



## **Information from the Committee on Resolutions**

### **2020 Tennessee Annual Conference**

It is the responsibility of the Committee on Resolutions to consider every resolution that has been submitted with the intention of being brought to the floor of the Annual Conference. We do not vote on the content or consider whether we agree with the point of view of the maker of the resolution that has been submitted. Instead the parameters of our assigned task are twofold.

#### **Test of Constitutionality**

The first task of the Committee on Resolutions is to determine if a proposed resolution is consistent with the Book of Discipline, especially the Constitution and Articles of Religion. If it does not pass the constitutionality test than it is our duty to recommend to the Bishop and the Annual Conference that it be ruled out of order. The resolution, however, will still be posted electronically, and on the floor, our recommendation can be changed.

#### **Test of Concurrence**

The second task that Committee on Resolutions must undertake is to determine whether a resolution can pass the test of concurrence. Some of the questions the Committee considers are: Is there a clearly discernable and actionable step defined in the "Therefore, be it resolved?" Is that action step within the legislative authority of the Annual Conference? Does it meet the requirements of the Annual Conference Standing Rules?

Please consider these criteria when submitting resolutions and when reading those that are ultimately posted after committee review.

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