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Our first voting guide had some mistakes. (Turns out this stuff is super complicated.)

Instead of pretending it didn't happen, we're owning it and telling you that we're sorry.

But we've tried to make it easier on you by printing a whole new guide.

Please recycle the other one.

CORRECTED VOTING GUIDE

GUIDE DE VOTE CORRIGÉE

GUIA DE VOTAÇÃO CORRIGIDA

Petition	Title and Description	Support?
60016	Candidates with Disabilities: Would bar disabilities from being a disqualifying characteristic for candidates for provisional membership.	YES
60027	Complainant as Party to Just Resolution: In a complaint, complainants must state harm, and every effort shall be made to have them agree to the resolution, no matter the stage in the process.	YES
60028	Definition of Just Resolution: Must amend. Includes requirement to pledge not to do it again but otherwise includes quite helpful language.	NO, unless amended
60034	African American Methodist Heritage Center	YES
60036	Sustainable and Responsible Investments: This petition by the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits addresses the Socially Responsible Investment guidelines in Discipline para. 717. Eliminates language on avoiding objectionable investments and divestment. Does not include screens for petroleum, coal, natural gas or private correctional facilities. Minority report retains original language of para. 717; adds: "It shall be... sweatshop or forced labor, gambling," private correctional facilities "or the production of" petroleum, coal, natural gas, "nuclear armaments..." If minority report fails, add the above language as amendment.	NO. Please support minority report. If minority report fails, bring amendment.
60038	Investment Ethics: GBOPHB petition that would water down socially responsible investment principles, making them worse than present language. Removes socially responsible investment screens from the Book of Resolutions. They remain in the discipline, except for private prisons (this would make it easier for GBOPHB to invest in private prisons).	NO
60047	UMC and the Sand Creek Massacre	YES
60073	Safety	YES
60107	Native American Comprehensive Plan	YES
60109	Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st Century	YES
60111	Affirmative Action	YES
60113	AC Commissions on Religion and Race	YES
60115	Purpose and Responsibilities of GCORR	YES
60116	Rights of Racial and Ethnic Persons	YES
60119	Ongoing Acts of Repentance	YES
60121	Opposition to Racial Profiling in the U.S.	YES
60122	Opposition to White Privilege in the U.S.	YES

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60124	Responsibilities for Eradication of Racism in the U.S.	YES
60160	Fiscal Malfeasance	YES
60163	Inclusiveness of Gender and Age: Seeks equity of men and women throughout the Church and adds language about marital status, age, ability or disability.	YES
60164	Pornography: Adds a social principle on pornography. There may be an amendment supported by COSROW; if so, please support it.	YES
60165	Functions of AC COSROW	YES
60198	End Coalition Support: Encourages General Board of Global Ministries to end its involvement in the U.S. Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation.	NO
60241	Prejudice Against Muslims and Arabs	YES
60246	Environmental Racism in the US	YES
60249	Responsible Parenthood: Important, well-researched and reasoned legislation from the United Methodist Women and supported by MARCHA, designed to support women's health and justice. It was amended weaker but still supportable and was defeated by a narrow margin.	YES
60258	Privatization	YES
60259	Public Education and the Church	YES
60261	Environmental Health: Creates a comprehensive new resolution that speaks out against the use of harmful chemicals and requires the church to educate itself and others, and "provide for the safety and health of persons in their meeting spaces and work places."	YES
60263	Stop Criminalizing Communities of Color in the United States	YES
60272	Ecclesiastical Support	YES
60274	Comprehensive Plan for Africa: Would have the Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters create a comprehensive plan for the numbers and boundaries of central conferences and episcopal areas in Africa, with a proposal to come in 2020 that would increase episcopal areas from 13 to 18. Proposal 60566 would be an exception to this plan. We support both petitions even though they are in tension with one another.	YES
60310	Resourcing Black Churches in Urban Communities	YES
60317	Global Migration and the Quest for Justice	YES
60318	Holy Land Tours	YES
60329	UM Committee on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministries: Will continue the UM Committee on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministries, which is funded by GBGM.	YES

