

Motion to Reinstate NCJ Committee on Ordained Ministry

We, the Chairs of the Boards of Ordained Ministry in the North Central Jurisdiction and the Presidents of the Seminaries located within the bounds of our jurisdiction, move that the North Central Jurisdiction reinstate the Jurisdictional Committee on Ordained Ministry as described in paragraph 535 of the 2016 UM Book of Discipline.

In the continuing UMC, we believe there will be a need for the following that can be provided by this committee:

- * sharing of best-practices and resources among the chairs of the Boards.
- * as clergy withdrawals and church disaffiliations change the landscape of clergy supply and demand, this committee can provide information to the College of Bishops on clergy who are available to be appointed outside their conference to meet changing missional needs of the Church.
- * clarity for the seminaries within our jurisdictional boundaries regarding the content and character of required education for clergy in our jurisdiction and the expectations of our Boards of Ministry
- * building of mutually beneficial relationships, trust, and connection across the jurisdiction among the Boards of Ordained Ministry and seminaries.

Budget Impact to NCJ: None

NCJ Leadership Impact: Per paragraph 535, the NCJ Committee on Nominations is asked to name two Bishops from our Jurisdictional College. The Committee of Ordained Ministry would name three members-at-large to insure inclusivity.

Amendment: by Lonnie Chafin (*added at end of First Paragraph*) – without the requirement of funding from the NCJ, except at the discretion of the Mission Council.
Amendment was approved 137 – 10.

Amendment: by Margaret (Meg) Lassiat to have the number of At-Large Members to committee changed from three to four with at least two of these At-Large-Members being ordained Deacons. Amendment was approved 121 – 21.

Main Motion with Amendments was approved 139 – 12.