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Title: Support of the concordat between the United Methodist Church and the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico

*The Book of Discipline*: Paragraph 705.4f

General Church Budget Implications: None

Global Implications: None

Whereas the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico and the United Methodist Church entered into a concordat in 2004; and

Whereas the provisions of the aforementioned concordat established for the sake of facilitating mutual mission support is now codified and states in *Discipline* ¶ 705.4f that “The Methodist Church of Puerto Rico will have one liaison representative, at its own expense, to each of the general program agencies of The United Methodist Church”; and

Whereas the Connectional Table is proposing a change in structure of the general agencies of the United Methodist Church in which they recommend that several agencies be merged into the Center for Connectional Mission and Ministry; and

Whereas the Connectional Ministry petition called “Implementation of Call to Action proposals” did not include the continuation of the liaison representative from the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico in accordance with the concordat agreement between the United Methodist Church and the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico;

Therefore be it resolved that the 2012 General Conference of the United Methodist Church affirms that any change in the structure of the general agencies of the United Methodist Church shall retain the liaison representatives or representative of the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico.

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