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# **ACTIONS**

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**2019 PACIFIC NORTHWEST  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**CONFERENCE ADVANCE SPECIALS (PETITION #AA1)**

**RESOLVED**, the following agencies and projects which are initiated, developed and/or supported within the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference be designated as Conference Advance Specials and be given support through second-mile giving by churches of the PNW AC 2019-2020 Conference Advance Specials Applications.

1. Atlantic Street Center #301
2. Tacoma Community House #302
3. PNW Conference Camping and Retreat Ministries
  - Camp Indianola #341
  - Twinlow Camp #343
  - Lazy F Camp #344
  - Ocean Park #345
4. PNW Disaster Relief/Early Response #352
5. Central Washington Justice for our Neighbors- Adv#339
6. **NEW and needs advance number**

**Alaska United Methodist Conference (AUMC)** to support its ministries as their funding support from the general church is reduced.

**ALASKA CONFERENCE SPECIAL SUNDAY (PETITION #AA2)**

**RESOLVED**, that the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference establish the third Sunday of September, or another Sunday that suits the congregation’s schedule, each year as a Conference Advance Special Sunday with Offering to be known as Alaska Conference Special Sunday.

**DISABILITY AWARENESS SUNDAY WITH OFFERING (PETITION #AA3)**

**RESOLVED**, that every congregation shall observe Disability Awareness Sunday annually on the third Sunday of October, or on another Sunday that suits the congregation’s schedule; and an offering shall be taken on Disability Awareness Sunday to be divided as follows: one half for the local congregation’s accessibility needs, and one half for the Conference Committee on Disability Ministries for use in reaching out to churches and camps.

**BEREAVEMENT LEAVE (PETITION #AA4)**

Petition #AA4 was referred to the Rules Committee and became a change to Conference Rule XI Section 11. See the final report of the Rules Committee for details. A formal policy of 6-8 weeks for all people under appointment in a local church, paid for by the Conference and the local church at 80% of their total compensation in the event of a spouse or child dying while they are serving the local church has been established. The Conference is to supply a person to fill in during the leave.

**PAST SERVICE PENSION RATE (PETITION #AA5)**

**RESOLVED**, that effective January 1, 2020, the Ministerial Pension Rate and the Local Pastors Pension Rate shall be \$772 and that Supplement One to the Clergy Retirement Security Program be so amended.

**RETIREMENT ANNUITY RESPONSIBILITY (PETITION #AA6)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Disc. Par. ¶</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Appt. Years<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Baker, Marcella <sup>2</sup>	357.1	72 and 4 months	7	7/1/2019
Berney, Ann	357.2(b)	63 and 10 months	31	7/1/2019
Boyd, Mary	357.2(c)	71 and 6 months	22.5	7/1/2019
Brown, Sanford	357.2(b)	61 and 7 months	31	7/1/2019
Chae, John	357.2(c)	65 and 10 months	32	7/1/2019
Cram, Chuck	357.2(b)	62 and 10 months	14	7/1/2019

<b>Name</b>	<b>Disc. Par. ¶</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Appt. Years<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Ferree-Clark, Nancy	357.2(c)	66 and 6 months	38.25	7/1/2019
Hamshar, Edward	357.2(c)	66 and 8 months	23	7/1/2019
Hargis, Richard	357.2(c)	65 and 5 months	30.5	7/1/2019
Jeffrey, Paul	357.2(c)	66 and 6 months	41	7/1/2019
Jennings, Amy Starr	357.2(b)	63 and 3 months	10.75	7/1/2019
Parker, Rebecca	357.2(c)	66 and 3 months	40.5	7/1/2019
Pierce, Lyda	357.2(c)	66 and 8 months	38	7/1/2019
Tudor, Brenda	357.2(c)(d)	65 and 0 months	24	9/1/2019
Vao, Maka <sup>2</sup>	357.1	72 and 11 months	12	7/1/2019

**RESOLVED**, that the Pacific Northwest Conference accept the applicable annuity responsibility for the following persons retiring at the 2019 session of the Annual Conference.

<sup>1</sup> Number of years under appointment not the full-time equivalent service or service as a part-time local pastor      <sup>2</sup> Part-Time Local Pastor

### **RETIREMENT GRANTS (PETITION #AA7)**

**RESOLVED**, that the following persons will receive grants in lieu of pension from the Pacific Northwest Conference:

#### **2019 – 2020 Pension Grant Schedule**

<b>Name (age by year end)</b>	<b>Service in Conference</b>	<b>Year Eligible</b>	<b>Applicable Pension Rate</b>	<b>Grant \$</b>	<b>Payment Period</b>
Adrienne Brizee (surviving spouse of Robert L. Brizee 70%)(85)	15.0	1998	349.95	441.00	7/1/19-6/30/20
Wanda L. Butler (surviving spouse of Ralph Butler 70%)(94)	25.0	1983	188	3,290.04	7/1/19-6/30/20
Robert G. Calkins(93)	12.0	1991	265.93	1,914.72	7/1/19-6/30/20
Ruth A. Dabritz (surviving spouse of Robert E. Dabritz 70%)(95)	8.25	1988	236.41	563.28	7/1/19-6/30/20
Mariella Dibble (surviving spouse of John Dibble 70%)(99)	8.75	1986	220.09	589.8	7/1/19-6/30/20
James E. Fox(80)	5.0	2004	487	608.76	7/1/19-6/30/20
Richard L. Gossett(75)	7.0	2009	578.58	1,417.56	7/1/19-6/30/20
Blaine G. Hammond(96)	15.0	1989	245.87	2,766.00	7/1/19-6/30/20
Marisol Harper (surviving spouse of Craig Harper 70%)(86)	6.75	1993	287.63	458.76	7/1/19-6/30/20
Donald L. Jeter(86)	11.5	1998	349.95	2,314.08	7/1/19-6/30/20
Dewey Knowles(89)	6.5	1996	323.55	683.52	7/1/19-6/30/20
Donald Sattelberg(89)	9.0	1996	323.55	1,311.48	7/1/19-6/30/20
John C. Shirk(87)	5.0	1998	349.95	437.40	7/1/19-6/30/20
Virginia Sprague (surviving spouse of Wayne Sprague 70%)(94)	11.0	1977	115	487.08	7/1/19-6/30/20
Caryl Strance (surviving spouse of William Strance 70%)(86)	15.0	1996	349.95	<u>2,547.96</u>	7/1/19-6/30/20
<b>Total</b>				<b><u>19,831.44</u></b>	

### **DISABILITY BENEFITS** (*PETITION #AA8*)

**RESOLVED**, that the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference recommends that the Wespath Benefits and Investments provide Comprehensive Protection Plan Disability Benefits for the Conference year 2019-2020 only if approved for CPP disability benefits by Wespath for *Gloria Kymn* through August 31st and *Paula McCutcheon*.

### **CROWN HILL UMC CLOSURE** (*PETITION #AA9*)

**RESOLVED**, in keeping with ¶2549.2 of the 2016 Book of Discipline, by vote of the congregation, with consent of the Bishop, a majority of the Superintendents, and the SeaTac Missional District Board of Church Location and Building, that the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference declares the Crown Hill United Methodist Church closed effective June 30, 2019, and further authorizes the Conference Board of Trustees to take possession of the property, real and personal and take all necessary steps to see to its best use, including the potential sale of the property. In keeping with ¶229 and by recommendation of the district superintendent, membership will be transferred to a neighboring UMC as approved by the District Superintendent, unless individuals elect transfer to another church.

### **SUNNYSIDE UMC CLOSURE** (*PETITION #AA10*)

**RESOLVED**, in keeping with ¶2549.2 of the 2016 Book of Discipline, by vote of the congregation, with consent of the Bishop, a majority of the Superintendents, and the Seven Rivers Missional District Board of Church Location and Building, that the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference declares the Sunnyside United Methodist Church closed effective June 30, 2019, and further authorizes the Conference Board of Trustees to take possession of the property, real and personal and take all necessary steps to see to its best use, including the potential sale of the property. In keeping with ¶229 and by recommendation of the district superintendent, membership will be transferred to Prosser United Methodist Church, unless individuals elect transfer to another church.

### **MCCLEARY UMC CLOSURE** (*PETITION #AA11*)

**RESOLVED**, in keeping with ¶2549.2 of the 2016 Book of Discipline, by vote of the congregation, with consent of the Bishop, a majority of the Superintendents, and the Crest to Coast Missional District Board of Church Location and Building, that the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference declares the McCleary United Methodist Church closed effective June 30, 2019, and further authorizes the Conference Board of Trustees to take possession of the property, real and personal and take all necessary steps to see to its best use, including the potential sale of the property. In keeping with ¶229 and by recommendation of the district superintendent, membership will be transferred to Olympia First United Methodist Church, unless individuals elect transfer to another church.

### **MINIMUM COMPENSATION** (*PETITION #AA12*)

**RESOLVED**, That the minimum compensation schedule for full-time service set by the Annual Conference for the Calendar year 2020 will be \$42,906.

### **MOVING ALLOWANCE** (*PETITION #AA13*)

**RESOLVED**, The recommended moving allowance schedule for 2020 is:

- A. Intra-conference up to \$1,600 (Rule XI, Sec. 2(a)).
- B. Retiring minister up to \$1,600 (Rule XXI, Sec. 2(b)).
- C. Surviving spouse up to \$1,600 (Rule XI, Sec 2(b)).
- D. Minister on Disability Leave, up to \$1,600 (Rule XI, Sec. 2(b)).
- E. Seminary students returning for local church appointment will be reimbursed on the basis of receipts for moving expenses, including meals and lodging en route, as approved by the District Superintendent with the following dollar limits, based on the one-way mileage from the seminary to the appointment (Rule XI, Sec. 2(c)):

Over 2,500 miles – up to \$2,640

801 to 1,000 miles – up to \$1,910

1,501 to 2,500 miles – up to \$2,400

501 to 800 miles – up to \$1,820

1,001 to 1,500 miles – up to \$2,160

500 miles or less – up to \$1,700

- F. Candidates for ministry or ministerial members (including paragraph 337.1) transferring in shall be reimbursed up to the seminary students' limits (E) with the provision that the Cabinet may authorize expenditures of up to %150 of the seminary student limit (RuleXI, Sec. 2(c)).

### **2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE BUDGET (PETITION #AA14)**

The Pacific Northwest Annual Conference approved the budget as submitted for the year 2020. A summary of the budget and changes follows. For more details, please review the budget presented in the Pre-Conference Handbook.

#### **2018-2020 Budget Summary**

	2018 Final Budget	2019 Final Budget	% change from 2018	2020 Request	2020 Recommend	% change from 2019
Pension & Benefit	250,000	150,000	-40.0%	100,000	100,000	-33.33%
District Fund	215,000	214,000	-0.5%	205,000	205,000	-4.21%
GNW Vitality Team	440,000	325,500	-26.0%	360,000	360,000	10.60%
MS & A	1,545,967	2,029,563	31.3%	2,098,442	2,033,155	0.18%
WS & CB	2,535,761	2,172,452	-14.3%	2,191,892	2,148,823	-1.09%
Min. Ed. & Blk Coll	271,109	267,987	-1.2%	267,495	267,495	-0.18%
Africa University	17,301	17,102	-1.15%	17,070	17,070	-0.19%
	<u>5,275,138</u>	<u>5,176,604</u>	<u>-1.87%</u>	<u>5,239,899</u>	<u>5,131,543</u>	<u>-0.87%</u>

1. The total net decrease in WS & CB is approx. \$24,000
2. The total net increase in MS&A is approx. \$4,000.
3. The Conference Board of Pensions requests \$50,000 less than 2018.
4. These net reductions provide a budgeted increase for the work of the GNW Vitality Team of \$34,500.

### **GOVERNMENTAL FLAGS IN WORSHIP SPACES (PETITION #BB1)**

**RESOLVED**, that the congregations of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference are encouraged to engage in intentional spiritual and theological reflection to consider removing church-displayed governmental flags from their worship space.

### **REAFFIRMING NON-COMPLIANCE WITH ANTI-LGBTQIA+ POLICIES (PETITION #BB2)**

**RESOLVED**, that the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference reaffirms and continues its commitment to Non-Compliance with United Methodist and governmental actions that limit, degrade, or hinder full participation in the life of both church and society for members of the LGBTQIA+ communities.

### **AFFIRMATION AND CELEBRATION OF SEXUAL AND GENDER IDENTITIES (PETITION #BB3)**

**RESOLVED**, that the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference affirms and celebrates the sexual and gender identities of all members of the LGBTQIA+ communities.

