



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

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Complete requested information, adding additional pages as necessary. Save and e-mail completed form to your Annual Conference office.

INTRODUCED BY: Center for Pastoral Formation

ANNUAL CONFERENCE NAME:

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Resolution No. 507

Received Date: 1/2/2023

Resolution Committee Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

BOA Consideration: \_\_\_\_\_

GC Consideration: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATED TO PARAGRAPH 5340.E.2

Referred to Ministry Team Number:

SUBJECT OR TITLE: Age and Language Discrimination  
Rewording

Final Vote:                      Yes                      No

**WHEREAS:**

Paragraph 5340.E.2 contains language that may be discriminatory toward age and language,

And

Whereas: Paragraph 5340.E is not included in the Index under *Deacon*,

**Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED:**

To remove Paragraph 5340.E.2 from the *Book of Discipline*, which reads:

"2. A CMC who is called to pastoral ministry in the Free Methodist Church, but due to age, or language skills is not able to complete all of the preparations for becoming an elder"

And to adjust the paragraph numbering which follows.

And to include Paragraph 5340.E in the Index under *Conference Deacon*

## 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: