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INTRODUCTION TO CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

The Annual Conference will vote on a Constitutional Amendment proposed by the 2016 General Conference. The Amendment may be discussed but cannot be amended. As per instructions received from the Secretary of the General Conference, the vote taken by the Louisiana Annual Conference will not be announced during this Annual Conference Session; it is the responsibility of the Council of Bishops to canvas the votes and announce the results. (See ¶59 The 2016 Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church)

Please note:

At the time of voting on the Constitutional Amendment only those who are eligible to vote will be allowed within the bar (voting area) of the Conference. All guests and persons ineligible to vote will be asked to vacate the area designated for voting delegates. We appreciate your cooperation in this process.

Who May Vote:

Laity:

All lay delegates are eligible to vote. This **DOES NOT INCLUDE** alternate (reserve) delegates unless the delegate for whom the alternate has been named (i.e. from the same charge) will not be within the bar of the Conference and has relinquished their vote to the alternate.

Clergy

Constitutional Amendments may only be voted upon by:

- Full Connection Elders (¶¶ 334.1, 602.1(a), 2016 Book of Discipline)
- Full Connection Deacons (¶¶ 329.2, 602.1(a), 2016 Book of Discipline)

See also ¶602.1(b); ¶602.1(c); ¶602.1(d); ¶ 346.2 (a)

A person must be voted upon for membership **and** ordained at the time of the constitutional vote to be classified as a Full Connection Elder or Full Connection Deacon.

**2016 GENERAL CONFERENCE
The United Methodist Church
Corrected Ballot**

Proposed Constitutional Amendment – I

On May 16, 2016, at a session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Portland, Oregon, the following Constitutional Amendment was adopted by a recorded vote of 746 Yes, 56 No (Calendar Item 121, DCA p. 2106). The text of this amendment as distributed to the annual conferences in 2016 was found to be in error. The corrected text is now presented to the annual conferences for vote.

In the 2012 *Book of Discipline*, Division One, add a new paragraph between current ¶¶ 5 and 6:

As the Holy Scripture reveals, both men and women are made in the image of God and, therefore, men and women are of equal value in the eyes of God. The United Methodist Church acknowledges the long history of discrimination against women and girls. The United Methodist Church shall confront and seek to eliminate discrimination against women and girls, whether in organizations or in individuals, in every facet of its life and in society at large. The United Methodist Church shall work collaboratively with others to address concerns that threaten women's and girls' equality and well-being.

If voted and so declared by the Council of Bishops, this would become the new ¶6, and the current ¶¶ 6-61 would be renumbered as ¶¶ 7-62.

**Rationale for Proposed Constitutional Amendment I
The United Methodist Church
Voted General Conference May 2016**

- I. (New ¶ 6) The Constitution contains a paragraph on racial justice but not one on gender justice. The language of this petition is parallel to the language of Article 5 on racial justice already in our Constitution. It is an affirmation that, as part of our core foundational beliefs, this church will forever stand against any actions, organizations or individuals that discriminate or dehumanize women and girls anywhere on this planet.

CONFERENCE MINISTRY ASSESSMENT TEAM

The duties of the Conference Ministry Assessment Team (CMAT) are outlined in Article IV of the Conference Rules. The CMAT will undertake a review of the conference structure during the 2018-2019 conference year. This review will focus on clarity of purpose, missional alignment, staffing needs, and budgetary implications. The committee will submit a report to the 2019 Annual Conference with any recommended adjustments in structure, staffing, administrative oversight, and any budgetary implications. In conducting this review, as provided for in Article IV of the Conference Rules, the CMAT will retain the services of an outside consultant to be named no later than August 1, 2018.

Report submitted by: Rev. Donnie Wilkinson

**CORRECTION TO PRE-CONFERENCE REPORT AND ALL
PRECEEDING REPORTS**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT
(Revised 5/29/2018)

The following transactions have occurred since the 2017 meeting of the LA Annual Conference.

Property Purchased: None

Movables Purchased: Two (2) Pickup Trucks for Disaster Services
Three (3) Trailers for Disaster Services

Property Sold: Washington Chapel UMC (Bastrop) sold to Stacey Daniel Farrar
St. Luke's UMC (Baton Rouge) sold to The Amazing Grace Christian Fellowship Church
Bethany UMC (Deberry, TX) sold to Bethany Methodist Church
St. Paul's UMC (Harahan) sold to Harahan Body & Paint, Inc.

Property Donated: Wesley UMC (Crowley) donated to Berean Baptist Church of Crowley, LA.

Property Leased (New): None

Property Returned to Heirs (reversionary clause in deed): None

Churches for Closure: Rayne, Centenary UMC (Rayne, LA – Acadiana District)
Lakeview United Methodist Church (Shreveport, LA – Shreveport District)

RESOLUTION ONE

For CLOSURE: Rayne, Centenary United Methodist Church, Rayne, LA Acadiana District

Whereas it is the judgment of the Acadiana District Superintendent, Rev. John Cannon, after having followed the required provisions of *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that Centenary United Methodist Church (GCFA Permanent ID 711565; Conference ID 1150) with a municipal address of 308 N. Parkerson Street, Rayne, Louisiana 70578, and parsonage located at 310 N. Parkerson Street, Rayne, LA 70578 should be closed; and

Whereas, this decision and action has been approved by the Acadiana District Board of Church Location and Building, the presiding Bishop, Cynthia Fierro Harvey, and the unanimous District Superintendents of the Louisiana Annual Conference;

The Conference Board of Trustees presents this resolution:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction, in Annual Conference assembled, in accordance with *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that Centenary United Methodist Church, Rayne, Louisiana and parsonage in the Acadiana District is now CLOSED;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Annual Conference through its President and one other Trustee, be authorized to use or to dispose of said property under such terms and conditions as the Board of Trustees may deem meet and proper.

RESOLUTION TWO

For CLOSURE: Lakeview United Methodist Church, Shreveport, LA – Shreveport District

Whereas it is the judgment of the Shreveport District Superintendent, Rev. Wybra Price, after having followed the required provisions of *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that Lakeview United Methodist Church (GCFA Permanent ID 716283; Conference ID 9520) with a municipal address of 5550 South Lakeshore Drive, Shreveport, LA 71119, and parsonage located at 5737 Aragon Drive, Shreveport, LA 71129 should be closed; and

Whereas, this decision and action has been approved by the Shreveport District Board of Church Location and Building, the presiding Bishop, Cynthia Fierro Harvey, and the unanimous District Superintendents of the Louisiana Annual Conference;

The Conference Board of Trustees presents this resolution:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction, in Annual Conference assembled, in accordance with *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that Lakeview United Methodist Church and parsonage in the Shreveport District is now CLOSED;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Annual Conference through its President and one other Trustee, be authorized to use or to dispose of all properties of the Lakeview United Methodist Church under such terms and conditions as the Board of Trustees may deem meet and proper.

RESOLUTION THREE

For CLOSURE: First United Methodist Church of Kinder, Kinder, LA – Lake Charles District

Whereas it is the judgment of the Shreveport District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Tom Dolph, after having followed the required provisions of *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that First United Methodist Church of Kinder (GCFA Permanent ID 711964; Conference ID 4240) with a municipal address of 809 5th Avenue, Kinder, LA 70648 should be closed; and

Whereas, this decision and action has been approved by the Lake Charles District Board of Church Location and Building, the presiding Bishop, Cynthia Fierro Harvey, and the unanimous District Superintendents of the Louisiana Annual Conference;

The Conference Board of Trustees presents this resolution:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction, in Annual Conference assembled, in accordance with *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that First United Methodist Church of Kinder in the Lake Charles District is now CLOSED;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Annual Conference through its President and one other Trustee, be authorized to use or to dispose of all properties of the First United Methodist Church of Kinder under such terms and conditions as the Board of Trustees may deem meet and proper.

James E. DeLaune, Jr., President

CORRECTION TO SUPPLEMENT I

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Additional information (in **RED**) is added to this report which differs from Page 4 in Supplement I.

RELATED TO CLERGY EXCELLENCE

Committee on Investigation

Clergy

Elaine M. Burleigh (2012)
Bertrand Griffin II (2016)
Juan C. Huertas (2016)
Robert A. Weber (2016)

Alternates Clergy

Robert L. Burgess (2012)
Juliet P. Spencer (2016)
Theresa McConnell (2016)

Laity

Carolyn Dove (2012)
George Ragsdale (2016)
Gard Wyatt (2016)

Alternates Laity

Beth Anders (2012)
Fred Banks (2016)
Brian Blackwood (2012)
Ronald Helaire (2016)
Margaret Johnson (2016)
Rachel Scott (2012)

CORRECTION TO SUPPLEMENT I

DISTRICT BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND TEAMS

Additional information (in **RED**) is added to this report which differs from
Page 8 in Supplement I.

Baton Rouge District

District Leadership Team (consists of District Ministry Team, District Committee on Superintendency and District Committee on Nominations; includes the duties of the District Ministry Team under the Conference Rules)

Lay Leader:	Sue Catchings
Associate Lay Leader:	TBA
Trustees Chairperson:	Jacquelyn Watts
Trustees Secretary:	Brady Whitton
Church Location & Building:	Bill Catchings
Superintendency:	Fred Loy
Finance Chairperson:	Bridger Eglin
Treasurer:	Henry Stamper
Lay Servant Ministries:	Mike Allen
Youth Coordinator:	Jamye Rooks
Disaster Response:	Beth Lafargue
Rural Ministries:	John Gilmore
At Large Member:	Fernie Rivera
District Superintendent:	Kenneth W. Irby

District Board of Church Location and Building

Bill Catchings, Chair	Isaac Hammond	Danny Robinson
Jim DeLaune, Jr.	Debbie O. Miller	Fredrick Sweetwyne
Bill Drake	Arthur Perkins	Idell Thomas
		Donnie Wilkinson

District Committee on Ordained Ministry

Steve Berger	Pattye Hewitt	Margaret Johnson
Ken Carroll	Daniel Hixon	Fred Neal
Sue Catchings, Lay Leader	Tom Howe, Chair	Gene Rives
Michi Head	Bernadine Johnson, Registrar	Walter Weiss
		Scott Wright

District Committee on Finance and Administration

Sue Catchings	Pattye Hewitt	Jane Riecke
Bridger Eglin, Chair	Berlin Perkins	Henry Stamper, Treasurer
	Larry Miller	

CORRECTION TO SUPPLEMENT I

TRUSTEES AND BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF ENTITIES RELATED TO LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Wesley Foundation Boards listed below were received after Supplement I was posted. These reports take the place of those listed in Supplement I.

Wesley Foundations

McNeese State University

Chair:	Rev. Bradley Swire
Vice-Chair/Lay Leadership:	Ralph Brinkley
Finance Chair:	Anna Hoffpauir
Secretary:	Faith Redwine-Hawkins
Treasurer:	Brian Robinson
Trustee Chair:	Ralph Brinkley
Staff Parish Relations Chair:	Walter Parker
Faculty Advisor-McNeese:	Ann Warner
Faculty Advisor-Sowela:	Lindsey Sirman
Director:	Kevin D. Hodge
Worship/Music Leader:	John Calvin Johnson
Bookkeeper:	Jacki Seal
Student Intern:	Joseph LeBoeuf, Lauren Broussard, Rachael Dalgo
Student Council President:	Lauren Broussard
Student Council Senator:	Lauren Broussard and Rachael Dalgo
Ex Officio:	Lake Charles District Superintendent, Richard Sirmon
Student Representatives:	Joseph LeBoeuf, Lauren Broussard, Rachael Dalgo

Board of Director Classes:

<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>
Marcellus Hawkins	Ralph Brinkley	Sondra Hodge	Rev. Mark Bray
Faith Redwin-Harkins	Jennifer Bruney	Pat McKee	Rev. Joy Comeaux
Rev. Bradley Swire	Brian Robinson	Buddy Montgomery	Rev. Walter Parker
Ann Warner	Rev. Katie McKay Simpson	Dottie Spann	
		James Watts	

Northwestern State University

Board of Directors

<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
Lynne Blalock	Carolyn Dove	Sondra Alexander
Mike Breedlove	Diane Jones	Doug Cain
Pattye Eskew, Secretary	Gwen Robinson, Vice	Denise Martin
	Danette Westfall, Treasurer	Diane Smith, Chair
		Joe Sers

Ex-Officio: Conference Board HECM Chair, Shreveport District Superintendent, Jerald Danzell (Pastor, Asbury UMC), Doug deGraffenreid (Pastor, FUMC, Natchitoches), Tammy Broadway

Campus Minister: Clair Carter

University of Louisiana at Monroe

Term Ends 2018

Don Arrington, Chair Elect
Devin Caldwell
Paul Nelson
Cindy Strickler, Chair
Bruce Walker
Rev. Bill Willis

Term Ends 2019

Brad Burch
Jay Cunningham
David Key
Alisa McGehee
Lynn Milliman
Sammie Vining
Keith Willard

Term Ends 2020

Patricia Barnett
Lynn Lincecum
Pepper Lyon

Ex-Officio: Monroe District Superintendent
Board Secretary: Margie Hendricks (Administrative Assistant)
Staff Member: Meredith Brooks

Grambling University

Interim Board Chair: N/A
Vice-Chair: N/A
Finance/Treasurer: Kim Alexander
Secretary: Jan Rose

Board:
Robert Carrell Eddie Rushing Ashirah Simpson Juliet Spencer

Director: Wanjiku Kamuyu
Ex-Officio: Monroe District Superintendent

