

SUBJECT TO FINAL EDITING

THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MEMORANDUM NO. 1390

IN RE: Request from the Council of Bishops for a Declaratory Decision on the Constitutionality, Meaning, Application or Effect of Certain Petitions Adopted as the Traditional Plan by the 2019 General Conference.

The Judicial Council issues no opinion in this matter. The votes of the Council Members were insufficient to declare unconstitutional any of the provisions before us. Our rulings on the constitutionality, meaning, application, or effect of the various provisions will await the specific facts of applications of these provisions in cases to come before the Council after January 1, 2020.

Lidia Romao Gulele was absent.

Warren Plowden, first lay alternate, participated in this decision.

November 1, 2019