . . The Social Principles of The United Methodist Church affirm the family*
17 *as "the basic human community through which persons are nurtured and sustained in mutual love,*
18 *responsibility, respect, and fidelity." Clearly violence and abuse cannot be tolerated within such an*
19 *understanding. . . . People of faith should take the lead in calling for a just response by the*
20 *community in the face of domestic violence and sexual abuse. . . .*

21 **ADOPTED 2004, READOPTED 2008 Resolution #3423**

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23 In keeping with the United Methodist principles, we, the Oregon Idaho Annual Conference offer
24 support and advocacy for survivors of Domestic Violence [DV]. ~~We oppose Oregon Senate Bill 652~~
25 ~~and any other legislation~~ We oppose any legislation, such as Oregon Senate Bill 652 (2017
26 Legislative Session) that requires survivors of DV who seek restraining orders have such orders
27 automatically placed on themselves. We recognize that any restraining order requires a showing of
28 cause, may be contested, affording due process. We believe that survivors of DV should have that
29 right as do offenders. Survivors must not be treated more harshly or have fewer legal rights than
30 anyone else.

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32 We call upon everyone, including elected representatives, to reject such inequities that are
33 intentionally and/or unintentionally gender-based. We further affirm that God is love, loves all
34 people, and abhors abusive violence in any family or home. We invite local ministry settings to
35 offer support to survivors of Domestic Violence in keeping with the spirit of the healing Christ.

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38 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

39 **What will this action accomplish?**

40 This SR indicates that the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference and local ministries are in solidarity with
41 survivors of Domestic Violence. It is also a corrective to increasingly accepted sexism and gender
42 inequity in the public sphere.

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Why is it important?

Much has been written about a political and cultural “war against women,” and yet the church has not always spoken about specific legal changes that impact the lives of survivors of Domestic Violence. This SR responds to a clear case of inequity. New proposed laws, including Oregon SB 652 require that an automatic restraining order be placed on any survivor of Domestic Violence that has obtained a restraining order [RO] against their offender. Please note that the survivor must reach a burden of proof that she or he needs an RO, whereas the offender gets an automatic RO without providing any proof of need.

In practice, the process of obtaining ROs is not a “given.” The court may resist because of negative impact on the respondent’s life and/or livelihood. To have an RO placed upon a survivor without any showing of cause is discriminatory and cruel. It is specifically designed to keep the survivor from filing for an RO. SB 652 in Oregon is an example of such proposed legislation. SB 652 attempts to disguise its purpose by using the words, “restrains petitioner from directly or indirectly causing respondent to violate certain terms of Family Abuse Prevention Act order.” It is still a “free” restraining order without proof of cause, and with heightened penalties. These proposals are propping up in other states as well. These acts discriminate against women, who are 8 times more likely to be the survivors of abuse [or non-surviving victims]. The Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference should stand with survivors in this case. Offenders are better off as well, in that those seeking treatment and wanting to change their behavior would not have a history of having restrained persons they have hurt. SB 652 and similar laws exacerbates the problem and makes all less safe.

How will it be carried out? By whom?

Actions, if any, may be carried out in local ministries as they choose. Conversations and studies would be helpful. We would encourage local ministry settings to share this SR as part of a more comprehensive conversation on supporting survivors and/or encouraging offenders to seek appropriate treatment.

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

Staff time and pages in the journal have cost. Other than that, we foresee no involuntary costs for local ministry settings or the Annual Conference.

SB 652 Follows:
Addendum #1

SB 652 - The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor’s brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Establishes automatic restraining order against petitioner in Family Abuse Prevention Act proceeding that restrains petitioner from directly or indirectly causing respondent to violate certain terms of Family Abuse

1 Prevention Act order. Violation by petitioner may result in finding of contempt and provides respondent with
2 affirmative defense in contempt proceeding.

3 A BILL FOR AN ACT

4 Relating to the Family Abuse Prevention Act.

5 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

6 SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2017 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 107.700 to 107.735.

7 SECTION 2. (1) After a petition for relief under ORS 107.710 has been filed and an order after an ex parte
8 hearing has been issued and served in accordance with ORS 107.718, a re- straining order is in effect against
9 the petitioner as provided in subsection (2) of this section until the order issued under ORS 107.718 is modified,
10 set aside or expires, until the re- straining order is modified or revoked under subsection (5) of this section or
11 ORS 107.730 (1), or until further order of the court.

12 (2) The restraining order issued under subsection (1) of this section applies when the court's order provides for
13 relief to the petitioner under ORS 107.718 (1)(c), (g) or (i) or ORS 107.730 (1).

14 (3) The restraining order issued under this section shall restrain the petitioner from directly or indirectly
15 causing the respondent to violate the provisions of an order for relief under ORS 107.718 (1)(c), (g) or (i) or ORS
16 107.730 (1).

17 (4) A violation of this section:

18 (a) May result in a finding of contempt against the petitioner; and

19 (b) Provides the respondent with an affirmative defense to an allegation or charge of contempt for violation of
20 an order issued under ORS 107.718 (1)(c), (g) or (i) or ORS 107.730 (1).

21 (5) The petitioner restrained under this section may apply to the court for further orders to modify or revoke
22 the restraining order issued under this section.

23 (6) A copy of the restraining order issued under this section shall include a notice that the petitioner may
24 request a hearing on the restraining order by filing a request for hearing with the court. The form shall be
25 established by court rule and must include the terms of the restraining order described in this section.

26 (7) A copy of the restraining order issued under this section must be attached to the order issued under ORS
27 107.718 or ORS 107.730 and served upon the respondent, and a copy

28 NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to
29 be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.

30 Sponsored by Senator KRUSE

31 Senate Bill 652 SUMMARY

32 79th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY--2017 Regular Session

33 LC 2494

34 SB 652 — (1) must be provided to the petitioner by the clerk of the court upon issuance of the order.

1 **TITLE:** Call to Study the Implications of Purchasing Hewlett Packard Office Equipment
2 **SPONSORING GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL:** OR-ID Holy Land Task Force/OR-ID Methodist
3 Federation for Social Action (MFSA)
4 **SPOKESPERSON:** Dee Poujade
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8 **This petition is A New Standing Resolution**

9 **AMENDED IN YELLOW, ADD IN BOLD, DELETE IN STRIKE-OUT**

10 **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: 25 YES; 2 NO; 1 ABSTAIN**
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12 **Text of the Standing Resolution as it would appear in the Conference Journal:**

13 The Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference calls on all conference boards, agencies, offices, local
14 congregations, campus ministries, and individual United Methodists to give prayerful consideration
15 to options other than HP products for their business and personal needs until this family of
16 companies ends its involvement with the illegal Israeli occupation of Palestine. This will align with
17 United Methodist values and the prior actions of this Annual Conference in divesting from Hewlett
18 Packard.

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20 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

21 **What will this action accomplish?**

22 The Holy Land Task Force will follow up on this resolution by reporting back to 2018 Annual
23 Conference the status of the boycott and when it might be lifted.

24 This action is a logical follow-up to the divestment resolution enacted by this Annual Conference in
25 2015 (AR 06), with the inclusion of Hewlett-Packard in the list of companies from whose stock this
26 Annual Conference is divesting its funds "until these companies end their involvement with the illegal
27 Israeli occupation of Palestine..." Not only has Hewlett Packard not ended its involvement with the
28 Occupation; it has expanded said involvement in the past two years. Individuals, congregations and
29 districts should be aware that their purchase of HP products provides tacit support to the
30 Occupation, and that by refusing to purchase such products, they will send a message to HP that its
31 corporate behavior does not follow our Christian teachings.

32 **Why is it important?**

33 Palestinians are forced to use Israeli-controlled checkpoints to move within the West Bank, which is
34 part of their own designated homeland. A biometric system of scanning and ID cards is central to
35 Israel's system of control of the West Bank. Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE), one of the family of

1 Hewlett Packard companies (HP), is responsible for developing, integrating and maintaining the
2 biometric system used by the Israeli military to control movement, thus HPE profits from developing
3 systems to racially profile and control the movement of Palestinians, and as such is complicit in a
4 breach of Article 13 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

5 HP operates a development center in Beithar Illit, an illegal Israeli-only settlement city in the
6 occupied West Bank built on land confiscated from the Palestinian villages of Wadi Fukin, Nahhalin,
7 and Husan, and, as an employer in the settlement, HP profits from stolen land and contributes to the
8 tax base and job opportunities that strengthen the settlement.
9 (<http://investigate.afsc.org/company/hp-inc-and-hewlett-packard-enterprise>), and

10 Further, HP provides services and technologies to two of the other biggest Israeli-only, illegal West
11 Bank settlements Modi'in Ilit and Ariel, and participated in the "Smart City" project in Ariel, providing
12 a storage system for the settlement's municipality, ([http://www.whoprofits.org/company/hewlett-](http://www.whoprofits.org/company/hewlett-packard-hp)
13 [packard-hp](http://www.whoprofits.org/company/hewlett-packard-hp)).

14 The Hewlett Packard Company recently split into two companies, HP Inc. and Hewlett Packard
15 Enterprise (HPE), with more spin-offs projected, and the various HP companies share certain
16 logistical infrastructure, governance, supply chains, and technologies with one another, and they all
17 draw on the HP brand's long history of close connections with the Israeli military and occupation
18 (http://uscpr.org/hp2016woa_pr/).

19 The United Methodist Church has specifically and repeatedly condemned both the military
20 occupation and the construction of Israeli-only settlements in the West Bank (2016 United Methodist
21 Book of Resolutions #6111, p. 602-606). Further, United Methodists have participated in ecumenical
22 shareholder engagement with HP for more than eight years and have asked them to end their
23 involvement with the illegal occupation of Palestinian lands
24 (https://www.kairosresponse.org/uploads/UM_CorpEngagement_2004-11.pdf), and there has been
25 no meaningful progress with HP and no indication of any willingness to change their involvement in
26 the occupation of Palestinian territories
27 (https://www.kairosresponse.org/uploads/UM_CorpEngagement_2004-11.pdf).

28 The United Methodist Church asks all companies that profit from and/or support settlements
29 through their business activities to examine these activities and stop any business transactions that
30 contribute to violations of international law, promote systemic discrimination, or otherwise support
31 ongoing military occupation ([2016 United Methodist Book of Resolutions #6111, p. 605](#)).

32 Whereas nonviolent tools for education and ethical consumption are central to a living expression of
33 discipleship, with Methodists participating in boycotts as an effective moral economic tool long used
34 by people of conscience including such boycotts as Taco Bell and Mt. Olive Pickle Company, Inc. to
35 support farm workers, Nestle to challenge marketing of infant formula, and USA Today to support
36 newspaper workers in Detroit.

1 In 2015 the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference approved a measure calling for divestment from HP,
2 and the financial bodies of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference are in the process of carrying out
3 said divestment.

4 Further, there is interfaith support for Boycott Divestment and Sanctions. More than 3,000
5 Palestinian Christians have implored Christians everywhere to put actions behind their words to end
6 Israel's occupation of Palestinian land ([http://www.kairopalestine.ps/index.php/about-us/kairos-](http://www.kairopalestine.ps/index.php/about-us/kairos-palestine-document)
7 [palestine-document](http://www.kairopalestine.ps/index.php/about-us/kairos-palestine-document)). Jewish Voice for Peace (<http://jvp-boston.org/bds/>) and the Israeli Coalition of
8 Women for Peace (http://www.ngo-monitor.org/ngos/coalition_of_women_for_peace/) support
9 divestment from as well as boycott of HP, and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the United Church of
10 Christ, Quaker Friends Fiduciary, the Alliance of Baptists, and Unitarian Universalists have divested
11 from HP (<http://www.fosna.org/free-your-church-hp>).

12 An international coalition of organizations and groups have come together to challenge HP's
13 complicity in human rights violations in the occupied Palestinian territories and to ask the company
14 to withdraw from such contracts and stop profiting from the Israeli occupation,
15 (<https://www.afsc.org/resource/campaign-boycott-hp>).

16 In the current political climate, it is more important than ever to stand against the oppression of
17 others. The Bible teaches us to act with justice. "Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a
18 never-failing stream." (Amos 5:24). "Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed..." (Isaiah
19 1:17). Our actions should speak to the greater good – and should be consistent with previous acts of
20 justice that we have already taken.

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

22 The Oregon-Idaho Holy Land Task Force will provide educational materials to individuals and
23 congregations.

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

25 There will be no additional cost to the Annual Conference. Local congregations may make decisions
26 that have a cost impact (positive or negative), as they feel appropriate.

1 **TITLE:** Protecting the Right to Peacefully Address Injustice through Boycotts, Divestment and
2 Sanctions

3 **SPONSORING GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL:** Oregon-Idaho Holy Land Task Force/Oregon-Idaho
4 Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSA)

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10 **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: 28 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSTAIN**

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13 **Text of the Standing Resolution as it would appear in the Conference Journal:**

14 The Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church opposes any state or federal
15 legislation that seeks to restrict the right to address injustice through boycotts, divestment and
16 sanctions (BDS), ~~such as current efforts~~ **any efforts by elected officials to stifle the movement**
17 **toward justice for Palestinians through anti-BDS legislation;**

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19 The Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference urges all United Methodist congregations and church
20 members to contact their local, regional and national elected officials, to communicate this
21 resolution and to advocate against anti-BDS legislation appearing anywhere in their state or country.

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23 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

24 **What will this action accomplish?**

25 As Christians, we are called to be in fellowship with the body of Christ both near and far. The
26 Christian leadership in Palestine and Israel have been working for years to (1) dissuade their people
27 from using violence in response to oppression, and (2) finding effective non-violent means by which
28 to achieve justice. They have asked us, as Christians, to take the step of boycotting companies that
29 profit from and contribute to the illegal occupation of Palestine and to divest from said companies.
30 This Annual Conference has already voted to divest from three companies that have been identified
31 as some of the worst offenders in this area, and the Conference financial bodies have been actively
32 carrying out this divestment.

33 The non-violent measures of Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) have long been recognized as
34 effective tools to bring justice to oppressed people. To de-legitimize or even criminalize such tools is
35 against our principles as children of God, as well as being contrary to the First Amendment of the US
36 Constitution as a curtailment of free speech.

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1 Jesus calls us to be peacemakers and to use the instruments of peaceful persuasion. BDS is such a
2 tool, and we must actively resist those who would take it from us. We are committed to ensuring
3 that we are free to act in a manner consistent with Christ’s teaching, our beliefs without the risk that
4 such actions can be criminalized.

5 **Why is it important?**

6 Boycotts, divestment and sanctions (BDS) are constitutionally protected forms of free speech and
7 protest that have often been used by people of conscience to effect positive social and political
8 change. In recent years, a wave of anti-BDS legislation has been proposed in the U.S. Congress and in
9 state legislatures and public institutions across the United States, including those in Oregon and
10 Washington. Such legislation threatens to penalize the use of these time-honored nonviolent justice-
11 seeking actions.

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13 United Methodists and other religious communities have long used the nonviolent methods of
14 boycotts, divestment and sanctions to stand in solidarity with oppressed people and to work for
15 justice, and such advocacy measures by the United Methodist Church have proven to be useful tools
16 in helping to bring about a wide range of constructive social change, including the strengthening of
17 labor rights for farm workers in the United States and ending of apartheid in South Africa; and in
18 2005, after studying the success of such efforts, a broad coalition of Palestinian civil society issued a
19 call for a global movement of Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) to advance the Palestinians’
20 long-denied rights to self-determination, freedom, justice, and equality. In 2009, Palestinian
21 Christians echoed the call for boycott and divestment in their landmark document, *Kairos Palestine:*
22 *A Moment of Truth*, an ecumenical confession of faith and urgent call to action often compared to
23 the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s *Letter from a Birmingham Jail* and other Christian manifestos
24 written in times of crisis. *Kairos Palestine: A Moment of Truth* has been signed by thousands of
25 Palestinian Christians and endorsed by the 13 Patriarchs and Heads of Churches in Jerusalem.

26 In recent years, the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference, along with more than a dozen other United
27 Methodist Annual Conferences, have called for their own conference and/or the denomination to
28 divest from companies that support and profit from the Israeli occupation of Palestinian land.

29 In 2012, the United Methodist General Conference approved the resolution "Opposition to Israeli
30 Settlements in Palestinian Land," {#6111} which calls on “all nations to prohibit...the import of
31 products made by companies in Israeli settlements on Palestinian land,” i.e. calls for an international
32 boycott of the Israeli settlements. In 2016, the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits of the
33 United Methodist Church announced that five Israeli banks would be excluded from their investment
34 portfolios, explicitly because of those banks’ involvement in settlement construction in the occupied
35 Palestinian territories.

36 In the current political climate, it is more important than ever for people of faith to stand against the
37 oppression of others, as well as to protect our Constitutional rights. Not only does “anti-BDS”
38 legislation discriminate against the Palestinian people; it also penalizes the rights of all people who
39 would use their voices to protest against injustice in all forms. As Christians – and as human beings –
40 we must stand firm against injustice, in whatever form it presents itself.

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

2 The Oregon-Idaho Holy Land Task Force will work with the Conference Secretary to compose a letter
3 setting forth our position on so-called "Anti-BDS" legislation, and will identify those elected officials
4 to whom such a letter will be sent.

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

6 The cost of postage for the letters will be paid from funds that the Holy Land Task Force has
7 designated for this purpose. There will be no additional cost.

1 **TITLE:** About Book of Discipline Paragraph 2702.1b Entitled Chargeable Offenses and the
2 Statue of Limitations--Living within the Discipline While Moving Forward with Ministry: The
3 Sense of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference (2014)

4 **SPONSORING GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL:** Oregon-Idaho Reconciling United Methodists

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9 **This petition is: a renewal of an existing Standing Resolution (no or minor revisions).**

10 **AMENDED IN YELLOW, ADD IN BOLD, DELETE IN STRIKE-OUT**

11 **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: 25 YES; 2 NO; 1 ABSTAIN**

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14 **Text of the Standing Resolution as it would appear in the Conference Journal:**

15 Whereas the Constitution of The United Methodist Church reserves to the clergy members of each
16 Annual conference the exclusive right to vote "on all matters relating to the character and
17 conference relations of its clergy members," [The Constitution, ¶33, ~~2012-2016 Book of Discipline, p-~~
18 ~~34~~];

19 And whereas *The Book of Discipline* establishes among the laws of the Church that "a bishop, clergy
20 member of the annual conference, local pastor, clergy on honorable or administrative location or
21 diaconal minister may be tried when charged" with "practices declared by The United Methodist
22 Church to be incompatible with Christian teachings, including but not limited to: being a self-avowed
23 practicing homosexual; or conducting ceremonies which celebrate homosexual unions; or performing
24 same-sex wedding ceremonies" [~~2008~~ **2016 Book of Discipline, ¶ 2702.1b**], ~~p. 776~~];

25 And whereas the Oregon Idaho Annual Conference has adopted resolutions that are specifically
26 welcoming of people regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity;

27 Be it hereby resolved that the sense of the Oregon Idaho-Annual Conference is that if any clergy
28 member of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference be charged with any of the **above mentioned**
29 offenses, and after due Disciplinary process is tried and convicted of such an offense, an appropriate
30 penalty to assign would be the suspension of said convicted minister from the exercise of pastoral
31 office [~~2012~~ **2016 Book of Discipline, ¶2711.3**], ~~p. 795~~ for a period of 24 consecutive hours.

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33 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

34 **What will this action accomplish?**

35 It will continue our public witness that we do not wish to impose harsh penalties on clergy who live
36 by our stated values. This resolution must not, and cannot, bind a trial court, but it does express the
37 sense of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference.

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39 **Why is it important?**

40 As this conference lives out its commitment to welcome, it is important to consider the effects of our
41 witness on the sincere and faithful clergy who carry out ministry in our conference.

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

2 This is a statement of the sense, of the mind, of the Annual Conference. It will be published in the
3 Conference Journal for any or all to read. It is not enforceable, nor should it be.

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

6 There is no financial cost to the annual conference.

1 **TITLE:** About Book of Discipline Paragraph 304.3 entitled Qualifications for Ordination--
2 Living within the Discipline While Moving Forward with Ministry: The Sense of the Oregon-
3 Idaho Annual Conference. (2014)

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20 practicing homosexuals are not to be certified as candidates, ordained as ministers, or appointed to
21 serve in The United Methodist Church" [~~2012~~ **2016** Book of Discipline, ¶ 304.3, ~~p-220~~];

22 And whereas the Oregon Idaho Annual Conference has adopted resolutions that are specifically
23 welcoming of people regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity;

24 Be it hereby resolved that the sense of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference is that if any clergy
25 member of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference who is a member of a district committee on
26 ministry, the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry or a member of the appointive cabinet be
27 charged with certifying a self-avowed practicing homosexual as a candidate, or recommending that a
28 self-avowed practicing homosexual be ordained, and after due Disciplinary process is tried and
29 convicted of such an offense, that an appropriate penalty to assign would be the suspension of said
30 convicted minister from the exercise of pastoral office [~~2012~~**2016** Book of Discipline, ¶2711.3, ~~p-795~~]
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