

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 2016 Docket

NOTE: This document is subject to change and revision. The following items are currently under review and require Executive Committee and/or Judicial Council action to be placed on the October 2016 Docket:

- Petition from the South Central Jurisdictional Conference for Declaratory Decision
- Request for Reconsideration of JCD 1319
- Request for Reconsideration of JCD 1321

Docket No. 1016-1

IN RE: Review of a Bishop's Decision of Law in the New York Annual Conference concerning if the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry is required to ascertain whether a candidate meets the qualifications for candidacy and ordained ministry, including whether or not she or he is exhibiting "fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness" or is a "self-avowed practicing homosexual."

Docket No. 1016-2

IN RE: Review of a Bishop's Decision of Law in the Texas Annual Conference concerning if, during the disposition of the penalty imposed by the trial court, a respondent maintains the fair process rights guaranteed by the Book of Discipline (particularly, the right to be heard; ¶ 2701.2 of the 2008 Discipline) before a final decision is made.

Docket No. 1016-3

IN RE: Review of a Bishop's Decision of Law in the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference concerning a rule change to allow the Committee on Nominations to make nominations of officers to agencies that elect their own officers.

Docket No. 1016-4

IN RE: Review of a Bishop's Decision of Law in the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference concerning whether the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry and the Cabinet have the authority to change the trial court's penalty by adding additional requirements and timelines that are not a part of the trial court's decision.

Docket No. 1016-5

IN RE: Request from the Texas Annual Conference for a Declaratory Decision on (a) the constitutionality of lay members on the Board of Ordained Ministry voting on the final disposition of penalty as a consequence of a church trial (¶ 33 Article II, ¶ 2711.1, ¶ 2711.3), and

(b) the legality of a final disposition of penalty as a consequence of a church trial being handed down without the respondent being afforded a 30-day period for appeal (§ 2713.5, § 2715.1).

Docket No. 1016-6

IN RE: Review of a Bishop's Decision of Law in the West Ohio Annual Conference concerning whether the decision of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry to not verify an appointment to extension ministry violates any or all of the following provisions of the Book of Discipline: § 344, § 344.1d), § 428.9, § 2701.

Docket No. 1016-7

Rev. Errol Leslie v. Florida Annual Conference (Appeal from the decision of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Committee on Appeals).

Docket No. 1016-8

IN RE: Review of a Bishop's Decision of Law in the New England Annual Conference concerning questions related to the trial court decision in *Florida Annual Conference v. Rev. Errol Leslie* (§ 33 Article II, § 2719.1).

Docket No. 1016-9

IN RE: Review of a Bishop's Decision of Law in the New England Annual Conference concerning the constitutionality and legality of a resolution titled "Action of Non-Conformity With the General Conference of The United Methodist Church."

Docket No. 1016-10

IN RE: Review of a Bishop's Decision of Law in the Northern Illinois Annual Conference concerning (a) if the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry is required to ascertain whether a candidate meets the qualifications for candidacy and ordained ministry, including whether or not she or he is exhibiting "fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness" or is a "self-avowed practicing homosexual," and (b) if the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry can legally recommend to the clergy session a candidate whom they believe to be in violation of the fidelity, celibacy, or definition of marriage standard.

Docket No. 1016-11

IN RE: Review of a Bishop's Decision of Law in the West Michigan Annual Conference concerning (a) if a Wesley Foundation is considered a conference board or agency by the West Michigan Plan of Organization and the Book of Discipline (§ 610, § 701), and (b) if a local pastor appointed as campus minister of a Wesley foundation under § 344.1a is ineligible for nomination to the Conference Leadership Team because of the membership requirement established by the West Michigan Plan of Organization.