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60330	Asian American Language Ministry Plan: These are one of the top priorities of the racial/ethnic caucuses this year. These plans are key to The UMC's efforts to be in ministry in communities of color, and they are the anchors of our ministries in the growing segments of the U.S. population. All passed unanimously.	YES
60331	Korean Ministry Plan: These are one of the top priorities of the racial/ethnic caucuses this year. These plans are key to The UMC's efforts to be in ministry in communities of color, and they are the anchors of our ministries in the growing segments of the U.S. population. All passed unanimously.	YES
60332	National Plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministry: These are one of the top priorities of the racial/ethnic caucuses this year. These plans are key to The UMC's efforts to be in ministry in communities of color, and they are the anchors of our ministries in the growing segments of the U.S. population. All passed unanimously.	YES
60333	Pacific Islander Ministry Plan: These are one of the top priorities of the racial/ethnic caucuses this year. These plans are key to The UMC's efforts to be in ministry in communities of color, and they are the anchors of our ministries in the growing segments of the U.S. population. All passed unanimously.	YES
60379	Provisions for Administrative Location During Voluntary Leave of Absence	NO
60384	Readmission after Honorable or Administrative Location	NO
60396	Energy Policy Statement	YES
60403	Welcoming the Migrant to the US: Updates statistics on migrant deaths, calls for us to welcome newly arriving immigrants into local congregations, and affirms that legislative change is needed in the United States in order to prevent more deaths. Calls for a legal route to citizenship for all undocumented migrants and an end to for-profit detention centers.	YES
60408	Global Living Wage Model	YES
60412	Right to Privacy	YES
60445	A Call for Faithful Lending Practices	YES
60446	A Call for Just Tax Structures	YES

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60448	Caring for Creation: A Call to Stewardship and Justice: Combines Resolutions 1026, 1023, 1027, 1030, and 4059. The consolidated resolution would assert a call to stewardship of creation, assert the facts of environmental degradation, summarize the history of creation care in the Wesleyan movement, express the current beliefs of the Methodist church on this issue, and state various commitments that the Church has made.	YES
60449	Climate Change and the Church	YES
60451	Global Health and Rights: Eradicating Sexual and Gender-based Violence: Good resolution. Mentions gender identity. Mentions HIV. Should be amended to be stronger with respect to LGBTQ youth concerns.	YES
60452	Our Call to End Gun Violence	YES
60463	Criminal Justice	YES
60469	Health Care for All in the United States: Resolution to be amended to update content to reflect changes in health-care delivery in the U.S. during the previous quadrennium.	YES
60471	Global Debt Crisis A Call for Jubilee	YES
60472	Korea: Peace, Justice and Reunification	YES
60473	Globalization and Its Impact on Human Dignity and Human Rights	YES
60477	The United Methodist Church and Peace	YES
60478	Philippines: Democratic Governance, Human Rights and the Peace Process	YES
60566	Additional Bishop in the Congo Central Conference: Would create a new episcopal area in the Congo Central Conference, going from 4 to 5. This would be an exception to the plan outlined in 60274. We support both petitions even though they are in tension with each other.	YES
60568	Elections: Would constitutionally mandate that GC delegate elections allow nominations from the floor and require a minimum of a simple majority.	YES
60614	Supplemental Ministries: Undermines UMW. Churches are already free to create any groups that they would like, including men's and women's groups, without needing "encouragement" to do so.	NO, please support minority report

