

ANNUAL CONFERENCE
PETITION TO THE 2006 ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE
GENERAL CONFERENCE 2008

TITLE: APPOINTMENT-MAKING RESPONSIBILITY

2004 BOOK OF DISCIPLINE REFERENCE: 430.1

ACTION TO BE VOTED ON:

1 ----The concept of itinerancy is important, and sensitive attention should be given in appointing
2 clergy with physical challenges to responsibilities and duties that meet their gifts and graces.
3 Special attention should be given to clergy when there are family members with physical or
4 mental challenges. ----

NOTE: UNDERLINE WORDS ARE ADDITION TO CURRENT STATEMENT

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RATIONALE: Not debatable

5 Clergy and/or their families that have physical challenges have extraordinary health care needs
6 and expenses. Special attention should be given to ensuring that there is sensitivity to their
7 unique needs. When a clergy is appointed to a new charge, his or her spouse is appointed by
8 marriage. Clergy appointments that are in a new community may result in the loss of a spouse's
9 employment and interruption of care and support services. Not only does the spouse have to seek
10 new employment but services for the physically challenged must also start over. Until those
11 services and supports are back in place, the family could be faced with a heavy financial burden.