### **DENUNCIATION OF ANTI-LGBTQIA+ ACTIONS OF GC 2019 (PETITION #BB4)**

**RESOLVED**, that the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference denounces the actions of GC2019 that inflicted emotional and spiritual harm on members of the LGBTQIA+ communities.

## **REQUEST FOR GREATER NW ACT OF REPENTANCE IN 2020 (PETITION #BB5)**

**RESOLVED**, that we ask the Cabinet leadership of the conferences of the Greater Northwest Episcopal Area to create a formal, plenary space during our anticipated joint Annual Conference meeting in 2020 in which, as an Episcopal Area, we are invited to repent of our participation in systems that cause harm to members of the LGBTQIA+ communities.

## **EXPAND YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT DISTRICT MEMBERS (PETITION #BB6)**

**RESOLVED**, that Annual Conference Rule II, Section 3(b), should be amended to read:

Young People (§32)

- (1) ~~Two~~ **Five** youth members, 12-18 years of age, from each district shall be selected by the Conference Council on Youth Ministries after consultation with the staff of the Office of Young People's Ministries and district superintendent. *In the event that there are open positions for district youth representative four weeks before the first day of annual conference, then the Conference Council on Youth Ministries may fill these positions from outside the district. Five* alternate youth members may be selected.
- (2) ~~Two~~ **Five** voting young adult members, 18-30 years of age, from each district shall be selected by the Conference Council on Young Adult Ministries after consultation with the staff of the Office of Young People's Ministries and district superintendent. *In the event that there are open positions for district youth representative four weeks before the first day of annual conference, then the Conference Council on Young Adult Ministries may fill these positions from outside the district. Five* alternate young adult members may be selected.
- (3) *Each Local Church will nominate to annual conference a minimum of one youth and one young adult member, 18-30 years of age, for consideration as a delegate to annual conference. Churches without youth are exempt from this provision.*

## **DEVELOPMENT OF NEW INCLUSIVE MODELS OF GOVERNING AND DECISION-MAKING (PETITION #BB7)**

**RESOLVED**, that the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference develop new ways of governing and decision-making, that make meaningful space at the table, and provide adequate time for engaging the stories, joys and sorrows, and leadership gifts of lay and clergy persons on the margins, including, but not limited to people of color, LGBTQIA+ people, people with disabilities, youth and young adults, and people experiencing economic insecurity.

## **COMMITTING TO INCLUSIVE CHURCH AND RESISTANCE OF DISCRIMINATION (PETITION #BB8)**

**RESOLVED**, that the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference receive, publicly affirm, and commit to live into the statements of the PNW Board of Ordained Ministry, the Western Jurisdiction's Leadership Team, and Mission Cabinet, as we seek to become a truly inclusive Church.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the PNW Board of Ordained Ministry, the Appointive Cabinet, and our Episcopal leadership stand strong in the values named in these statements, resisting discriminatory restrictions and punitive measures in conflict with them, even for those restrictions and punishments now found constitutional by the Judicial Council.

## **REQUEST FOR CONTINUED DIALOGUE AND DEEP LISTENING (PETITION #BB9)**

**RESOLVED**, that the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference request that Western Jurisdiction Leadership continue to be in dialogue with our United Methodist siblings across the connection for as long as our conference values of inclusion can be maintained.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference listen to and further the work of gatherings like UMForward and come alongside those most impacted by our oppressive systems, as we consider new ways forward for the church.

**CESSATION OF FUNDING FOR LGBTQIA+ PERSECUTION** (*PETITION #BB10*)

Petition #BB10 was ruled out of order by Bishop Stanovsky per Judicial Council decision #1327.

**CALL FOR SERIOUS DELIBERATION OF FUTURE OPTIONS** (*PETITION #BB11*)

**RESOLVED**, that the PNW Annual Conference, in conversation with the Western Jurisdiction, will carefully consider options moving forward including the possibility of severance from the existing structure in order to ensure that the message of love, service, dignity and full inclusion for LGBTQ+ persons is centered in the future of The United Methodist Church.

**TASK FORCE TO PURSUE BOLDLY INCLUSIVE FUTURE** (*PETITION #BB12*)

**RESOLVED**, that the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference call together an inclusive group of which at least 50% shall be people of color, LGBTQIA+, under 35, drawing on expertise as needed from outside our area and denomination, with equal representation of lay and clergy, to boldly plan for the future, including the exploration of possible futures outside the current denomination.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Director of Connectional Ministries convene this inclusive group for an initial meeting by August 15, 2019.

**PETITION 2020 GENERAL CONFERENCE TO CREATE  
NORTH AMERICAN CENTRAL CONFERENCE** (*PETITION #BB13A*)

**RESOLVED**, that the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference directs the Secretary of the Conference to prepare petitions to be submitted to the 2020 General Conference to make the Constitutional Amendments indicated below in order to create a North American or United States Central Conference with all the same rights and privileges enjoyed by the currently established regional Central Conferences of the Church.

**Proposed Amendments:**

Amend ¶¶ 10, 28, 30, and 31 as indicated following:

¶ 10. Article III.—There shall be central conferences for the church ~~outside the United States of America as determined by the General Conference~~ and, if necessary, provisional central conferences, all with such powers, duties, and privileges as are hereinafter set forth.

...

¶ 28. Article I.—There shall be central conferences for the work of the Church ~~outside the United States of America~~ with such duties, powers, and privileges as are hereinafter set forth. ~~The number and boundaries of the central conferences shall be determined by the Uniting Conference. Subsequently the General Conference shall have authority to change the number and boundaries of central conferences. The central conferences shall have the duties, powers, and privileges hereinafter set forth.~~

...

¶ 30. Article III.—The central conferences shall meet ~~within the year succeeding the meeting of the General Conference~~ at such times and places as shall have been determined by the preceding respective central conferences or by commissions appointed by them or by the General Conference. ~~The date and place of the first~~

~~meeting succeeding the Uniting Conference shall be fixed by the bishops of the respective central conferences, or in such manner as shall be determined by the General Conference.~~

¶ 31. Article IV.—The central conferences outside North America shall have the following powers and duties and such others as may be conferred by the General Conference:

Insert as follows a new paragraph immediately following existing ¶ 31.

NEW PARAGRAPH. The central conference that includes North America shall have the power and duty to make such rules and regulations for the administration of the work within its boundaries, including such changes and adaptations of the General Discipline as the conditions in the central conference may require, subject to the powers that have been or shall be vested in the General Conference.

Immediately prior to ¶ 540, change Section III title to read as follows:

Section III. Central Conferences **Outside North America**

Following existing ¶ 567, insert a new Section as follows:

Section NEW. Central Conference of North America

Following the new Section title insert new paragraphs as follows:

NEW 1. There shall be a central conference whose boundaries shall include all the jurisdictional conferences in North America, and it shall be called the North American Central Conference (NACC).

NEW 2. The active bishops in the jurisdictions, in consultation with the Interjurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy, shall appoint an Interim Committee on Organization (ICO) that shall be charged with the following duties:

NEW 2.1 The ICO shall choose the time and place for the convening of the initial gathering of the NACC, and it is recommended that it gather immediately prior to and at the site of the General Conference of 2024.

NEW 2.2 The ICO shall recommend to the NACC for action at its first gathering what committees and officers are required to ensure the functionality of the NACC. The ICO shall work with the Business Manager of the General Conference in planning for the first gathering of the NACC.

NEW 2.3 Delegates and reserve delegates to the NACC shall be the most recently elected delegates and reserve delegates to the General Conference from any annual conference within the jurisdictions and shall represent those same annual conferences.

**STUDY COMMITTEE FOR DISAFFILIATION AND  
SPECIAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION** (*PETITION #BBI4A*)

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the members of the Pacific Northwest Conference recognize that we are stronger together and must be prepared and ready to protect all our members from the discriminatory and exclusionary actions of General Conference.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the members of the Pacific Northwest Conference are committed to being a beacon of hope by showing that we can move forward together and seek to end the harm perpetuated by The United Methodist Church to LGBTQIA+ persons and allies.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the members of the Pacific Northwest Conference recognize that we are caretakers and have a fiduciary responsibility to find the real costs of possible pathways for our annual conference.



