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Brothers and Sisters of the Arkansas Annual Conference,

As we approach Annual Conference 2019, you have the opportunity to send petitions and resolutions to be presented for a vote. It is my hope to assist you in this process.

A “resolution” asks an organization or individual(s) to address an issue or to take action regarding an issue. It does not change the Book of Discipline and compliance cannot be enforced by any legal measure. For more information on resolutions to Annual Conference, including a worksheet/template for creating a resolution, [click here](#).

This year, we will also have the opportunity to receive petitions to the 2020 General Conference. A “petition” asks the General Conference to make a change to the Book of Discipline, or the Book of Resolutions. An affirmative vote on a petition at our Annual Conference means the petition will be sent from the Arkansas Annual Conference to the 2020 General Conference. Petitions passed at General Conference generally change law and/or practice within the denomination. For information on how to submit a petition to the Annual Conference for GC 2020 [click here](#).

All UM members or groups may submit petitions directly to General Conference independent of our Annual Conference session as well. We will share a link to the online submission portal for General Conference 2020 when it becomes available.

Resolutions and petitions submitted by March 15 will appear in the Pre-Conference Journal. Resolutions received between March 16 through May 17 with 1300 copies for distribution at the submitter’s expense will be placed in the packets distributed at Annual Conference. If received anytime from May 18 to May 28, 3pm, with 1300 copies of the same, the resolution will be distributed on the floor of the conference by the tellers.

All resolutions and petitions should be emailed to petition.resolution@arumc.org. For questions or concerns, email the Conference Secretary at aubrietta.jones@arumc.org.

Thank you for your service and for your interest in our shared ministry through the Annual Conference.

Blessings,

Rev. Aubrietta Jones

Secretary of the Arkansas Annual Conference