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## Legislative Report Consent Calendar

**2024 Annual Session**  
May 30 - June 1  
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# MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

## PROPOSED CONSENT CALENDAR

R#2024 - 4 Create an Exploratory Campus Ministry Fund Task Force

R#2024 - 5 Commitment to the People of Haiti

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## 2024 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS

**VOTING ITEM R#2024-4, pg 9 -- Create an Exploratory Campus Ministry Fund Task Force**

**Legislative Committee 1 -- Chair:** Rev. Jenaba Waggy      **Recorder:** Rev. Carol Freeland

**Amendment #1:** Lines 7 and 8, delete "presented for consideration and vote to the Annual Conference." and replace it with "presented to the Annual Conference. If a vote on the plan is necessary, it shall be presented for consideration and vote." Then on lines 10-11 strike "for consideration and vote."

**Action on amendment #1:** Yes – 136, No – 8 (*amendment passed*)

**Final Action:** Yes – 135 (95%) No - 7

**On Consent Calendar:** **YES**

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**VOTING ITEM R#2024-5, pg 11 -- Commitment to the People of Haiti**

**Legislative Committee 3 -- Chair:** Andy Wayne      **Recorder:** Kathy Pittenger

**Final Action:** Yes – 170 (95%) No -- 9

**On Consent Calendar:** **YES**

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**VOTING ITEM R#2024-6, pg 12 -- A Call for Peace with Justice in the Middle East**

**Legislative Committee 1 -- Chair:** Rev. Jenaba Waggy      **Recorder:** Rev. Carol Freeland

**Amendment #1:** Line 29, add a period after "Islamophobia." Move the remainder of the sentence to after "This can include" in the next sentence.

**Amendment #1A:** Add "recognizing" after "including" and delete "the celebration of"

**Action on Amendment #1A:** Yes – 130, No – 10 (*amendment passed*)

**Line 29-31 then would read** "Work toward eliminating Antisemitism and Islamophobia. This can include recognizing Jewish and Muslim holidays and the contributions of Jewish and Arab communities, including recognizing International

Holocaust Remembrance Week in January and Arab American Heritage Month each April.”

**Amendment #1B:** Replace “Jewish and Arab” with “Israeli and Arabic”

**Action on Amendment #1B:** Yes - 33, **No – 102** (*amendment failed*)

**Amendment #1C:** Delete everything after “Work toward eliminating Antisemitism and Islamophobia.”

**Action on Amendment #1C:** **Yes - 129**, No -- 9 (*amendment passed*)

**Line 29-31 then would read** “Work toward eliminating Antisemitism and Islamophobia.”

**Action on Amended Amendment #1:** Not taken

~~**Amendment #2:** Line 18, Add a new sentence after first sentence “In addition, we urge a letter of such support be sent to Benjamin Netanyahu explaining our position.”~~

~~**Action on Amendment #2:** Yes - 33 **No - 107** (*amendment failed*)~~

**Final Action on Amended Resolution:** **Yes – 106 (75%)**, No - 35

**On Consent Calendar:** No

## VOTING ITEM R#2024-7, pg 13 -- Call for Two States in Israel and Palestine

**Legislative Committee 2 -- Chair:** Rev. Doug McMunn

**Recorder:** Chris Daley

~~**Amendment #1:** At the beginning of the resolution the following should be added:~~

~~“The Michigan United Methodist Annual Conference publicly supports the efforts of Christians in the Holy Land who seek to help their neighbors understand their shared heritage and to act for peace. We condemn the harm caused by the Israeli National Government’s political and military occupation and the resulting Apartheid conditions imposed on Palestinians in the Occupied Territories.”~~

~~—AND~~

~~Line 11 before the word "and" add the words "13 Congressional representatives."~~

~~**Action on amendment #1:** Yes – 40, **No – 135** (*amendment failed*)~~

**Amendment #2:** Lines 6, 15, and 22 – delete the words “the only” and replace with “a way to create a”

**Action on amendment #2:** **Yes – 167**, No – 8 (*amendment passed*)

**Amendment #3:** Add to line 26:

~~“Finally, we resolve that until lasting efforts toward peace are made, the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church will no longer support, advertise, or encourage Holy Land excursions, including but not limited to those trips promoted by and offered through Educational Opportunities Tours.”~~

