

MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2022 LEGISLATION REPORT

PROPOSED CONSENT CALENDAR

R#2022-4 “Readers to Leaders” Conference-wide Fundraising Campaign
R#2022-7 District Working Group Report
R#2022-13 Amend Rule 5.5.9
R#2022-14 Guidelines for Equitable Compensation Support for 2023
R#2022-15 2023 Minimum Salary Schedule

2022 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

VOTING ITEM R#2022-4, pg 5 -- “Readers to Leaders” Conference-wide Fundraising Campaign

Legislative Committee 1 -- Chair: Andy Wayne

Recorder: Kathy Pittenger

Amendment #1: Line 10, replace the word “challenged” with “encouraged”

Action on amendment #1: Yes – 78, No – 24 (*amendment passed*)

Final Action: Yes – 96 (94%) No - 6

On Consent Calendar: YES

VOTING ITEM R#2022-5, pg 5 -- Standing for the Cancellation of Federal Student Loan Debt

Legislative Committee 3 -- Chair: Andy Wayne

Recorder: Kathy Pittenger

Amendment #1: Line 46, Insert “up to \$10,000 per student of” between “cancellation of” and “federal student loan debt.”

It would read: We, the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church, stand for the cancellation of **up to \$10,000 per student of** federal student loan debt.

Action on amendment #1: Yes – 28, No – 70 (*amendment failed*)

Amendment #2: Throughout motion, replace “debt” with “interest”.

It would read:

46 - We, the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church, stand for the cancellation of federal student loan ~~debt~~ **interest**. Therefore, we call churches and members across the Michigan Conference to act on student loan ~~debt~~ **interest**. We commit to advocating for the cancellation of federal student loan ~~debt~~ **interest** through correspondence with elected officials.

51 - Further, we commit to making student debt **interest** relief a long-term missional priority for the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church, through educational campaigns, public policy advocacy, and seeking to partner with General Boards (like the General Board of Higher Education & Ministry and the General Board of Church & Society) to support efforts addressing student loan debt **interest**. We encourage United Methodists across the Michigan Conference to vision ways of helping relieve student loan debt **interest**, at local church, district, and Conference levels.

Action on amendment #2: Yes – 43, **No – 56** (*amendment failed*)

Amendment #3: In two places, insert the word “partial”

It would read:

46 - We, the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church, stand for the **partial** cancellation of federal student loan debt. Therefore, we call churches and members across the Michigan Conference to act on student loan debt. We commit to advocating for the **partial** cancellation of federal student loan debt through correspondence with elected officials.

Action on amendment #3: **Yes – 52**, No – 47 (*amendment passed*)

Amendment #4: Line 51, replace the words “making student debt relief” with “advocating for reducing the cost of higher education as”

It would read:

51 - Further, we commit to ~~making student debt relief~~ **advocating for reducing the cost of higher education as** a long-term missional priority for the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church, through educational campaigns, public policy advocacy, and seeking to partner with General Boards (like the General Board of Higher Education & Ministry and the General Board of Church & Society) to support efforts addressing student loan debt. We encourage United Methodists across the Michigan Conference to vision ways of helping relieve student loan debt, at local church, district, and Conference levels.

Action on amendment #4: Yes – 41, **No – 60** (*amendment failed*)

Amendment #5: Line 51, Insert “and advocating for reducing the cost of higher education as”

It would read:

51 - Further, we commit to making student debt relief **and advocating for reducing the cost of higher education as** a long-term missional priority for the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church,...

Action on amendment #5: **Yes – 77**, No – 23 (*amendment passed*)

Editorial Correction: In two places, capitalize the word “The” before “United Methodist Church”

FINAL MOTION as amended by the legislative committee:

46 - We, the Michigan Conference of The United Methodist Church, stand for the partial cancellation of federal student loan debt. Therefore, we call churches and members across the Michigan Conference to act on student loan debt. We commit to advocating for the partial cancellation of federal student loan debt through correspondence with elected officials.

51 - Further, we commit to making student debt relief and advocating for reducing the cost of higher education as a long-term missional priority for the Michigan Conference of The United Methodist Church, through educational campaigns, public policy advocacy, and seeking to partner with General Boards (like the General Board of Higher Education & Ministry and the General Board of Church & Society) to support efforts addressing student loan debt. We encourage United Methodists across the Michigan Conference to vision ways of helping relieve student loan debt, at local church, district, and Conference levels.

Final Action: **Yes – 69 (68%)** No - 32
On Consent Calendar: NO

VOTING ITEM R#2022-6, pg 6 -- Recognize the Michigan Chapter WCA as Source of Information

Legislative Committee 4 -- Chair: Diane Brown

Recorder: Carol Freeland

Amendment #1: Line 47, delete word “proposed” before new Global Methodist Church

Action on amendment #1: Yes – 92, No – 5 (*amendment passed*)

Final Action: Yes – 55 (53%) No - 48

On Consent Calendar: NO

VOTING ITEM R#2022-7, pg 7 -- District Working Group Report

Legislative Committee 4 -- Chair: Diane Brown

Recorder: Carol Freeland

Final Action: Yes – 94 (94%) No - 6

On Consent Calendar: YES

VOTING ITEM R#2022-8, pg 8 -- Advocate for a U.S. Peace Economy

Legislative Committee 5 -- Chair: Todd Price

Recorder: Carol Freeland

Amendment #1: Line 14, replace word “campaign” with “support”

Action on amendment #1: Yes – 97, No – 8 (*amendment passed*)

Amendment #2: Lines 10-12, delete paragraph

Action on amendment #2: Yes – 39, No – 68 (*amendment failed*)

Final Action: Yes – 71 (67%) No - 35

On Consent Calendar: NO

VOTING ITEM R#2022-9, pg 9 -- Affirming Actions for The Future of The United Methodist Church

Legislative Committee 6 -- Chair: Andy Wayne

Recorder: Ruth Sutton

Final Action: Yes – 75 (69%) No - 34

On Consent Calendar: NO

**VOTING ITEM R#2022-10, pg 11 –
Support for Immigrant Driver’s Licenses and State I. D.s in Michigan**

Legislative Committee 7 -- Chair: Andy Wayne

Recorder: Kathy Pittenger

Amendment #1: Lines 5 & 8, replace words “congressional delegation” with “legislators” and “congress” with “legislature”.

It would read:

Michigan United Methodists are urged to contact their state ~~congressional delegation~~ **legislators** to voice their support for the reinstatement of the ability to obtain a driver's license and state I. D.s for all immigrants in the state who qualify, regardless of immigration status. Ask the Michigan ~~congress~~ **legislature** to support the passage of the DRIVE SAFE bills.

Action on amendment #1: Yes – 100, No – 2 (*amendment passed*)

**Final Action: Yes – 82 (80%) No - 21
On Consent Calendar: NO**

**VOTING ITEM R#2022-11, pg 12 –
“Good Time” Ballot Initiative (www.LibertyAndJusticeForAllCoalition.org)**

Legislative Committee 8 -- Chair: Diane Brown

Recorder: Ruth Sutton

**Final Action: Yes – 96 (86%) No - 16
On Consent Calendar: NO**

VOTING ITEM R#2022-12, pg 13 – Recognize the Unborn Baby

Legislative Committee 2 -- Chair: Diane Brown

Recorder: Carol Freeland

Amendment #1: SUBSTITUTE MOTION: That the Michigan Area Annual Conference supports programs and policies designed to reduce infant mortality in Michigan and around the globe.

Action to consider Substitute: Yes – 38 No – 62 (*Failed*)

**Final Action: Yes – 26 No - 74
On Consent Calendar: NO**

VOTING ITEM R#2022-13, pg 14 – Amend Rule 5.5.9**Legislative Committee 1 -- Chair:** Andy Wayne**Recorder:** Kathy Pittenger

Amendment #1: Line 7-8 (and 18-19), replace “every four years beginning in” with “for the year”
Action on amendment #1: Yes – 85, No – 8 (*amendment passed*)

Final Action: Yes – 85 (90%) No – 9**On Consent Calendar:** YES**VOTING ITEM R#2022-14, pg 15 – Guidelines for Equitable Compensation Support for 2023****Legislative Committee 2 -- Chair:** Diane Brown**Recorder:** Carol Freeland**Final Action:** Yes – 105 (99%) No - 1**On Consent Calendar:** YES**VOTING ITEM R#2022-15, pg 16 – 2023 Minimum Salary Schedule****Legislative Committee 2 -- Chair:** Diane Brown**Recorder:** Carol Freeland

Editorial Change: Line 29 – should read “¶335 of the 2016 United Methodist Book of Discipline explains ***”

Final Action: Yes – 100 (95%) No - 5**On Consent Calendar:** YES