

## UMC3

### United Methodist Church Conference Chancellors Association

#### Statement of Clarification

The United Methodist Church Conference Chancellors Association (UMC3) provides this statement of clarification pertaining to the resolution regarding pension liabilities of departing churches adopted at our annual meeting in Philadelphia, PA on April 27, 2019. We have been made aware of reports regarding some draft preamble language and wish to clarify that UMC3 adopted only the body of the resolution and did not adopt any preamble language. The entirety of the resolution adopted is as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the principle of the Golden Rule should be applied in all matters related to disaffiliation and allocation of unfunded pension liabilities to departing churches, regardless of the church's stand on issues of human sexuality or what Way Forward plan that church supported;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Wespath provide relevant, current and updated information on the unfunded market liability. (1) That must be released as soon as possible, but no later than October 1, 2019, and (2) the unfunded liability amounts for every annual conference should be released as a whole, not individually to each conference. This information is public, and this serves the interests of transparency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the United Methodist Church Conference Chancellors Association recommends with urgency that prior to holding its 2019 annual conferences, the conference trustees, as part of developing the process for disaffiliation of each annual conference mandated by the new paragraph 2553 of the Discipline (Petition 90066), recommend a method to determine the obligation for unfunded pension liabilities of each local church in the conference.

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