

Petitions to the 2025 Pacific Northwest Annual Conference

This document replicates an online form used by the PNW Office of Connectional Ministries to process petitions for consideration at the regular annual conference session.

Find and use this form online: <https://surveymonkey.com/r/PNWpetitions2025>

Recommendations, petitions, and proposals shall be presented to the Annual Conference in the form of Resolutions without "Whereas" clauses. Such Resolutions may be accompanied by an explanatory statement which shall not be subject to action by the Conference. 2024 PNW Conf. Journal, Section F, Rule V, Sec. 2. The deadline for submission is April 15.

Resolutions submitted by this date will be reviewed by the Director of Connectional Ministries for appropriate next steps.

Organizations, ministers and lay members of The United Methodist Church in the Pacific Northwest Conference may submit a petition.



The following information is required to submit legislation.

1. Sponsor/Spokesperson

*First & Last Name: _____

*Phone: _____

*Email: _____

2. Organization being Represented (if applicable)

3. Suggested Title of Proposed Resolution or Action

4. This resolution is (select one)

- A new resolution
- A renewal of an existing resolution (no or minor revisions)
- A major revision of an existing resolution
A replacement of an existing resolution (rewritten)

5. The Proposed Resolution or Action (paste below or attach)

6. Explanatory Statement (optional):

7. Attach any additional supporting documents here

Only PDF, DOC, DOCX, PNG, JPG, JPEG, and GIF files are supported.

8. Attach Resolution and Explanatory Statement

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PNW Conference Rules regarding petitions to annual conference

Sec. 2. Recommendations, Petitions, and Proposals

- a) Recommendations, petitions, and proposals shall be presented to the Annual Conference in the form of resolutions without “Whereas” clauses. Such resolutions may be accompanied by an explanatory statement which shall not be subject to action by the Conference. They shall be submitted on forms provided online and on paper by the Office of Connectional Ministries.
- b) Any organization, minister or lay member of The United Methodist Church in the Pacific Northwest Conference may petition the Annual Conference by sending a petition to the Conference Director of Connectional Ministries for assignment to Focus Sessions.
- c) Recommendations, proposals, and petitions (including those for changes in the Conference Rules) to be considered at the forthcoming Annual Conference shall be submitted through the Conference Director of Connectional Ministries by April 15th, and shall be included in the Pre-Conference Handbook. Recommendations for proposals and petitions resulting from situations whose late development prevented consideration by April 15th, according to the determination of the Conference Director of Connectional Ministries, may be submitted up to ten days prior to the Conference and, when accepted, shall be distributed in the registration packet. The decision of the Director of Connectional Ministries may be appealed to the Bishop. The Director of Connectional Ministries shall assign the recommendations, proposals, and petitions received to the appropriate Focus Sessions.
- d) In addition to the procedure set forth in Sec. 2(c) above for the consideration of recommendations, proposals, and petitions, the Focus Sessions are empowered to initiate resolutions falling within the general scope of their respective fields. Once all previously submitted business has been considered, focus sessions can consider new resolutions that have not been submitted within the past year.
- e) When the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference passes a petition that asks the Conference Secretary to correspond with members of the Senate or House of Representatives, at a state or national level, or with the Governor of a state or the President of the United States, such

petitions must include the full name(s) of the person(s) to whom the correspondence is addressed, along with the full addresses and e-mail addresses.