

1 **11-A Resolution Calling for an Adjourned/Special Session of Annual**
2 **Conference**

3 *As per Baltimore-Washington Conference Rule Para. 3006.2.c, this resolution was reviewed by*
4 *the Conference Secretary and was found consistent with the current Book of Discipline.*

5 **Submitted by:** Rev. Debbie Scott, Pastor Lovely Lane UMC in Baltimore;
6 Phil Potter, National UMC in Washington UMC
7 John Strawbridge, Lay Leader, Lovely Lane UMC in Baltimore

8 **Whereas:** we have historically had one day adjourned (special) sessions of the Baltimore-
9 Washington Annual Conference to deal with specific agenda items (i.e. finance and budget); and

10 **Whereas:** we are all still trying to process the actions of the Special General Conference Feb.
11 2019 intended to find A Way Forward and the rulings of the Judicial Council April 2019 in
12 response to the constitutionality of the Traditional Plan as amended; and

13 **Whereas:** many conversations are being held across our denomination in response to the
14 decisions of this Special General Conference; and

15 **Whereas:** we often are not able to fully discuss legislation brought to annual conference because
16 of time constraints; and

17 **Whereas:** this is a critical period of discernment for all who affiliate with the Baltimore-
18 Washington Conference of The United Methodist Church, both lay and clergy; and

19 **Whereas:** it would be helpful for local churches within the bounds of our Annual Conference,
20 the Conference Trustees and the Conference Council on Finance and Administration to have
21 more time to make and implement plans for the future; therefore

22 **Be it resolved:** that in consultation with Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling the Baltimore-
23 Washington Annual Conference requests our bishop, in accordance with Par. 369.6 of the Book
24 of Discipline (“A special session of the annual conference may be held at such a time and at such
25 a place as the bishop shall determine...”) to call a one day special session of the Baltimore-
26 Washington Annual Conference no later than Nov. 16, 2019, (preferably a Saturday to facilitate
27 attendance for as many as possible) to fully understand options available to us and decisions we
28 might make as an annual conference and individual churches in response to the January 1, 2020,
29 anticipated implementation of policy established in St. Louis Feb. 2019 at the Special General
30 Conference; and

31 **Be it further resolved:** that additional legislation concerning these specific matters must be
32 received by the Conference Secretary by Oct. 7, 2019.

33 *The Connectional Table voted non-concurrence on this resolution.*