

2022 Holston Annual Conference
Report of the Committee on Petitions and Resolutions
June 7, 2022

The Committee met in person on June 6, 2022, at Lake Junaluska and reviewed the following New Business item.

NEW BUSINESS ITEM 01:

I make a motion for the Holston Annual Conference to request a declaratory decision of the Judicial Council on (1) whether the Constitution of the United Methodist Church allows for the delay of General Conference beyond the quadrennium and (2) whether the Commission on General Conference violated the Constitution of the United Methodist Church and the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church by failing to set a date for the quadrennial meeting of the General conference.

Reasoning for this request of a declaratory decision by the Judicial Council:

The Constitution of the United Methodist Church requires that the General Conference shall meet once every four years (Section II, Article II; ¶14). The Commission on General Conference is authorized to set the location and dates of General Conference up to four quadrennia in advance (¶511.1).

No where in the 2016 BOD is the Commission on General Conference authorized to cancel or delay General Conference.

No duly elected General Conference delegates have been able to attend, or to have voice and vote in the delayed 2020 General Conference.

The Commission on General Conference has disenfranchised General Conference delegates.

Therefore, we need to know if the Commission on General Conference breached the Constitution of the United Methodist Church.

Submitted by,

- John Grimm, AP District (Received at 9:01 am June 6, 2022)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ON NEW BUSINESS ITEM 01:

NON-CONCURRENCE:

Petitions & Resolutions finds this request for a declaratory decision to be in conflict with ¶2610.2; which gives the annual conference a right to request a declaratory decision but only when the matter relates to the business, consideration, or discussion of the conference session. Furthermore, it is not germane to the conference session nor is there an action before the Annual Conference or to be taken by the Annual Conference to which this matter would relate: We therefore vote non-concurrency on this matter.

Submitted by,

- John Eldridge, Chair, Petitions & Resolutions

END OF REPORT.