~~**Action on amendment #3:** Yes – 56, **No – 108** (*amendment failed*)~~

**Amendment #4:** Line 14 – delete the word “aggressive” and replace with “diplomatic”  
**Action on amendment #2:** Yes – 156, No – 12 (*amendment passed*)

**Final Action on Amended Resolution:** Yes – 145 (85%) No - 25  
**On Consent Calendar:** No

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**VOTING ITEM R#2024-8, pg 14 -- Condemning Apartheid in Palestine and Israel**

**Legislative Committee 4 -- Chair:** Andy Wayne

**Recorder:** Kathy Pittenger

**Final Action:** Yes – 84 No – 91 (52%)  
**On Consent Calendar:** No

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**VOTING ITEM R#2024-9, pg 15 -- Witnessing and Voting for Civility, Compassion, and Democracy in 2024**

**Legislative Committee 3 -- Chair:** Diane Brown

**Recorder:** Ruth Sutton

**Amendment #1:** Line 24, insert “nonpartisan” at the end of the line; AND Line 25, delete the words “and political parties”

**Action on amendment #1:** Yes – 152, No – 23 (*amendment passed*)

**Amendment #2:** Delete lines 27 through 43

**Amendment #2A:** Restore Line 27 and add at the end of line 27 “based on historic United Methodist teachings, Scripture, and the 2020/2024 Revised Social Principles.”

**Action on Amendment #2A:** Yes – 97, No – 72 (*amendment passed*)

**Action on Amended Amendment #2:** Yes – 149, No – 20 (*amendment passed*)

**Amendment #3:** ~~Delete lines 9 and 10~~

**Action on amendment #3:** Yes – 49, No – 115 (*amendment failed*)

**Editorial change:** Line 25, replace “League for Women Voters” with “League of Women Voters”

**FINAL AMENDED RESOLUTION:**

Lines 5 through 22 as printed in the 2024 Voting Items booklet

Line 24 and follows to read:

**“We urge Michigan United Methodists and friends to participate in Get Out the Vote (GOTV) with nonpartisan organizations such as the League of Women Votes, the NAACP.**

**“We urge Michigan United Methodists and U.S. citizens to ask nonpartisan questions to evaluate candidates based on historic United Methodist teachings, Scripture, and the 2020/2024 Revised Social Principles.”**

**Final Action on Amended Resolution: Yes – 144 (84%) No - 27**  
**On Consent Calendar: No**

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**VOTING ITEM R#2024-10, pg 16 – 2025 Minimum Salary Schedule**

**Legislative Committee 4 -- Chair:** Rev. Doug McMunn      **Recorder:** Rev. Carol Freeland

**Editorial Changes:** Line 45 – change “1%” to “2%”. Also in the chart, Full member section, year 3 2025 should be \$51,338.

**Amendment #1:** Add “That the recommended salaries for local pastors in 2025 be increased yearly over years 3 through 10 so that the percentage recommended salary increases as a percentage of a full member from 86% in year 3 to 95% in year 10.”

**Amendment #1A:** Motion to refer amendment to the Commission on Equitable Compensation.

**Action on motion to refer amendment #1: Yes – 99, No -- 68**

**Amendment #2:** Motion to refer entire resolution to the Commission on Equitable Compensation with a report to the 2024 Annual Conference

**Final Action to refer: Yes – 166 (97%), No – 6**  
**On Consent Calendar: No**

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**VOTING ITEM LATE, pg 18 – Update on Training for Active Clergy, Conference Staff, and District Staff**

**Legislative Committee 4 -- Chair:** Rev. Diane Brown      **Recorder:** Ruth Sutton

**Amendment #1:** Line 9, replace “July 1, 2024” with “Dec. 31, 2024” and “Dec. 31, 2024” with “Dec. 31, 2025”

Therefore, Line 9 would read “first module should be completed by **Dec. 31, 2024**, and the second by Dec. 31, **2025**.”

**Action on amendment #1: Yes – 94 (54%), No – 80 (*amendment passed*)**

**Final Action on Amended Resolution: Yes – 162 (92%), No – 14**  
**On Consent Calendar: No**

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