Petitioner: Alaska United Methodist Conference
Representative: Carlo Rapanut, Conference Superintendent
Supporting Delegates: James M. Doepken, Jo Anne Hayden, Daniel Wilcox, Lonnie D. Brooks
Subject: Inclusion of Alaska within the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference

WHEREAS the Alaska United Methodist Conference (AUMC) has petitioned the 2020 General Conference for a discontinuation of its status as a missionary conference, and

WHEREAS The United Methodist churches of Alaska, along with the clergy who serve the conference and those churches will be left without formal affiliation upon such discontinuation without action by the Western Jurisdictional Conference, which has sole authority to establish the boundaries of its annual conferences and episcopal areas as provided in ¶¶27.4 and 40, and

WHEREAS The natural and cultural links between Alaska and Washington are historic and pervasive, and

WHEREAS The duly elected representatives of the United Methodists of Alaska have determined by vote in a special session of the AUMC that it is in the best interests of themselves, the Western Jurisdiction, and The United Methodist Church that they will be better served by Alaska’s becoming a mission district of another annual conference in the Western Jurisdiction, as provided in ¶513,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the AUMC hereby petitions the Western Jurisdictional Conference of 2020 to include the State of Alaska within the boundaries of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference.

Date: XXyy19

Signature of Petitioner

Identification of Petitioner
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