

**Resolution to Affirm the 2016 Delegation
of the New Mexico Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church
for Serving at Any Special or Called General Conference Prior to 2020**

Submitted by Conference Ministry Team

Whereas, the Constitution of The United Methodist Church states that a “special session of the General Conference . . . may be called by the Council of Bishops,” and “Such special session of the General Conference shall be composed of the delegates to the preceding General Conference or their lawful successors, except that when a particular annual conference or missionary conference shall prefer to have a new election it may do so.”

Whereas, the 2016 General Conference adopted a non-binding recommendation from the Council of Bishops to establish a special commission to study and address the church’s ongoing conflicts over human sexuality, with the expectation of a called, special General Conference to address these matters prior to 2020, and

Whereas, the Commission on the Way Forward has been formed and is working on these matters, and the Council of Bishops has indicated their intent to call a special General Conference in early 2019, and

Whereas the current (2016) delegation from the New Mexico Annual Conference has been elected to serve throughout the quadrennium, serving our interests well at General and Jurisdictional Conference and throughout the Connection and is willing to serve at a special called General Conference.

Therefore, be it resolved that the New Mexico Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church affirms our intent to send those persons elected to serve as the 2016-2020 delegation at any special, called General Conference that may be scheduled to occur prior to the regularly scheduled General Conference of 2020.