

2009 CONSENT CALENDER

Consent Items Requiring a Simple Majority

ACTION REQUESTS

A Recommendation of Adoption with No Changes

- AR#20 Proposal to Merge O-I UM Foundation with UM Foundation of Pacific N.W.
- AR#24 Form a Conference Korean Ministries Council
- AR#26 Abolish the Death Penalty in the States of OR & ID
- AR#32 Change in the FlexHealth plan – active clergy
- AR#34 Change in the FlexHealth plan – retired clergy
- AR#36 Legislative Assembly

A Recommendation of Adoption as Amended

- AR#8 Video Teleconferencing Centers
- AR#12 Advance Specials
- AR#14 Develop Cultural Competency Training for Clergy

A Recommendation of Defeat

- AR#6 Legislative Committees

Consent Items Requiring a 2/3 Majority

CONFERENCE RULES

A Recommendation of Adoption as Amended

- AR#10 Revise Conference Rule 1.330 (Orientation for First Time Appointees)
- AR#30 Suspend Rule 2.300 (Meeting in Old Idaho Conference every Quadrennium)

STANDING RESOLUTIONS

A Recommendation of Adoption with No Changes

- SR#5 Close School of the Americas
- SR#9 Pre-Emptive Nuclear Strikes
- SR#13 Pregnancy & Family Planning – Right of Choice
- SR#15 United Nations Support

A Recommendation of Adoption as Amended

- SR#11 Middle East Conflicts

	2009 ACTION REQUESTS	SPONSOR	LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDATION				
				For	Against	Abstain	
AR#5	Legislative Committee(s)	Leo Naapi	AR#6 - Amended	0	26	0	Recommended Defeat
AR#7	Teleconferencing	Fred Hoadley	AR#8 - Amended	31	0	0	Recommended Adoption
AR#9	New Clergy Orientation - Rule 1.330	Ministry Cabinet	AR#10 - Amended	31	0	0	Recommended Adoption
AR#11	2009-2010 Advance Specials	Outreach Ministry Team	AR#12 - Amended	30	1	0	Recommended Adoption
AR#13	Develop Cultural Competency Training for Clergy	CORR & Others	AR#14 - Amended	25	0	0	Recommended Adoption
AR#15	Delay Decision to Implement UMPACT	Wilderville and Immanuel UMC	AR#16 - Amended	19	10	2	No
AR#17	Housing Allowance - Rule 5.141	Daniel Wilson-Fey	AR#18 - No Change	13	11	4	No
AR#19	Merge OR-ID Foundation with UM Foundation of NW	Oregon Idaho United Methodist Foundation	AR#20 - No Change	28	0	0	Recommended Adoption
AR#21	REMOVED						
AR#23	Form a Conference Korean Ministries Council	COREL	AR#24 - Amended	29	0	0	Recommended Adoption
AR#25	Abolish Death Penalty in OR and ID	Task Force Bishop's Initiative To Abolish The Death Penalty	AR#26 - No Change	31	0	0	Recommended Adoption
AR#27	Annual Conference Registration Fee	CFA	AR#28 - Amended	24	3	0	Recommended Adoption
AR#29	Suspend Rule 2.300 this Quadrennium	Ted Wimer	AR#30 - Amended	26	1	0	Recommended Adoption
AR#31	Change HealthFlex Plan for Active Clergy	Board of Pensions	AR#32 - No Changes	28	1	1	Recommended Adoption
AR#33	Change HealthFlex Plan for Retired Clergy	Board of Pensions	AR#34 - No Changes	27	3	1	Recommended Adoption
New	Continue Legislative Assembly Process	2009 Legislative Assembly	AR#36 -	25	0	0	Recommended Adoption
	2009 STANDING RESOLUTIONS						
SR#3	Clergy Role in Rite of Marriage	MSFA	No Changes	11	16	1	N/A (new SR)
SR#5	Close School of Americas	OR-ID Witness Team	No Changes	26	1	0	Recommended Adoption
SR#7	National Fair Trade Policy	MSFA	No Changes	26	0	1	N/A (new SR)
SR#9	Pre-Emptive Nuclear Strikes	OR-ID Witness Team	No Changes	25	0	0	Recommended Adoption
SR#11	Middle East Conflicts	OR-ID Witness Team	Amended	25	0	0	Recommended Adoption
SR#13	Pregnancy & Family Planning	OR-ID Witness Team	No Changes	23	1	1	Recommended Adoption
SR#15	United Nations Support	OR-ID Witness Team	No Changes	24	1	0	Recommended Adoption
SR#17	Support the Abolition of Human Trafficking	MFSA/Corvallis UMC Group	Amended	27	0	0	N/A (new SR)

Action Requests and Standing Resolutions

Section H includes original Action Request petitions, as well as the recommendations of the Legislative Assembly. The original Action Requests are indicated by odd numbers. The subsequent recommendations of the Legislative Assembly are even numbered, include the word “Recommendation” in the title, and show the vote count.

The pages in this section are laid out in such a way that when they are open in your notebook, the original Action Request is on your left and the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly is on your right.

Section I includes the Standing Resolutions. Since there were relatively few and minor revisions by the Legislative Assembly, the original Standing Resolution and the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly have been combined. New Standing Resolutions may not be adopted on a consent calendar, but must be lifted for adoption at a Living the Connection (plenary) session. However, Standing Resolutions appearing for renewal or revision may be included on a consent calendar. In every case, a Standing Resolution must be adopted by a two-thirds majority in order to be a Standing Resolution of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference.

Unlike the Action Request layout, Standing Resolutions are laid out to be considered one at a time.

ACTION REQUEST
2009 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1 **AR # 5**

2 Legislative Committee(s)

3 Title of Action Request

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12 **I/We petition the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference to take the following action...**

13
14 To retain the make-up of the Discernment Teams with approximately 30-35 members, the
15 same as in prior years.

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17 ***SUPPORTING INFORMATION***

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19 ***What will this action accomplish?*** This will mean approximately 300 members of Oregon-Idaho
20 Annual Conference will be involved in reviewing action requests instead of 36 as set up for 2009
21 Annual Conference.

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23 ***Why is it important?*** This will mean the legislative committees will consist of a broader cross-
24 section of the membership of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference.

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26 ***How will this action be carried out? By whom?*** The Annual Conference planning
27 committee (Sessions Committee?).

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29 ***How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?*** I do not know how much it cost
30 last year. The money will come from the money budgeted to hold Oregon-Idaho Annual
31 Conference.

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2009 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

1 **AR # 6**

2 **Legislative Committee(s)**

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15 the same as in prior years.

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ACTION REQUEST
2009 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1 **AR#7**

2 Video Teleconferencing Centers

3 Title of Action Request

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12 **I/We petition the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference to take the following action...**

13 The Conference Director of Communications seek bids on creating conference teleconferencing

14 sites at the conference headquarters, the Eastern District office, and the Central District office.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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18 **What will this action accomplish?** Provide information that might allow the conference to save

19 thousands of dollars in travel expense.

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21 **Why is it important?** The potential cost savings.

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23 **How will this action be carried out? By whom?** The Conference Director of Communications

24 can seek these bids.

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26 **How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?** The bids should be free – if these

27 centers prove to be cost effective after analysis, they could be included in the next year's budget.

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**ACTION REQUEST RECOMMENDATION
2009 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

1 **AR#8**

2 **Video Teleconferencing Centers**

3 Title of Action Request

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16 ~~sites at the conference headquarters, the Eastern District office, and the Central District office.~~

17 **The Conference Director of Communications will continue to develop teleconferencing sites**
18 **throughout the annual conference.**

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ACTION REQUEST
2009 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1 **AR#9**

2 Revise Conference Rule 1.330 Regarding Orientation the Clergy Appointed for First Time

3 Title of Action Request

4 Ministry Cabinet

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 12 **I/We petition the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference to take the following action...**

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 14 **- Revise and Split Conference Rule 1.330 to read:**

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 16 **1.330** Orientation for Clergy Appointed for First Time in **the Oregon / Idaho** Conference

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 18 1. All clergy receiving their first appointment in the conference shall be provided
 19 information that will help them prepare for their ministry, enroll in required and optional
 20 benefit programs, and participate responsibly in the connection. At minimum, this
 21 information shall include:

- 22 a. current information on the conference mission and vision
 23 b. conference moving policy
 24 c. clergy sexual ethics policy
 25 d. health insurance program
 26 e. pension program
 27 f. pre-conference materials
 28 g. information about diversity in annual conference
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30 2. The Board of Ordained Ministry shall designate a person on their board to oversee the
 31 orientation process of first-time appointees. This person shall work with the Director of
 32 Connectional Ministries and the Director of Stewardship and Finance to determine each
 33 year what current information is relevant to first-time appointees and when they should
 34 receive it. If possible, the Bishop's office shall provide to the Board of Ordained
 35 Ministry officer a list of first-time appointees and their contact information before the
 36 annual conference session **at which** their appointment is read.
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38 3. The Board of Ordained Ministry shall sponsor an orientation retreat in the fall of each
 39 year for all clergy serving a first-time appointment in the conference. It shall be planned
 40 in coordination with the Director of Connectional Ministries and Director of
 41 Stewardship and Finance.
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43 **- Create a new Conference Rule 3.025 to read:**

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 45 **3.025** Each District Superintendent shall report to the Director of Stewardship and Finance by
 46 July 15 the name, appointment and amount of the Pension Plan Compensation for every
 47 clergy member in their district appointed for the first time in the conference. The
 48 Director of Stewardship and Finance shall, in turn, notify the Board of Pensions. The
 49 District Superintendents are also responsible for such notifications regarding first-time
 50 appointed clergy between sessions of the annual conference.
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What will this action accomplish?

The revised rule 1.330 will more accurately reflect current conference practice. It also builds in flexibility so the rule won't have to be changed each time the particulars of orientation change.

In addition, the new rule 3.025 moves a section of current rule 1.330 to the chapter related to responsibilities of District Superintendents, where it belongs.

Why is it important?

It is important for continuity to make orientation of first-time appointed clergy a conference rule. However, the current version of the conference rule is too detailed and must be changed every time a new process or program is implemented. The new rule allows flexibility for changes to be accommodated along the way.

How will this action be carried out? By whom?

These revised and new rules will be incorporated in the Conference Journal by the conference secretary and implemented by the parties named in the rule(s).

How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?

No changes in funding are required.

ACTION REQUEST RECOMMENDATION
2009 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1 **AR#10**

2 **Revise Conference Rule 1.330 Regarding Orientation for Clergy Appointed for First Time**

3 Title of Action Request

4 **Ministry Cabinet**

5 Sponsoring Group or Individual

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25 No changes in funding are required.
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1 **AR#11**2 2009-2010 Conference Advance Specials

3 Title of Action Request

4 Outreach Ministry Team

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12 **We petition the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference to take the following action...**

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14 Approve the following programs as Conference Advance Specials for the 2009-2010 Conference
15 Year:

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17 Bishop's Initiative to Eliminate Hunger; Conference-wide

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18 Camp Hope; Camp Magruder

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19 Common Cup Family Shelter; Portland, OR

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20 Creation Vacation; all sites in Oregon-Idaho

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21 David's Harp; Portland, OR

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22 Disaster Response Fund; Conference-wide

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23 Habitat for Humanity; all within Conference borders

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24 Hispanic Ministries:

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25 Hispanic Ministries Training Institute (HMTI); Conference-wide

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26 Lower Snake River Hispanic Ministries; Wilder, ID

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27 Western District Hispanic Ministries; Cornelius, OR

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28 Klamath Basin Cooperative Ministries

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29 Oregon Korean Community Center; Beaverton, OR

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30 Our House Residential AIDS Care Program; Portland, OR

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31 Rebuilding Together; Washington County, OR

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32 Strength for the Journey, operation and endowment; Portland OR

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33 United Methodist Retirement Center; Salem, OR

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34 United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM); Conference-wide

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35 Woodlawn Community Resource Center; Portland, OR

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40 ***What will this action accomplish?***

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41 Allow these programs a simple means for fundraising in United Methodist churches and ministry
42 settings in this Annual Conference.

