

Steps for Petition Review
2019 Special Session of the General Conference
The United Methodist Church

Petitions from the Commission on a Way Forward

Petitions from the Commission on a Way Forward are received and submitted to the Judicial Council for review of constitutionality (Docket 1018-12.) They are printed in the Advance edition of the Daily Christian Advocate as submitted.

Petitions from Other Eligible Submitters

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Per Judicial Council Decision 1360, a petition from any other eligible submitter is received. The Secretary of the General Conference and Petitions Secretary review the petition for valid format according to the Petition Submission Instructions, Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, and Disciplinary requirements.

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Valid petitions are printed in the Advance edition of the Daily Christian Advocate (ADCA) and are subject to review by the Committee on Reference (COR) [Plan of Organization – Section VII.A.7] as to whether or not they are in harmony with the call to the special session. If the COR finds the petition to be in harmony, it is assigned to the appropriate legislative committee for action. If the COR finds it is not in harmony, it is withdrawn.

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The COR reports its actions to the Conference in the first daily edition of the Daily Christian Advocate.

Advance Legislative Research Panel

As per Section VII B of the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, the Advance Legislative Research Panel (ALRP) will receive the petitions after being compiled by Disciplinary paragraphs and locate any other paragraphs of the Book of Discipline, including the Constitution, which are closely related to the subject matter of the petition, as well as closely related Judicial Council decisions and memoranda. The related paragraph, decision, or memoranda shall be recorded with each petition.

Approved by the Commission on the General Conference