

Errata
The Book of Discipline 2008
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Page 60: ¶103, Change “Article II—Of the Resurrection of Christ” to “Article III—Of the Resurrection of Christ.”

Page 226: ¶324.9.k. Replace “probationary member” with “provisional member.”

Page 227: ¶325, second paragraph, line 3. Replace “probation” with “provisional membership.”

Page 227: ¶325, third paragraph, line 1. Replace “probation” with “the residency program.”

Page 235: ¶330, final paragraph, line 1. Change “5” to “6.”

Page 236: ¶330, first paragraph, line 1. Change “6” to “7.”

Page 247: ¶337.3, line 1. Replace “probationary members” with “provisional members.”

Page 248: ¶337.3.a, line 1. Replace “probationary elders” with “provisional member elders.”

Page 248: ¶337.3.b, line 1. Replace “probationary membership” with “provisional membership.”

Page 283: ¶361, first paragraph, line 4. Replace “probationary members” with “provisional members.”

Page 291: ¶364, line 14. Replace “three years” with “two years” and replace “probation” with “provisional membership.”

Page 368: ¶602.4, line 5. Delete “the conference scouting coordinator.”
Judicial Council Decision 989

Decision

Calendar Item 1017 as adopted by the 2004 General Conference adding the conference scouting coordinator to lay membership of the annual conference is unconstitutional.

Page 369: ¶602.8, line 1. Replace “probationers” with “provisional members.”

Page 372: ¶604.5, line 1. Replace “probationer” with “provisional member.”

Page 372: ¶604.7, line 1. Replace “on probation” with “provisional members.”

Page 385: ¶612.3 reference in line 4 should read ¶615.4.

Page 429: ¶635.2.b, line 2. Replace “probationary membership” with “provisional membership.”

Page 429: ¶P635.2.b, line 3. Replace “probationary member” with “provisional member.”

Page 430: ¶635.2.g, line 3. Replace “probationary membership” with “provisional membership.”

Page 430: ¶635.2.h, line 3. Replace “probationary” with “provisional.”

Page 430: ¶635.2.k, line 5. Replace “probationary membership” with “provisional membership.”

Page 433: ¶635.3.b, line 7. Replace “probationary” with “provisional”.

Page 433: ¶635.3.d, line 2. Replace “probationary” with “provisional.”

Page 464: ¶665.3, line 3. Replace “under a supervising pastor” with “with a candidacy mentor.”

Page 491: ¶714.4.c, line 4. Replace “biannually” with “biennially.”

Page 525: ¶817.10.v, line 9. Replace “biannually” with “biennially.”

Page 557: ¶1117.9.

Judicial Council Decision 1109

IN RE: Request for a Declaratory Decision from the Western North Carolina Annual Conference on Whether ¶ 1117.9 of the 2004 *Discipline* as Amended by the 2008 General Conference Contravenes Restrictive Rule 1 of The United Methodist Church Regarding Article XVIII of the Articles of Religion

DECISION

Paragraph 1117.9, as amended by the 2008 General Conference, creates a doctrine of the “reserved sacrament” for The United Methodist Church. Paragraph 1117.9, as amended by the 2008 General Conference, contravenes Restrictive Rule I. It thereby has the effect of altering Part II, Section 3, Article XVIII of the *Discipline* without legislative authority to do so. Hence, ¶ 1117.9, as amended by the 2008 General Conference, is null and void. To achieve such a change of doctrine will require a two-thirds majority vote by the General Conference and three-fourths of the aggregate votes of the annual conferences.

¶1117.9 reverts to the text of the 2004 *Discipline* and reads:

Encourage ordained elders to select and train laity to distribute the consecrated Communion elements to sick or homebound persons following a service of Word and Table. This distribution also may apply to laypersons who have been assigned pastoral roles in a church or in more than one church by the district superintendent.

Page 754: ¶2703.1 and 2

Lay professing member position on Committee on Investigation declared unconstitutional by Judicial Council.

DIGEST of Judicial Council Decision 1006:

Paragraph 2703 of the *2004 Book of Discipline* is restated to account for the holding of Judicial Council Decision 993.

The Judicial Council reconsiders Decision 993 on its own motion for the limited purpose of addressing the impact of its holding that Calendar Item 1167 from the 2004 General Conference was unconstitutional. Calendar Item 1167, in part, gave lay professing members the right of voice and vote on a committee on investigation where the respondent is a bishop, a clergy member, or a local pastor.

When the Judicial Council holds language of General Conference legislation that amends a paragraph of the *Book of Discipline* to be unconstitutional, the usual consequence is that the language reverts to its prior form with respect to the portion held unconstitutional. Thus, because of Decision 993, ¶ 2703.1 and .2 of the **2004 Book of Discipline** now reads:

Composition of the Committee on Investigation. 1. *When respondent is a bishop* – There shall be a committee on investigation elected by each jurisdictional or central conference. Nominations shall be made by the College of Bishops in consultation with the jurisdictional episcopacy committee. Further nominations may be offered from the floor of the jurisdictional or central conference. The committee shall consist of seven clergy in full connection (with not more than one clergyperson from each annual conference, if possible), two lay observers, and six alternate members, five of whom shall be clergypersons in full connection (with not more than one clergyperson from each annual conference, if possible) and one of whom shall be a layperson. If additional members or alternates are needed, they may be named by the College of Bishops. Committee members shall be in good standing and should be deemed of good character. The committee should reflect racial, ethnic, and gender diversity. The committee shall elect a chairperson and organize at the jurisdictional or central conference. Seven clergy or alternates seated as members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

2. *When respondent is a clergy member of an annual conference, a clergy member on honorable or administrative location or a local pastor* – There shall be a committee on investigation consisting of seven clergy in full connection, two lay observers, and six alternate members, five of whom shall be clergy in full connection and one of whom shall be a lay observer. The committee shall be nominated by the presiding bishop in consultation with the board of ordained ministry (for clergy members) and the conference board of laity (for lay persons) and elected quadrennially by the annual conference. If additional members or alternates are needed, the annual conference may elect members to serve for the remainder of the quadrennium. Committee members shall be in good standing and should be deemed of good character. The committee should reflect racial, ethnic, and gender diversity. The committee on investigation shall elect a chair and organize at the annual conference. None of the members or alternates shall be members of the board of ordained ministry, the cabinet, or immediate family members of the

above. Should a member of the committee on investigation have been a party to any of the prior proceedings in a case that finally comes before the committee, he or she shall be disqualified from sitting on the committee during its consideration of that case, and his or her place shall be taken by an alternate member. Seven members or alternates seated as members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

Page 807: Index, **district superintendant**, committee on pastor-parish relations. Add ¶433. 6-7. Change ¶435.6-7 to 435.