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44 ***Why is it important?***

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45 It connects Oregon-Idaho United Methodists, who have a need to give, with important ministry
46 opportunities within the Conference boundaries.

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48 ***How will this action be carried out? By whom?***

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49 These ministry programs carry the sole responsibility for eliciting donations themselves. Local
50 church treasurers will direct any moneys they receive for these Conference Advance Specials to
51 the Conference Treasurer. The Treasurer's Office carries responsibility for distributing any

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- 1 received moneys to the appropriate ministry organizations, as well as for including these Advance
- 2 Specials in the list of funds provided to local church treasurers.
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- 4 *How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?*
- 5 There is a minimal administrative cost born by the Treasurer's Office and local church offices.

**ACTION REQUEST RECOMMENDATION
2009 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

1 **AR#12**2 **2009-2010 Conference Advance Specials**

3 Title of Action Request

4 **Outreach Ministry Team**

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13 **We petition the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference to take the following action...**

14

15 Approve the following programs as Conference Advance Specials for the 2009-2010 Conference
16 Year:

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19 Camp Hope; Camp Magruder

20 Common Cup Family Shelter; Portland, OR

21 Creation Vacation; all sites in Oregon-Idaho

22 David's Harp; Portland, OR

23 Disaster Response Fund; Conference-wide

24 Habitat for Humanity; all within Conference borders

25 Hispanic Ministries:

26 Hispanic Ministries Training Institute (HMTI); Conference-wide

27 Lower Snake River Hispanic Ministries; Wilder, ID

28 Western District Hispanic Ministries; Cornelius, OR

29 Klamath Basin Cooperative Ministries

30 **Methodist Counseling Center; Boise, ID**

31 Oregon Korean Community Center; Beaverton, OR

32 Our House Residential AIDS Care Program; Portland, OR

33 Rebuilding Together; Washington County, OR

34 Strength for the Journey, operation and endowment; Portland OR

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1 **AR#13**2 Develop Cultural Competency Training for Clergy

3 Title of Action Request

4 Commission on Religion and Race, Council on Racial and Ethnic Leadership, Hispanic
5 Ministries Council and Council on Native American Ministries

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12 **I/We petition the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference to take the following action...**

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14 ...that, the Board of Ordained Ministry, in its responsibility to set minimum standards and
15 specific guidelines for continuing formation as per ¶334.2.d of *The Book of Discipline of the*
16 *United Methodist Church 2008*, begin the process of intentionally and systematically raising the
17 level of cultural competency of clergy and ministry settings across our annual conference by
18 including cultural competency training as a minimum standard for clergy.

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20 Furthermore, that a planning team from the Board of Ordained Ministry, Commission on Religion
21 and Race, Council on Racial and Ethnic Leadership, Hispanic Ministries Council and the Council
22 on Native American Ministries develop and present to the 2010 annual conference a training
23 program that shall fulfill the requirement.

27 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**
29 ***What will this action accomplish?***

30 At the 2010 session of the annual conference, the Board of Ordained Ministry will include in its
31 report a proposal for cultural competency training for clergy that is developed in conversation
32 with the official and non-official conference agencies named above.

34 ***Why is it important?***

35 1. As a member conference of the Western Jurisdiction, OIAC participates in the vision that the
36 "Western Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church is multicultural and inclusive, engaged in
37 the life of its communities, with confident, effective lay and clergy leadership who, in diverse
38 settings, form disciples who live out the Good News of Jesus as global citizens." A key element
39 of this vision relates to being a multicultural, inclusive church in that the churches of the
40 jurisdiction reflect and engage the makeup of the community in which they are located, are
41 inclusive of economic, age, cultural and ethnic diversity, and respond to the changing
42 demographics.

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44 2. Many congregations face the changing nature of their communities with insecurity in their
45 ability to offer the gospel of Jesus Christ to persons who are culturally different from the
46 dominant cultural of the church. Clergy play a significant role in modeling openness and
47 inclusivity to their congregation.

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49 3. In an environment where the population is changing so dramatically, and with a long history
50 of racism in the church and society, cultural competency is a necessary leadership skill.

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1 ***How will this action be carried out? By whom?***

2 A planning team from the Board of Ordained Ministry, Commission on Religion and Race,
3 Council on Racial and Ethnic Leadership, Hispanic Ministries Council and the Council on Native
4 American Ministries will develop and present to the 2010 annual conference a training program
5 that shall fulfill the requirement.

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7 ***How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?***

8 The cost for this task will be assimilated into the meeting budgets of the agencies already named.

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**ACTION REQUEST RECOMMENDATION
2009 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

1 **AR#14**2 **Develop Cultural Competency Training for Clergy**

3 Title of Action Request

4 Commission on Religion and Race, Council on Racial and Ethnic Leadership, Hispanic
5 Ministries Council and Council on Native American Ministries

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48 inclusivity to their congregation.49
50 3. In an environment where the population is changing so dramatically, and with a long history
51 of racism in the church and society, cultural competency is a necessary leadership skill.

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1 ***How will this action be carried out? By whom?***

2 A planning team from the Board of Ordained Ministry, Commission on Religion and Race,
3 Council on Racial and Ethnic Leadership, Hispanic Ministries Council and the Council on Native
4 American Ministries will develop and present to the 2010 annual conference a training program
5 that shall fulfill the requirement.

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7 ***How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?***

8 The cost for this task will be assimilated into the meeting budgets of the agencies already named.

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ACTION REQUEST
2009 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1 **AR#15**

2 Delay the Decision to Implement UMPACT and Allow Other Options

3 Title of Action Request

4 Wilderville and Immanuel United Methodist Churches

5 Sponsoring Group or Individual

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 12 **I/We petition the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference to take the following action...**

13
 14 1 - Delay the implementation of the United Methodist Property and Casualty Trust
 15 (UMPACT) as the Conference wide insurance carrier for all churches of the Annual Conference
 16 until January 1, 2011.

17 2 - All Oregon-Idaho Churches will be provided with the **actual costs** of the program
 18 before the Annual Conference session in 2010.

19 3 - The Annual Conference session in 2010 will review the actual cost comparisons with
 20 what the churches are currently paying for their insurance.

21 4 - Any Church that found the cost of the UMPACT insurance prohibitive will be
 22 allowed to opt out of the program as long as their insurance meets the **equivalent** coverage
 23 offered by UMPACT.

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 25 ***SUPPORTING INFORMATION***

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 27 ***What will this action accomplish?***

28 It will allow the **actual costs** of the PACT program to be presented for each church, so
 29 that an informed decision can be made regarding the benefits of the UMPACT program.

30 It will allow churches such as Wilderville, Cave Junction, and other churches, who left
 31 the UMPACT program voluntarily and purchased equivalent insurance at a cost savings of more
 32 than \$1000, compared to the previous cost of the UMPACT program, to keep their current
 33 insurance carriers and not be faced with large increases in the basic operating expenses of their
 34 churches.

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 36 ***Why is it important?***

37 It is irresponsible of the Annual Conference to initiate a program to require all churches
 38 to change their insurance carriers **without** having the **actual costs** presented. Who would make a
 39 major purchase of a car or house without considering the actual cost to their monthly or annual
 40 payment? For many small membership churches such a large increase in expenses can jeopardize
 41 their ability to meet their ongoing expenses, such as apportionments.

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 43 ***How will this action be carried out? By whom?***

44 The Conference Board of Trustees in cooperation with UMPACT, W.R. Reed & Co. and
 45 information provided by each local church.

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 47 ***How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?***

48 Minimal costs to be taken out of the budget of the Conference Board of Trustees.

**ACTION REQUEST RECOMMENDATION
2009 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

1 **AR#16**

2 **Delay the Decision to Implement UMPACT and Allow Other Options**

3 Title of Action Request

4 Wilderville and Immanuel United Methodist Churches

5 Sponsoring Group or Individual

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11 **Recommendation from Legislative Assembly: For: 19 Against: 10 Abstain: 2**

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24 ~~offered by UMPACT.~~

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43 their ability to meet their ongoing expenses, such as apportionments.

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45 ***How will this action be carried out? By whom?***

46 The Conference Board of Trustees in cooperation with UMPACT, W.R. Reed & Co. and
47 information provided by each local church.

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49 ***How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?***

50 Minimal costs to be taken out of the budget of the Conference Board of Trustees.

ACTION REQUEST
2009 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1 **AR#17**2 Housing Allowance Exclusion from Grade Figure Calculation – Rule 5.141

3 Title of Action Request

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12 **I/We petition the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference to take the following action...**

14 To add the bolded language to Conference Rule 5.141:

16 The Grade Figure formula shall be calculated as follows: 75% based on the current expenses as
17 reported on the latest year's Local Church Report to the Annual Conference. These include
18 Pastor's and Associate pastor's salaries, housing and parsonage allowances and business and
19 professional expenses, other allowances and benefit expenses, staff salaries, program expenses,
20 and other current expenses. **For each housing allowance paid by a local church, a deduction**
21 **of that same amount, not to exceed the Conference minimum housing allowance for that**
22 **church, will be made to the current expenses reported each year.** 25% based on the average
23 of the last two year's current expenses as indicated above.

26 ***SUPPORTING INFORMATION***

28 **Rationale:** When a church moves from their pastor living in a parsonage to providing a housing
29 allowance paid to the pastor, that local church suddenly has to declare that housing allowance as
30 an expense to be reported on year-end reports. This affects that church's apportionment
31 calculation, where months earlier, they did not have to report that expense and the only change
32 was where the pastor was living. This seems to be an undue penalty toward those churches that
33 pay a housing allowance in comparison to those whose pastors live in a parsonage.

35 ***What will this action accomplish?***

36 Establish equity between churches that pay a housing allowance to pastors and those that do not.

38 ***Why is it important?***

39 Our faith calls us to be fair and just.

41 ***How will this action be carried out? By whom?***42 Office of the Director of Stewardship and Finances will adjust year-end reporting forms and
43 calculation of grade figures.45 ***How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?***

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**ACTION REQUEST RECOMMENDATION
2009 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

1 **AR#18**2 **Housing Allowance Exclusion from Grade Figure Calculation – Rule 5.141**

3 Title of Action Request

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14 **I/We petition the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference to take the following action...**

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16 To add the bolded language to Conference Rule 5.141:

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 19 reported on the latest year's Local Church Report to the Annual Conference. These include
 20 Pastor's and Associate pastor's salaries, housing and parsonage allowances and business and
 21 professional expenses, other allowances and benefit expenses, staff salaries, program expenses,
 22 and other current expenses. **For each housing allowance paid by a local church, a deduction
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 34 was where the pastor was living. This seems to be an undue penalty toward those churches that
 35 pay a housing allowance in comparison to those whose pastors live in a parsonage.

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37 ***What will this action accomplish?***

38 Establish equity between churches that pay a housing allowance to pastors and those that do not.

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40 ***Why is it important?***

41 Our faith calls us to be fair and just.

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43 ***How will this action be carried out? By whom?***44 Office of the Director of Stewardship and Finances will adjust year-end reporting forms and
45 calculation of grade figures.

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47 ***How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?***

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ACTION REQUEST
2009 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1 **AR#19**2 Proposal to Merge the O-I UM Foundation with the UM Foundation of the N.W.

3 Title of Action Request

4 Oregon Idaho United Methodist Foundation

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12 **I/We petition the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference to take the following action...**

13

14 To approve of an organizational merger, between the Oregon-Idaho United Methodist Foundation
 15 and the United Methodist Foundation of the Northwest, in accordance with the Bylaws and
 16 Articles of Incorporation of both Foundations and the United Methodist *Book of Discipline*, and
 17 under the governance of all current Directors of both Foundations.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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22 ***What will this action accomplish?*** This action will greatly enhance, improve, and sustain the
 23 ministry and services of the Foundations within both the Oregon-Idaho and PNW Annual
 24 Conferences.

