

1 **13-Resolution on Conservation of Conference Ministry Funding**

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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7 Steering Committee

8 **Whereas:** the first general rule that John Wesley gave the people called Methodists mandates,
9 “doing no harm;” and

10 **Whereas:** The United Methodist Church has singled out LGBTQIA+ persons and those that
11 minister fully to them with particularly discriminatory and punitive measures; and

12 **Whereas:** much of the “Traditional Plan” passed by the Special Session of the General
13 Conference at its February 2019 meeting and upheld by the Judicial Council of The United
14 Methodist Church at its April meeting enhanced these punitive measures; and

15 **Whereas:** the passed and affirmed legislation known as the “Traditional Plan” also significantly
16 diminished the ability of bishops to address filed complaints singled out in the approved
17 legislation with anything less than a church trial; and

18 **Whereas:** the cost of conducting multiple church trials would significantly impact the ability of
19 the Baltimore-Washington Conference to continue its ministry “to inspire and equip local faith
20 communities to develop disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world;” therefore

21 **Be it resolved:** that we aspire that no Baltimore-Washington Conference funds or monies (either
22 directly through payments or indirectly through directed time of employees of the conference)
23 would be expended for the purpose of background investigations, complaints, just resolutions, or
24 church trials pertaining to LGBTQIA+ ordination and marriage.

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