

Resolution to Delay Implementation of One Voting Representative
per Committee or Ministry Team
and to Endorse Stability of Leadership for Start of 2025

Whereas, Belin Memorial United Methodist Church is in the South Carolina Annual Conference's Discernment Process regarding our relationship to the United Methodist denomination,

Whereas, the church's continued ministry and best discernment will be done prayerfully, calmly, and with the least amount of suspicion about people's motives,

Whereas, the Nominations and Leadership Team understands there will be heightened scrutiny about each potential new leader, a sense of hesitancy on the part of potential leaders as they await the conclusion of the Church Conference vote and decision about our denominational status, and that of particular concern will be the composition of the Church Council membership through the Church Conference vote,

Whereas, the vast majority of leaders are eligible to remain in their current positions into the new year, including all of the Church Council members,

Whereas, based on the *Book of Discipline* the leaders who are ineligible to continue in service in 2025 are the members of the Nominations and Leadership Team Class of 2024 who will, therefore, be excluded from the slate of nominees put before the November 12, 2024 Charge Conference,

Whereas, the May 6, 2024 Church Council adopted the rule that each committee or ministry team would have only one representative on the Council who has voice and vote, effective January 1, 2025,

Be it resolved, the Church Council delay the implementation of the rule that committees and ministry teams have only 1 representative with voice and vote on the Church Council from beginning January 1, 2025 to begin March 1, 2025,

And, be it further resolved that, the Church Council endorses the Nominations and Leadership Team's efforts to present a 2025 slate of leaders to the 2024 Charge Conference with as few changes in leadership as is practicable while fulfilling the requirements of the *Book of Discipline* for elected church leadership.

Presented by Chair Will Malambri and Vice-Chair Phillip Albergotti
on behalf of Belin Memorial UMC's Nominations and Leadership Team
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