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26 ***Why is it important?*** It strengthens the economic support of our conference and local church
 27 ministries both today and into the future. It provides professional and consistent resources to
 28 persons in our conferences who wish to make lifetime and testamentary gifts to the life-giving
 29 ministries to which they and their loved ones are devoted. Without this merger, the Foundation's
 30 current services are not sustainable.

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32 ***How will this action be carried out? By whom?***

33 With the approval of both annual conferences, combined representatives of both Foundations will
 34 make appropriate changes to their governing documents and seek the approval of all 3 states
 35 within our geographic boundaries. This action will be carried out by a merge task force
 36 comprised of representatives of both Foundation boards along with the support of legal counsel.

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38 ***How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?*** There is no direct cost to either
 39 annual conference. The direct expense of the additional services provided as the result of the
 40 merge will be underwritten by the Foundation's unrestricted assets, fees and gift income, and
 41 contractual arrangements.

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**ACTION REQUEST RECOMMENDATION
2009 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

1 **AR#20**

2 **Proposal to Merge the O-I UM Foundation with the UM Foundation of the N.W.**

3 Title of Action Request

4 Oregon Idaho United Methodist Foundation

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11 **Recommendation of Legislative Assembly: For: 28 Against: 0 Abstain: 0**

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13 **I/We petition the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference to take the following action...**

14

15 To approve of an organizational merger, between the Oregon-Idaho United Methodist Foundation
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24 the ministry and services of the Foundations within both the Oregon-Idaho and PNW
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40 annual conference. The direct expense of the additional services provided as the result of the
41 merge will be underwritten by the Foundation's unrestricted assets, fees and gift income, and
42 contractual arrangements.

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ACTION REQUEST
2009 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1 **AR#23**2 Form a Conference Korean Ministries Council

3 Title of Action Request

4 Council on Racial/Ethnic Leadership

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12 **I/We petition the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference to take the following action...**

13

14 Form a Korean Ministries Council as a part of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference.

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16 Structurally, the Korean Ministries Council will be on par with the other conference ethnic
 17 ministry councils (e.g., Council on Native American Ministries, Hispanic Ministries Council) and
 18 will be represented on the Council on Racial/Ethnic Ministries. Members of the Korean Ministry
 19 Council will be included in the annual Nominations Report prepared by the Conference
 20 Nominations Committee and presented each year to the annual conference session for adoption.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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26 ***What will this action accomplish?***

27 Establishing the Korean Ministries Council of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference.

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29 ***Why is it important?***

30 It is very important to keep expanding the boundary of outreach to ethnic minorities and empower
 31 their ministries. It will help to bring more cultural diversity into our local churches.

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33 ***How will this action be carried out? By whom?***

34 Before the close of 2009, the Director of Connectional Ministries will meet with United
 35 Methodist Korean pastors and laypersons to identify charter members of the Korean Ministries
 36 Council and to facilitate the first meeting. At the first meeting, a structure shall be established,
 37 along with terms of service and appropriate representation of Korean communities across the
 38 conference. The proposed structure shall be presented to the Connectional Ministries Table for
 39 final approval. A list of members of the new Korean Ministry Council shall be presented to the
 40 Conference Nominations Committee for its Spring 2010 meeting to be included in their report to
 41 Conference.

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43 ***How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?***

44 Two thousand dollars placed in the Conference Benevolence Budget.

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**ACTION REQUEST RECOMMENDATION
2009 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

1 **AR#24**

2 **Form a Conference Korean Ministries Council**

3 Title of Action Request

4 **Council on Racial/Ethnic Leadership**

5 Sponsoring Group or Individual

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11 **Recommendation of Legislative Assembly: For: 29 Against: 0 Abstain: 0**

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13 **I/We petition the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference to take the following action...**

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What will this action accomplish?

Establishing the Korean Ministries Council of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference.

Why is it important?

It is very important to keep expanding the boundary of outreach to **a diversity of racial/ethnic minorities persons** and empower their ministries. It will help to bring more cultural diversity into our local churches.

How will this action be carried out? By whom?

Before the close of 2009, the Director of Connectional Ministries will meet with United Methodist Korean pastors and laypersons to identify charter members of the Korean Ministries Council and to facilitate the first meeting. At the first meeting, a structure shall be established, along with terms of service and appropriate representation of Korean communities across the conference. The proposed structure shall be presented to the Connectional Ministries Table for final approval. A list of members of the new Korean Ministry Council shall be presented to the Conference Nominations Committee for its Spring 2010 meeting to be included in their report to Conference.

How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?

Two thousand dollars placed in the Conference Benevolence Budget.

ACTION REQUEST
2009 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1 **AR#25**

2 Abolish the Death Penalty in the States of Oregon and Idaho

3 Title of Action Request

4 Task Force for the Bishop's Initiative to Abolish the Death Penalty

5 Sponsoring Group or Individual

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12 **I/We petition the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference to take the following action...**

14 Each congregation in the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference will undertake a study with the intent
 15 to work toward abolishing the death penalty in the states of Oregon and Idaho.

17 Together we will work in connection with Oregonians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty,
 18 similar organizations for the state of Idaho, the General Board of Church and Society of The
 19 United Methodist Church and other religious and secular organizations to work toward abolishing
 20 the death penalty in the states of Oregon and Idaho.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

25 ***What will this action accomplish?*** Since 1980, the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference has stated
 26 its position of witness against the death penalty. The goal of this action request is to live out the
 27 mandate of standing resolutions calling for the abolition of the death penalty by creating a grass-
 28 roots effort to abolish the death penalty in Oregon and Idaho.

30 ***Why is it important?*** Unless we are willing to commit our actions to support the standing
 31 resolution against the death penalty, our faith is meaningless. This action request enables us to
 32 demonstrate that we live our faith in actions committed to Jesus' teachings of love, mercy and
 33 forgiveness.

35 ***How will this action be carried out? By whom?*** In response to the Standing Resolution to
 36 abolish Capital Punishment, Bishop Robert T. Hoshibata has established the Bishop's Initiative to
 37 Abolish Capital Punishment (or the Death Penalty). A Task Force for the Initiative is being
 38 formed and will be given the responsibility of carrying out this action request.

40 ***How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?*** Potential costs include the cost of
 41 face-to-face meetings as well as meeting by conference call. Printing costs and postage costs may
 42 also be incurred. There may be a cost related to the printing and distribution of study materials as
 43 well as the acquisition of resources. Initial costs will be covered by the Bishop's discretionary
 44 funds. Other sources of funding will be sought. We do not presently project any additional
 45 budgetary requests.

**ACTION REQUEST RECOMMENDATION
2009 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

1 **AR#26**

2 Abolish the Death Penalty in the States of Oregon and Idaho

3 Title of Action Request

4 Task Force for the Bishop's Initiative to Abolish the Death Penalty

5 Sponsoring Group or Individual

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11 **Recommendation from Legislative Assembly: For: 31 Against: 0 Abstain: 0**

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44 well as the acquisition of resources. Initial costs will be covered by the Bishop's discretionary
45 funds. Other sources of funding will be sought. We do not presently project any additional
46 budgetary requests.

ACTION REQUEST
2009 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1 **AR#27**2 Annual Conference Registration Fee

3 Title of Action Request

4 CF&A

5 Sponsoring Group or Individual

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12 **I/We petition the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference to take the following action...**

13
14 In order to help defray the costs of the Annual Conference session-all members shall be charged a
15 registration fee of \$25 (\$35 for late registration).

18 ***SUPPORTING INFORMATION***

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20 ***What will this action accomplish?*** Help fund the AC meeting

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23 ***Why is it important?*** Costs of AC continue to go up, especially with respect to technology

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26 ***How will this action be carried out? By whom?*** Pre-conference registration materials – to be
27 collected during registration.

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30 ***How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?***

31 No direct costs to implement since we already deal with registration

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**ACTION REQUEST RECOMMENDATION
2009 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

1 **AR#28**

2 **Annual Conference Registration Fee**

3 Title of Action Request

4 **CF&A**

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11 **Recommendation from Legislative Assembly: For: 27 Against: 3 Abstain: 0**

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13 **I/We petition the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference to take the following action...**

14
15 In order to help defray the costs of the Annual Conference session ~~all members shall be charged a~~
16 ~~registration fee of \$25 (\$35 for late registration).~~ **each member shall be charged a \$25**
17 **registration fee.**

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19 This would change the wording of Conference Rule 2.010:

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21 Expenses of the Annual Conference session shall be primarily assumed by the Annual
22 Conference (funded through apportionments.) In addition, **each member shall be charged a \$25**
23 **registration fee.**

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26 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

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28 ***What will this action accomplish?***

29 Help fund the AC meeting.

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31 ***Why is it important?***

32 Costs of the AC session continue to increase: In the 2008 budget, approved by the AC members,
33 \$55,000 was approved for funding the AC session. However, only \$37,000 was received in
34 apportionment income. The cost of the 2008 AC session was \$56,000 (not counting meals and
35 housing), which means there was a shortfall. The shortfall was taken from reserves, which are
36 dangerously low.

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38 ***How will this action be carried out? By whom?***

39 It will be collected during registration.

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41 ***How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?***

42 No direct costs to implement since we already deal with registration.

ACTION REQUEST
2009 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1 **AR#29**2 Suspend Rule 2.300 this quadrennium

3 Title of Action Request

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12 **I/We petition the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference to take the following action...**

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14 In consideration of the economic status of the Annual Conference and the fact that holding
 15 Annual Conference in Idaho costs more than holding it in Oregon – suspend conference rule
 16 2.300 for this quadrennium that we have to meet in the bounds of the old Idaho Annual
 17 Conference. (Costs less mostly due to travel costs of equalization members.)

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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23 ***What will this action accomplish?*** Will cost less to hold 2010 Annual Conference

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26 ***Why is it important?*** We need to be good stewards of our financial resources

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29 ***How will this action be carried out? By whom?*** AC Committee

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32 ***How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?*** Less will be spent!

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**ACTION REQUEST RECOMMENDATION
2009 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

1 **AR#30**

2 **Suspend Rule 2.300 for the 2009-2012 Quadrennium**

3 Title of Action Request

4 **Ted Wimer & other Eastern District members**

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11 **Recommendation from Legislative Assembly: For: 26 Against: 1 Abstain: 0**

12

13 **I/We petition the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference to take the following action...**

14

15 In consideration of the economic status of the Annual Conference and the fact that holding AC in
16 Idaho costs more for the majority of AC members to travel—suspend Conference Rule 2.300 for
17 the 2009-2012 quadrennium.

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22 ***What will this action accomplish?***

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- The AC will save several thousand dollars
- Individual members will save travel costs since more members drive a shorter distance (75% of AC members live in Oregon)
- Less driving reduces our collective carbon footprint.
- Facilities arrangements will be more predictable. It is difficult to arrange adequate facilities on an infrequent schedule.

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30 ***Why is it important?***

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- We need to be good stewards of our human, financial, and environmental resources.
- At this time of financial stress (2009) we need to change how we do many things. This is one way to change.

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How will this action be carried out? By whom? Annual Conference Sessions Committee

How much will it cost? Where will the money come from? No new costs – possible cost savings

ACTION REQUEST
2009 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1 **AR #31**2 Change in HealthFlex plan for active clergy in 2010 to B750, FX2

3 Title of Action Request

4 Board of Pensions (BOP)

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11 **I/We petition the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference to take the following action...**

14 Approve the BOP recommendation to change from the current PPO B500, FX2 HealthFlex plan
 15 to the PPO B750, FX2 HealthFlex plan for active clergy in 2010.

17 ***SUPPORTING INFORMATION***19 ***What will this action accomplish?***

20 Request to be filed with HealthFlex in July, 2009 for 2010.

21 ***Why is it important?***

22 At the BOP meeting 3/30/2009 and after careful consideration of budget shortfalls, it was
 23 recommended to change the current active clergy health plan to a higher deductible. The 2009
 24 BOP budget is short over \$200,000 due to the lower earnings of reserve funds and lower
 25 apportionment giving. The BOP is utilizing all available reserve funds to make up for the 2009
 26 shortfall!

