

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE LAUNCH OF THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, in response to the announcement of the *Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation*, the Wesleyan Covenant Association (“WCA”) and other theologically conservative leaders announced their mutual effort to form a new denomination committed to the historic confessions of the Christian faith and our Wesleyan distinctives;

WHEREAS, the WCA has invested in the formation of the new denomination through providing financial resources for its expenses prior to its launch and for its initial operating costs;

WHEREAS, laity and clergy of the WCA have devoted countless hours to serving on task force teams which laid the ground work for the structure, doctrine, and ministries of the new denomination;

WHEREAS, WCA leadership and staff have devoted a significant amount of their time to working behind the scenes to give life to the dreams of many for the birth of the new denomination;

WHEREAS, the WCA’s International Intercessory Prayer Network has led WCA members and friends in daily prayer for the birth of a new, theologically conservative Methodist church;

WHEREAS, the Commission on General Conference of The United Methodist Church (“UMC”) has postponed the meeting of the UMC’s General Conference three times;

WHEREAS, conflict within the UMC continues to harm its witness and mission to a world desperately in need of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the transforming work of His church in the power of the Holy Spirit;

WHEREAS, the continued delay in implementing an amicable separation of the UMC in the spirit of the *Protocol* prevents those who hold differing visions from blessing and sending one another along different paths; and

WHEREAS, local churches and clergy who long to be wholly invested in a church which is united around shared mission, vision, and ministry will experience greater fruit and impact for the Kingdom of God.

NOW, THEREFORE, the delegates to the WCA’s 2022 Global Legislative Assembly

1. Celebrate the launch of the Global Methodist Church on May 1, 2022, and pray for God’s mighty blessings upon it; and,
2. Commit to continue its work for the adoption of the *Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation* so theologically conservative local UM churches can part ways

with the UMC under fair, amicable, and just terms, and so freely join the Global Methodist Church.