

IX. PETITIONS TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

NOTES:

The petitions to the 2014 session are printed here in the form in which they were approved. They are not in every case identical to the form in which they were originally submitted. In the interest of clarity and economy, the texts of petitions which were not adopted or referred by the conference are not printed.

Whenever the text of a petition is printed elsewhere in the journal, as in the case of proposals from the agencies of the conference, the reader will be referred to the appropriate section.

- PETITION 1** Subject: **2015 Conference Funds and Financial Policies and Budget**
Submitted by: Laurie S. Guy, President on behalf of the Council on Finance and Administration
Text: See the proposal and conference budget in the Council on Finance and Administration report in Section VIII.A, page 186.
Conference Action: Adopted Petition
- PETITION 2, Part 1** Subject: **Pension/Health Benefit Programs and Policies**
Submitted by: M. Lynne Gilbert, President on behalf of the Board of Pension and Health Benefits
Text: See the proposals of the Board of Pension and Health Benefits in their report in Section VIII.L, Page 230.
Conference Action: Adopted petition
- PETITION 2, Part 2** Subject: **Pension/Health Benefit Programs and Policies**
Submitted by: M. Lynne Gilbert, President on behalf of the Board of Pension and Health Benefits
Text: See the proposals of the Board of Pension and Health Benefits in their report in Section VIII.L, page 233.
Conference Action: Adopted petition
- PETITION 3** Subject: **Boards for Directors for Western NC Conference Camps**
Submitted by: Carroll B. Harris, WNCC Director of Camp and Retreat Ministries
Text: See the proposals of the Camp and Retreat Ministries in their report in Section VIII.B.5, page 198.
Conference Action: Adopted petition
- PETITION 4** Subject: **Advance Specials for 2014-2015**
Submitted by: Jaylynn Byassee, WNCC Director of Mission Pathways
Text: See the proposal in the Coalition for Missions Report in Section VIII.B.6, page 200.
Conference Action: Adopted petition
- PETITION 5** Subject: **Central Congo Relationship**
Submitted by: David Minor, Pastor, Clover Hill-Mt. Moriah-New Home
Text: See the proposal in the Central Congo Relationship Report in Section VIII.B.6.a, page 204.
Conference Action: Adopted petition
- PETITION 6** Subject: **Board of Directors of Wesley Community Development Corporation**
Submitted by: Roy J. Helm, Jr., President and Rev. Randolph H. Harry, Chairperson, Board of Directors on behalf of the Board of Directors.
Text: See the nomination of directors of the Wesley Community Development Corporation in the Coalition for Missions Report in Section VIII.B.6.i, page 208.
Conference Action: Adopted petition
- PETITION 7** Subject: **Brevard College Trustees**
Submitted by: Board of Trustees, Brevard College
Text: See the nominations in the report of the Council on Higher Education found in Section VIII.D, page 215.
Conference Action: Adopted petition
- PETITION 8** Subject: **Duke University Trustees**
Submitted by: Richard V. Riddell, Vice President and University Secretary, Duke University
Text: See the nominations in the report of the Council on Higher Education found in Section VIII.D, page 215.
Conference Action: Adopted petition
- PETITION 9** Subject: **High Point University Trustees**
Submitted by: Nido R. Qubein, President and the Board of Trustees, High Point University
Text: See the nominations in the report of the Council on Higher Education found in Section VIII.D, page 215.
Conference Action: Adopted petition
- PETITION 10** Subject: **Campus Ministry Boards**
Submitted by: Jonathan Coppedge-Henley, Chairperson Council on Campus Ministries and each individual board.
Text: See the nominations for each campus ministry board found in the report of the Council on Campus Ministry in Section VIII.E, page 215.
Conference Action: Adopted petition

- PETITION 11** Subject: **Board of Directors of Aldersgate United Methodist Retirement Community, Inc.**
Submitted by: Suzanne Hodge Pugh, President and CEO and Roy H. Wiggins, Chairperson, Board of Directors
Text: See the nomination of directors of the Arbor Acres Retirement Community in their report in Section VIII.F.1, page 217.
Conference Action: Adopted petition
- PETITION 12** Subject: **Board of Directors of Arbor Acres United Methodist Retirement Community, Inc.**
Submitted by: W. David Piner, President and CEO and Victoria P. Hunt, Chairperson, Board of Directors
Text: See the nomination of directors of the Aldersgate Retirement Community in their report in Section VIII.F.2, page 218.
Conference Action: Adopted petition.
- PETITION 13** Subject: **Trustees of the Children's Home**
Submitted by: Maurice D. Ware, CEO, The Children's Home and C. Edward Teague, III, Chairperson, Board of Trustees of The Children's Home, Inc.
Text: See the nomination of trustees of the Children's Home in their report in Section VIII.F.3., page 219.
Conference Action: Adopted petition as amended. Reference Section IV.D., page 121.
- PETITION 14** Subject: **Board of Directors of Givens Estates United Methodist Retirement Community, Inc.**
Submitted by: Kenneth M. Partin, President and Chief Executive Officer and Pat Smith, Chairperson, Board of Directors
Text: See the nomination of directors of Givens Estates Retirement Community in their report in Section VIII.F.4, Page 220.
Conference Action: Adopted petition
- PETITION 15** Subject: **Trustees of UMAR-WNC, Inc.**
Submitted by: Marilyn Garner, President
Text: See the nomination of trustees of UMAR-WNC, Inc. in their report in Section VIII.F.5, page 221.
Conference Action: Adopted petition
- PETITION 16** Subject: **Board of Directors of Methodist Counseling and Consultation Services**
Submitted by: Chris Westmoreland, Chairperson and John V. Arey, Jr., Executive Director on behalf of the Board of Directors
Text: See the nomination of the board of MCCA in their report in Section VIII.F.6, page 222.
Conference Action: Adopted petition
- PETITION 17** Subject: **Annual Conference Meeting**
Submitted by: Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster, Chairperson and Kimberly T. Ingram, Secretary on behalf of the Committee on the Annual Conference Meeting
Text: See the proposals in the report of the Committee on the Annual Conference Meeting in Section VIII.N, page 240.
Conference Action: Adopted petition
- PETITION 18** Subject: **Equitable Compensation Policies and Guidelines**
Submitted by: Sara M. Williams, Chairperson-
on behalf of the Commission on Equitable Compensation
Text: See the proposals in the report of the Commission on Equitable Compensation found in Section VIII.U, page 245.
Conference Action: Adopted petition
- PETITION 19** Subject: **Trustee of Cole Foundation**
Submitted by: James C. Windham, Jr., Chairperson on behalf of the Eugene M. Cole Foundation
Text: See the nomination of the trustee found in the report of the Eugene M. Cole Foundation in Section VIII.Y, page 247.
Conference Action: Adopted petition
- PETITION 20** Subject: **Annual Conference Location**
Submitted by: Dean Martin, District Lay Leader, Uwharrie District
Conference Action: Withdrawn on June 20, 2014
- PETITION 21** Subject: **Clergy Spouse Medical Insurance Plan**
James T. Wollin, Healthcare Insurance Consultant
Conference Action: Not Adopted on June 20, 2014
- PETITION 22** Subject: **Health Benefits Changes**
Submitted by: Norman E. Jones
Conference Action: Withdrawn on June 20, 2014

PETITION 23**Submitted by:****Text:**Subject: **Election of Lay Delegates to General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference**

Robert Upchurch, Conference Lay Leader

¶ 36, Article V of *The Book of Discipline*, with reference to elected lay members of the General and Jurisdictional Conferences, states:

The lay delegates to the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences shall be elected by the lay members of the annual conference or provisional annual conference without regard to age, provided such delegates shall have been professing members of The United Methodist Church for at least two years next preceding their election, and shall have been active participants in The United Methodist Church for at least four years preceding their election, and are members thereof within the annual conference electing them at the time of holding the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences.

The Board of Laity, meeting on November 16, 2013, adopted and presents to the 2014 session of the conference for its adoption the following goals and principles for the election of delegates to the 2016 General and Jurisdictional conferences at the 2015 annual conference:

We commit ourselves to an election process that will guide us in a fair and equitable way and continue to uphold our understanding of holy, Christian conferencing.

Goals

1. We believe each person desiring to be a delegate should be elected on the basis of the gifts and graces of the individual.
2. We affirm the freedom of each delegate to vote as he or she is led by the Holy Spirit through scripture, tradition, experience, and reason.
3. We desire to create an atmosphere for the elections in which the Holy Spirit can work.
4. We promote the use of a booklet to identify persons desiring to be delegates. It shall contain a picture and a biographical sketch. No person shall be required to state how he/she will vote on any issue. Each potential delegate shall have one page in a lay delegate booklet, to include the name, address, picture, biographical information, and other information of his/her choosing about his/her positions on major issues facing The United Methodist Church. There would be no editing by the compiler. (Clergy candidates who run for the office of bishop are permitted to provide information of this nature in their solicitation of votes.) The booklet would be provided to lay members of the conference in a timely manner, so as to allow for review and contact of the candidates prior to the annual conference session.

Principles

In order to achieve these goals, we recommend the following principles to guide the election process:

1. That no person desiring to be a delegate use campaign hats, give away items, host parades, etc. to promote himself/herself, and that other persons desiring the election of a particular person be constrained by the above.
2. That no person desiring to be a delegate be coerced to vote yes or no for any one issue, and that the members of the conference not be coerced to support a certain nominee because of his/her individual belief.
3. That no one involved with the election process use the names of other persons as supportive of their desires without written permission.
4. That the lay members of conference commit to an election process that "allows for the Holy Spirit to be present," and that we view this commitment as a holy covenant.
5. That we reject inappropriate, unethical electioneering by any person or group that would be condemned by the spirit of these goals and principals.

As we consider the needs of the future church, we recognize the need for greater openness and inclusiveness in the selection of our delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

It is our sincere and earnest prayer that in the election of our delegates we will be guided first and foremost by the spiritual nature of the undertaking.

Conference Action: Adopted petition on June 20, 2014

PETITION 24**Submitted by:****Conference Action:**Subject: **Parsonage Home Inspections for Pastoral Transitions**

Jeremy Troxler, pastor, Spruce Pine

Withdrawn on June 20, 2014