

Proposed Non-Disciplinary Legislation

Petition 20705.

Petition Number: 20705-FA-NonDis-\$; Angoran, Yed - Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

Support for Communication Ministry

Communication supports mission and ministry at all levels of the church. Excellent communication has been essential to Christianity from the beginning. Therefore, we petition to restore \$7.5 million to the proposed 2021-2024 quadrennial budget for United Methodist Communications, whose funding we expect may proportionally be allocated to support communication in any future expressions of Methodism. Without proper funding, these cuts impact the ability to support communications, such as the development of conference communication infrastructures, local church communication, evangelism outreach, and communication in languages of the global church.

Rationale: The proposed UMCom budget severely diminishes the capacity to live into the Great Commission. While no other agency was reduced more than 21%, the proposed cut to UMCom's budget would be 35%. Restoring \$7.5M, to a more equitable 25% cut, enables continued effective support of missional communication across the globe.

See page 582 of the <u>DCA Advance Edition</u>, Vol. 2 Sec. 1.