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Errata

The Book of Discipline 2008

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Page 25: Division Two, Section II, ¶ 16, *Article IV* amend by deletion and addition, as follows:

In ¶ 16.1 and .14 add “, gender” after “race”.

¶ 16.1 now correctly reads: To define and fix the conditions, privileges, and duties of Church membership, which shall in every case be without reference to race, gender or status.

and

Page 26: ¶ 16.14 now correctly reads: To secure the rights and privileges of membership in all agencies, programs, and institutions in The United Methodist Church regardless of race, gender or status.

Page 27: Division Two, Section IV, ¶ 23, *Article* amend by addition, as follows:

Add “, provided that no jurisdictional conference shall have fewer than 100 delegates” before the period at the end of the first sentence.

¶ 23 now correctly reads: The jurisdictional conferences shall be composed of as many representatives from the annual conferences and missionary conferences as shall be determined by a uniform basis established by the General Conference, provided that no jurisdictional conference shall have fewer than 100 delegates. The missionary conferences shall be considered as annual conferences for the purpose of this article.

Page 31: Division Two, Section VI, ¶ 33, *Article II* amend by addition, as follows:

Add “and the committee on investigation” following “ministry.”

¶ 33 now correctly reads: The annual conference is the basic body in the Church and as such shall have reserved to it the right to vote on all constitutional amendments, on the election of clergy and lay delegates to the General and the jurisdictional or central conferences, on all matters relating to the character and conference relations of its clergy members, and on the ordination of clergy and such other rights as have not been delegated to the General Conference under the Constitution, with the exception that the lay members may not vote on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy except that the lay members of the conference board of ordained ministry and the committee on investigation may vote on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy, with the further exception that lay members of the district committee on ordained ministry be full participating members of the district committee on ordained ministry with vote. It shall discharge such duties and exercise such powers as the General Conference under the Constitution may determine.

Page 32: Division Two, Section VI, ¶ 35, *Article IV* amend by deletion and addition, as follows:

Before “delegates” delete “ordained ministerial” and add “clergy” and before “from” delete “by and” and before “members” delete “ordained ministerial” and before “members” add “clergy” and before “the annual” delete “with” and before “the annual” add “and shall be elected by the clergy members of” and after “or provisional annual conference” add “who are deacons and elders in full connection, associate members, and those provisional members who have completed all of their educational requirements and local pastors who have completed course of study or an M. Div. degree and have served a minimum of two consecutive years under appointment immediately preceding the election.

¶ 35 now correctly reads: The clergy delegates to the General Conference and to the jurisdictional or central conference shall be elected from the clergy members in full connection and shall be elected by the clergy members of the annual conference or provisional annual conference who are deacons and elders in full connection, associate members, and those provisional members who have completed all of their educational requirements and local pastors who have completed course of study or an M. Div. degree and have served a minimum of two consecutive years under appointment immediately preceding the election.

Page 33: Division Two, Section VII, ¶ 37, *Article I* amend by addition, as follows:

Before “Connecticut” add “Bermuda”.

¶ 37 now correctly reads: The United Methodist Church shall have jurisdictional conferences made up as follows:

Northeastern-Bermuda, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, the Virgin Islands, West Virginia.

Southeastern-Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia.

North Central-Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin.

South Central-Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas.

Western-Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming and the territory of the United States in the Pacific region.

Page 60: ¶ 103, Change “Article II—Of the Resurrection of Christ” to “Article III—Of the Resurrection of Christ.”

Page 102: ¶ 161.c. Add to the last line of paragraph 1, following the words “judicial processes”, encouraging reconciliation wherever possible. We also support efforts by

governments to reform divorce laws and other aspects of family law in order to address negative trends such as high divorce rates.

Page 199: ¶ 268.1.c refers to ¶258.2.f (9). The correct reference is ¶258.2.g (9).

Page 199: ¶269 refers to ¶267. The correct reference is ¶ 268.

Page 220: ¶ 320.6
Decision 1101

IN RE: Request for a Declaratory Decision from the 2008 General Conference with Respect to the Meaning, Application, and Effect of ¶ 602 of the 2004 Discipline as it Relates to the New ¶ 320.6 Adopted by the 2008 General Conference Regarding Status of Retired Local Pastors

Decision

Retired local pastors are not clergy and may not vote as clergy during an annual conference session. The clergy membership of an annual conference consists of deacons and elders in full connection, probationary members, associate members, and local pastors under appointment. When a local pastor is no longer under appointment, he or she resumes lay status and may not vote as a clergy member. The new ¶ 320.6 conflicts with ¶ 32 of the Constitution and ¶ 320.5 of the *2004 Discipline*. Paragraph 320.6 is thus null and void; therefore, we do not reach the question of its effect on ¶ 602.

