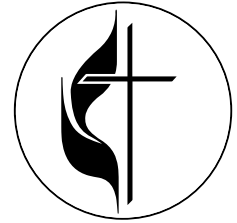


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The General Conference of The United Methodist Church



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General Conference Schedule

Registration

Monday, April 22 7:00 A.M.–6:30 P.M.
 Tuesday, April 23 7:00 A.M.–6:30 P.M.

Agenda and Program

Following is the overall program of the Postponed 2020 General Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. Following the presentation and adoption of the report of the Commission on the General Conference at the opening session of the General Conference, the Committee on Agenda and Calendar shall immediately become responsible for guiding the order of business of the Conference. All times listed are considered "Orders of the Day." Announcements will be held prior to the end of each Plenary as necessary.

Friday, April 19

1:00 P.M. – Orientation for Interpreters
 – Orientation for Pages and Marshals
 5:00 P.M. – Orientation for Central Conference Delegates

Saturday, April 20

8:00 A.M. – Orientation for Central Conference Delegates
 10:00 A.M. – Committee on Credentials

Sunday, April 21

8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. – Orientation for Central Conference Delegates
 1:00 – 6:30 P.M. – Registration (all categories)
 3:00 P.M. – Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters
 – Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision

– Orientation for Legislative Committee Recorders
 6:00 P.M. – Orientation for Interpreters

Monday, April 22

7:00 A.M. – 6:30 P.M. – Registration (all categories)
 9:00 A.M. – Committee on Reference
 – Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters
 10:00 A.M. – Committee on Agenda and Calendar
 1:00 P.M. – Committee on Courtesies and Privileges
 – Committee on Presiding Officers
 – Committee on the Journal
 6:00 P.M. – Orientation for Heads of Delegations
 – Orientation for Pages and Marshals

Tuesday, April 23

7:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. – Registration (all categories)
 7:30 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. – Breakfast
 9:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. – Orientation for All Delegates
 12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M. – Lunch
 2:00 – 3:30 P.M. – Opening Worship
 3:30 – 3:50 P.M. – Break
 3:50 – 6:30 P.M. – Plenary Session

- Call to Order
- Roll Call and Setting the Bar of the Conference
- Emergency Procedures
- Greeting from Charlotte
- The Role of Monitoring (5 minutes)
- The Power of Communication (5 minutes)
- Speaker Recognition System Introduction
- Testing the Voting System
- Commission on the General Conference Report and Plan of Organization and Rules of Order

- Elections
 - Coordinator of the Calendar
 - General Conference
- Report of the Committee on Agenda and Calendar

4:00 – 6:30 P.M. – Registration (all categories)

5:00 P.M. – Daily Deadline for *DCA* Printing

6:30 P.M. – Adjournment

6:30 – 8:00 P.M. – Dinner

Wednesday, April 24

6:30 – 8:00 A.M. – Breakfast

7:00 A.M. – Committee on Agenda and Calendar
– Committee on Reference

7:30 A.M. – 6:30 P.M. – Registration (all categories)

8:00 – 8:30 A.M. – Worship

8:30 – 10:35 A.M. – Plenary Session

- Episcopal Address (45 minutes)
- Monitoring Report (3 minutes)
- Report on the Social Principles Revision (12 minutes)

10:40 – 11:00 A.M. – Break

11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. – Plenary Session

- Young People's Address (30 minutes)
- General Book of Discipline Report (30 minutes)
- Financial State of the Church (15 minutes)
- The Pathway to Our Next Expression (15 minutes)

12:30 – 2:00 P.M. – Lunch

2:00 – 4:30 P.M. – Organization of the Legislative Committees

4:30 P.M. – Dinner and Mandatory Leadership Training for Legislative Committee Chairs, Vice Chairs, Parliamentarians, Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, Recorders, and Subcommittee Chairs.

4:30 P.M. – Recess for All Others

5:00 P.M. – Daily Deadline for *DCA* Printing

6:30 – 8:00 P.M. – Dinner

Thursday, April 25 (Thursday in Black)

6:30 – 8:00 A.M. – Breakfast

7:00 A.M. – Committee on Agenda and Calendar
– Committee on Reference

7:30 A.M. – 6:30 P.M. – Registration (all categories)

8:00 – 8:45 A.M. – Worship

8:45 – 10:30 A.M. – Plenary Session

- Opening Prayer
- Monitoring Report (3 minutes)
- Laity Address (30 minutes)
- Jurisdictional Study Committee (15 minutes)
- Nominations
- Administrative Committee Reports
- Calendar Items

10:30 – 10:50 A.M. – Break

10:50 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. – Legislative Committees

12:30 – 1:30 P.M. – Lunch

1:30 – 4:00 P.M. – Legislative Committees

4:00 – 4:20 P.M. – Break

4:20 – 6:20 P.M. – Legislative Committees

5:00 P.M. – Daily Deadline for *DCA* Printing

6:20 – 6:30 P.M. – Evening Devotion (Legislative Committees)

6:30 P.M. – Adjournment

6:30 – 8:00 P.M. – Dinner

Friday, April 26

6:30 – 8:00 A.M. – Breakfast

7:00 A.M. – Committee on Agenda and Calendar
– Committee on Reference

7:30 A.M. – 6:30 P.M. – Registration (all categories)

8:00 – 8:45 A.M. – Worship

8:45 – 10:20 A.M. – Plenary Session

- Opening Prayer
- Monitoring Report (3 minutes)
- Election of the Interjurisdictional Committee on the Episcopacy

- Connectional Table Report (20 minutes)
- Administrative Committee Reports
- Calendar Items

10:20 – 10:40 A.M. – Break

10:40 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. – Legislative Committees

12:30 – 1:30 P.M. – Lunch

1:30 – 4:00 P.M. – Legislative Committees

4:00 – 4:20 P.M. – Break

4:20 – 6:20 P.M. – Legislative Committees

5:00 P.M. – Daily Deadline for *DCA* Printing

6:20 – 6:30 P.M. – Evening Devotion (Legislative Committees)

6:30 P.M. – Adjournment

6:30 – 8:00 P.M. – Dinner

Saturday, April 27

6:30 – 8:00 A.M. – Breakfast

7:00 A.M. – Committee on Agenda and Calendar – Committee on Reference

7:30 A.M. – 6:30 P.M. – Registration (all categories)

8:00 – 8:45 A.M. – Worship

8:45 – 10:50 A.M. – Plenary Session

- Opening Prayer
- Monitoring Report (3 minutes)
- Wespeth – New Retirement Plan Overview (45 minutes)
- Administrative Committee Reports
- Consent Calendars
- Calendar Items

10:50 – 11:10 A.M. – Break

11:10 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. – Legislative Committees

12:30 – 1:30 P.M. – Lunch

1:30 – 4:00 P.M. – Legislative Committees

4:00 – 4:20 P.M. – Break

4:20 – 6:00 P.M. – Legislative Committees

5:00 P.M. – Daily Deadline for *DCA* Printing

6:00 – 7:30 P.M. – Dinner

7:30 – 9:20 P.M. – Legislative Committees

9:20 – 9:30 P.M. – Evening Devotion (Legislative Committees)

9:30 P.M. – Adjournment

Sunday, April 28

Sabbath

Monday, April 29

6:30 – 8:00 A.M. – Breakfast

6:30 A.M. – Committee on Agenda and Calendar

7:30 A.M. – 6:30 P.M. – Registration (all categories)

8:00 – 9:20 A.M. – Worship

- Consecration of Deaconesses and Home Missioners for Lifetime Service

9:20 – 10:00 A.M. – Plenary Session

- Opening Prayer
- Monitoring Report (3 minutes)
- Administrative Committee Reports
- Consent Calendars

10:00 – 10:20 A.M. – Break

10:20 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. – Plenary Session

- Opening Prayer
- United Women in Faith
- Voting Demonstration
- Elections
 - Trustees of John Street Church
 - Secretary-designate of the General Conference
 - Commission on the General Conference
 - General Agencies
 - Judicial Council
 - University Senate
 - Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters

12:00 – 1:30 P.M. – Lunch

1:30 – 3:40 P.M. – Plenary Session

- Opening Prayer
- Africa University Report (20 minutes)
- Higher Education and Ministry Report (20 minutes)
- Calendar Items & Conference Business

3:40 – 4:00 P.M. – Break
4:00 – 6:10 P.M. – Plenary Session

- Opening Prayer
- Abundant Health Initiative Report (10 minutes)
- United Methodist Men (10 minutes)
- Calendar Items & Conference Business

5:00 P.M. – Daily Deadline for *DCA* Printing
6:10 – 6:30 P.M. – Evening Devotion
6:30 P.M. – Adjournment
6:30 – 8:00 P.M. – Dinner
6:30 – 6:45 P.M. – Service of Lament, Confession, and Hope
7:00 – 7:15 P.M. – Service of Lament, Confession, and Hope

Tuesday, April 30

6:30 – 8:00 A.M. – Breakfast
6:30 A.M. – Committee on Agenda and Calendar
7:30 A.M. – 6:30 P.M. – Registration (all categories)
8:00 – 9:30 A.M. – Worship

- Ecumenical Introductions (30 minutes)

9:30 – 10:00 A.M. – Plenary Session

- Opening Prayer
- Monitoring Report (3 minutes)
- Administrative Committee Reports
- Consent Calendars

10:00 – 10:20 A.M. – Break
10:20 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. – Plenary Session

- Opening Prayer
- Calendar Items & Conference Business

12:00 – 1:30 P.M. – Lunch
1:30 – 3:40 P.M. – Plenary Session

- Opening Prayer
- Recognition of Retiring Bishops and Presentation of New Episcopal Leadership (10 minutes)
- Calendar Items & Conference Business

3:40 – 4:00 P.M. – Break
4:00 – 6:10 P.M. – Plenary Session

- Opening Prayer
- 80th Anniversary of UMCOR and Migrant Ministries (10 minutes)
- Calendar Items & Conference Business

5:00 P.M. – Daily Deadline for *DCA* Printing
6:10 – 6:30 P.M. – Evening Devotion
6:30 P.M. – Adjournment
6:30 – 8:00 P.M. – Dinner

Wednesday, May 1

6:30 – 8:00 P.M. – Breakfast
6:30 A.M. – Committee on Agenda and Calendar
7:30 A.M. – 6:30 P.M. – Registration (all categories)
8:00 – 9:00 A.M. – Worship
9:00 – 10:00 A.M. – Plenary Session

- Opening Prayer
- Monitoring Report (3 minutes)
- Methodist Family Day (30 minutes)
- Administrative Committee Reports
- Consent Calendars

10:00 – 10:20 A.M. – Break
10:20 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. – Plenary Session

- Opening Prayer
- Calendar Items & Conference Business

12:00 – 1:30 P.M. – Lunch
1:30 – 3:40 P.M. – Plenary Session

- Opening Prayer
- 100th Anniversary of the United Methodist Building (5 minutes)
- Calendar Items & Conference Business

3:40 – 4:00 P.M. – Break
4:00 – 6:10 P.M. – Plenary Session

- Opening Prayer
- Calendar Items & Conference Business

5:00 P.M. – Daily Deadline for *DCA* Printing

6:10 – 6:30 P.M. – Evening Devotion

6:30 P.M. – Adjournment

6:30 – 8:00 P.M. – Dinner

Thursday, May 2

6:30 – 8:00 A.M. – Breakfast

6:30 A.M. – Committee on Agenda and Calendar

7:30 A.M. – 6:30 P.M. – Registration (all categories)

8:00 – 9:00 A.M. – Worship

- Commissioning of Missionaries

9:00 – 10:00 A.M. – Plenary Session

- Opening Prayer
- Monitoring Report (3 minutes)
- Mission Bicentennial (15 minutes)
- Administrative Committee Reports
- Consent Calendars
- Calendar Items & Conference Business

10:00 – 10:20 A.M. – Break

10:20 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. – Plenary Session

- Opening Prayer
- Calendar Items & Conference Business

12:00 – 1:30 P.M. – Lunch

- Organization of the Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters

1:30 – 3:40 P.M. – Plenary Session

- Opening Prayer
- Recognition of New Judicial Council Members and those members completing their service
- Calendar Items & Conference Business

3:40 – 4:00 P.M. – Break

4:00 – 6:10 P.M. – Plenary Session

- Opening Prayer
- Calendar Items & Conference Business

5:00 P.M. – Daily Deadline for *DCA* Printing

6:10 – 6:30 P.M. – Evening Devotion

6:30 P.M. – Adjournment

6:30 – 8:00 P.M. – Dinner

Friday, May 3

6:30 – 8:00 A.M. – Breakfast

6:30 A.M. – Committee on Agenda and Calendar

7:30 A.M. – 6:30 P.M. – Registration (all categories)

8:00 – 9:00 A.M. – Worship

9:00 – 10:00 A.M. – Plenary Session

- Opening Prayer
- Monitoring Report (3 minutes)
- Administrative Committee Reports
- GCFA Report
- Calendar Items & Conference Business
- Announcements

10:00 – 10:20 A.M. – Break

10:20 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. – Plenary Session

- Opening Prayer
- Calendar Items & Conference Business

12:00 – 1:30 P.M. – Lunch

- Organization of the Commission on the General Conference

1:30 – 3:40 P.M. – Plenary Session

- Opening Prayer
- Recognition of General Conference Staff and Local Host Committee (25 minutes)
- Calendar Items & Conference Business

3:40 – 4:00 P.M. – Break

4:00 – 6:00 P.M. – Plenary Session

- Opening Prayer
- Calendar Items & Conference Business

6:00 – 6:30 P.M. – Closing Worship

6:30 P.M. – Final Adjournment

6:30 – 8:00 P.M. – Dinner

Report of the Committee on Credentials

The Committee on Credentials met with the Secretary of the General Conference on April 22, 2024, and reviewed a variety of areas he and his staff have worked through in the past several years, including this past year, pertaining to credentialing General Conference delegates and reserves.

We discussed several topics, including that false and misleading letters of invitation to attend the General Conference as delegates had been sent by an unauthorized person or people outside of the Office of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church. We also discussed areas of concern with credentialed delegates impacted by

the implementation of Paragraph 2553.

We are comfortable that the secretary and his staff have employed diligent efforts to work through many credentialing eligibility questions. We are supportive of these processes.

We also recognize the process will continue for the next few days as credentialing continues. We will return with a final report during this Conference.

Signed,

Diane Brown (Michigan Conference), chair of the Committee on Credentials

Report of the Committee on Reference

The Committee on Reference was convened by the Rev. Gary Graves on Monday, April 22, 2024. After Roll Call of members was taken, Rev. Graves presided over the election of officers. The following leadership was elected by the Committee: Rev. Alyce Weaver Dunn, Chair; Tolbert Nyenswah, Vice Chair; Rev. Dawn Maurer-Skerrit, Secretary. Rev. Abigail Parker Herrera, General Conference Petitions Secretary, provided information and guidance to the committee throughout the day.

The following items were discussed and approved by the committee:

- Request from the Standing Committee on Central Conference Concerns was approved to move petitions #21021, #21031, #21034, #21038, #21039, #21040, #21042, #21046, #20091, #20093, and #20094 from other legislative committees to the Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters
- Affirmation of the Petitions Secretary's decision to deem 261 pieces of legislation as invalid according to Conference Rules
- Approved a motion that all legislation submitted by individuals who have withdrawn or disaffiliated from the United Methodist as of April 22, 2024 be disqualified with the exception of those petitions submitted on behalf of ongoing United Methodist agency or board, annual conference or church.
- The Alaska Annual Conference appealed a decision that a submitted petition was deemed invalid by the Petitions Secretary. The Committee upheld the decision of the Petitions Secretary.
- Approved the inclusion of 13 late submissions of legislation that were submitted by various authors. These were approved and will be assigned a petition number and legislative section by the Petitions Secretary
- Approved the request for withdrawal of 19 petitions from various submitters; these included the following petitions: #21100, #20701, #20227, #20220, #20219, #20228, #20222, #20221, #20223, #20266, #20214, #20645, #20651, #21100, #20120, #20143, #20630, #20610, #20631.
- Considered multiple requests to move legislation from one legislative section to another section; #20495, #20496, #20502, #20501, #20499, #20494, #20497, #20498, #20503, #20500, #20492, #20493, #20926, #20337, #20674, #20297, #20666, #20300, #20301, #20310, #20312, #20313, #20486, #20487, #20490, #20491, #20489, #20488, #20287, #20970, #20971, #20972, #20925, #20927, #20800, #20801, #20804, #20805, #20763, #20803, #20831, #20854, #20855, #20864, #20866, #20871.
- The Petition Secretary confirmed members of the committee to serve as Petition Coordinators for each of the Legislative Sections.

The Committee on Reference will reconvene on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 7:00 A.M.

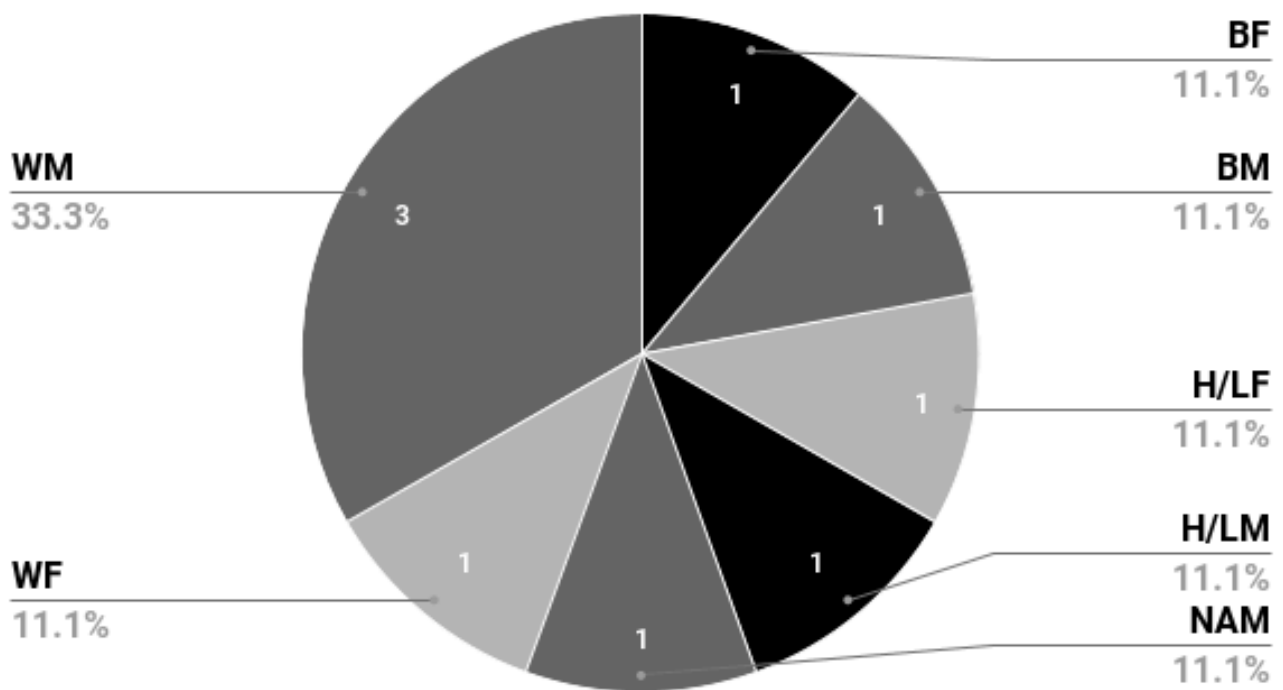
Submitted by Rev. Alyce Weaver Dunn,
Committee on Reference Chair

GCSRW Monitoring Report

The opening worship service challenged us to be focused on the future to which we are called. This was reflected strongly in Bishop Bickerton’s sermon and through the many faces and voices of the worship leaders. The worship service sets for us a model as we move forward observant of who

is participating and who is not. This chart illustrates the diversity of those who spoke during the worship service. Beyond these leaders, three musical groups brought a wide variety of musical diversity as well as racial and gender diversity of those leading worship.

Opening Worship Speakers



Key: *BF = Black Female; BM = Black Male; H/LF = Hispanic/Latina Female; H/LM = Hispanic/Latino Male;*

NAM = Native American Male; WF = White Female; WM = White Male

Turning to tomorrow, we will want those elected

to legislative committee leadership to be reflective of who we are as a total body. GCSRW (General Commission on the Status and Role of Women) will be reporting each day on how we relate to each other during the General Conference. We look forward to working with this community to reflect God’s beloved community at General Conference.

GCORR MONITORING REPORT No. 2

We gather in this place after five years apart. Across these years we have carried the impacts of decisions made in 2019 that deeply harmed some, exhilarated others, and led to the exit of many from our denomination. We have lived with heartbreak, pain, fear, separation, uncertainty, questions of belonging, and longing to belong, to be seen, and to be heard. Now we gather again: daring to hope, daring to share our gifts, daring to trust each other, and work together as the children of God to open our hearts, minds, and souls to the

movement of the Holy Spirit among us.

Yesterday afternoon we heard from General Secretaries Giovanni Arroyo (GCORR) and Dawn Wiggins Hare (GCSRW) that The Interagency Sexual Ethics Task Force, which consists of members from across the General Agencies and annual conferences, created a Code of Conduct with the following guiding principles for use in holy conferencing:



A United Methodist Code of Conduct
(resourceumc.org)

As we participate in plenary sessions and prepare to move into legislative committee meetings, General Secretary Wiggins Hare alerted us to mindfulness of the tone, content, and intent of the language that we use. She invited all to be conscious of inferred power dynamics, such as consistency in the use of titles so as not to elevate one group over another. And, she reminded all that

violent language, threats, gestures, harassment, and sexualized language are never allowable and will not be tolerated.

General Secretary Arroyo reminded us that as a diverse body of individuals from around the world, we are called to honor each other's personal space (much as we did with "social distancing" during the COVID-19 pandemic) to respect each other's senses of safety and well-being. Issues of sexual and/or racial harassment occur when boundaries

are crossed. Respecting the dignity of others means to respect the other's self-defined space. Mindfulness of both speech and body actions are important.

Efforts to organize a global gathering of this size will inevitably encounter consequential delays in transportation reservations, housing assignments, securing letters of invitation that allow visa applications to move forward, and translation of materials. Each of these things impact delegate and participant preparations in advance of their arrival in Charlotte.

Through an equity lens, delegates and participants from outside of the United States have experienced such barriers and disadvantages for many years. Yet, delegates from the United States have seldom been burdened with some of these challenges. We are all called to increase our awareness and examine who is invited to the table of planning, and how and where we prepare and meet for General Conferences of our United Methodist Church.

John Wesley said that Christian conferencing is a

means of grace, for it puts us in the position to grow in spiritual maturity. For us to effectively participate in holy conferencing, we must practice our faith in ways that challenge us spiritually and relationally. To love God and our neighbor requires nothing less. May we remind ourselves that differences of perspectives and opinions require our respect even when we disagree. In the words of John Wesley, that is the time to "think and let think."

During our opening worship the choir sang with gentle passion and yearning:

"For all who share life, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,

with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for all
who share life, a system that's fair." *

Oh God, of justice and love, may it be so.

· * Shirley Erena Murray, 1988

A Place at the Table.

Errata April 24

Errata in the ADCA

Page 1611, petition 21055 is incorrectly listed as coming from the North Carolina Conference. It is from the Western North Carolina Conference.

Page 1649, petition 20971 should read “copies” instead of “a copy.”

Errata in the DCA Volume 5, No. 1, April 23 2024

Page 1858, in the list of Petitions Submitted by Those Who are No Longer United Methodist, Petition 20062 should be Petition 20662.

Page 1910, in the Delegate Seating Chart, the Michigan Annual Conference was missing 2 seats. Michigan Annual Conference is correctly seated as follows:

- Section C, Row 5, Seats 70-72
- Section C, Row 6, Seats 70-72
- Section C, Row 7, Seats 70-71

Page 1909, in the Delegate Seating Chart, the California-Pacific Annual Conference was missing. The California-Pacific Annual Conference is correctly seated as follows:

- Section C, Row 6, Seats 56-61

Rule 33. Consent Calendar

Calendar items are automatically placed on a consent calendar when the item has ten (10) or fewer votes against the prevailing position of the legislative committee. Rule 33(3)(a)

There are three different consent calendars:

- **Consent Calendar A** contains calendar items involving *disciplinary* changes for which the legislative committee recommendation is to *adopt*
- **Consent Calendar B** contains calendar items involving *non-disciplinary* changes for which the legislative committee recommendation is to *adopt*
- **Consent Calendar C** contains *any calendar item* for which the committee recommendation is to *refer*.

Calendar items with a minority report *cannot* be placed on any consent calendar. Items with financial implications or items dealing with the Constitution cannot be placed on Consent Calendars A or B, but they *can* be placed on Consent Calendar C because there would be no financial or constitutional implications.

Rule 33(7) Removing a Calendar Item from the Consent Calendar

Any twenty (20) delegates may have a Consent Calendar item removed by submitting a Consent Calendar Removal Request Form by 3:00 p.m. of the day the calendar item first appears in the *Daily Christian Advocate*. The form can be picked up from room 104 and returned to room 104. Reserve delegates may sign requests to remove items from the consent calendar only while seated as voting delegates.

Consent Calendar A01

1-ST1-¶547.4-A-G

Subject: Update 547.4 to Reflect Proposed Changes to Division on Ministries with Young People

Petition: 20518-ST-¶547.4-G
Membership: 43; Present: 29;
For: 28; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 4/21

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

2-ST2-¶548.1-A-G

Subject: Retirement and Term Episcopacy

Petition: 20519-ST-¶548.1-G
Membership: 43; Present: 31;
For: 31; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 4/21

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

3-ST3-¶818.6-A-G

Subject: Official Travel of Bishops

Petition: 20210-ST-¶818.6-G
Membership: 43; Present: 30;
For: 30; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 4/21

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

4-ST9-¶2201.3-A

Subject: Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters – membership –

Petition: 21064-ST-¶2201.3
Membership: 43; Present: 29;
For: 28; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 4/21

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

5-ST14-¶543.17-A-G

Subject: Remove Traditional Plan Language

Petition: 20180-ST-¶543.17-G
Membership: 43; Present: 30;
For: 28; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 4/22

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

6-ST15-¶543-A

Subject: Regionalization and Contextualization of Marriage

Petition: 21060-ST-¶543
Membership: 43; Present: 30;
For: 28; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 4/22

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

7-ST18-¶581-A-G

Subject: Powers and Duties of Provisional Annual Conferences Amendment

Petition: 20092-ST-¶581-G
Membership: 43; Present: 30;
For: 27; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 4/22

The Petition is amended as follows:

Add the word " may" and remove "shall from line 4; and strike "and" and add "which may" prior to recommend; and strike last sentence following "conference" to read;

4. If a provisional annual conference, after three quadrennia, does not show progress toward becoming an annual conference, the following session of the central conference shall may consult with the Standing

Committee on Central Conference Matters which may and recommend to the following General Conference continuation or discontinuation as a provisional annual conference. It shall only be continued with sufficient missional, geographical, and contextual reasons;

...

