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## Request for Oral Hearing/Privilege to Speak

Docket No.: \_\_\_\_\_

This form is to be used by (please check one):  Interested Party (Art. VI.A RPP)  
 Amicus Curiae (Art. VI.F RPP)

to request (please check one):  Oral hearing (only interested party)  
 Privilege to speak (only amicus)

Clergy Member  Lay Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Conference: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of session: \_\_\_\_\_ (month/day/year)

As interested party, I request a closed hearing for the following reason (Art. VI.B RPP):

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (month/day/year)

### Notice to all applicants:

- An oral hearing may be requested by any interested party or ordered by the President. All requests for oral hearing must be submitted on this form no later than the deadline for filing of briefs with copies of such request sent to all other interested parties.
- An oral hearing may be specified as closed when the nature of the matter is confidential or sensitive. A closed hearing is open only to interested parties and the members and staff of the Judicial Council. When this is desired by any interested party, a clear rationale must be made for such request.
- An oral hearing normally will not be granted in cases involving the review of a bishop's decision of law.
- The President's decision regarding the request for oral hearing and/or closed hearing will be communicated to the parties in writing by the Secretary of the Judicial Council.
- The President will determine the time allowed for oral hearing. If more than one person is speaking to the issue before the Judicial Council for the same position, all such persons, including *amici curiae*, shall share the allotted time.
- Only in rare circumstances and if warranted by the nature of the matter, the privilege to speak may be granted by the President to an *amicus curiae* upon request submitted on this form.
- A copy of this form must be submitted to: [secretary@umcjudicialcouncil.org](mailto:secretary@umcjudicialcouncil.org).