



**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: Mike Aden, Ben Tolly

ANNUAL CONFERENCE NAME: Gateway Conference

WRITTEN BY:

Mike Aden, Ben Tolly

General Conference Secretary - OFFICE USE ONLY

Resolution No. 403

Received Date: 11/30/2022

Resolution Committee Grade: _____

BOA Consideration: _____

GC Consideration: _____

RELATED TO PARAGRAPH 4360

Referred to Ministry Team Number:

SUBJECT OR TITLE: Management of changes to Equal Participation Payment (EPP)

Final Vote: Yes No

WHEREAS:

Whereas,

The mission of the Vision of the Free Methodist Church is "To bring wholeness to world through healthy biblical communities of holy people multiplying disciples, leaders, groups and churches."

This Vision and Mission rests on the faith, actions, and commitment of the local church.

The bishops of the Free Methodist Church serve in spiritual leadership of these efforts and administrative services of the FMCUSA support and coordinate the efforts of the local church.

Realizing the Free Methodist vision and mission will result in growth at the local church level, through discipleship and numerical growth.

Local churches will experience financial growth associated with their discipleship and numerical growth.

The Equal Participation Payment (EPP) paid by local churches is a long-established means of covering denominational overhead.

Historically the EPP assessment has been 3.2%.

Any increase in the EPP will reduce resources at the local level available to execute the mission and vision of the Free Methodist Church.

The Equal Participation Plan (EPP) within the FMCUSA is a plan that should have the entire organization's input since all societies are required to fulfill the requirement.

The members of the FMCUSA expect the leadership to give a full accounting and detailed presentation in regard to a request to raise the EPP assessments placed on upon FMCUSA churches.

The best and most sustainable means to support expanding administrative overhead is through the addition of new societies and members.

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED:

That stated in Paragraph 4360 under General Church Funding the following shall be added:

"Any change in the EPP shall require discussion on the General Conference floor, and approval of the Conference Delegates by an affirming vote of 2/3s."

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: