

Resolution to Elect Multiple Bishops at 2022 NCJ Conference

Whereas the vocational retirement of two bishops and the lengthy leave of two others has stretched the North Central College of bishops beyond what we could have asked;

Whereas the Episcopal fund has been more stable than previous projections had predicted;

Whereas all but two bishops in the NCJ will have reached mandatory retirement age by 2024;

Whereas due to the large number of bishops retiring in 2024, any necessary reduction of bishops can be accommodated in 2024;

Whereas all current bishops were elected prior to the pandemic and prior to this era of churches disaffiliating;

Whereas it is important in this season of discernment to have clarity about how many bishops are needed to be elected;

Be it resolved that the delegation from the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church encourages all voting delegates to move to elect 2 or more bishops (depending on further retirements) at the NCJ Jurisdictional conference to ensure the NCJ has 9 active bishops to help lead us through this time of turmoil.

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution will be sent to the NCJ Secretary, the heads of the other NCJ conference delegations, and the East Ohio Conference media office for wide distribution as that office may see fit.