

## **Memphis Annual Conference Resolution Appointing Joint Distributing Committee**

- Whereas: The Nashville Episcopal Area is comprised of the Memphis and Tennessee conferences, and
- Whereas: In 2018, the Tennessee Annual Conference and Memphis Annual Conference sessions voted to endorse the intent to move forward with a plan to form a new conference, and
- Whereas: In 2019, the Tennessee Annual Conference and Memphis Annual Conference sessions affirmed sending a motion to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, for action at its 2020 session, requesting that the Tennessee and Memphis conferences be joined to form a new conference, and to meet as a fully unified annual conference in 2021, and
- Whereas: In 2019, the Tennessee Annual Conference and Memphis Annual Conference sessions endorsed a set of goals and objectives for the newly formed conference, as well as a funding plan and guiding principle plan for benefits, and
- Whereas: It is anticipated that the Tennessee Annual Conference and Memphis Annual Conference sessions will request that the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, at its next session, take action necessary to implement the vision for the newly formed conference, and
- Whereas: *The Book of Discipline*, Para. 1509, provides that when two annual conferences are to be merged to form a new conference, there shall be elected by each conference affected a distributing committee of three members and three alternates, which shall act jointly with similar committees from the other conference or conferences. The joint distributing committee thus formed shall have power and authority: (a) to allocate the pension responsibility involved; (b) to distribute equitably the permanent funds and all other pension assets of the conference or conferences affected, taking into consideration the pension responsibility involved; and (c) to the extent not otherwise previously provided for by the conference or conferences

involved, to apportion or distribute equitably any other assets or property and any other liabilities or obligations, and

Whereas: It is necessary and appropriate for the Memphis Annual Conference to appoint members as prescribed by the *Discipline* for purposes of addressing the pension issues required by the *Discipline*, and for the purposes of providing for apportionment or distribution of assets, property, liabilities, and obligations not otherwise previously provided for by the two participating conferences;

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Memphis Conference affirms the creation of a Joint Distributing Committee, together with the Tennessee Conference, to operate in a manner consistent with Para. 1509 of *The Book of Discipline*;

Be it further resolved, that the following three persons are nominated and approved to serve as members of the Joint Distributing Committee:

1. Deb Suddarth
2. Erv Walker
3. David Weatherly

Be it further resolved, that the following three persons are nominated and approved to serve as alternate members of the Joint Distributing Committee:

1. Wade Cox
2. Sharon Lewis-Karamoko
3. Ann Richards

Be it further resolved, that such persons, together with the individuals appointed to the Joint Distributing Committee by the Tennessee Conference, shall perform the functions outlined in Para. 1509 of the *Discipline* related to pensions; and

Be it further resolved, that such persons, together with the individuals appointed to the Joint Distributing Committee by the Tennessee Conference, shall be authorized to act upon and implement plans and recommendations from the Guide Team and joint task teams of the two conferences related to health benefits, incorporation, and legal structure, and any other actions related to apportionment or distribution of assets and liabilities not otherwise provided for by the conferences in their Plan of Union or otherwise, pending creation and commencement of the new conference entity.

Be it further resolved, that upon completion of its work, the committee shall be dissolved as contemplated by Para. 1509 of *The Book of Discipline*.

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