

JUDICIAL COUNCIL
RULINGS ON THE
TRADITIONAL PLAN

Reaffirms the Judicial Council's prior holdings
on the constitutionality of some provisions of
the Traditional Plan.

Exit Provisions affirmed as constitutional.

BOTTOM LINE

PETITIONS RULED
CONSTITUTIONAL

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

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Mandatory Minimum Penalties to
Clergy:

First offense: One-Year Suspension

Second offense: Termination of
Conference Membership and
Church Credentials

CANDIDACY, LICENSING,
COMMISSIONING, OR ORDINATION

“SELF-AVOWED,
PRACTICING
HOMOSEXUAL”

Not only those “living in a same-sex marriage”

But also those “living in a domestic partnership or civil union”

or “public declaration of being gay”

PROHIBITS
APPROVAL BY
DISTRICT
COMMITTEE OR
CONFERENCE
BOARDS OF
ORDAINED
MINISTRY

Prohibits the recommendation or approval of any person who does not meet ordination qualifications found in ¶ 304.1-3.

Part of ¶ 304.1-3 states, “homosexuality is incompatible with Christians teaching” and “self-avowed practicing homosexuals cannot be certified as candidates for ministry, ordained or appointed.”



BISHOPS AND
ORDINATION

Prohibited from commissioning
or ordaining self-avowed,
practicing homosexuals
recommended by the Board of
Ordained Ministry

CONSECRATION OF BISHOPS



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Prohibited from consecrating
self-avowed, practicing
homosexuals elected by
Jurisdictional (or Central)
Conference

TRIALS

COMPLAINTS AND TRIAL

Established timeline for the referral or dismissal of a complaint

The church has right of appeal from trial court findings “based on egregious errors of church law or administration” but not from findings in fact.

JUST RESOLUTION

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state identified harms

state how they shall be
addressed by the Church
and other parties to the
complaint.

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the complainant(s) shall be a party to the resolution process

every effort shall be made to have **the complainant(s)** agree to the resolution before it may take effect.

EXIT PROVISIONS

PROVISIONS

Limited Time Opportunity –
Now to 12/31/23

Limited to differences related to
LGBTQ inclusion

Requires 2/3rds affirmative vote
of the professing members of the
local church present at a church
conference.

**LOCAL CHURCH
CAN RETAIN
PROPERTY IF:**

Pay any unpaid apportionments
of last 12 months

Pay additional 12 months of
apportionments

Pay congregations share of unfunded
pension liability determined by
Annual Conference

Congregation satisfies all other
debts, loans or liabilities

**LOCAL CHURCH
CAN RETAIN
PROPERTY IF:**

Annual Conference Session approval is required

The Annual Conference approval is found in ¶ 2549.1(b)(3)

A simple majority vote is required

**RESULTS OF PETITIONS RULED
UNCONSTITUTIONAL**

BOARD OF
ORDAINED
MINISTRY

Members will not have to certify that they will uphold Book of Discipline provisions related to the practice of homosexuality and ordination.

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Members will not have to conduct an examination to ascertain whether an individual is a practicing homosexual, including information on social media.

GCFA, in the absence of such certification, will not withhold all funds or withdraw the use of the denominational logo from the Annual Conference

EPISCOPAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Bishops will not be subject to disciplinary review by entire Council of Bishops rather than Bishops in their own jurisdiction

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The Council of Bishops cannot place any bishop on involuntary leave or in retired relationship without their consent.

TRADITIONAL PLAN
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020 IN U.S.

12 MONTHS AFTER 2020 GENERAL CONFERENCE IN
AFRICA, EUROPE AND PHILIPPINES

EXIT PROVISIONS
effective now – December 31, 2023

2020 GENERAL
CONFERENCE

May 5-15, 2020

No General Conference
can bind the work of a
future General Conference.