

NEWS RELEASE
Petitions & Resolutions
Rules & Structure
Immediate December 6-2023

As our Indiana United Methodist churches and leaders anticipate our Annual Conference in June 2024 you are reminded that any possible Petitions, Resolutions or requests for changes to our INUMC Rules & Structure must be submitted 90 days before the annual conference session begins, so that the Rules & Structure Committee can review, study and process them. See rule D.2.i.3. of the INUMC Rules & Structure document. This coming year that **deadline is the close of the day March 7th, 2024.**

*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 & 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) with the expectation that, if affirmed (by a simple majority vote), the Indiana Annual Conference secretary would 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.*

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- ♣ Complete the [attached fillable submission forms](#) for each petition/resolution.
- ♣ Each petition/resolution must deal with only one issue or Disciplinary paragraph or concern.
- ♣ This form has four total pages with four sections. ***All sections must be completed or it will be returned to you as incomplete and may cause a delay or rejection.***
- ♣ Feel free to add additional pages if necessary.
- ♣ **Deadline: All petitions/resolutions must be received in the Indiana Conference Center by the close of the day March 7th, 2024.**
- ♣ Please submit your form to petitions.resolutions@inumc.org or U.S. Mail to:
INUMC Petitions and Resolutions, 301 Pennsylvania Pkwy, Ste 300, Carmel, IN 46280.

If you have questions please contact Rev. Paul Wagner, INUMC Connectional Ministries Associate, at paul.wagner@inumc.org or by U.S. Mail at INUMC Rules &

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