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REQUEST FOR DECISION OF LAW

2609.6 in the UM Book of Discipline allows for a request on a decision of law.

The following petition was adopted at the 2005 Pacific Northwest Annual Conference:

Petition #1-10 – “Affirming our Unity Amongst Diversity of Opinion.” — It states that the Pacific NW Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church confess and proclaim that diversity of opinion on important matters of faith and practice ...”

The United Methodist Book of Discipline 103 contains our Doctrinal Standards and General Rules. 103 is subject to the restrictive rule and cannot be changed.

Request for decisions of law:

1) Is the Pacific NW Annual Conference empowered to “confess and proclaim” diversity on important matters of faith and practice in the United Methodist Church?

2) Is this petition compatible with our Doctrinal Standards and other paragraphs in the Discipline with regard to homosexual behavior, including, but not limited to, 2702 Chargeable offenses of immorality, practices declared by the United Methodist Church to be incompatible with Christian teachings, disobedience to the Order and Discipline of the United Methodist Church, and dissemination of doctrines contrary to the established standards of doctrine of the United Methodist Church?

[Transcribed from manuscript by Wes Stanton, Conference Secretary]