

Report of Focus Session #1 • May 28, 2026

Chairperson: Rev. Damian Carruthers (Petitions #1-9, 15, 16) & Stephanie Henry (Petition #10)

Consent Calendar

For an item to be placed on the consent calendar, it needs 90% or more support from members of the Focus Session.

Report #1 - PCH Petition #1 - "Minimum Compensation"

Action: Concurrence | Consent Calendar? Yes
Affirmative: 145 (97.97%) Negative: 3

Report #2 - PCH Petition #2 - "Disability Benefits"

Action: Concurrence | Consent Calendar? Yes
Affirmative: 146 (98.65%) Negative: 2

Report #3 - PCH Petition #3 - "Moving Allowance"

Action: Concurrence | Consent Calendar? Yes
Affirmative: 147 (100.00%) Negative: 0

Report #4 - PCH Petition # 4 - "Past Service Pension Rate"

Action: Concurrence | Consent Calendar? Yes
Affirmative: 143 (96.62%) Negative: 5

Report #5 - PCH Petition # 5 - "Retirement Annuity Responsibility"

Action: Concurrence | Consent Calendar? Yes
Affirmative: 150 (100.00%) Negative: 0

Report #6 - PCH Petition # 6 - "Retirement Grants"

Action: Concurrence | Consent Calendar? Yes
Affirmative: 151 (100.00%) Negative: 0

Report #9 - PCH Petition # 9 - "Task Force to Explore Benefits for Deacons, Deaconesses, and Home Missioners" - *Petition Amended - See Recommendations Document*

Action: Concurrence | Consent Calendar? Yes
Affirmative: 130 (90.91%) Negative: 13

Items for Individual Action

Report #7 - PCH Petition # 7 - "Aberdeen UMC Closure"

Action: Concurrence | Consent Calendar? No
Affirmative: 145 (97.97%) Negative: 3

Report #8 - PCH Petition # 8 - "Seattle: Magnolia UMC Closure"

Action: Concurrence | Consent Calendar? No
Affirmative: 141 (96.58%) Negative: 5

Report #16 - PCH Petition #16 - "Funding Request for the Church Council of Greater Seattle"

Petition Amended - See Recommendations Document

Action: Concurrence | Consent Calendar? No
Affirmative: 78 (56.12%) Negative: 61



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Other Actions

Report #15 - PCH Petition #15 - "Proposed 2027 Budget"

Petition tabled pending report due by June 19, 2026

Affirmative: 94 (69.12%) Negative: 42

The petition will be considered at the 2026 AC Session.

It was requested that CF&A provide missional justification for the following line items:

- Episcopal Line 18, Personnel Line 4: A change for CIM to FTE, \$58,500
- Personnel Line 6: +\$14k in "other expenses"
- Personnel Line 10: \$10k plus another \$12k from 'other funding'
- Personnel Line 16: an additional \$100k for DS housing
- Office of CM, Line 3: additional \$15k to salaries
- Office of CM, Line 9: by comparison, only \$5k to ethnic ministries staff
- Office of CM, Line 16: "other staffing salaries"; an additional \$15k

Report #10 - PCH Petition # 10 - "Reimagining Apportionments"

Petition referred to CF&A and the petition writers

Affirmative: 79 (56.03%) Negative: 62

This is the recommendation from the Focus Session; members will have the opportunity to consider the recommendation during plenary.

Motion to Refer Petition # 10 to CFA - Full Language

I move to refer this rule change to CFA for a study of moving to an expense-based apportionment system, with a detailed proposal coming to the 2027 Annual Conference. The study needs to address the implementation of such a plan, the impact on local churches of all sizes, and protect local ministries and annual conference budgets

This discernment should include:

- The experience of other conferences in moving to this type of formula
- An implementation plan to minimize impact on local churches
- Administrative efficiencies - training for Local churches
- Details for each local church on how it impacts them
- Providing assumptions made in arriving at a new plan
- Engagement with a variety of stakeholders

CFA would welcome the writers to take part in the study team to meet these and other goals and ensure a smooth and transparent transition to a well-developed plan.

Report of Focus Session #2 • May 29, 2026

Chairperson: Keith Skore

Consent Calendar

For an item to be placed on the consent calendar, it needs 90% or more support from members of the Focus Session.

Report #12 - PCH Petition #12 - "Conference Advance Specials"

Action: Concurrence | Consent Calendar? Yes

Affirmative: 125 (92.59%) Negative: 10

Report #14 - PCH Petition #14 - "Feast of Creation Celebration"

Action: Concurrence | Consent Calendar?

Affirmative: 122 (96.06%) Negative: 5

Items for Individual Action

Report #11 - PCH Petition #11 - "Prioritizing Deaconesses and Home Missioners"

Action: Concurrence | Consent Calendar? No

Affirmative: 115 (87.12%) Negative: 17

Report #13 - PCH Petition #13 - "Solidarity with War-Affected Communities"

Action: Non-Concurrence | Consent Calendar? No

Negative: 72 (56.25%) Affirmation: 56



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