



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

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Resolution No. 505

Received Date: 12/16/2022

Resolution Committee Grade: _____

BOA Consideration: _____

GC Consideration: _____

RELATED TO PARAGRAPH 5230 : Ministerial Education and
Guidance Board

Referred to Ministry Team Number:

SUBJECT OR TITLE: FM History and Polity for MEG/MAC
Members

Final Vote: Yes No

WHEREAS: Each Ministerial Education and Guidance (MEG) board of each Annual Conference is responsible for, among other things, interviewing persons and making recommendation for Conference Ministerial Candidates (*BOD ¶ 5230.E*), determining if a woman or man meets the criteria for ordination (*BOD ¶ 5230.G*), and guiding and counseling all Free Methodist elders within the Conference (*BOD ¶ 5230.H*), and

WHEREAS each MEG and Ministerial Appointments Committee (MAC) member, lay and clergy alike, is given the opportunity to interview candidates and to vote on their suitability for the ordained ministry and appointment, and

WHEREAS there is nothing with the *Book of Discipline* that stipulates MEG/MAC members must be familiar with Free Methodist Polity and Doctrine, even though they make recommendation as to FM ordination and appointment,

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED:

That a new paragraph be inserted as *BOD* paragraph 5230.D, saying:

D. Each member of the Ministerial Education and Guidance Board, including those elected to the Ministerial Appointments Committee, shall take the FM History and Polity course.

Further, be it resolved that current *BOD* paragraphs 5230.D through 5230.L be reassigned as 5230.E through 5230.M.

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: