

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DECISION 1235

IN RE: Request for a Declaratory Decision from Persons in the Northern Nigeria Annual Conference and the Southern Nigeria Annual Conference as to the Meaning, Effect, and Application of ¶ 405 in the Election Process of the West Africa Central Conference

DIGEST

The Judicial Council does not have jurisdiction. Only those bodies authorized by the *Discipline* to make petitions to the Judicial Council may seek declaratory decisions.

Oswald Tweh recused himself and took no part in this decision.

Beth Capen and Ruben Reyes were absent. Sandra Lutz, first lay alternate, and Warren Plowden, fifth lay alternate, participated in this decision.

April 20, 2013