



UNITED METHODISTS OF GREATER NEW JERSEY

Reopen General and Jurisdictional Delegate Nomination Process

Whereas every four years the GNJ Annual Conference elects General and Jurisdictional Conference Delegates to represent GNJ to develop policies for the church and elect new bishops; and

Whereas we will be electing new delegates at the May 2019 Annual Conference Session for the 2020 General and Jurisdictional Conferences; and

Whereas we invite nominations ahead of annual conference so that biographical materials and statements may be distributed by GNJ prior to annual conference so that those voting may make informed choices; and

Whereas the Book of Discipline Paragraph 502(a) says "Annual conferences are urged to seek inclusiveness in the election of delegates" and GNJ has a tradition of sending delegations that reflect the racial/ethnic, gender, and age diversity of our conference; and

Whereas we did not receive sufficient nominations to elect a full delegation and there was one ethnic group that did not have any nominees, another that had only one nominee, and women were under represented; and

Whereas this is the first time this has occurred in memory;

Therefore be it resolved, to suspend the rules and extend the nomination period until March 31, 2019 so that we allow for additional nominations and the members of the annual conference can receive information about each nominee prior to voting for our 2020 delegation.

Submitted by:

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