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of the 2023

Pacific Northwest Annual Conference Session

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This section contains the perfected versions of legislation approved by the 2023 Pacific Northwest Conference when it gathered for its annual session in June. Original versions of the legislation, and the rationale which accompanied them, can be found in the Pre-Conference Handbook (PCH). At the time of printing, the PCH was available to download at: <https://pnwumc.org/ac2023/downloads>.

CONFERENCE ADVANCE SPECIALS (PCH PETITION #1)

RESOLVED, the following agencies and projects which are initiated, developed and/or supported within the Pacific Northwest Conference be designated as Conference Advance Specials and be given support through the second-mile giving by churches of the PNW AC 2023-2024 Conference Advance Special Applications.

1. Atlantic Street Center #301
2. Tacoma Community Center #302
3. Alaska Conference Support #335
4. Central Washington Justice for our Neighbors #339
5. PNW Conference Camping & Retreat Ministries:
 - Camp Indianola #341
 - Twinlow Camp #343
 - Lazy F Camp #344
 - Ocean Park #345
6. PNW Disaster Relief/Early Response #352

MINIMUM COMPENSATION (PCH PETITION #2)

RESOLVED, that the minimum compensation schedule for full-time service set by the Annual Conference for the Calendar year 2024 will be \$49,012.

MOVING ALLOWANCE (PCH PETITION #3)

RESOLVED, the recommended moving allowance schedule for 2024 is:

- A. Intra-conference up to \$1,600 (Rule XI, Sec. 2(a)).
- B. Retiring minister up to \$1,600 (Rule XI, 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 \$4,400

- 1,501 to 2,500 miles – up to \$4,000
- 1,001 to 1,500 miles – up to \$3,600
- 801 to 1,000 miles – up to \$2,900
- 501 to 800 miles – up to \$2,200
- 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 (Rule XI, Sec. 2(c)).
- G. Inter-Conference moves from within the Greater Northwest Area to the Pacific Northwest Conference shall use the same rate as seminary students (E) or \$1600 if the mileage is less than 500.

PAST SERVICE PENSION RATE (PCH PETITION #4)

RESOLVED, that effective January 1, 2024, the Ministerial Pension Rate and the Local Pastors Pension Rate shall be \$862 and that Supplement One to the Clergy Retirement Security Program be so amended.

RETIREMENT ANNUITY RESPONSIBILITY (PCH PETITION #5)

RESOLVED, that the Pacific Northwest Conference accept the applicable annuity responsibility for the following persons retiring at the 2023 session of the Annual Conference as of 4/30/2023:

Name	Disc. ¶	Age	Appt. Years	Effective Date
<i>Steve Baber</i>	357.2(c)	70 and 5 months	26.75	7/1/2023
<i>Querubin "Bing" Canlas</i>	357.2(c)	71 and 3 months	12.0	7/1/2023
<i>James Clarke</i>	357.2(b)	65 and 10 months	34.5	1/1/2023
<i>Matt Gorman</i>	357.2(b)(d)	62 and 1 months	29.0	7/1/2023
<i>Richard Lang</i>	357.2(c)	66 and 10 months	34.0	7/1/2023
<i>Karen Martin Tichenor</i>	357.2(b)	63 and 2 months	39.0	7/1/2023

DISABILITY BENEFITS (PCH PETITION #7)

RESOLVED, that the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference recommends that the Wespath Benefits and Investments provide Comprehensive Protection Plan Disability Benefits for the Conference year 2023-2024 only if approved for CPP disability benefits by Wespath for *Bradley Beeman, Robert Henre, Marc Kennedy, Gloria Kymn and Paula McCutcheon*.

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RETIREMENT GRANTS (PCH PETITION #6)

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

PERSONS RECEIVING GRANTS IN
THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST ANNUAL CONFERENCE
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2022 – 2023 Pension Grant Schedule

Name (age by end of year)	Service in Conference	Year Eligible	Applicable Pension Rate	Grant \$	Payment Period
Wanda L. Butler (surviving spouse of Ralph Butler 70%) (98)	25.0	1983	188	3,290.04	7/1/23-6/30/24
Marilyn Calkins (surviving spouse of Robert Calkins 70%) (87)	12.0	1991	265.93	1,304.30	7/1/23-6/30/24
James E. Fox (84)	5.0	2004	487.00	608.76	7/1/23-6/30/24
Richard L. Gossett (79)	7.0	2009	578.58	1,417.56	7/1/23-6/30/24
Marisol Harper (surviving spouse of Craig Harper 70%) (90)	6.75	1993	287.63	458.76	7/1/23-6/30/24
Donald L. Jeter (90)	11.5	1998	349.95	2,314.08	7/1/23-6/30/24
Dewey Knowles (93)	6.5	1996	323.55	683.52	7/1/23-6/30/24
John C. Shirk (91)	5.0	1998	349.95	437.40	7/1/23-6/30/24
				\$ 10,550.42	

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PE ELL UMC CLOSURE (PCH PETITION #8)

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 Pe Ell United Methodist Church in Pe Ell, Washington, closed effective June 30, 2023, 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 United Methodist Church as approved by the district superintendent, unless individuals elect transfer to another church.

EAST WENATCHEE: TRINITY UMC (PCH PETITION #9)

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 North-

west Annual Conference declares the Trinity United Methodist Church in East Wenatchee, Washington, closed effective October 31, 2022, 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 United Methodist Church as approved by the district superintendent, unless individuals elect transfer to another church.

CONFERENCE BUDGET (PCH PETITION #10)

**Council on Finance and Administration
RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. BUDGETS

The Council received requests for the 2023 budget as follows:

- A. Pension and Benefit Fund
- B. Ministerial Support and Administration
- C. World Services and Conference Benevolences
- D. Ministerial Education and Black College Fund
- E. Africa University Fund

The Council on Finance and Administration and representatives from the Conference Connectional Table met this spring to review the budget requests submitted by annual conference agencies and others. The following pages are the budget recommendations for 2024.

For 2024, the Conference Budget summary of changes follows.

- 1. The decrease since 2023 is a \$116,164 reduction
- 2. This is a 3.94% decrease.
- 3. The Conference Board of Pensions continues to request no support from the Conference budget

2022-2024 BUDGET SUMMARY

	2022 Final Budget	2023 Recommend	% change from 2022	2024 Recommend	% change from 2023
Pension & Benefit	0	-	0.0%	-	-
District Fund	140,000	140,000	0.0%	155,000	10.71%
GNW Vitality Team	350,000	345,000	-1.4%	310,000	-10.14%
MS & A	1,720,206	1,735,970	0.9%	1,624,643	-6.41%
WS & CB	1,272,664	1,369,896	7.6%	1,337,032	-2.40%
GC Shared Minisry	1,006,047	1,000,685	-0.53%	983,945	-1.67%
	<u>4,488,917</u>	<u>4,591,551</u>	<u>2.29%</u>	<u>4,410,620</u>	<u>-3.94%</u>

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A. PENSION AND BENEFIT FUND

	2022	2023	2024 CF&A	% +/- over
	Actual	Budget	& CT Recom'd	2023
1 Pension and Benefits	-	-	-	
<p>Conference Board of Pensions 2023 budget includes health subsidy for retired pastors, spouses and surviving spouses, health subsidy for pastors on medical leave, pension grants to former pastors/surviving pastors not vested in the pension plan, health support to eligible full-time clergy and churches, board of pension meeting expenses, salary/benefits for the Conference Benefits Officer, 1/4 time support for conference treasurer's office staff (2) and contract to provide financial planning for clergy.</p>				
Total Pension & Benefit Fund	-	-	-	

B. MINISTERIAL SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATION

2 Episcopal Fund	194,068	188,706	<u>188,706</u>	0.00%
<p>A percentage of the total cash salaries paid to the pastors and associate pastors, as reported in the Conference Journal.</p>				
3 General Administration Fund	59,519	55,890	<u>55,890</u>	0.00%
<p>Apportionment received from the General Church</p>				
4 Interdenominational Cooperation Fund	2,092	2,092	<u>2,092</u>	0.00%
<p>Apportionment received from the General Church</p>				
5 Jurisdictional Administration Fund	30,000	30,000	<u>30,000</u>	0.00%
<p>An apportionment for the cost of the WJ Conference and programming.</p>				

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2023 PNWAC

	2022	2023	2024 CF&A	% +/- over
	Actual	Budget	& CT Recom'd	2023
6 District Superintendents' Fund	651,072	570,000	590,000	3.51%
Direct Compensation				
Cash Salary	421,200	430,000	435,000	
Utilities Allowance	36,231	38,327	38,327	
Housing Allowance*	111,892	120,000	125,000	
Other Expenses:				
Professional Expenses - ARP	60,655	75,000	75,000	
Benefits	102,724	113,000	115,000	
Housing Maint., Allowance, and	12,650	15,000	14,000	
Property Taxes	9,715	10,000	10,000	
Continuing Education	4,732	5,000	5,000	
Misc.(Moving, Worker's Comp.,	1,412	5,000	5,000	
New DS Expenses)	1,753	1,000	1,000	
Total Expenses	651,072	692,327	698,327	

After two years of frozen salary we propose an increase of 5.0%. We will look to focus this increase in the housing allowance and exclusion which have fall behind inflation.

*Housing allowance total not in budget request as funding comes from rental income and investment earnings DS parsonage sales.

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	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	2024 CF&A & CT Recom'd	% +/- over 2023
7 Leader Development with Districts	-	100	<u>50</u>	-50.00%
Provides funds for leader development designed for a district. These funds are administered by the Cabinet.				
8 Recruitment of Clergy	10,148	2,000	<u>5,000</u>	150.00%
Provides DS travel for recruitment, interpretive materials for recruiting, candidates to our conference prior to an appointment, and recruitment within the conference.				
9 Equitable Compensation	29,723	50,000	<u>35,000</u>	-30.00%
Assures each minister appointed full time, a minimum compensation as set by the Annual conference. This includes CRSP (Clergy Retirement Security Program) CPP (Comprehensive Protection Plan) costs.				
10 Mission Aid - Salary	62,6841	120,000	<u>100,000</u>	-16.67%
Salary support for mission churches. Includes the applicable CRSP (Pension) and CPP (Disability/Death) cost. The funds are targeted for strategic missional churches and strategic redevelopment congregations.				

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2023 PNWAC

	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	2024 CF&A & CT Recom'd	% +/- over 2022
11 Area Expense	66,052	45,000	<u>35,000</u>	-12.50%
<p>This fund is administered by the area bishop to carry out the work of the church. Includes both office and program expenses.</p>				
12 Moving Expense Assistance	41,203	40,000	<u>50,000</u>	25.00%
<p>Provides moving expense assistance to local churches for pastoral moves up to \$1,600 for each intra-conference move; from \$1,700 to \$2,640, depending on mileage, for seminary students returning for an appointment to local churches or ministerial members (including Para. 347.1) transferring in according to the schedule approved by the Conference, and up to \$1,600 for retiring pastors per Conference Rule XI, Section 2.</p>				
13 Journal Expenses	2,449	500	<u>1,200</u>	140.00%
<p>For printing and mailing copies of the Conference Journal, Pre-Conference Handbook and the expenses of the Statistician and Secretary. Journal and Handbook preparation work is done by the Conference office. Our goal each year is to use more CD's and the website to distribute the materials.</p>				
14 Council on Finance and Administration	0	500	<u>250</u>	-50.00%
<p>For meeting expenses.</p>				

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	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	2024 CF&A & CT Recom'd	% +/- over 2023
15 Conference Treasurer's Office	380,000	421,400	435,000	3.23%
Salary - Treasurer**	\$106,590	110,000	115,000	4.55%
Travel Expenses	3,978	6,000	8,000	33.33%
Salaries - Staff***	172,723	180,000	180,000	0.00%
Staff Travel	-	-	-	
Staffing Costs, Benefits	63,343	80,500	83,700	3.98%
Office Expenses	14,199	15,400	15,200	-1.30%
Equipment - Reserves #	-	2,000	2,000	0.00%
Equip. Repair & Maint.	9,141	4,000	4,000	0.00%
Insurance/Bonding	2,202	1,000	2,000	100.00%
Information Technology	4,942	3,000	4,500	50.00%
Auditing Fee	25,898	26,000	26,000	0.00%
Computer Replacement #	-	-	-	
Total Budget Expenses	403,016	427,900	440,400	2.92%
To (from) reserves	(23,016)	(6,500)	(5,400)	
MS & A Budget Amount	380,000	421,400	435,000	

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**Compensation set by CFA — Increase of 4.5% for inflation.

*** Support Staff Salary increase 5.0%

#Computer Replacement is to provide for necessary equipment upgrades and replacement on a continuing basis. Equipment reserve is intended to provide funds for major office equipment replacement.

Balance on 12/31/21 \$27,632

##Modified direct bill pension reserve 12/31/22 \$10,950

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2023 PNWAC

	2022	2023	2024 CF&A	% +/- over
	Actual	Budget	& CT Recom'd	2023
15a District Service Center Office	169,987	140,000	155,000	10.71%
Salaries - Staff***	94,902	100,500	100,500	0.00%
Staff Travel	751	500	1,000	100.00%
Staffing Costs (benefits etc)	31,133	30,200	33,000	9.27%
Office Expenses	29,079	43,150	44,000	1.97%
Equipment - Reserves #	0			
Equip. Repair & Maint.	4,785	2,300	2,500	8.70%
Computer Replacement #	0			
Program Funds	9,337	30,000	30,000	0.00%
Contingency/ Reserve		-	-	
Total Budget Expenses	169,987	206,650	211,000	2.11%
To (From) Reserves	(29,987)	(66,650)	(56,000)	
MS & A Budget Amount	140,000	140,000	155,000	10.71%
15b Greater NW Vitality Team	288,401	345,000	310,000	-10.14%
Direct Compensation				
Cash Salary	328,893	435,000	332,700	
Other Expenses:				
Benefits	133,083	125,000	115,700	
Professional Expenses - ARP	53,833	60,000	65,000	
Other Program Related Costs	8,556	-	50,000	
Total Expenses	524,365	620,000	563,400	
Conference Allocation 2022 thru 2024				
PNW	55%	288,401	342,550	310,000
OR-ID	40%	209,746	248,000	225,454
AK	5%	26,218	29,450	28,182
		524,365	620,000	563,636

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	2022	2023	2024 CF&A	% +/- over
	Actual	Budget	& CT Recom'd	2023
16 Conference Session	28,842	80,000	<u>75,000</u>	-6.25
<p>For expenses of the Annual Conference Session. The AC registration fee has helped keep this line item from a negative balance.</p>				
17 Annual Conference Session Travel	-	2,500	<u>2,500</u>	0.00%
<p>To help defray travel expenses of lay & ministerial members at Annual Conference, including Extension Ministry Clergy. This fund will pay mileage at \$.14 per mile with an additional \$.02 per mile per additional voting member passenger for actual miles traveled as reported.</p> <p>Only requests that total \$20 or more for the 2022 conference and into the future will be processed.</p>				
18 Board of Ordained Ministry	80,617	22,000	<u>22,000</u>	0.00%
<p>For meetings, testing, and other administrative expenses, as well as counseling and career assessment.</p>				
19 United Methodist Foundation of the NW	-	-	<u>-</u>	
<p>The Foundation suspended budget requests for 2018-2022 operating budget. The Foundation operates with funds that come from gifts, endowment income, investing/handling fees and contracted services for the Board of Congregational Development.</p>				
20 Conference Board of Trustees	47,139	15,000	<u>15,000</u>	0.00%
<p>For meeting expenses, general and property legal fees, and directors and officers insurance for trustees and district superintendents and utilities at the conference center.</p>				

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	2022	2023	2024 CF&A	% +/- over
	Actual	Budget	& CT Recom'd	2023
21 Cabinet Special Needs Fund	-	20,000	<u>10,000</u>	-50.00%
<p>Includes the traditional Cabinet Emergency Fund which provides funds for Cabinet discretionary use. Also includes funding for legal fees incurred for clergy-related personnel matters and for processing complaints. Administered by Cabinet.</p>				
22 Episcopal Residence	36,284	6,000	<u>8,000</u>	33.33%
<p>Our Conference share of providing housing for our Bishop as required by the <i>2016 Book of Discipline</i>. The Episcopal Fund will provide \$6,000 in 2021.</p>				
23 Camp Support	83,866	90,000	<u>75,000</u>	-16.67%
<p>To pay fire and liability insurance premiums for the four Conference-related camp sites.</p>				
24 Ministerial Support Fund	-	255,970	<u>165,643</u>	-35.29%
<p>To provide for the deficit created by churches unable or unwilling to fully pay their apportionments. Plan for payment at 93.0% in 2024</p>				
Total Ministerial Support and Administration	2,287,162	2,501,287	<u>2,366,331</u>	-5.40%

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C. WORLD SERVICE & CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES

	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	2024 CF&A & CT Recom'd	% +/- over 2023
WORLD SERVICE				
1 World Service	483,312	483,312	470,679	-2.61%
Apportionment received from General Conference to support the mission and ministry of the General Church.				
CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES				
3 New Congregational Development	138,249	200,000	65,000	-67.50%
To provide funds for new church starts and redevelopment situations. Funds may be used for pastoral support, start-up expenses, and/or capital development.				
4 Hispanic Ministry Development	3,782	27,000	24,300	-10.00%
To provide funds for Ministry within the Hispanic population of the Conference.				

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2023 PNWAC

	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	2024 CF&A & CT Recom'd	% +/- over 2023
<p>5 Global Mission</p> <p>To provide for mission education and cultivation, funds for Health and Welfare, Hunger Concerns, Immigration, Disaster Preparedness, Mission u, VIM scholarships and mission saturation events. The budget reflects the incorporation of PNW mission advances into this item for Board funding decisions.</p>	27,982	32,600	<u>29,000</u>	-11.04%
<p>6 Ethnic Ministries</p> <p>To provide support for Parish Associates, ethnic fellowships, ethnic extension ministries of local churches, ethnic leadership development and training, and multi-cultural education.</p>	16,058	57,600	<u>52,600</u>	-8.68
<p>7 Ministry in Higher Education</p> <p>Support for our program of ministry to college age students through local churches, Wesley Foundations and other campus ministries. Allocated and administered by the Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry.</p>	78,119	90,000	<u>80,933</u>	-10.07
<p>8 Faith Action Network</p> <p>United Methodist support for a major ecumenical agency within the Conference. The FAN provides the arena for religious bodies to join together providing a voice for social and justice issues and provides a presence in the processes of the state legislative bodies.</p>	15,300	15,300	<u>13,770</u>	-10.00%

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	2022	2023	2024 CF&A	% +/- over
	Actual	Budget	& CT Recom'd	2023
9 Office of Connectional Ministries	846,397	673,000	<u>850,000</u>	26.30%
<p>For salaries, expenses and office operations. Includes meeting expenses for most of the conference boards and commissions as well as support staff for boards and agencies. Provides staff for congregational development, equipping of laity and clergy for leadership, camping ministry, youth ministries, communications and Media Center.</p> <p>* Fund for Families and Technology grants ran through the OCM budget in 2021.</p>				
11 OCM Scholarships	16,500	17,000	<u>17,000</u>	0.00%
<p>For scholarships for higher education.</p>				
12 Healing Care Fund	-	-	<u>-</u>	
<p>To provide funding for limited financial assistance to persons seeking healing from alleged clergy sexual abuse.</p>				
13 Conference Benevolence Support Fund	-	257,396	<u>204,429</u>	-20.58%
<p>To provide for the deficit created by churches unable or unwilling to fully pay their apportionments. Anticipate payment at 89.0% in 2023.</p>				
TOTAL - Conference Benevolences	1,142,387	1,369,896	<u>1,337,032</u>	-2.40%

