



PLENARY MOTION FORM

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Name: L. Olandor Boyce,

Annual Conference: Liberia Annual Conference

GCID #: 59470 Section: B Row: 3/4 Seat: 25-33

Date: ~~April~~ May 1, 2024 Time: _____

Item Under Consideration: Request For Dedarity Decision
(Calendar item, petition number, DCA page number, etc.)

Motion: I move that in accordance with
paragraph 2610.1... See attached
the full text of the request..

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Date: 5/1/24

Time: 10:45 AM

Action of Plenary: Request DD from JC
(adopt, reject, refer, etc.)

Vote: 563 / 107
84% against

Request for Declaratory Decision

I move that, in accordance with Par. 2610.1, the General Conference requests a declaratory decision from the Judicial Council on the meaning, application, and effect of Paragraphs 408.1 and 357.1 with regard to the following questions:

1. Does the provision for mandatory retirement for ordained elders in Par. 357.1 apply to bishops?
2. If so, should bishops who have currently passed the mandatory retirement age be immediately placed in the retired relation, with the Council of Bishops providing alternative episcopal oversight for the affected annual conferences?
3. If a central conference bishop fits the requirements of Par. 408.1 b for retirement, must they be placed in the retired relation as of August 4, 2024, even if their central conference is being held after that date?
4. If so, must the Council of Bishops provide alternative episcopal oversight for the affected annual conference until a new bishop is elected and consecrated?
5. If one or more bishops in a central conference are retiring under Par. 408.1 b, must the central conference be held in enough time to allow the newly elected bishop(s) to take office by September 1, 2024?