27 However, the 2010 BOP budget will also be a challenge. All HealthFlex increases for 2010 must
 28 be passed on to the local church. There will be limited reserves in 2010 to cushion the BOP
 29 budget. The HealthFlex increase for 2010 is 8.0 percent with no change in plans (or about
 30 \$96/month). Local churches are already stretched to pay the current active clergy billed health
 31 insurance let alone a 2010 increase of 8.0 percent. By switching to the B750 medical portion of
 32 the billed health insurance costs there will still be a net increase of 5.1 percent (or about
 33 \$61/month) and the participants deductible will be higher. The prescription plan will be the same.

<u>Current PPO Option B500</u>	<u>In Network</u>	<u>Out of Network</u>
Annual Deductable (Individual/Family)	\$500/\$1,000	\$1,000/\$2,000
Plan Coinsurance	80%	60%
Office Visit Patient Copay	\$30 Copay	N/A
Specialist Visit Out of Pocket Limit	\$50 Copay	N/A
Annual Maximum out of pocket Limit (individual/Family) includes deductible	\$3,000/6,000	\$6,000/12,000

<u>Proposed 2010 PPO Option B750</u>	<u>In Network</u>	<u>Out of Network</u>
Annual Deductable (Individual/Family)	\$750/\$1,500	\$1,500/\$3,000
Plan Coinsurance	80%	60%
Office Visit Patient Copay	\$30 Copay	N/A
Specialist Visit Out of Pocket Limit	\$50 Copay	N/A
Annual Maximum out of pocket Limit (individual/Family) includes deductible	\$3,500/\$7,000	\$7,000/\$14,000

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- 1 *How will this action be carried out? By whom?*
- 2 Board of Pensions and Conference Treasurer
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- 4 *How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?*
- 5 Same as presently billed, the local church.

**ACTION REQUEST RECOMMENDATION
2009 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

1 **AR #32**

2 **Change in HealthFlex plan for active clergy in 2010 to B750, FX2**

3 Title of Action Request

4 **Board of Pensions (BOP)**

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11 **Recommendation from Legislative Assembly: For: 28 Against: 1 Abstain: 1**

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13 **I/We petition the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference to take the following action...**

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15 Approve the BOP recommendation to change from the current PPO B500, FX2 HealthFlex plan
16 to the PPO B750, FX2 HealthFlex plan for active clergy in 2010.

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18 ***SUPPORTING INFORMATION***

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20 ***What will this action accomplish?***

21 Request to be filed with HealthFlex in July, 2009 for 2010.

22 ***Why is it important?***

23 At the BOP meeting 3/30/2009 and after careful consideration of budget shortfalls, it was
24 recommended to change the current active clergy health plan to a higher deductible. The 2009
25 BOP budget is short over \$200,000 due to the lower earnings of reserve funds and lower
26 apportionment giving. The BOP is utilizing all available reserve funds to make up for the 2009
27 shortfall!

28 However, the 2010 BOP budget will also be a challenge. All HealthFlex increases for 2010 must
29 be passed on to the local church. There will be limited reserves in 2010 to cushion the BOP
30 budget. The HealthFlex increase for 2010 is 8.0 percent with no change in plans (or about
31 \$96/month). Local churches are already stretched to pay the current active clergy billed health
32 insurance let alone a 2010 increase of 8.0 percent. By switching to the B750 medical portion of
33 the billed health insurance costs there will still be a net increase of 5.1 percent (or about
34 \$61/month) and the participants deductible will be higher. The prescription plan will be the same.

<u>Current PPO Option B500</u>	<u>In Network</u>	<u>Out of Network</u>
Annual Deductable (Individual/Family)	\$500/\$1,000	\$1,000/\$2,000
Plan Coinsurance	80%	60%
Office Visit Patient Copay	\$30 Copay	N/A
Specialist Visit Out of Pocket Limit	\$50 Copay	N/A
Annual Maximum out of pocket Limit (individual/Family) includes deductible	\$3,000/6,000	\$6,000/12,000
<u>Proposed 2010 PPO Option B750</u>	<u>In Network</u>	<u>Out of Network</u>
Annual Deductable (Individual/Family)	\$750/\$1,500	\$1,500/\$3,000
Plan Coinsurance	80%	60%
Office Visit Patient Copay	\$30 Copay	N/A
Specialist Visit Out of Pocket Limit	\$50 Copay	N/A
Annual Maximum out of pocket Limit (individual/Family) includes deductible	\$3,500/\$7,000	\$7,000/\$14,000

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- 1 *How will this action be carried out? By whom?*
- 2 Board of Pensions and Conference Treasurer
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- 4 *How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?*
- 5 Same as presently billed, the local church.

ACTION REQUEST
2009 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1 **AR #33**2 **Change HealthFlex plan for retired clergy for 2010 to Medicare Companion Plan 1, FX2**

3 Title of Action Request

4 **Board of Pensions (BOP)**

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11 **I/We petition the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference to take the following action...**

13 Approve the BOP recommendation to change from the current Medicare Companion Plan 2
 14 (FX2) to Medicare Companion Plan 1 (FX2) for retired clergy for year 2010.

16 ***SUPPORTING INFORMATION***17 ***What will this action accomplish?***

18 Request to be filed with HealthFlex in July, 2009 for 2010.

19 ***Why is it important?***

20 With no change in plans there will be a 9.4% increase, a portion of that will have to be included
 21 in Ministerial Support. By making the change there will be a 2.7% increase, but with higher
 22 deductibles for the retirees. In the BOP discussion, the prescription plan is one of the most critical
 23 of retiree's medical expenses. There is NO CHANGE in the prescription plan.

24 The HealthFlex current Medicare Companion Plan 2 (FX2) premium increase for 2010 is 9.4
 25 percent. The Medicare Companion Plan 1 (FX2) would still be an increase of 2.7 percent over
 26 2009 and the participants deductible will be higher. The prescription plan will be the same (FX2).
 27 The 2.7% increase will still require additional apportioned funds to cover the annual conference's
 28 portion of the 2010 retiree health insurance premium.

