

Report of the Rules Committee, April 25

The Committee on the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, also called the Rules Committee, met in the evening on Tuesday, April 23 to discuss the motions referred to us earlier in the afternoon. Our recommendations are as follows:

Plenary Floor Motion Number 1 is an amendment to the Plan of Organization Section VII, Subsection D and would add to line 339 after the word "Conferences" the words: "except petitions with financial implications to expand review and governance equity." The full sentence would read, "To this Standing Committee shall be referred all petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the Central Conferences, and Autonomous Methodist Churches, Affiliated Autonomous Methodist Churches, and Affiliated United Churches within the Central Conferences except petitions with financial implications to expand review and governance equity." **The Rules Committee recommends the delegates do not support this amendment.**

Plenary Floor Motion Number 2 is an amendment to the Rules of Order Rule 6 and would add to line 725 after the sentence that ends with "microphone" the sentence: "The digital queue speaker pool seen by the presiding officer shall be projected and made visible to the body." **The Rules Committee recommends the delegates do not support this amendment.**

Plenary Floor Motion Number 3 is a new proposed rule to the Rules of Order, and it states: "Immediately after the Conference is called to order, an Indigenous Person shall offer a proper acknowledgment of land ownership. Anyone other than an Indigenous Person who attempts to offer a land acknowledgment shall only do so after consultation with the appropriate tribal authority of Indigenous Persons in the area where General Conference is being held." **The Rules Committee moves that this amendment be referred to**

the Commission on the General Conference.

Submitted by Stephanie Henry, Chair of the Rules Committee