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Discipline ¶: 1502.1
General Church Budget Implications: None
Global Implications: None

Amend ¶1502.1 as follows:

¶ **1502.1. Membership**—*a)* The membership of the general board shall be composed of two bishops, elected by the Council of Bishops; ~~five~~^{sixteen} members elected by the jurisdictional conferences from the annual conference nominations, one from each jurisdiction on a ratio providing for an equitable distribution among the various jurisdictions, based on the combined clergy and laity membership thereof, as determined by the secretary of the General Conference; ~~one~~^{six} members, from the central conferences with not more than two from the same jurisdiction, elected by the General Conference on nomination of the Council of Bishops; and ~~fifteen~~^{eight} additional members for the purpose of bringing to the general board special knowledge or background, ~~not more than two from the same~~ giving due consideration to jurisdictional representation, nominated and elected by the general board in such manner as it shall provide in its bylaws. Notwithstanding *Discipline* ¶705 and ¶710, up to three members may be professing members of Pan-Methodist churches, churches in the United States that are members of the World Methodist Council, covenanting churches that share full communion with The United Methodist Church, or churches that share common Wesleyan religious bonds and convictions with The United Methodist Church.

b) The aforementioned electing bodies shall give consideration during the nominating process to equitable representation on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, age, gender, and people with disabilities. In accordance with its values, the general board shall make a conscious effort that at

least 30% of members are women or persons of racial and ethnic minorities. At least five members, who are not bishops, shall be clergy.

c) The general secretary of the general board shall be an ex officio member thereof, without vote.

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