

MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2021 LEGISLATION REPORT

PROPOSED CONSENT CALENDAR

- R#2021-5 Conf Policy on Use of Proceeds from Sale & Accumulated Assets of Local Church Properties
R#2021-7 Creation of District Working Group
R#2021-10 Affirm Bishop's Anti-Bias Anti-Racism Working Group
R#2021-11 Training and Support for Cross Racial/Cross Cultural Appointments
R#2021-13 Amend Michigan Conference Protection Policy – Online Ministry
R#2021-15 Transfer Camping Funds into MAUMC Foundation Account
R#2021-16 Addition to the Michigan Conference Parsonage Guidelines
R#2021-18 Covenant of Ministry Partnership with Liberia Annual Conference
R#2021-19 Conference Guidelines for 2022 Equitable Compensation Support
R#2021-20 2022 Equitable Compensation Guidelines and Schedule
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2021 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

VOTING ITEM R#2021-5, pg 17 -- Conference Policy on Use of Proceeds from Sale & Accumulated Assets of Local Church Properties

Legislative Committee 7 -- Chair: Diane Brown

Recorder: Rev. Carol Freeland

Final Action: Yes – 132 (97%) No - 3

On Consent Calendar: YES

VOTING ITEM R#2021-6, pg 18 -- Vote on Direction of Michigan Conf in Post-separation Church

Legislative Committee 4 -- Chair: Andy Wayne

Recorder: Jim Searls

Final Action: Yes - 52 No - 80

On Consent Calendar: No

VOTING ITEM R#2021-7, pg 19 -- Creation of District Working Group

Legislative Committee 4 -- Chair: Andy Wayne

Recorder: Jim Searls

Final Action: Yes – 121 (94%) No - 8

Consent Calendar: YES

VOTING ITEM R#2021-8, pg 19 -- Retiree Group Health Care Plan, DAC Health Care Plan Amendment
Legislative Committee 8 -- Chair: Todd Price **Recorder: Ruth Sutton**

Final Action: Yes - 56 **No - 72**
Consent Calendar: No

VOTING ITEM R#2021-9, pg 21 -- Recognize the Unborn Baby
Legislative Committee 5 -- Chair: Todd Price **Recorder: Ruth Sutton**

Amendment #1: SUBSTITUTE MOTION -- “That the Michigan Area Conference recognizes the unborn baby in the womb as **biologically human** from the moment of conception.”

Action to Substitute: Yes – 86, No – 43 (*passed*)

Final Action: Yes - 39 **No - 85**
Consent Calendar: No

VOTING ITEM R#2021-10, pg 21 -- Affirm Bishop’s Anti-Bias Anti-Racism Working Group
Legislative Committee 1 -- Chair: Diane Brown **Recorder: Rev. Carol Freeland**

Final Action: Yes - 120 (96%) No - 5
Consent Calendar: YES

VOTING ITEM R#2021-11, pg 22 -- Training and Support for Cross Racial/Cross Cultural Appointments
Legislative Committee 1 -- Chair: Diane Brown **Recorder: Rev. Carol Freeland**

Final Action: Yes – 126 (97%) No - 3
Consent Calendar: YES

**VOTING ITEM R#2021-12, pg 23 -- Anti-Bias Anti-Racism Training for Active Clergy,
 Conf & District Staff**
Legislative Committee 1 -- Chair: Diane Brown **Recorder: Rev. Carol Freeland**

Amendment #1: Page 23, Line 20 - change “2024” to “2026”
Action on amendment #1: Yes – 15, **No – 108** (*amendment failed*)

Final Action: Yes – 112 (89.6%) No - 13
Consent Calendar: No

VOTING ITEM R#2021-13, pg 23 -- Amend Michigan Conference Protection Policy – Online Ministry
Legislative Committee 8 -- Chair: Todd Price **Recorder: Ruth Sutton**

Amendment #1. Pg 24, Line 1, Item 7. -- change "real" to "legal"

Amendment #1a. Change "real" to "legal or common" (Amendment to the 1st amendment)

Action on Amendment 1a: Yes 78 No 46 (amendment passed)

Action on Amended Amendment #1: Yes 100 No 26 (amendment passed)

Amendment #2. Pg 24, line 2, Item 7 – change "real" to "legal or common"

Action on Amendment #2: Yes 107 No 18 (amendment passed)

Resulting new Item 7 on page 24 -- Require staff and volunteers to use their *legal or common* names and have a log of usernames. It is important for people to know who they are talking with. Encourage youth to use their *legal or common* name as well.

Final Action: Yes – 118 (92%) No – 10

Consent Calendar: YES

VOTING ITEM R#2021-14, pg 24 -- Inclusiveness of the Michigan Conference

Legislative Committee 7 -- Chair: Diane Brown

Recorder: Rev. Carol Freeland

Amendment #1. line 53 & 54, remove the words "or clergy member"

Amendment 1a) Amend the amendment to delete the word "member"

Action on Amendment 1a): Yes 88 No 43 (amendment passed)

Action on Amendment 1: Yes 35 No 103 (amendment failed)

Final Action: Yes – 100 (71%) No - 40

Consent Calendar: No

VOTING ITEM R#2021-15, pg 25 -- Transfer Camping Funds into MAUMC Foundation Account

Legislative Committee 3 -- Chair: Diane Brown

Recorder: Rev. Carol Freeland

Final Action: Yes – 127 (93%) No - 9

Consent Calendar: YES

VOTING ITEM R#2021-16, pg 25 -- Addition to the Michigan Conference Parsonage Guidelines

Legislative Committee 2 -- Chair: Andy Wayne

Recorder: Jim Searls

Final Action: Yes – 127 (95%) No - 6

Consent Calendar: YES

VOTING ITEM R#2021-17, pg 26 -- Let's Overcome Christian Nationalism

Legislative Committee 6 -- Chair: Andy Wayne

Recorder: Jim Searls

Amendment #1. Delete Lines 26-38 and Lines 43-46 on page 26; and Lines 4-38 on page 27**Action on Amendment 1:** Yes 100 (76%) No 24 (31%) (*amendment passed*)**Amendment #2.** Delete Lines 47-52 on page 26**Action on Amendment:** Yes 65 (49%) No 67 (51%) (*amendment failed*)**EDITORIAL CHANGES:**

1. Delete "which follows:" Line 2 page 27.

2. Change the url on Line 2 page 27 to read <https://www.christiansagainstchristiannationalism.org/statement>**FINAL RESOLUTION as amended by the legislative committee**

1. The Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church condemns the use of Christian symbols and prayers by the attackers on the U.S. Congress at the Capitol on January 6, 2021. We invite our clergy and lay leaders to condemn that attack and armed ventures into the Lansing State Capitol, as well as any future attacks.
2. We call upon our pastors and lay leaders to lead studies of Christian nationalism using resources including www.ChristiansAgainstChristianNationalism.org; "The Capitol Insurrection Was as Christian Nationalist as It Gets," www.nytimes.com/2021/02/28/opinion/christian-nationalists; *Taking America Back for God* by Whitehead and Perry; *The Power Worshipers: Inside the Dangerous Rise of Religious Nationalists* by Katherine Stewart; and *White Too Long, The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity* by Robert Long.
3. We invite our clergy and laypeople to join Walter Brueggemann, Tony Campolo, Sister Simone Campbell, Jim Wallis, Jim Winkler, Rich Peacock, Duane Miller, Diana Spitnale Miller, Louise Ott, Bob Schoenhals, Doug Vernon, Tom Macaulay, and thousands of Christians to sign the statement at <https://www.christiansagainstchristiannationalism.org/statement>.

Final Action: Yes – 100 (76%) No - 31**Consent Calendar:** No**VOTING ITEM R#2021-18, pg 28 -- Covenant of Ministry Partnership with Liberia Annual Conference**

Legislative Committee 2 -- Chair: Andy Wayne

Recorder: Jim Searls

Final Action: Yes – 132 (98%) No - 3**Consent Calendar:** YES**VOTING ITEM R#2021-19, pg 30 – Conference Guidelines for 2022 Equitable Compensation Support**

Legislative Committee 3 -- Chair: Diane Brown

Recorder: Rev. Carol Freeland

Final Action: Yes – 131 (97%) No - 3**Consent Calendar:** YES**VOTING ITEM R#2021-20, pg 31 – 2022 Equitable Compensation Guidelines and Schedule**

Legislative Committee 3 -- Chair: Diane Brown

Recorder: Rev. Carol Freeland

Final Action: Yes – 127 (94%) No – 8**Consent Calendar:** YES