



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

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

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

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

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

RELATED TO PARAGRAPH

Referred to Ministry Team Number:

SUBJECT OR TITLE: US-Focused Bishop	Final Vote: Yes No
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**WHEREAS:**

The global church is rapidly growing, for which we praise God  
The majority of those in the "FMCUSA" are actually outside the US  
The US church desires to serve the global church, however...  
The US church is in decline  
The decline of the US church will, in the long run, hinder the work of the global church, as fewer funds and support systems become available from the US to serve the globe  
The scope of our current bishop's jobs range far and wide  
Much time is spent by each of our bishops on global concerns  
A number of our FMCUSA General Conference delegates are from outside the USA

**Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED:**

For this next quadrennium we **designate** one bishop whose sole responsibility is to work in the US **exclusively**.  
**This bishop will be elected by FMCUSA delegates**  
They will **oversee** all FMCUSA superintendents, conferences, and our local churches.  
They will **focus** on the health of our church support systems, churches and future church plants with the aim of returning the US church to health and growth.  
Other cares and concerns in the US (partner institutions, networks, theological concerns, etc,) may be handled by other bishops.

## **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?