Page 225: ¶324.6.b. No changes were made to the *2004 Discipline* which remains “satisfied all requirements of Sections 1-3...”

Page 226: ¶ 324.9.k. Replace “probationary member” with “provisional member.”

Page 227: ¶ 325, second paragraph, line 3. Replace “probation” with “provisional membership.”

Page 227: ¶ 325, third paragraph, line 1. Replace “probation” with “the residency program.”

Page 235: ¶ 330, final paragraph, line 1. Change “5” to “6.”

Page 236: ¶ 330, first paragraph, line 1. Change “6” to “7.”

Page 247: ¶ 337.3, line 1. Replace “probationary members” with “provisional members.”

Page 248: ¶ 337.3.a, line 1. Replace “probationary elders” with “provisional member elders.”

Page 248: ¶ 337.3.b, line 1. Replace “probationary membership” with “provisional membership.”

Page 279: ¶ 358.3, line 24. Replace reference to ¶ 356.2.c with ¶ 358.2c.

Page 283: ¶ 361, first paragraph, line 4. Replace “probationary members” with “provisional members.”

Page 288: ¶ 363, line 7. Replace reference to ¶ 362.1a with ¶ 362.2.

Page 290: ¶ 363.3b (4), line 1. Replace the reference to ¶ 363.3b with ¶ 359.2.

Page 291: ¶ 364, line 14. Replace “three years” with “two years” and replace “probation” with “provisional membership.”

Page 306: ¶ 413.2, Line 8 (also: Page 757: ¶ 2704.1.d and Page 774: ¶ 2712.7)

(SUBJECT TO FINAL EDITING)

Judicial Council Decision No. 1149

IN RE: Request for a Declaratory Decision from the Supervisory Committee of the College of Bishops of the Philippines Central Conference and the Committee on the Episcopacy of the Philippines Central Conference Regarding the Authority of the Philippines Central Conference College of Bishops to Handle a Complaint Against One of Its Members Under ¶ 413.

Decision

The sentence in ¶¶ 413.2, 2704.1d and 2712.7 of the *2008 Discipline*, which reads, “For the purposes of this paragraph, the United Methodist bishops of the central conferences shall constitute one college of bishops,” is unconstitutional. Any complaint against a bishop of the Philippines Central Conference shall be handled under the remaining provisions of ¶ 413.2 of the *2008 Discipline*.

Page 368: ¶ 602.4, line 5. Delete “the conference scouting coordinator.”
Judicial Council Decision 989

Decision

Calendar Item 1017 as adopted by the 2004 General Conference adding the conference scouting coordinator to lay membership of the annual conference is unconstitutional.

Page 369: ¶ 602.8, line 1. Replace “probationers” with “provisional members.”

Page 372: ¶ 604.5, line 1. Replace “probationer” with “provisional member.”

Page 372: ¶ 604.7, line 1. Replace “on probation” with “provisional members.”

Page 375: ¶ 606.2, line 4, Insert the word “Conference” after the word “General” so that it reads “Central Conference or Jurisdictional Commission on Archives.”

Page 381: ¶ 610.6, line 3, reference should be ¶ 710.4, .6.

Page 385: ¶ 612.3, reference in line 4 should read ¶615.4.

Page 402: ¶ 629.2, reference in line 7 should be ¶ 710.6.

Page 410: ¶ 633.2, reference in line 14 should be ¶ 710.6.

Page 420: ¶ 634.2, reference in line 2 should be ¶ 710.6.

Page 429: ¶ 635.2.b, line 2. Replace “probationary membership” with “provisional membership.”

Page 429: ¶ 635.2.b, line 3. Replace “probationary member” with “provisional member.”

Page 430: ¶ 635.2.g, line 3. Replace “probationary membership” with “provisional membership.”

Page 430: ¶ 635.2.h, line 3. Replace “probationary” with “provisional.”

Page 430: ¶ 635.2.k, line 5. Replace “probationary membership” with “provisional membership.”

Page 433: ¶ 635.3.b, line 7. Replace “probationary” with “provisional”.

Page 433: ¶ 635.3.d, line 2. Replace “probationary” with “provisional.”

Page 446: ¶ 644.2, references in line 17 should be ¶¶ 610.6 and 710.6.

Page 464: ¶ 665.3, line 3. Replace “under a supervising pastor” with “with a candidacy mentor.”

Page 491: ¶ 714.4.c, line 4. Replace “biannually” with “biennially.”

Page 525: ¶ 817.10.v, line 9. Replace “biannually” with “biennially.”

Page 533: ¶823.4.b, line 3. Replace “Crusade Scholarships” with “World Communion Scholarships.”

Page 557: ¶ 1117.9.

Judicial Council Decision 1109

IN RE: Request for a Declaratory Decision from the Western North Carolina Annual Conference on Whether ¶ 1117.9 of the *2004 Discipline* as Amended by the 2008 General Conference Contravenes Restrictive Rule 1 of The United Methodist Church Regarding Article XVIII of the Articles of Religion

Decision

Paragraph 1117.9, as amended by the 2008 General Conference, creates a doctrine of the “reserved sacrament” for The United Methodist Church. Paragraph 1117.9, as amended by the 2008 General Conference, contravenes Restrictive Rule I. It thereby has the effect of altering Part II, Section 3, Article XVIII of the *Discipline* without legislative authority to do so. Hence, ¶ 1117.9, as amended by the 2008 General Conference, is null and void. To achieve such a change of doctrine will require a two-thirds majority vote by the General Conference and three-fourths of the aggregate votes of the annual conferences.

¶ 1117.9 reverts to the text of the 2004 *Discipline* and reads:

Encourage ordained elders to select and train laity to distribute the consecrated Communion elements to sick or homebound persons following a service of Word and Table. This distribution also may apply to laypersons who have been assigned pastoral roles in a church or in more than one church by the district superintendent.

Page 620: ¶ 1421.3.h, line 2. Replace “Crusade Scholarship” with “World Communion Scholarship.”

Page 672: ¶ 1806.8, last line. Remove the reference to ¶807.9.

Page 754: ¶ 2703.1 and 2

Lay professing member position on Committee on Investigation declared unconstitutional by Judicial Council.

DIGEST of Judicial Council Decision 1006:

Paragraph 2703 of the 2004 *Book of Discipline* is restated to account for the holding of Judicial Council Decision 993.

The Judicial Council reconsiders Decision 993 on its own motion for the limited purpose of addressing the impact of its holding that Calendar Item 1167 from the 2004 General Conference was unconstitutional. Calendar Item 1167, in part, gave lay professing members the right of voice and vote on a committee on investigation where the respondent is a bishop, a clergy member, or a local pastor.

When the Judicial Council holds language of General Conference legislation that amends a paragraph of the *Book of Discipline* to be unconstitutional, the usual consequence is that the language reverts to its prior form with respect to the portion held unconstitutional. Thus, because of Decision 993, ¶ 2703.1 and .2 of the **2004 Book of Discipline** now reads:

Composition of the Committee on Investigation. 1. *When respondent is a bishop* – There shall be a committee on investigation elected by each jurisdictional or central conference. Nominations shall be made by the College of Bishops in consultation with the jurisdictional episcopacy committee. Further nominations may be offered from the floor of the jurisdictional or central conference. The committee shall consist of seven clergy in full connection (with not more than one clergyperson from each annual conference, if possible), two lay observers, and six alternate members, five of whom shall be clergypersons in full connection (with not more than one clergyperson from each annual conference, if possible) and one of whom shall be a layperson. If additional members or alternates are needed, they may be named by the College of Bishops. Committee members shall be in good standing and should be deemed of good character. The committee should reflect racial, ethnic, and gender diversity. The committee shall elect a chairperson and organize at the jurisdictional or central conference. Seven clergy or

alternates seated as members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

2. *When respondent is a clergy member of an annual conference, a clergy member on honorable or administrative location or a local pastor* – There shall be a committee on investigation consisting of seven clergy in full connection, two lay observers, and six alternate members, five of whom shall be clergy in full connection and one of whom shall be a lay observer. The committee shall be nominated by the presiding bishop in consultation with the board of ordained ministry (for clergy members) and the conference board of laity (for lay persons) and elected quadrennially by the annual conference. If additional members or alternates are needed, the annual conference may elect members to serve for the remainder of the quadrennium. Committee members shall be in good standing and should be deemed of good character. The committee should reflect racial, ethnic, and gender diversity. The committee on investigation shall elect a chair and organize at the annual conference. None of the members or alternates shall be members of the board of ordained ministry, the cabinet, or immediate family members of the above. Should a member of the committee on investigation have been a party to any of the prior proceedings in a case that finally comes before the committee, he or she shall be disqualified from sitting on the committee during its consideration of that case, and his or her place shall be taken by an alternate member. Seven members or alternates seated as members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

Page 787, Column 1, third line from the bottom, replace ¶ 435.7 with ¶ 433.7.

Page 799, Column 1, second line from the bottom, replace ¶ 435.6-7 and 436. with ¶ 433.6, 7, 10.

Page 807: Index, **district superintendant**, committee on pastor-parish relations. Add ¶ 33. 6-7. Change ¶ 435.6-7 to 435.

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