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

8-ST30-¶512-A

Subject: Worldwide Regionalization, Petition #2 of 8 – Enabling Legislation on Regional Conferences, Contingent Upon the Ratification of the Constitutional Amendments to Create Regional Conferences on a Worldwide Basis Discipline

Petition: 21040-ST-¶512

Membership: 43; Present: 28;
For: 27; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 4/22

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

9-ST31-¶2201-A

Subject: Worldwide Regionalization, Petition #3 of 8 – Enabling Legislation on the Standing Committee on Regional Conference Matters Around the World Contingent Upon the Ratification of the Constitutional Amendments to Create Re-

gional Conferences on A Worldwide Basis

Petition: 21041-ST-¶2201

Membership: 43; Present: 30;
For: 30; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 4/22

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

10-ST43-¶580-A-G

Subject: Purpose of Provisional Annual Conferences Amendment

Petition: 20091-ST-¶580-G

Membership: 43; Present: 29;
For: 29; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 4/22

The Petition is amended as follows:

remove last three words of petition to read:

"which should lead to an annual conference within twelve years."

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

11-ST44-¶582-A-G

Subject: Membership of Provisional Annual Conferences Amendment

Petition: 20093-ST-¶582-G

Membership: 43; Present: 30;
For: 27; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 4/22

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

12-ST45-¶583-A-G

Subject: Provisional Annual Conference-Conference Session

Petition: 20094-ST-¶583-G

Membership: 43; Present: 27;
For: 27; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 4/22

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

Consent Calendar B01

13-ST10-NonDis-A

Subject: : General Book of Discipline – drafts of Parts VI and VII, chapters 1-7 – revised for postponed 2020 General Conference

Petition: 21080-ST-NonDis

Membership: 43; Present: 29;
For: 29; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 4/21

The Petition is amended as follows:

Amend last paragraph to read:

The feedback on topics (1) and (2) on Part VI shall inform the Standing Committee in preparing revised drafts of Part VI and Part VII, based on the 2020 *Book of Discipline* 2020, as initial versions of a “*General Book of Discipline*” Parts VI and VII to be submitted in petition format to the 2024 the

next regular General Conference.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

14-ST32-NonDis-A

Subject: Worldwide Regionalization, Petition #4 of 8 – Enabling Legislation to Change Terminology of Central Conference(s) Upon the Ratification of the Constitutional Amendments To Create Regional Conferences in A Worldwide Basis

Petition: 21042-ST-NonDis

Membership: 43; Present: 30;
For: 30; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 4/22

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

15-ST33-NonDis-A

Subject: Worldwide Regionalization, Petition #8 of 8 – A Non-Disciplinary Petition to Update and Perfect the New Regional Conference Structure Contingent Upon the Ratification of the Constitutional Amendments in Petition 1

Petition: 21046-ST-NonDis

Membership: 43; Present: 30;
For: 28; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 4/22

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

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16-ST12-NonDis-A-!-G

Subject: Petition to the postponed 2020 GC on autonomous status for Eurasia

Petition: 21103-ST-NonDis-G

Membership: 43; Present: 29;
For: 28; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 4/21

The Petition stands as submitted.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

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17-ST16-¶543.7-A

Subject: Clarifying Central Conference Adaptability of Theological Texts

Petition: 21062-ST-¶543.7

Membership: 43; Present: 29;
For: 15; Against: 14; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 4/22

The Petition stands as submitted.

18-ST19-NonDis-A-\$-G

Subject: Comprehensive Plan for New Episcopal Areas and Bishops in Africa

Petition: 20649-ST-NonDis-\$-G

Membership: 43; Present: 31;
For: 30; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 4/22

The Petition is amended as follows:

The 2020 General Conference shall give the following authorizations for the numbers of their bishops,

raising the total from thirteen to ~~eighteen~~ fifteen as follows:

1. A total of ~~eighteen-fifteen~~ episcopal areas in Africa, authorizing episcopal elections as follows in

the actual three central conferences:

a) The present Congo Central Conference to elect ~~two-one~~ additional bishops, bringing the

total number of episcopal areas to ~~six-five~~ (recommending for ~~two-one~~ new episcopal areas

created from parts of North Katanga and South Congo episcopal areas).

b) The present Africa Central Conference to elect ~~two-one~~ additional bishops, bringing the total

number of episcopal areas to ~~seven-six~~ (recommending for a new episcopal area in Burundi,

the combining of East Angola and West Angola into one episcopal area, and the creation of a

new episcopal area in Zimbabwe).

