

Appendix

According to Roberts Rules Section 16 and 17 provide that the chair may rule a motion out of order if it is not clear. Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi has consistently ruled that inaccurate information renders a motion unclear. While this information was originally presented to the makers of the motion in great detail and in summary to the Annual Conference, it was not used in the consequential Decision of Law. The following are the inaccurate/incomplete “Whereas” statements contained in Petition 73:

Page 443, line 32: The funding status referred to in this line is based on actuarial valuations. ¶2553 requires market valuations which is a more conservative valuation. Using this more conservative methodology, required in ¶2553, the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference is actually underfunded in its pension obligations.

Page 443, lines 33-42: The information in this lines is incomplete as they refer to the actuarial valuations which are required to be reported to the Annual Conference each year. These figures, however, are different than the market valuations that are required to be used in ¶2553.

Page 443, lines 43-45: This information is incomplete. The principle of the Benefits Reserve Fund has not been used. The income from this fund has been used to subsidize the cost of health care and benefits for Conference Staff. The net effect of this action is that the cost to the local church (i.e. their annual conference apportionment) is reduced.

Page 444, lines 1-4: The information in these lines is incomplete. The 2021 Pensions Report comments on our our ability to meet current year funding requirements on an actuarial basis. It does not comment on our ability to meet future requirements on an actuarial basis.

Page 444, lines 5-10: The information in these lines is incorrect. The funds referred to in these lines are not from the Benefits Reserve Fund. They are from undesignated funds that are under the discretion of the Conference Board of Pensions.

Page 444, lines 11-12: This information in these lines is incorrect. Proceeds from the sale of closed and abandoned churches are handled in accordance to *The Book of Discipline*. They have not been used to subsidize Conference Staff.

Page 444, lines 13-14: see note for Page 443, line 32.

Page 444, lines 15-17: This information in incomplete. The Conference Board of Trustees has not published a process because they have not added any additional terms or conditions other than those outlined in ¶2553. Paragraph 2553 is the process.

In addition, to the above, “Therefore be it resolved” statements b,c,f,g,h, and i are simply a recounting of ¶2553. Annual Conference rule 2.3.8.3 states “No proposed resolution or petition which seeks, in substance, conference approval of any provision of *The Book of Discipline* or *The Book of Resolutions*, shall be considered or acted upon by any legislative section, nor by the conference. The Conference Sessions Team may determine whether a proposed resolution or petition violates this rule and if it does so, such determination shall be noted in the first Daily Journal, published for a conference session, or such may be raised by any members on a point of order. Any appeal from a determination shall be made without debate by the President.”