



General Conference Legislation

Selected Petitions—Benefits, Investments, Annual Conference Matters

Petition Number ADCA Page Number	Title	Brief Description
Petition 60015-CO Page 417	Equalization of Annual Conference Membership	Number of annual conference lay members equal to 3-year average of clergy attendance
Petition 60960-FA Page 685	Permissiveness in AC Structure—CFA	Allows a conference to assign CFA duties to another conference body and not have a CCFA
Petition 60182-FA Page 694	Joint Committee Membership	Joint Committee on Clergy Medical Leave required to have one or more clergy member with disability, named by Conference Committee on Disabilities (or by the bishop)
Petition 60017-FA Page 696	Non-Discrimination in UMC Employee Disability Benefits	GCFA to assure no UMC entity provides disability coverage with different limits for mental-nervous conditions than for other disabilities
Petition 60019-CB Page 378	Non-Discrimination in Disability Compensation	GBCS to advocate globally for non-discriminatory long-term disability insurance
Petition 60674-FA Page 723	Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP) Amendment	Allow up to 100% lump-sum distribution from Ministerial Pension Plan (MPP) account (no required MPP annuity)
Petition 60046-FA Page 728	Carbon Emissions Offsetting	For activities of annual, central, jurisdictional and general conferences: 1) avoid travel where possible, replacing with phone- or video-conferences; 2) seek lower-carbon means of travel; 3) purchase carbon offsets for necessary travel
Petition 60675-FA Page 729	Establish a Human Rights Investment Advisory Committee	Bishops appoint committee with central conference members and missionaries to advise GBPHB on companies with human rights and environment issues and publicize those companies still owned, and receive reports from GBPHB on engagement efforts with identified companies.
Petition 60811-LC, 60812-LC Page 1043	Disaffiliation	Local church that follows a prescribed process for surrender of its charter for reasons of conscience (disagreement with UMC polity or practice) is released from trust clause; can retain its property and funds
Petition 60066-MH, 60510-MH, et al 1082-1085	Tenure of Bishops	Term limits for bishops, either 8 or 16 years total, depending on the petition
Petition 60507-MH Page 1098	Study of Ministry—Reshaping Ordination Process	Ordination, rather than commissioning, to occur with election to provisional membership
Petition 60377-MH Page 1137	Renewal of Transitional Leave	No renewal of transitional leave beyond the initial 12 months
Petition 60648-MH Page 1140	Clergy Pension Preserved	Add Disciplinary sub-paragraph that clergy who withdraw from UMC are entitled to full pension earned up to time of withdrawal