



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

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WHEREAS:

- The Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) calls us to reach all peoples groups in our nation and the world, and the FMCUSA mission aligns and resonates with the Great Commission via our vision “To bring wholeness to the world by multiplying healthy biblical communities.”
- The FMC was founded on the principle of the equality of all people
- There is a great need to prioritize diversity and equity within FMCUSA as it pertains to age, gender, region, race, ethnicity, or socio-economic standing
- The FMCUSA has an opportunity to further its mission and vision of loving people, making disciples and furthering growth to ethnically and racially underrepresented populations via a diverse leadership, thus promoting broadened cross-cultural reach while reducing susceptibility to decline
- The Board of Bishops of the FMCUSA has recently led the church in recognizing the need for Christ-compelled multiplication
- The workload is exceedingly large for a three-member Board of Bishops

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED:

- The General Conference of 2023 elect five bishops to serve the FMCUSA, and
- A slate of at least seven nominees be proposed by the Bishop's Search Committee and that this slate must include ethnic, racial, gender and age diversity