

### **Petition to General Conference**

#### **New Part II, ¶101 (Renumber Parts III, IV and V)**

The Book of Discipline reflects our Wesleyan way of serving Christ through doctrine and disciplined Christian life. We are a world-wide denomination united by doctrine, discipline and mission through the vehicle of connectionalism. Our Book of Discipline expresses that unity. While each central conference may make changes and adaptations to our Discipline to more fruitfully accomplish our mission in their contexts, some portions of our Discipline are not subject to adaptation. The following parts and paragraphs are not subject to change or adaptation except by action of the General Conference.

#### **Parts I-IV (new Parts I-V)**

1. Constitution ¶¶ 1-61
2. Doctrinal Standards and Our Theological Task ¶¶ 101-104
3. The Ministry of All Christians ¶¶ 120 – 142
4. Social Principles Preface, Preamble and ¶¶160 – 166

#### **Part V (new Part VI)**

5. The Local Church and Church Membership ¶¶200-205
  - a. The requirements, definition, and meaning of membership ¶¶214-242,
  - b. Local church organization ¶¶243-252, 259-260
6. Ministry of the Ordained ¶¶ 301-341, 343, 346-348, 353-369
  - a. Paragraphs 324.3 through 324.7 are not global**
7. The Superintendency ¶¶401-417, 419-435
8. The General and Central Conferences ¶¶501-11, 540-591
9. The Annual Conference ¶¶ 601-612.1, 631, 635, 657-658
10. Administrative Order
  - a. General provisions ¶¶ 701-723
  - b. GCFA ¶¶ 801-813, 817-818
  - c. Connectional Table ¶¶ 901-907
  - d. GBGM ¶¶ 1301-1327
  - e. GCAH ¶¶ 1701-1712
  - f. GCCUIC ¶¶ 1901-1906, 2401-2404
  - g. Committee on Faith and Order ¶¶1907-1912
  - h. Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters ¶2201
11. Church Property ¶¶ 2501–2512, 2524, 2532
12. Judicial Council ¶¶ 2601-2612, 2701-19

Addition to ¶335.(3) as a new (e): Annual Conference boards of ordained ministry outside the United States are empowered to set different educational standards for candidates for full conference membership and ordination as elders so long as they include courses in United Methodist history, doctrine, polity and evangelism.

Addition to ¶330.(3) as a new (d): Annual Conference boards of ordained ministry outside the United States are empowered to set different educational standards for candidates for full conference membership and ordination as deacons so long as they include courses in United Methodist history, doctrine, polity and evangelism.