

SUBJECT TO FINAL EDITING

THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MEMORANDUM NO. 1381

In Re: Review of a Bishop’s Ruling on a Question of Law in the Upper New York Annual Conference Regarding Whether the Adopted Resolution, *A Call for Structural Change*, Attempts to Negate, Ignore or Violate The Book of Discipline.

During the 2019 regular session of the Upper New York Annual Conference, the annual conference adopted a resolution pursuant to which a question of law was asked. The Judicial Council is unable to ascertain specifically that which occurred without the official record. We take this opportunity to reiterate the responsibility of the Secretary of the Annual Conference as enunciated in JCD 799: “Question of law shall be entered in the Annual Conference journal record as an exact statement of the questions and the ruling of the bishop by the secretary of the Annual Conference and properly submitted to the Judicial Council [¶ 2609.6].”

We, therefore, defer further consideration pending the receipt of the official record from the Secretary. The Secretary of the Annual Conference is directed to provide to the Secretary of the Judicial Council a copy of the official record within thirty days of this memorandum.

DIGEST

Deferred to Spring 2020 Session

Lidia Romao Gulele was absent.

Warren Plowden, first lay alternate, participated in this decision.

November 1, 2019

[Read Docket 1019-8](http://s3.amazonaws.com/Website_Properties/who-we-are/judicial-council/judicial-council-dockets/docket-1019-08.pdf)

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Reiterating and specifying that which was set forth in this Council's Memorandum 1381, within thirty [30] days of the date of this Memorandum, the Secretary of the Upper New York Annual Conference is directed to provide to the Secretary of the Judicial Council the following official records:

the official Minutes contained in the Daily Proceedings of the 2019 Upper New York Annual Conference Journal;

the section of the Journal that contains the official record of the Resolutions that were adopted during the 2019 Annual Conference session;

the Secretary's certification of the Minutes and official record contained in the 2019 Annual Conference Journal (Certificate of Conference Proceedings);

the section of the Journal that contains any requests for decisions of law, the Bishop's rulings on said requests, and any other decisions of law made by the Bishop.

DIGEST

Deferred to the next interim session of the Judicial Council, with instructions for the Upper New York Annual Conference Secretary to submit to the Secretary of the Judicial Council, within thirty [30] days of the date of this Memorandum, the official records of the 2019 Upper New York Annual Conference, including those specified in this Memorandum.

May 5, 2021

[Read Docket 0420-6](https://www.umc.org/-/media/umc-media/2020/01/29/18/03/0420-06d.ashx)

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