30 **Current Medicare Companion Plan 2 (FX2)—if no change in plans**

31 Deductable	\$500
32 COB Type	Gov't Excl
33 Coinsurance	80%
34 Out of Pocket Maximum	\$1,500

36 **Proposed Medicare Companion Plan 1 (FX2)**

37 Deductable	\$1,000
38 COB Type	Gov't Excl
39 Coinsurance	80%
40 Out of Pocket Maximum	\$3,000

42 ***How will this action be carried out? By whom?***

43 Board Of Pensions and conference treasurer

45 ***How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?***

46 Same as presently billed, part paid by annual conference (Ministerial Support apportionment) and
 47 part by the retiree.

**ACTION REQUEST RECOMMENDATION
2009 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

1 **AR #34**2 **Change HealthFlex plan for retired clergy for 2010 to Medicare Companion Plan 1, FX2**

3 Title of Action Request

4 **Board of Pensions (BOP)**

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11 **Recommendation from Legislative Assembly: For: 27 Against: 3 Abstain: 1**12
13 **I/We petition the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference to take the following action...**14 Approve the BOP recommendation to change from the current Medicare Companion Plan 2
15 (FX2) to Medicare Companion Plan 1 (FX2) for retired clergy for year 2010.16
17 ***SUPPORTING INFORMATION***18 ***What will this action accomplish?***

19 Request to be filed with HealthFlex in July, 2009 for 2010.

20 ***Why is it important?***21 With no change in plans there will be a 9.4% increase, a portion of that will have to be included
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28 The 2.7% increase will still require additional apportioned funds to cover the annual conference's
29 portion of the 2010 retiree health insurance premium.30
31 **Current Medicare Companion Plan 2 (FX2)—if no change in plans**32 Deductable \$500
33 COB Type Gov't Excl
34 Coinsurance 80%
35 Out of Pocket Maximum \$1,50036
37 **Proposed Medicare Companion Plan 1 (FX2)**38 Deductable \$1,000
39 COB Type Gov't Excl
40 Coinsurance 80%
41 Out of Pocket Maximum \$3,00042
43 ***How will this action be carried out? By whom?***

44 Board Of Pensions and conference treasurer

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46 ***How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?***47 Same as presently billed, part paid by annual conference (Ministerial Support apportionment) and
48 part by the retiree.

**ACTION REQUEST RECOMMENDATION
2009 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

1 **AR#36**

2 **Continue Legislative Assembly Process**

3 Title of Action Request

4 2009 Legislative Assembly

5 Sponsoring Group or Individual

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11 **Recommendation from Legislative Assembly: For: 25 Against: 0 Abstain: 0**

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13 **I/We petition the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference to take the following action...**

14 That the Annual Conference continue the Legislative Assembly process in 2010; that after the
15 2009 annual conference session the Sessions Committee poll annual conference members and
16 members of the 2009 Legislative Assembly about their experience with the legislative process,
17 study the results, and then make recommendations to the 2010 Annual Conference.

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20 ***SUPPORTING INFORMATION***

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22 ***What will this action accomplish?***

23 The annual conference legislative process will utilize a Legislative Assembly for another year.

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25 ***Why is it important?***

26 The participants in our Legislative Assembly recommend that we continue to use the Legislative
27 Assembly process, while continuing to perfect it, through the 2011 Conference Session for the
28 following reasons (This action request only specifies one year because we feel annual evaluation
29 is important):

- 30 1. The new process provides legislative actions and recommendations to the members of the
31 Annual Conference well before the session, allowing them a greater opportunity to
32 consider them thoughtfully before debate and voting.
- 33 2. The members of the Legislative Assembly are published weeks before the meeting so that
34 persons with concerns about specific actions have an opportunity to inform
35 representatives about any or all the legislation being considered.
- 36 3. The timing of the Legislative Assembly allows for much greater participation by specific
37 constituencies, especially employed persons, young adults and ethnic persons; all of
38 whom were much better represented (proportionately) on the Legislative Assembly than
39 they have been at the Conference Sessions. The Assembly was more representative of the
40 cross section of membership of our churches than our Annual Conference
41 legislative/discernment teams have been.
- 42 4. This process engages a wide representation of lay and clergy conference leaders, with
43 their knowledge of conference culture and processes, in consideration of all the
44 legislation coming to the annual conference. Their recommendations provide a valuable
45 resource to the Annual Conference members gathered in full session without in any way
46 limiting the authority of the Annual Conference to establish policy and ministry as it
47 chooses.

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- 1 5. In this process one body (the Legislative Assembly) reviews all the legislation coming to
2 the Annual Conference session (unlike the current system which has a score of review
3 committees meeting at the same time and reviewing different bits of legislation). This
4 means consistency in the review process. It means all the recommendations are made
5 with an awareness of all the other actions being considered and how the action in one
6 piece may impact the others. And it means that interested persons who are not members
7 of the Legislative Assembly can provide input on any or all of the issues because they do
8 not have to choose which of the legislative committees they will address.
- 9 6. Planning is already underway to include real-time *broadcast* of next-year's legislative
10 assembly, along with processes for real-time questions and comments (by email or text
11 messaging) from anyone in the bounds of our conference. This affords an unprecedented
12 opportunity for interested persons and groups to participate in the process with zero or
13 very limited travel expense. Our previous process made it impossible for people to have
14 input at the initial stages of legislation because there were as many as 15 committees
15 meeting simultaneously regarding different legislation during Annual Conference.
- 16 7. This process shortens the meeting time required at the Annual Conference session by two
17 to five hours (the time which had been allocated to legislative committees) while
18 lengthening the time for members to consider the recommendations of the legislative
19 review process by at least three weeks.

20 ***How will this action be carried out? By whom?***

21 The 2010 Legislative Assembly will be developed and implemented in a manner similar to 2009
22 by the AC Sessions Committee in consultation with the Conference Legislative Coordinators
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25 ***How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?*** Around \$3,500 - drawn from the
26 budget line item for annual conference session expenses.
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