

1 **1-Resolution for a Common Table**

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

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5 **Conference Affiliation:** Interim Advocacy and Action Board, EcoJustice

6 **Financial implications** are minor. (Allergen-free bread is slightly more expensive.)

7 **Whereas:** our Communion liturgy states that “as there is one loaf, we are one in Christ;” and

8 **Whereas:** 5-10 percent of Americans suffer from some form of gluten sensitivity or worse,
9 celiac disease [<https://glutenintoleranceschool.com/gluten-intolerance-statistics/>] and 2 percent
10 of adults are allergic to milk, 1-2 percent are allergic to tree nuts or peanuts, and 0.4 percent are
11 allergic to egg; [<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamanetworkopen/fullarticle/2720064>]

12 **Whereas:** offering gluten-free Communion at only one or two stations can feel isolating,
13 degrading, or even shameful to people who suffer from this condition and does not address
14 concerns over other allergens at all;

15 **Be it resolved:** that every Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference, regional, and district event
16 that offers Communion shall offer only gluten-free, egg-free, dairy-free, nut-free bread so that all
17 may share in a common loaf without fear of cross contamination from allergens. This shall be
18 effective July 1, 2019.

19 *The Connectional Table voted concurrence on this resolution.*