



Free Methodist Church USA
39th General Conference
RESOLUTION

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Resolution No. 613

Received Date: 1/2/2023

Resolution Committee Grade: _____

BOA Consideration: _____

GC Consideration: _____

RELATED TO PARAGRAPH – 6600.D.1

Referred to Ministry Team Number:

SUBJECT OR TITLE: Local Ministerial Candidate to Conference
Deacon Candidate addition

Final Vote: Yes No

WHEREAS:

Whereas the Conference Deacon process now begins with Local Ministerial Candidacy,

And

Whereas paragraph 6600 explains the role of Conference Deacons and the training process for Conference Deacon Candidates,

And

Whereas the Local Ministerial Candidate process is not included as the first portion of Conference Deacon training,

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED:

Therefore, be it resolved that a statement acknowledging the LMC stage of the Conference Deacon Candidacy training process be added to paragraph 6600.D.1. The paragraph should read as follows (the addition may be found in red):

“The local Board of Administration shall guide prospective conference deacons in a process of study and mentoring appropriate for their areas of ministry and according to denominational standards. **This shall begin by meeting the requirements of Local Ministerial Candidacy followed by the remaining requirements outlined in the Conference Deacon candidacy process.** The local Board of Administration will give due consideration to character, calling, gifting, training and fruitfulness in ministry.”

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: