

ACTION REQUEST AR #10
2019 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

TITLE: Committee for the Greater Northwest Area Conferences Missional Discernment and Connectional Resources Analysis

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I/We petition the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference to take the following action:

WHEREAS we should strive to carry out our mission as part of the United Methodist Church in ways that are relevant and helpful to our surrounding communities and we should strive to be efficient in our connectional ministries.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference directs Conference Leadership to work with connectional entities in the Greater Northwest to develop a Committee for the Greater Northwest Area Conferences on Missional Discernment and Connectional Resources Analysis that will have the authority to:

- Craft or approve a process of missional discernment of the assets and needs of local and wider communities, as related to how the UMC can connect assets and needs between local ministries and local communities; and
- Craft or approve a way that this process of missional discernment can be shared across conference boundaries and made publicly available for other communities and churches to adapt.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the findings and recorded actions of the Committee shall be made publicly available via the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference website, and included in the 2020 Annual Conference Pre-Conference Journal.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

What will this action accomplish?

This provides an opportunity for us to analyze what new missions might look like and how our current resources are being distributed. We aim to provide a framework to discuss prospective ministry opportunities.

Why is it important?

Our mission is who we are. Moving forward, we should strive to wisely use our connectional resources in efficient ways. This will help us gather information to do so.

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

2 The Greater Northwest region will cooperate to form this committee. This committee will ideally
3 include multiple voices from the youth, the LGBTQ+ community, and people of color, honoring
4 intersectionality whenever possible.

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

7 Cost to print in the Annual Conference Journal and staff time to process the request with the
8 leadership of the Greater Northwest Annual Conferences.