

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

TITLE: ANNUAL CONFERENCE, POWER AND DUTIES

2004 BOOK OF DISCIPLINE REFERENCE: 604.1

ACTION TO BE VOTED ON:

1 **Powers and Duties-1.** The annual conference, for its own government, may adopt rules and
2 regulations not in conflict with the Discipline of the United Methodist Church: provided that in
3 exercise of its powers, each annual conference shall act in all respects in harmony with the policy
4 of the United Methodist Church with respect to elimination of discrimination. In instances where
5 discrimination is apparent, alleged or suspected the annual conference shall conduct a complete
6 investigation. Particular attention and ongoing monitoring should be part of a cross-racial
7 appointment.

NOTE: UNDERLINE WORDS ARE ADDITIONS TO CURRENT STATEMENT

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RATIONALE: Not debatable

8 This petition is to allow the bishop, cabinet and church the authority to ensure that churches,
9 institutions and other entities within the boundaries of the annual conference are in compliance
10 with the United Methodist policy regarding discrimination in order to strengthen the likelihood of
11 successful cross-racial appointments. In cases where there are suspicions or verified acts of
12 discrimination that will put a clergy or family in harms way, an immediate investigation should
13 be activated by the conference. If acts of discrimination are substantiated, United Methodist
14 Church resources should be immediately accessed and utilized, i.e., the Commission on Religion
15 and Race.