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MINISTERIAL EDUCATION AND BLACK COLLEGE FUND

	2022	2023	2024 CF&A	% +/- over
	Actual	Budget	& CT Recom'd	2023
1 Ministerial Education Fund	186,006	151,374	<u>158,973</u>	5.02%
<p>An apportionment from the General Church for supporting our seminaries, seminary students, and continuing education of our clergy - 25% of the amount received is retained by this Annual Conference for seminary student scholarships, continuing education programs and scholarship assistance for clergy, and diaconal ministers.</p>				
2 Black College Fund	69,955	69,655	<u>63,413</u>	-9.35%
<p>An apportionment from the General Church to support our 11 United Methodist Black Colleges. Funds will be used for current operations and capital improvements.</p>				
TOTAL - Ministerial Education & Black College Fund	255,961	221,329	<u>222,386</u>	.48%

AFRICA UNIVERSITY FUND

1 Africa University Fund	15,727	15,727	<u>14,192</u>	0.00%
<p>An apportionment from the General Church provides funding over the quadrennium to continue the development of the United Methodist related university in Africa.</p>				
TOTAL - Africa Univerty Fund	15,727	15,727	<u>14,192</u>	-9.76
TOTAL - World Service	755,000	720,368	707,257	-1.82%
GRAND TOTAL - World Service & Conference Benevolences	1,625,699	2,090,264	<u>2,044,289</u>	-2.20%

AMEND CONFERENCE RULES (PCH PETITION #11)

RESOLVE, to amend Conference Rule II Membership, Section 3. Lay, subsection (a), by adding the title " Home Missioner," and the words "commissioned missionaries" after the word "deaconesses."

ENCOURAGING DIVESTMENT FOR LOCAL CHURCHES AND NORTHWEST FUNDS (PCH PETITION #12a)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church directs the Conference Treasurer's Office to send a formal letter by August 1, 2023 to Faith Foundation Northwest requesting that the Foundation divest its own funds and all funds held in trust from fossil fuels.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Conference Treasurer's Office will send a formal letter to the Local Churches of the Pacific Northwest Conference inviting an internal review of local church investments, with attention to returns and fossil-free investment opportunities such as those already available at the Faith Foundation Northwest, to invite local churches to consider divesting all funds, including long-term assets and rainy-day funds, from fossil fuels.

ENCOURAGE JUST PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL AND STATE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ORGANIZATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY JUST OUTCOMES (PCH PETITION #13)

BE IT RESOLVED that by end of 2023 the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church shall and local churches are invited to expand the faithful work of stewardship in this time of crisis by building relationships outside our local churches to hear new stories of people impacted by degradation of the planet and its resources, to learn new practices of environmental justice, to better understand the expertise developed by those with lived experience of environmental harms. Seeking guidance on how to develop these just partnerships may also strengthen connections with United Methodist Church entities, ecumenical and interfaith coalitions, as well as global partners.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church shall and local churches are invited to prioritize local and state partnerships with environmental and climate justice organizations led by Black, Indigenous, People of Color, Women, and Youth as well as those serving low-income populations. We will come together in humility to learn and grow together, building on principles of justice and solidarity for the good of all. In support of this, conference leadership is called to incentivize education and participation from United Methodist Church members and local churches in order that congregations can be more immersed in local and regional initiatives.



The final paragraph of the PCH Petition #13 was referred to the PNW Conference Connectional Table for further consideration and a report to the 2024 Annual Conference Session. It is included below for reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to facilitate the development of discipleship and resourcing in the Pacific Northwest Conference of The United Methodist Church, and to support those already engaged in green team and sustainable actions, discipleship, and activity, and encourage further development of ‘green’ teams and programs, the Pacific Northwest Conference of The United Methodist Church shall hire a full time Creation Justice Liaison to further the work of creation justice in the conference. The role of the Creation Justice Liaison would be to affirm and support existing local church efforts, equip all local churches for creation justice work, support the development and growth of local leadership, and support communication and relationships for just partnership engagement. A job description shall be developed through the Office of Connectional Ministries and Church Revitalization, who will conduct a listening session in each district by October 1, 2023 to include district youth, lay leaders, pastors, and church members, with a job description published to Annual Conference news and information outlets by November 1, 2023.

A CALL TO GENERAL CONFERENCE TO ADD FOSSIL FUELS TO UNITED METHODIST INVESTMENT SCREENS (PCH PETITION #14)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church calls for “fossil fuels” to be added to the investment screens in Paragraph 717 of The United Methodist Book of Discipline as follows:

Paragraph 717. Sustainable and Socially Responsible Investments—In the investment of money, it shall be the policy of The United Methodist Church that all general boards and agencies, including the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits, and all administration agencies and institutions, including hospitals, homes, educational institutions, annual conferences, foundations, and local churches, make a conscious effort to invest in institutions, companies, corporations, or funds with policies and practices that are socially responsible, consistent with the goals outlined in the Social Principles. All United Methodist institutions shall endeavor to seek investments in institutions, companies and corporations, or funds that promote racial and gender justice, protect human rights, prevent the use of sweatshop or forced labor, avoid human suffering, and preserve the natural world, including mitigating the effects of climate change. In addition, United Methodist institutions shall endeavor to avoid investments in companies engaged in core business activities that are not aligned with the Social principles through their direct or indirect involvement with the production of anti-personnel weapons and armaments (both nuclear and conventional weapons), **fossil fuels**, alcoholic beverages or tobacco; or that are involved in privately operated correctional facilities, gambling, pornography or other forms of exploitive adult entertainment. The boards and agencies are to give careful consideration to environmental, social, and governance factors when making investment decisions and actively exercise their responsibility as owners of the companies in which they invest. This includes engaging with

companies to create positive change and hold them accountable for their actions, while also considering exclusion if companies fail to act responsibly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Conference Secretary will forward this resolution as a petition calling the 2024 General Conference to include “fossil fuels” in the list of investment screens in Paragraph 717.

NET-ZERO GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS (PCH PETITION #15)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church pledges to achieve net-zero emissions by 2040 across ministries, facilities, operations, and investments to leverage the gifts of our connection, putting equity and justice at the center as we build a net-zero emission economy by 2040, and to encourage local churches to pledge to increase the energy efficiency of their church buildings and parsonages by 50% by 2030.

PROPOSED STUDY TO EXAMINE THE PNWAC’S PRACTICE REGARDING SEPARATION PAY FOR CLERGY ORDAINED IN ANOTHER DENOMINATION (PCH PETITION #16)

RESOLVED, that a study group is formed to examine the PNWAC practice of not providing separation pay to clergy ordained in another denomination (OAD) when, due to a shortage of appointments, a comparable appointment within our annual conference is not available. This study will involve the following elements:

1. At a minimum, at least one representative from each of the following PNWAC boards or agencies will serve on this study group: Council on Finance and Administration, Board of Pensions, and Board of Ordained Ministry.
2. The study will examine when it is a justifiable expense to provide separation pay to clergy OAD when a comparable appointment is not available.
3. If the study group recommends the implementation of separation pay to clergy OAD, it will also recommend a formula for calculating the payment amount.
4. The group’s findings or recommendations will be reported to the 2024 PNW Annual Conference.

SOLIDARITY WITH THE FILIPINO PEOPLE (PCH PETITION #17)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Methodist Church affirms that every life is sacred. And in that spirit joins the call to support the Philippines Human Rights Act and urges our congressional leaders in Washington State and Idaho to support it.



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we pledge to continue efforts to educate our members on the existing conditions of the Filipino people, monitor the ongoing human rights crisis and its impacts as much as possible with our Methodist siblings, and advocate for a just and lasting peace as requested by the Filipino people themselves, including communication with elected officials listed below.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth will share a copy of this resolution with all three active Bishops in the Philippine Central Conference and the Philippine Central Conference General Board of Church and Society.