

Under the authority of this General Conference “to recommend forming working groups or task forces to develop proposals for a future General Conference” (Plan of Organization V.C), the 2024 General Conference hereby calls on the _Assembly of Bishops_ to form a task force which shall submit appropriate legislation to the next General Conference, including but not necessarily limited to any needed amendments to Book of Doctrines and Discipline Paragraphs 108, 109, and 204, in order to produce revised General Rules of the Global Methodist Church.

This Task Force shall seek to produce revised General Rules that honor and continue the core values of the historic General Rules found in Paragraph 108 while better addressing today’s realities, being intentionally globally applicable, and focusing on commitments we realistically expect all of our clergy to actually keep when they promise at their ordinations to “keep the General Rules of our Church” (TBDD Paragraph 408.7).

This task force’s membership shall include relevant theological scholars, at least one bishop or interim bishop, other deacons and elders, and laypeople. It shall include international, cultural, and other forms of diversity. The task force shall seek broad input to develop consensus around the content for the new General Rules of the Global Methodist Church.

The General Rules are an important part of our Methodist heritage. However, they were developed for the particular context of 18th century Methodists. . There are important differences and new challenges facing Global Methodists in our various contexts around the world today.

This project seeks to preserve the spirit of the General Rules in a way that truly fits our current global contexts.