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the members of the Pacific Northwest Conference, with heavy hearts and grief, directs Conference Leadership and the Conference Board of Trustees to develop a Study Committee for Disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church which will have the authority to develop a plan of exit of the entire annual conference from The United Methodist Church, maximizing the retention of the annual conference's financial, property, and other resources, including but not limited to:

- Requesting that Wespath provide consultation to conference leadership and each clergyperson who requests it, providing a realistic picture of the impact of individual and/or conference disaffiliation on pension payouts.
- Requesting that the General Council on Finance and Administration prepare financial costs, property ownership, and legal considerations for the annual conference.
- Requesting that the General Commission on Archives and History respond to historical sites and considerations in our area and offer suggestions of who retains ownership of said properties and historical documents.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this study committee's work would be an option of last resort to be considered for implementation only if the General Conference of The United Methodist Church makes it impossible for the Pacific Northwest Conference to protect all of its members, attempts to dissolve the Western Jurisdiction, removes the bishop of the Greater Northwest Episcopal Area, or prevents the annual conference's ministries from being open to all.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if the Western Jurisdiction moves to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church that this plan will be brought into harmony with the actions of the Western Jurisdiction.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the leadership of the Pacific Northwest Conference will have the authority to call for a special session of the Annual Conference before the 2020 General Conference if a vote to disaffiliate is optimal under the amended 2019 Book of Discipline terms and conditions; otherwise, the Study Committee will report back with a completed study and plan for the future to be voted on by the delegates to the 2020 Annual Conference session.

### **EXPLORATORY TASK FORCE FOR A NEW METHODISM** (*PETITION #BB15A*)

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the members of the Pacific Northwest Conference recognize that we are stronger together and must be prepared and ready for General Conference 2020.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the members of the Pacific Northwest Conference commit to being a beacon of hope across the United Methodist connection to create a new expression of Wesleyan theology.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference calls on the bishop to name a task force that will ensure the submission of an application for a separate, independent, non-profit, legal entity by October 15, 2019 that will:

- Be an important tool in building a coalition of Methodists that affirm the values of the Simple Plan presented to the 2019 special session of General Conference to remove the discriminatory language from the Book of Discipline related to human sexuality.
- Be Wesleyan in composition and culture related to personal piety and social holiness.
- Be a safe, creative, and welcoming space for a "new form of Methodism" rooted in grace, equity, liberation and love.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the independent non-profit birthed through this resolution will be a container for intentional partnership within the PNW Conference and the Greater Northwest Episcopal Area, and across the US and global church.

### **COMPLAINTS PRIORITIES** (*PETITION #BB16*)

**BE IT RESOLVED**, in the case of multiple complaints filed against clergy and laity of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference being received in a short timeframe, we offer the bishop the following guidelines that reflect the priorities and values of the Annual Conference members:

We advise that complaints will be triaged in such a way that those alleging grave and/or widespread harm will receive priority. We believe that persons and relationships are to be honored over institutions and laws, which is what we see in Jesus's life as depicted in the Gospels. As a result, the priorities of this annual conference regarding the process of complaints shall be as follows (ordered from most to least urgent):

1. Sexual abuse (§ 2702.1h) and/or child abuse (§ 2702.1g);
2. Sexual misconduct (§ 2702.1i); harassment, including but not limited to, racial and/or sexual harassment (§ 2702.1j); and/or racial or gender discrimination (§ 2702.1k);
3. Crime (§ 2702.1c) and/or fiscal malfeasance (§ 2702.1l);
4. Relationships and/or behavior that undermines the ministry of another pastor (§ 2702.1f);
5. Other complaints alleging harm; and
6. Other complaints.

Current Pacific Northwest District Superintendents, already entrusted with supervisory responsibilities, are eligible designees whom the bishop may choose to carry out the supervisory process. (Our preference and request is that only current District Superintendents from this Annual Conference are to be called upon for this supervisory process.)

To ensure that District Superintendents can appropriately attend to their duties as chief missional strategists, District Superintendents are asked by the Annual Conference to prioritize complaints as listed above.

#### **NO USE OF CONFERENCE RESERVE FUNDS** (*PETITION #BB17A*)

**RESOLVED,** In an effort to ensure that the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference and our local churches can continually live into our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, we request that conference reserve funds will not be used to finance any part of supervisory or judicial complaint processes for complaints that do not allege grave or widespread harm.

#### **SUPPORT FOR RESERVE DELEGATES FOR 2020 GENERAL CONFERENCE**

That the Annual Conference support all 5 clergy and lay voting Jurisdictional delegates who were just elected to attend General Conference as General Conference reserve delegates, and for all Jurisdictional voting and reserve delegates to attend Jurisdictional Conference supported by the Annual Conference.