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STANDING RESOLUTION #4
2019 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

TITLE: Middle East Conflicts (2007, revised 2009, renewed 2012, 2016)
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AMENDED IN YELLOW, ADD IN BOLD, DELETE IN STRIKEOUT
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDATION: Passed, 21-4-0.

This petition is: A renewal of an existing Standing Resolution (no or minor revisions)

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

The Oregon-Idaho Annual conference resolves to:

Pray for all those affected by the conflicts in the Middle East, including Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Yemen, Palestine/ Israel and the Gaza area, and for a swift end to the destructions and violence that war and civil unrest rages within this area of the world

Support withdrawal of all troops and bases from the Middle East.

Support the call for the United Nations to appoint a peace Envoy to encourage and cooperate in talks to explore a political settlement to all Middle East conflicts.

Call for multinational support for regionally generated plans to rebuild the Middle East, including Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Yemen, Palestine/Israel and the Gaza area, as well as other Middle Eastern nations

Urge the churches in our conference to study the causes of war and the causes of Biblical and just peacemaking. Links to curricula will be made available on the conference website. Encourage persons to spend time in prayer and meditation to discover ways to be peacemakers and to discover ways to help bring peace and reconciliation throughout the Middle East. We would also urge our churches to seek ways to advocate for peace in this area with our national leaders, and to help our nation bring our troops home at the earliest time possible.

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It will Increased awareness about war and violence in the Middle East and increased understanding of the issues faced in this part of the world, not only by the Christians living there, but by all of God’s children in the region.

Why is it important?

“Let there be peace on earth – and let it begin with me...” This favorite hymn reminds us all that peace is something we should all strive for – as Methodists – as Christians – as human beings.

How will it be carried out? By whom?

It starts with each of us, as individuals – and we will carry the word to our congregations and beyond.

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

There will be no additional cost except for the cost of compiling and publishing the *Journal*.