c) ~~The West Africa Central Conference to elect one additional bishop, bringing the total episcopal areas to five (recommending for a new episcopal area in Nigeria):~~

2. In extension of the Africa Plan voted by the 2016 General Conference, the postponed 2020 General Conference approves that the Standing Committee on Central Conference

Matters shall plan, organize and implement a collaborative comprehensive plan on numbers and boundaries of central conferences and episcopal areas in Africa with an increase from 15 up to 18 after the 2028 General Conference. Such increase shall be included in the budget of the Episcopal Fund for the quadrennium 2029-32.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

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19-ST20-NonDis-A-G

Subject: Comprehensive Plan for a New Central Conference and Renaming of Central Conferences in Africa

Petition: 20650-ST-NonDis-G

Membership: 43; Present: 31;

For: 30; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 4/22

The Petition is amended as follows:

The 2020 General Conference shall give

the following authorization for the creation and renaming of central conferences in Africa, raising the total from three to four central conference as follows:

1. A total of four central conferences in Africa, authorizing central conferences as follows;

a) The present Congo Central Conference shall become the "Central Africa Central Conference"—consisting of Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of Congo, Tanzania, Zambia—with a total of ~~six-five~~ bishops;

b) Part of the present Africa Central Conference shall become the new "East Africa Central Conference"—consisting of Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Uganda—with a total of two bishops;

c) The other part of the present Africa Central Conference shall become the "Southern Africa Central Conference"—consisting of Angola, Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, South Africa, Zimbabwe—with a total of ~~five-four~~ bishops;

d) West Africa Central Conference (without name change)—consisting of Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Ginea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone—with a total of ~~five-four~~ bishops

2. Recommending the following procedures for name changes and constituting sessions of central conferences:

As far as possible, it is recommended that the regular sessions of the central conferences in Africa should be held after January 1, ~~2021-2025~~, but within a year following the 2020 General Conference, in order to be in line with the general church budget for the quadrennium ~~2021-2024-2025-2028~~ for the financing of additional bishops;

(rest of petition continues as printed)

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

20-ST21-¶540.3-A-!-G

Subject: Comprehensive Plan for Alignment of Countries and Central Conferences in Africa

Petition: 20516-ST-¶540.3-!-G

Membership: 43; Present: 26;

For: 25; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 4/22

Amend the petition to reorder and reorganize listing as follows:

Amend par. 540.3 as follows – revised version:

¶ 540. ...

3. The United Methodist Church shall have

central conferences with ministries in the following countries:

a) ~~Congo~~ Central Africa Central Conference: Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Republic of Congo, Tanzania, Zambia;

b) Central and Southern Europe Central Conference: Albania, Algeria, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Hungary, Republic of North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, ~~Slovak Republic~~; Switzerland, Tunisia;

c) East Africa Central Conference: Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Sudan, Uganda

d) Germany Central Conference: Germany;

e) Northern Europe and Eurasia Central Conference: Belarus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Norway, Russia, Sweden, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan;

f) Philippines Central Conference: Philippines, United Arab Emirates, and Qatar;

g) ~~a) Southern Africa Central Conference~~: Angola, Botswana, ~~Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar~~, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, ~~Rwanda, Swaziland, Eswatini~~, South Africa, ~~South Sudan, Uganda~~, Zambia, Zimbabwe;

g) West Africa Central Conference: Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

21-ST27-¶817-A-!-G

Subject: Establish Central Conference Higher Education Fund

Petition: 20209-ST-¶817-!-G

Membership: 43; Present: 29;

For: 28; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 4/22

The Petition is amended as follows:

amend 4. to change "2021-2024" to "2025-2028" to read:

4. The fund for the ~~2021-2024~~ 2025-2028 quadrennium shall be a minimum of five million dollars.

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

[] Adopted [] Not Adopted Date /

22-ST29-9-A

**Subject: Worldwide Regionalization,
Petition #1 of 8 – Amend the Constitution
to Create Regional Conferences on a
Worldwide Basis**

Petition: 21039-ST-9-C

Membership: 43; Present: 29;

For: 29; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 4/22

The Petition is amended as follows:

Amend 31.5 to add "and make" following
"Legislate" to read:

5. To ~~make such~~legislate and make rules
and regulations for the . . . and continue as
printed.

And; following the existing text add
"When adapting the investigative and trial
process, each Regional Book of Discipline
shall guarantee confidentiality, protections of
the accused, protection of the accusers along
with teh ability to adapt the process based on
the legal systems of each country."

Committee Moves to Adopt the above

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