

## 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.

Our membership of Steve Hardin, Mary Ann Moman, John Nespa, Paul Wagner, and Larry Whitehead has this annual conference year (2024) processed four submissions – each of which has been received in due order and properly submitted:

- #R1 Oates – Responsible Compensation
- #R2 Scanlan-Holmes – Return to Active Ministry
- #R3 Pritchett-Gonzalez – Paternal Leave
- #R4 Peksenak – Building Beloved Community

This annual conference year (2024) all four resolutions will come before the annual conference session and be handled by the body.

Regarding last year’s 2023 approved resolutions each was referred to the appropriate conference groups/committees. Note 2023 resolution *R2-Lassiat – Encouraging Leadership with Integrity* was referred to the INUMC Board of Trustees (which the resolution prescribed). They were encouraged to develop a code of conduct for clergy and laity in the Indiana Conference. At a March 2024 meeting the INUMC Board of Trustees approved a motion to refer the development of a code of conduct to the INUMC Rules & Structure Committee.

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 and vetting this year’s submitted resolutions.

Rev. Paul Wagner, Convener / Chairperson  
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