

PETITION TO THE 2023 ALASKA CONFERENCE

TITLE: PROHIBITION OF SPENDING AUMC FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL GC SESSION PETITION # _____

ACTION TO BE VOTED ON: *(Please state the motion in its simplest form, addressing one issue only, exactly what action is required. If you wish to submit additional supporting rationale, it must be typewritten on additional, separate sheets. Copies of up to two pages will be included in the Pre-Conference Handbook. Members will vote only on the action as boxed below.)*

Adopt the attached resolution prohibiting the expenditure of AUMC apportionment receipts to pay any portion of the cost of holding the additional General Conference session required in Judicial Council Decision 1472.

RATIONALE:

The Judicial Council's requirement that there be an additional session of the General Conference is a usurpation of the legislative authority of the General Conference, and the expenditure of funds required by such an act would be an irresponsible and unnecessary use of money contributed for mission and ministry by the people of the UMC.

TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY: The Secretary of the AUMC.

(Name of committee, board, commission, agency)

COSTS: None to Negligible If a cost is involved, what committee/board/agency will be responsible for including this cost in its budget? Not Applicable

If this cost impacts the Conference Budget, has approval been received from the Council on Finance and Administration? NA

If not, then from whom? NA

When will it be completed? When Secretary notifies GCFA How will you judge its effectiveness?
(be specific) If enough annual conferences take similar action to make it impossible to fund the additional session of the General Conference.

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RESOLUTION TO PROHIBIT AUMC FUNDING OF EXTRA SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

WHEREAS in its Decision 1472 the United Methodist Judicial Council declared that there must be an additional regular session of the General Conference held between 01 January 2025 and 31 December 2027, and

WHEREAS such an additional session of the General Conference has not been called by the General Conference, the Council of Bishops, or the Commission on the General Conference, and

WHEREAS the Judicial Council's call for such an additional session of the General Conference requires the expenditure of large sums of money, thus constituting, in full effect, the legislative act of budgeting by the Judicial Council, and

WHEREAS the use of funds in this manner, funds which were provided to the Church for pursuit of its mission and ministry, would be inappropriate, ill advised, and even profligate, and

WHEREAS the United Methodist Constitution clearly and unambiguously gives exclusive legislative authority to the General Conference for all distinctively connectional activities of the Church (§16), and

WHEREAS the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) is required, as are all bodies of the Church, to honor the intent of the donor, when it can be determined, in the expenditure of funds (§807.1),

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska United Methodist Conference (AUMC) directs GCFA to ensure to the maximum extent possible that no funds provided by the local churches of the AUMC, through apportionments or any other process, through the AUMC as a channel for such funds, shall be used to support in any manner whatsoever the holding of the extra regular session of the General Conference which would be required by implementation of Judicial Council Decision 1472.