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Petition for Declaratory Decision

This form is to be used by the Secretary of the body authorized to petition the Judicial Council for a ruling in the nature of a declaratory decision as to the constitutionality, meaning, application, or effect of (please check one):

- ☒ *The Book of Discipline 2016* or any portion thereof (§ 2610.1)
☐ any act or legislation of a General Conference (§ 2610.1)
☐ any proposed legislation (§ 2609.2)

Name of body authorized to make a Petition (§ 2610.2): ALASKA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Date of session: JUNE 2-3, 2017 (month/day/year) Location: CHUGIAK, ALASKA

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To be reviewed (indicate paragraph number, title of legislation and/or act where applicable):

Book of Discipline: PARAGRAPH 2008

Legislation: _____

Act of General Conference: _____

Signature: Terence Erbele
Secretary of the Conference/Body

Date: JULY 14, 2017
(month/day/year)

The following must be attached:

- Text of the written Petition for Declaratory Decision as originally presented
- Minutes of proceedings (relevant portions only)
- List of names and addresses of interested parties, including e-mail
- Other relevant materials (e.g. conference rules, resolutions, policies, reports)

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**MOTION FOR DECLARATORY DECISION ON ¶2008 OF THE 2016 BOOK OF DISCIPLINE
AUMC LEADERSHIP TEAM**

The Alaska United Methodist Conference, as it is empowered to do in ¶2610.2.(j), requests of the Judicial Council a declaratory decision on the constitutionality of ¶2008 which says, in relevant part, “¶ 2008. *Responsibilities*— The General Commission shall equip, *hold accountable* and partner with the Council of Bishops, jurisdictions, central conferences, *annual conferences*, local churches, general agencies and other connectional structures of The United Methodist Church...” [Emphasis added]

IV. DAILY PROCEEDINGS

A. Minutes

Friday June 2, 2017

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Lonnie Brooks presented a Motion for Declaratory Decision on ¶2008 of the 2016 Book of Discipline. The motion was deferred by Bishop Stanovsky.

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The petition to request a declaratory decision from the judicial council regarding ¶2008 was brought back for consideration. The petition carried.

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List of Interested Parties in Docket No. 1017-9

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