



**Free Methodist Church USA  
39th General Conference  
RESOLUTION**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Complete requested information, adding additional pages as necessary. Save and e-mail completed form to your Annual Conference office.

INTRODUCED BY:

ANNUAL CONFERENCE NAME: Committee of the Free Methodist History and Archives

WRITTEN BY: Bishop David W. Kendall and Gerry Coates, on behalf of the Committee of Free Methodist History and Archives

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Resolution No. 401

Received Date: 10/5/2022

Resolution Committee Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

BOA Consideration: \_\_\_\_\_

GC Consideration: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATED TO PARAGRAPH 4650

Referred to Ministry Team Number:

SUBJECT OR TITLE: Marston Memorial Historical Center and the Committee on Free Methodist History and Archives.

Final Vote:                      Yes                      No

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS: The 1964 General Conference of the Free Methodist Church of North America took action to create a historical repository, known today as the Marston Memorial Historical Center (MMHC); and  
WHEREAS: The MMHC is charged with maintaining the official archives of the denomination; and  
WHEREAS: The MMHC is now supervised by the Committee on Free Methodist History and Archives; and  
WHEREAS: No article in the 2019 Book of Discipline describes either the origin and function of the MMHC or the Committee on Free Methodist History and Archives; and yet  
WHEREAS: The 2019 Book of Discipline refers to the *Marston Memorial Historical Center* (in Par. 4320. M. 4.) and to the *Marston Memorial Historical Society* (in Par. 6420);

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED:

The 2023 Book of Discipline include a new Paragraph 4650 as follows:

**MARSTON MEMORIAL HISTORICAL CENTER**

To maintain a permanent location for the records and history of the Free Methodist Church in North America and worldwide, the General Conference of 1964 took action that created an historical repository, known today as the Marston Memorial Historical Center. The Marston Memorial Historical Center is charged with maintaining the official archives of the denomination, a work that is supervised by the Committee on Free Methodist History and Archives. This committee is the primary agency that fulfills the mandate of the General Conference and functions collaboratively with the denominational Board and Administration, to which it reports regularly.

Upon nomination by the Committee on Free Methodist History and Archives, the Board of Administration shall elect members to serve on this Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That: Par. 6420 be amended to read: “ ... Marston Memorial Historical **Center**,” rather than “ ... Marston Memorial Historical **Society**.”

## Annual Conference Resolutions Committee Worksheet:

**Mission:** To love God, love people and make disciples.

**Vision:** To bring wholeness to the world through healthy biblical communities of holy people multiplying disciples, leaders, groups and churches.

1. Does the resolution have a direct relationship to the vision and mission of the Free Methodist Church?

Yes

No

2. How will the proposed change help us accomplish our vision and mission?

3. The Resolutions Committee rates this resolution as:

(A) Support - recommend adoption

(B) Recommended - worthy of review

(C) Rejected - anticipate General Conference rejection

Other Comments: