



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

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INTRODUCED BY: The Board of Bishops and the Area Director
Leadership Team

ANNUAL CONFERENCE NAME:

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Resolution No. 419

Received Date: 12/31/2022

Resolution Committee Grade: _____

BOA Consideration: _____

GC Consideration: _____

RELATED TO PARAGRAPH(S): paragraphs 4030, 4040, 4560 &
4570

Referred to Ministry Team Number:

SUBJECT OR TITLE: Global Representation from Mission
Areas Not Able to Form into Annual Conferences

Final Vote: Yes No

WHEREAS:

- Whereas the normal pathway for representation in the General Conference is contingent upon membership in an Annual or Provisional Annual conference;
- And whereas there are existing churches in the world where it is politically not possible to form Annual Conferences;
- And whereas in these existing churches the disciples are following the Articles of Religion of the Free Methodist Church and are being actively disciplined;
- And whereas the leaders of these churches are ordained members of the Free Methodist Church USA in a particular world area, but not of a formed Annual Conference or Provisional Annual Conference;
- And whereas these are some of the most fruitful works under the jurisdiction of the Free Methodist Church USA;
- And whereas it seems to wise to have the presence, vote and voice of this portion of the church at our General Conference gatherings;

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED:

- The general formula used for representation for annual and provisional annual conference be used to determine the number of delegates from these mission areas;
- Be it further resolved that the number of lay representatives cannot exceed the number of elders from the mission area as is consistent with paragraph 4040.A.;
- Be it further resolved that Board of Bishops will receive the recommendation from the Area Director to make a determination of the number of delegates to be included in the General Conference delegation from mission areas based on the number of ordained elders and disciples being formed the from the mission area.
- Be it further resolved that the following paragraphs be inserted into the Book of Discipline as paragraph 4030.A.1 and 4030.A.2.

4030.A.1 Mission areas not under an Annual Conference or a Provisional Annual Conference but meeting the markers for an Annual Conference or a Provisional Annual Conference as described in paragraphs 4560 and 4570 may be entitled to representation at the General Conference as delimited in paragraphs 4030 and 4040.

4030.A.2. The Board of Bishops shall receive the recommendation from the Area Director to make a determination of the number of delegates to be included in the General Conference delegation from mission areas described in Paragraph 4030.A.1 based on the number of ordained elders and disciples being formed the from the mission area.

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:

