



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

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Resolution No. 410

Received Date: 12/16/2022

Resolution Committee Grade: _____

BOA Consideration: _____

GC Consideration: _____

RELATED TO PARAGRAPH 4300 : The Nomination and Election of the Board of Administration

Referred to Ministry Team Number:

SUBJECT OR TITLE: Superintendent Representation on the BOA

Final Vote: Yes No

WHEREAS: The FMCUSA Board of Administration is “responsible for policy, procedural, financial, and legal issues during the interim between General Conference sessions” (*BOD* ¶ 4320.A), and

WHEREAS a Conference Superintendent is the principle leader of each Annual Conference, working closely with her/his designated bishop to give input into and implement denominational mission and policy (see *BOD* ¶ 5120), and

WHEREAS Conference Superintendents currently gather regularly in what is called the Superintendent’s Leadership Team (SLT), there is nothing in the *Book of Discipline* that gives guidance as to the responsibilities or authority granted the SLT as a body, and

WHEREAS the current nomination and election process for elders to the Board of Administration does not guarantee that any Conference Superintendents would be elected to the BOA, potentially removing the vital and necessary input of the Superintendency from BOA decisions,

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED:

That *BOD* paragraph 4300.A.2 be added to, such that it will state:

2. sufficient additional elders to give a total of twelve clergy (equal representation from each US area – North, South and West); , with three of these elders being one Superintendent from each area, named to the BOA by the area Bishop. Additional Superintendents may be elected by General Conference delegates, if nominated.

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: