

A Resolution Endorsing the Recommendations of the Ministry with Youth and Young Adult Task Force

Whereas this body, the Wesleyan Covenant Association's 2019 Global Legislative Assembly, authorized the formation of a Ministry with Youth and Young Adult Task Force to address the challenge for local churches in reaching teens, shepherding them through the transition to adulthood, and engaging those who are navigating further education or entering the workforce so that they continue as committed Christ followers;

Whereas the Ministry with Youth and Young Adult Task Force has delivered its final report to the WCA's Global Council which received the report and recommended the approval of its recommendations to the WCA's 2021 Global Legislative Assembly;

Now, therefore, the Global Legislative Assembly commends the report for further study and implementation, endorses the following recommendations, directs the WCA staff to advocate in support of such recommendations, and encourages the Convening General Conference of the Global Methodist Church to implement such recommendations:

1. The principles and directions set forth in the report are commended to guide the work of the Global Methodist Church in nurturing and expanding specific ministries to ensure that discipling youth and young adults are a priority in the Global Methodist Church.
2. The Global Methodist Church develop a strategy for welcoming and supporting bringing existing Wesley Foundations and other campus ministries into relationship with the Global Methodist Church and for establishing campus ministries where the Global Methodist Church will have no presence initially, including the possibility of launching new churches in college and university communities.
3. For youth and young adult ministry to include modeling accountable discipleship as essential for Christian growth to raise up youth and young adults in continuity with accountable discipleship models in the whole church.
4. For youth and young adults to be equipped and empowered to take active appropriate roles in the leadership of the church at all levels.