



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

INSTRUCTIONS:

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INTRODUCED BY: **Pacific Northwest Conference**

ANNUAL CONFERENCE NAME: _____

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Resolution No. 412

Received Date: 12/16/22

Resolution Committee Grade: _____

BOA Consideration: _____

GC Consideration: _____

RELATED TO PARAGRAPH ¶4020

Referred to Ministry Team Number:

SUBJECT OR TITLE:

General Conference Delegate Selection Two Years Prior to General Conference

Final Vote: Yes No

WHEREAS:

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- The creation, submission, and review of General Conference resolutions warrant thoughtful deliberation.

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- The current language in the Book of Discipline ¶4020 allows Annual Conferences to only elect delegates “at the last session prior to the session of the General Conference,” creating a rushed resolutions process.

WHEREAS:

- Allowing an earlier election of delegates, two years prior to the General Conference, means annual conferences will have more time to thoughtfully and carefully deliberate over resolutions.

WHEREAS:

- Thoughtfully and carefully formulated resolutions will strengthen the denomination's polity.

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the following edits be part of ¶ 4020 (Blue additions, Red Strikethrough deletions):

- Delegates of each annual conference are to be elected ~~at the last~~ two sessions prior to the next General Conference session. Elected delegates serve until the next slate of GC delegates are elected, ~~except that conferences held within nine months of the General Conference may elect delegates the year before.~~

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: