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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

CONSENT CALENDAR

2025 MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

MAY 30 - JUNE 1

GRAND TRAVERSE RESORT

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MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

PROPOSED CONSENT CALENDAR

R#2025-5 Haiti Gardens of Hope

R#2025-8 Mandatory Protection Policy and Ethics Training for Clergy

2025 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS

VOTING ITEM R#2025-3, pg 19 – Addition to Moving Expense Policy

Withdrawn by presenter.

VOTING ITEM R#2025-4, pg 20 – Re-Prioritize Federal Spending from the Military to Human Security

Legislative Committee 2 – Chair: Alex Plum

Recorder: Ruth Sutton

Amendment #1: Strike lines 42-45.

Action on Amendment #1: Yes – 116, No – 31. **(Amendment passed.)**

Amendment #2: In line 30, strike “Michigan” and insert “federal[.]”

Action on Amendment #2: Yes – 138, No – 6. **(Amendment passed.)**

Amendment #3: In line 38, strike “Pentagon spending could be reduced by as much as” and insert “We urge Pentagon spending be reduced by at least[.]”

Action on Amendment #3: Yes – 120, No – 20. **(Amendment passed.)**

Editorial correction: In line 33, “plows” should be “plowshares[.]”

Final Action on Amended Resolution: Yes – 104 (72%) No – 40.

On Consent Calendar: No.

Final text of Amended Resolution supported by Committee:

We call for a “swords into plowshares” re-prioritizing of the spending of federal taxpayers’ money in the Federal Discretionary Budget.

We encourage Michigan United Methodists to advocate for the National Defense Budget (FY 2025 Estimate: \$926,763,000,000 “Green Book” DOD) to be reduced in order for the savings to pay for human security.

We urge Pentagon spending be reduced by at least \$100,000,000,000 to support healthcare, education, housing, and climate change mitigation. Wages and health benefits of members of the military would not be reduced.

We urge Michigan United Methodist individuals, groups, and congregations to work with organizations such as Peace Action of Michigan (peaceactionmich.org), Michigan Move the Money Coalition (movethemoney.mi.org), Michigan Peace Alliance (MIPeaceAlliance.org), and the National Priorities Project (nationalpriorities.org).

We ask our congregations to act on this resolution as soon as possible because Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS), Chair of the Senate Armed Services Committee, is calling for a \$120 billion hike in defense spending over the next two years. This is on top of a rise of some \$160 billion over the four years of the Biden Administration.

VOTING ITEM R#2025-5, pg 21 – Haiti Gardens of Hope

Legislative Committee 3 – Chair: Andy Wayne

Recorder: Kathy Pittenger

Amendment: In line 45, after “congregation” change the period to a comma and insert “or roughly \$7.50 per church attendee.”

Action on Amendment: Yes – 113, No – 31. (Amendment passed.)

Final Action on Amended Resolution: Yes – 138 (94%) No – 9.

On Consent Calendar: YES

VOTING ITEM R#2025-6, pg 22 – Generative Artificial Intelligence

Legislative Committee 1 – Chair: Elizabeth Hurd

Recorder: Carol Freeland

Amendment: Beginning with “constitutes” in line 37, strike all text through the end of the resolution and insert, “can lead to acts of plagiarism and violation of professional ethics. We resolve to use generative artificial intelligence ethically and commit to critical digital literacy, including questions concerning the sources of generative artificial intelligence, its inherent biases and the effects of its use. Conference, District, Local church staff and clergy will credit generative technology resources when producing images and information, whether that information is directly quoted, used for research or to generate ideas in presentations, publications and media.”

Action on Amendment: Yes – 144, No – 13. (Amendment passed.)

Final Action on Amended Resolution: Yes – 146 (88%) No – 19.

On Consent Calendar: No

VOTING ITEM R#2025-7, pg 23 – Call for Two States: Israel and Palestine

Legislative Committee 4 -- Chair: Jenaba Waggy

Recorder: Elizabeth Hurd

Amendment #1: Strike lines 23-25 and insert, “We the Michigan Conference of The United Methodist Church, in order to remain steadfast in our witness and advocacy for peace, call on the Trump administration to immediately pursue and facilitate the full restoration of food, medical, and humanitarian aid to the people of Gaza, the cessation of Israeli settlement and military action in the West Bank, and a return of all hostages and detainees. We do further call for, and we’ll advocate for, the recognition of a Palestinian state as a contribution to a two-state, or any solution, that guarantees freedom from military occupation, justice for Palestinian refugees, and equality for all in Palestine/Israel.”

Action on Amendment #1: Yes – 127, No – 27. **(Amendment passed.)**

Amendment #2: Strike lines 32-41.

Action on Amendment #2: Yes – 143, No – 10. **(Amendment passed.)**

Amendment #3: In line 27, strike “following” and insert “above[.]”

Action on Amendment #3: Yes – 149, No – 4. **(Amendment passed.)**

Final Action on Amended Resolution: Yes – 136 (87%) No – 20
On Consent Calendar: No

Final text of Amended Resolution supported by Committee:

We the Michigan Conference of The United Methodist Church, in order to remain steadfast in our witness and advocacy for peace, call on the Trump administration to immediately pursue and facilitate the full restoration of food, medical, and humanitarian aid to the people of Gaza, the cessation of Israeli settlement and military action in the West Bank, and a return of all hostages and detainees. We do further call for, and we’ll advocate for, the recognition of a Palestinian state as a contribution to a two-state, or any solution, that guarantees freedom from military occupation, justice for Palestinian refugees, and equality for all in Palestine/Israel.

First, we call upon Michigan United Methodists to communicate the above message to the U.S. President and Michigan’s members of congress. Second, we authorize the Conference secretary to send the message to the U.S. President, U.S. Secretary of State, and Michigan’s two senators. Third, we authorize the Conference secretary to send the message to the President of the Council of Bishops.

VOTING ITEM R#2025-8, pg 24 – Mandatory Protection Policy and Ethics Training for Clergy

Legislative Committee 1 – Chair: Elizabeth Hurd

Recorder: Carol Freeland

Amendment #1: In line 26, strike “three” and insert “five[.]”

Action on Amendment #1: Yes – 21, **No – 134.** (Amendment failed.)

Amendment #2: In line 26, strike “every three years[.]”

Action on Amendment #2: Yes – 23, **No – 127.** (Amendment failed.)

Final Action on Amended Resolution: **Yes – 155 (95%)** No – 9.

On Consent Calendar: **YES**

VOTING ITEM R#2025-9, pg 25 – Chevron Boycott

Legislative Committee 3 – Chair: Andy Wayne

Recorder: Kathy Pittenger

Final Action on Resolution: **Yes – 73 (54%)** No – 62.

On Consent Calendar: No

VOTING ITEM R#2025-10, pg 26 – Holy Land Excursion Boycott

Legislative Committee 4 -- Chair: Jenaba Waggy

Recorder: Elizabeth Hurd

Amendment: At the end of the resolution, insert “This shall not apply to Holy Land Excursions supportive of Palestinian rights.”

Amendment to Amendment: At the end of Amendment, insert “Future Holy Land Tours shall comply with The United Methodist Church resolution #6031 and all of its components.”

Action on Amendment to Amendment: **Yes – 117,** No – 31. (Amendment to Amendment passed.)

Final Action on Amendment as Amended: **Yes – 125,** No – 25. (Amendment passed.)

Substitute Resolution: As the Michigan Conference of The United Methodist Church, we reaffirm our commitment made last year in Resolution #6 that, "Until lasting efforts toward peace are made, the Michigan Conference of The United Methodist Church will not advertise, encourage, or support Holy Land excursions." In addition, we affirm that conference leadership shall only lead Holy Land tours that align with our expressed values listed in Resolution #6031 from our Book of Resolutions. These tours will seek to maximize time spent in the West Bank, which should include staying in Palestinian hotels, avoiding Tel Aviv International Airport, incorporating time with Palestinians, visiting ministries focused on peace and justice, and using exclusively Palestinian guides. We commit to our Holy Land Tours being more than just religious tourism, empowering our clergy and laity alike to advocate for peace in the region, greater awareness of the conflict, and justice and dignity for the Palestinian people. Furthermore, if Gaza is

annexed by Israel and its people removed, we will cease all future Holy Land tours to Israel. Additionally, if the region is unsafe for travel, we commit to suspending Holy Land trips until it is safe to travel.

Action on Motion to Substitute: Yes – 118, No – 32. (Original [Amended] Resolution replaced by Substitute Resolution.)

Final Action on Substitute Resolution: Yes – 97 (64%) No – 54
On Consent Calendar: No