

PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS TEAM

The task of the Petitions & Resolutions Team is to receive, review and present to the Annual Conference Session all petitions and resolutions appropriately submitted to the Annual Conference.

Our membership of Steve Hardin, Mary Ann Moman, Paul Wagner and Larry Whitehead has this annual conference year processed seven submissions – each of which has been received in due order and properly submitted:

- #R-1 “Removing Our Poll Tax” – Gadlage
- #R-2 “Encouraging Leadership with Integrity” – Lassiat
- #R-3 “Protecting Clergy & Their Families” – Williams
- #R-4 “Affirmation of the Queer Delegate’s Call to Center Justice & Empowerment for LGBTQIA+ People in The UMC” – Hidalgo
- #R-5 “Our Collective Mission and Witness” – INUMC Cabinet
- #R-6 “Supporting the Removal of Discriminatory Policies” – Jacobson
- #R-7 “In Support of Creating a U.S. Regional Conference” – Priddy

This year (2023) all seven resolutions will come before the annual conference session and be handled by the body.

As an information piece – the Indiana Conference defines a resolution and a petition in the following ways:

A Resolution is any request for the Indiana Annual Conference to make a change, take an action, or recognize a formal expression of opinion on an issue. Any Indiana United Methodist lay member, pastor, group or agency may submit for consideration a resolution to the Indiana Annual Conference. Such resolutions must be submitted to the Indiana Annual Conference Secretary and the Petitions and Resolutions Team no later than ninety (90) days prior to the start of the Annual Conference Session.

A Petition is any request for the General Conference to take an action ¶507.4, alter the wording of The Book of Discipline ¶507.2 or affirm a formal expression on an issue. “Any Indiana United Methodist lay member, pastor, or agency may submit a petition directly to the General Conference or may submit their General Conference petition to the Indiana Conference asking for Indiana Conference affirmation (of the petition). If affirmed (by a simple majority vote), the Indiana Annual Conference Secretary shall forward the petition to the General Conference.” All petitions must be submitted no later than ninety (90) days prior to the start of the Annual Conference Session.

We thank our team for faithfully and impartially processing this year’s submitted resolutions.

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