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60646	Reduce Inappropriate Medical Disclosure and Discrimination – Honorable/Administrative Location: Replaces the health form with a letter from a physician, eliminating the high potential for confidential information to be disclosed in violation of the individual's privacy in relation to readmission from honorable or administrative location. This will make it hard to block persons from readmission for sensitive diagnoses.	YES
60647	Reduce Inappropriate Medical Disclosure and Discrimination – Involuntary Retirement: Replaces the health form with a letter from a physician, eliminating the high potential for confidential information to be disclosed in violation of the individual's privacy in relation to readmission from honorable or administrative location. This will make it hard to block persons with sensitive diagnoses.	YES
60700	UM Seminary Accessibility	YES
60710	Global Climate Stewardship: Amends the Social Principles in Discipline para 160.D to add call for United Methodist entities to exclude coal, petroleum and natural gas companies from their financial investments, and to reinvest in sustainable energy. Committee amendment is fine.	YES. Support the original petition, not the minority report.
60725	Update of Language	YES
60738	Clarification of Intent and Link to ¶ 2544	YES
60777	Equal Rights: Must amend to delete support for ex-gay conversion therapy.	NO, unless amended
60795	Justice and Law: Would put us on record within the Social Principles/BOD speaking to legal persecution of LGBT persons. UMC to work against anti-gay laws and violence.	YES
60804	Just Resolution: Mandatory one year suspension for all admitted chargeable offenses.	NO
60805	Complaints Against Bishops: Mandatory one year suspension for all resolutions to chargeable offenses.	NO
60806	Just Resolution: Referred to Judicial Council. Mandatory one year suspension for all chargeable offenses when resolved in judicial process. LYNC opposes all forms of special mandatory discrimination against LGBTQI people.	NO
60807	Just Resolution: Referred to Judicial Council. Mandatory one year suspension for all chargeable offenses when resolved in judicial process. LYNC opposes all forms of special mandatory discrimination against LGBTQI people.	NO

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60811	Disaffiliation: This is a schismatic proposal that would allow churches to leave the denomination with their assets if they have a 2/3 vote.	NO, support minority report
60837	Withdraw from Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice	NO
60838	Deletion: Deleting support of Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice.	NO
60839	Responsibilities of S/PPRC: Seeks to add nondiscrimination protections for lay staff. Committee dropped gender identity and sexual orientation from the list. Minority report will add them back in.	YES, but minority report is stronger
60841	Reducing Harm for LGBTQ Children and Youth: Amend to restore first two paragraphs.	YES, with amendment
60855	Establish a Screen to Remove and Avoid Investments in Illegal Settlements: Amend petition by substituting for its entirety: “The United Methodist Church commends its General Board of Pension and Health Benefits for developing investment policies that address human rights violations around the world. The United Methodist Church likewise encourages heeding the call of indigenous peoples, indigenous Christians and United Methodist mission personnel to oppose injustice in all places of oppression, and to seriously consider using non-violent economic means when appropriate and effective. The United Methodist Church opposes all efforts by governments to suppress legitimate means by which churches can non-violently resist violations of human and civil rights.”	YES
60860	Saying No to Violence in Middle East Conflict: Seek to delete current resolution and replace with one on just resolution.	NO
60871	United States–Mexico Border	YES
60873	Covenant Relationships in Multi-Ethnic and Multi-Language Settings	YES
60874	Holistic Strategy on Latin America and the Caribbean: A Special Program as per ¶ 703.10 to address critical needs in the Latin America/Caribbean region and To respond to the missional opportunities that are present there.	YES
60875	Lift the US Embargo of Cuba	YES

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60876	Violence Against Children in Latin America and the Caribbean: Amend “be it further resolved” with “it is strongly encouraged”	YES
60877	Political Status of Puerto Rico	YES
60878	US Policy in Vieques	YES
60879	Petitions to General Conference: Would give concordat churches right to petition GC; they already have delegates with voice and vote. Supported by MARCHA.	YES
60911	Administrative Review Process	YES
60971	Release Puerto Rican Political Prisoner: Oscar Lopez-Rivera	YES
61040	Removes harmful language a the footnote of ¶ 310.2(d).	YES

On the Upcoming Plan: We Wait for Our Bishops to Lead

Friends,

By now many of us have heard through word of mouth about a plan originating from behind-the-scenes meetings with United Methodist leaders from across the political spectrum. It may be coming before the body sometime this week. LYNC **will not take a position** on this plan until it is brought forth by the Council of Bishops. We will wait for the details to be made publicly available and for our bishops to take the lead.

Until then, we will **continue with the positions and actions** that we have planned. Our commitment to justice and love is not changing. No matter what happens, we will still be here for the people on the margins.

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