

Additional Action Item wc211 for the 2021 Wisconsin Annual Conference Session

On Friday, June 18, 2021, near the end of the Afternoon Plenary Session, Rev. Kevin Dembinski, an Elder in Full Connection in the Wisconsin Conference serving at Bay View United Methodist Church in Milwaukee, was recognized to speak by Bishop Jung. Dembinski made the following motion:

“I call that we suspend Rules 2.3.4 so that a new resolution can be brought forth to our agenda tomorrow called “Culture of Call Resolution.””

The motion to suspend Conference Rule 2.3.4 for the sole purpose of considering this one additional resolution was variously seconded. It was approved by more than the required two-thirds majority.

The motion is in compliance with Conference Session Rule E3, which was approved earlier in the day.

In compliance with these rules, the new “Culture of Call Resolution,” is properly before the Annual Conference, and will be considered on Saturday, June 19, 2021 once the regular business of the annual conference has been completed, providing that there is time to consider this item before the Ordination Service, which is the Order of the Day scheduled at 4:00 p.m.

The text of this additional resolution, which has been designated **Action Item wc111**, is below.

Kevin Rice Myers, Conference Secretary

June 18, 2021

Action Item wc111: Culture of Call Resolution

Submitted by: Rev. Kevin Dembinski

Conference Action:

Whereas we are in a clergy crisis of not having enough clergy serving our local churches and ministry settings in the Wisconsin Annual Conference,

Whereas all leaders on Conference level and relationship in addition to local church laity leadership are called to represent God's people and guide all in the understanding of The United Methodist Church,

Therefore be it resolved that The Wisconsin Annual Conference make a commitment of being intentional in clergy recruitment and development within the next year.

I applaud our Bishop and Cabinet for their hard work in current clergy recruitment. Therefore, **be it further resolved** that the Conference Bishop and Cabinet make known their recruitment efforts through the means of appropriate communication tools to members of the Annual Conference to celebrate in creating a call culture.

Be it further resolved that all clergy serving in The Wisconsin Annual Conference also create a culture of call through creative means appropriate to each ministry setting by the time of our next Annual Conference in 2022. We will gather in 2022 and celebrate stories of God's call and how it has evolved because of our intentionality.