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Petition to the postponed 2020 GC on autonomous status for Eurasia

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non-disciplinary petition:

Whereas the following four annual conferences in Eurasia have asked to leave the connection and form an autonomous Methodist church, according to BOD 2016, ¶ 572:

- Central Russia Annual Conference, meeting online on December 17, 2022 (Vote: 29 Yes, 1 No, 2 Abstentions);
- Eastern Russia and Central Asia Provisional Annual Conference, meeting online on December 10, 2022 (Vote: 47 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention)

- Northwest Russia and Belarus Provisional Annual Conference, meeting online on December 17, 2022 (Vote: 18 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstentions),
- Southern Russia Provisional Annual Conference, meeting online on December 10, 2022 (Vote: 21 Yes, 0 No, 3 Abstentions); and

Whereas the called session of the central conference of Northern Europe and Eurasia, meeting online on March 18, 2023, has approved the request and asked all its annual conferences to vote on it; and

Whereas all annual conferences of the central conference of Northern Europe and Eurasia have voted on the request with the following aggregate number of votes:

- Central Russia Annual Conference: 423 Yes, 13 No, 20 Abstentions;
- Eastern Russia and Central Asia Provisional Annual Conference: 420 Yes, 13 No, 22 Abstentions;
- Northwest Russia and Belarus Provisional Annual Conference: 419 Yes, 15 No, 20 Abstentions;
- Southern Russia Provisional Annual Conference: 408 Yes, 22 No, 24 Abstentions);

and therefore the requested 2/3 majority is clearly fulfilled for each of these annual or provisional annual conferences; and

Whereas the Eurasia episcopal area comprising the four annual conferences has submitted to the Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters the following documents for creating an autonomous Methodist Church, named "The Christian Methodist Church in Eurasia"

- Historical Statement,
- Constitution,
- Main Doctrinal Standards; and

Whereas the Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters, meeting on April 21, 2024, in Charlotte NC has found all needed steps according to ¶ 572 fulfilled and has approved the request, and the Office of Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships has endorsed the request;

THEREFORE, the postponed 2020 General Conference approves an enabling act for the four annual conferences in Eurasia to leave The United Methodist Church and form an Autonomous Methodist Church becoming effective at the forthcoming regular central conference of Northern Europe and Eurasia; and said General Conference asks the parties mentioned in ¶ 571.4 and 572.6 to work towards a plan of cooperation.

Furthermore General Conference approves a change in the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order for the General Conference, VI.1, deleting simultaneous and/or one-on-one interpretation offered in Russian, effective at the end of the postponed 2020 General Conference.