

The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, 2012
Errata 11/11/2013
(New additions appear in red letter.)

United Methodist Bishops, page 8, column 2, fourth line from bottom. Remove second hyphen. Correct: Hee-Soo Jung.

United Methodist Bishops, page 9, middle of column 2. Remove hyphen. Correct: Sandra Lynn Steiner Ball.

¶ 104, page 65, line 4. Delete the word “Lamentations.”

¶ 139, page 98, second line from the bottom. Following the words “Service (¶ 328)” add the words “compassion and justice.”

¶ 139 now correctly reads: ...deacons are called to ministries of Word, Service (¶ 328), Compassion, and Justice....

Social Principles Preamble, page 104. Add to the end of the third paragraph, We stand united in declaring our faith that God’s grace is available to all, that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.”

Delete final paragraph, beginning “We acknowledge that....”

¶ 310.2e, page 226. Insert the word “written” between the words “individual” and “ballot.”

¶ 310.2e. now correctly reads: “be voted on by individual written ballot by committee members present.”

¶ 316.6, page 231. Add to the end of subparagraph 6 this following sentence: “Local pastors who have completed course of study or an M. Div. degree and have served a minimum of two consecutive years under appointment before the election may vote to elect clergy delegates to general and jurisdictional or central conferences (see Judicial Council Decision 1181 and ¶ 35, Article IV).”

Decision No. 1181

In Re: IN RE: Request for a Declaratory Decision as to the Meaning, Effect, and Application of the Amended Division Two, Section VI, ¶ 35, Article IV of the 2008 Discipline

DIGEST OF CASE

The persons who are eligible to be elected as clergy delegates to the General Conference, the jurisdictional conference, or the central conference by the annual conference or the provisional annual conference are the full clergy members of the annual or provisional conference. Eligibility to be elected is conferred by full conference membership without regard to ordination or to years of service.

The persons who are eligible to cast ballots as electors in choosing the clergy delegates to the General Conference, the jurisdictional conference, or the central conference, are (a) the persons who are eligible for election, (b) the associate members, (c) the provisional members who have been judged by the annual conference to have completed the educational requirements and have

been elected to provisional membership, and (d) the local pastors who have met two criteria: they have, by either of two options as determined by the annual conference, completed the constitutionally specified level of education; and they have been appointed by the bishop and served for two consecutive years, immediately preceding the election, during which time no withdrawal of the appointed status has occurred.

¶ 321, page 235, last line of first paragraph. Change “appointments as provisional members in full connection” to “appointments as provisional members and members in full connection.”

¶ 327.2b, c, page 244. (See **Judicial Council Decision #1181 above.**) In subparagraph b capitalize “General” Conference.

Add this following sentence to the end of subparagraph c:

“Provisional clergy members who have completed all of their educational requirements may vote to elect clergy delegates to General and jurisdictional or central conferences (see Judicial Council Decision 1181 and ¶ 35, Article IV).”

¶ 334.5, page 259. Change “incapacity leave” to “medical leave.”

¶ 337.2, p. 263, line 1. Remove the word “and” and add a comma so that the sentence reads, “In addition to ordained elders, persons....”

¶ 339, page 267, line 2. Add the phrase “(according to 1992 *Book of Discipline*)” after the words “provisional deacon.”

¶ 353, page 287, last line. Change “incapacity leave” to “medical leave.”

¶ 354.3, page 288, line 1. Following the word “absence,” add “, with the exception of transitional leave,”.

¶ 354.11, page 290. Insert the phrase “except for transitional leave” after the word “requested” and before “it.”

¶ 354.11 now correctly reads: When an end to voluntary leave of absence is requested, except for transitional leave, it shall be by written request....

¶ 358.2a, last sentence. Replace “then the provisions of ¶1506.4i shall apply” with “then the actuarial reduction provisions of the Clergy Retirement Security Program shall apply.”

¶ 407, page 320, 8th line from bottom. Change “incapacity” to “medical leave.”

¶ 410.4. Page 326. Change “*Incapacity Leave*” to “*Medical Leave*.”

¶ 431.b.1, page 343. Lower case “catholic.”

¶ 511.4.c. Page 358, line 7. Change “60-day period” to “90-day period.”

¶ 514, p. 361. Following the last word of the final sentence, add, “Except when the application of that formula results in a total number of delegates to a jurisdictional

conference less than 100. In that event, the Secretary of the General Conference shall adjust the number of delegates to the a jurisdictional conference in the same proportion among the annual and missionary conferences of the jurisdiction to achieve a total of 100, ensuring that no annual or missionary conference shall be represented by fewer than four delegates.”

¶ 602. b, c, d, page 395. (See Judicial Council Decision #1181 above.) In subparagraph b capitalize “General” Conference.

Add the following sentence to the end of subparagraph b:
“Provisional clergy members who have completed all of their educational requirements may vote to elect clergy delegates to General and jurisdictional or central conferences (see Judicial Council Decision 1181 and ¶ 35, Article IV).”

In subparagraph c line 1 delete the words “and affiliate.”

In subparagraph c lines 3 and 4 delete the words “election of clergy delegates to the general and jurisdictional or central conferences.”

In subparagraph c add the following sentence at the end:
“Affiliate clergy members shall have the right to vote in the annual conference on all matters except the constitutional amendments, election of clergy delegates to the General, jurisdictional or central conferences, and matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy (see Judicial Council Decision 1181 and ¶ 35, Article IV).”

In subparagraph d capitalize “General” Conference.

In subparagraph d add to the end the following sentence:
“Local pastors who have completed course of study or an M. Div. degree and have served a minimum of two consecutive years under appointment before the election may vote to elect clergy delegates to General and jurisdictional or central conferences (see Judicial Council Decision 1181 and ¶ 35, Article IV).”

¶ 635.2.i.6, page 461. Change “incapacity leave” to “medical leave.”

¶ 702.6, p. 509, line 3. Change *2004 Book of Resolutions to 2008*.

¶ 705.4.e, page 517, first line. Remove “(1).”

¶ 807.7, page 542, line 1. Remove the word “act.”

¶ 906.1, page 573. Change “49 persons” to “47 persons.”

¶ 1124.1, page 603, line 5. Remove “a)”

¶ 1212, page 611, line 1. Remove “1.”

¶ 1311.1, page 618, next to last line. Remove the closed parenthesis following the word “board.”

¶ 2521.1, p. 736, line 1. Change “The board” to “The District Board of Church Location and Building....”

¶ 2544. Page 752. Add a new 1. at the beginning of the text and change all the numbers following as shown below. Add the word “or” following “new parsonage “ in a) as shown below.

Planning and Financing Requirements for local Church Buildings—1. If any local church desires to:

- a) build a new church, a new educational building, or a new parsonage; or
2. After the study committee finishes its work, the local....
3. In the case of a building project or purchase proposal....
4. The charge conference of the local church shall authorize....
5. The building committee shall....
6. The building committee shall submit to the district....
7. After preliminary approval by the district board of....
8. After approval by the church conference, the building....
9. After approval by the charge conference and district....
10. In metropolitan areas, the building committee shall....
11. The local church shall acquire a fee simple title to the....
12. If a loan is needed, the local church shall comply with....
13. The local church shall not enter into a building contract or....
14. Neither the trustees nor any other members of a local....
15. It is recommended that a local church not enter into a....

¶ 2609.6, p. 769. Delete “when such appeal has been made by one-fifth of that conference present and voting.” The subparagraph then reverts to the language of the 2008 *Book of Discipline* as follows:

6. The Judicial Council shall pass upon and affirm, modify, or reverse the decisions of law made by bishops in central, district, annual, or jurisdictional conferences upon questions of law submitted to them in writing in the regular business of a session; and in order to facilitate such review, each bishop shall report annually in writing to the Judicial Council on forms provided by the council all the bishop’s decisions of law....

DECISION 1244

IN RE: Review of a Bishop’s Decision of Law in the Southwest Texas Annual Conference Regarding the Meaning, Effect, and Application of ¶¶ 313 and 635.2 in Regards to the Discontinuance of a Certified Candidate

DIGEST

The amendment adopted by the 2012 General Conference to ¶ 2609.6 stating “*when such appeal has been made by one-fifth of that conference present and voting*” is unconstitutional because it modified ¶¶ 51 and 56.3 of the

Constitution. Therefore, the amendment is null, void and of no effect. This decision is effective immediately.

Finding the amendment of ¶ 2609.6 unconstitutional does not prevent the Judicial Council from ruling on the Bishop's decision of law.

The Bishop's decision of law is reversed. The matter was properly before the Annual Conference as business of the Annual Conference pursuant to ¶ 33. The matter is remanded to the bishop for a decision on the questions presented. His submission is to be submitted to the Secretary of the Judicial Council within 60 days of this notification. The Judicial Council retains jurisdiction.

¶ 2702.4, page 777, last line on page. Change "***See Note *** on p. 778" to "***See Note *** on p. 776."

¶ 2710.3, page 793. Change paragraph references to "¶¶ 304.2 and 330.5.c.3."

Index, page 807, second column, alcoholic beverages. Change ¶ 613.19 to ¶ 613.18.

Index, page 826, second column, line 7. Delete "ordinations as deacons, ¶ 371.3."

Index, p. 848, Lay Servant Ministries, seventh line from the top. Column one. "support for, ¶1106.6" Remove the .6.

Index, page 852, second column, "Pension and Health Benefits." Delete sub-paragraph 1602.2.