



The Future of Methodism; The Future of St. Luke's

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UMC - United Methodist Church

WCA - Wesleyan Covenant Association

GMC - Global Methodist Church

Chargeable Offences

1. Immorality incl. but not lim. to, not being celibate in singleness or not faithful in a heterosexual marriage;

2. Practices declared by the UMC to be incompatible with Christian teachings, incl. but not lim. to: being a self-avowed practicing homosexual; or conducting ceremonies which celebrate homosexual unions; or performing same-sex wedding ceremonies;

3. Crime

Chargeable Offences (CONT)

4. Disobedience to the order and discipline of the UMC
5. Dissemination of doctrines contrary to the established standards of doctrine of the UMC
6. Relationships and/or behavior that undermines the ministry of another pastor
7. Child abuse
8. Sexual abuse

Chargeable Offences (CONT)

9. Sexual misconduct including the use or possession of pornography

10. Harassment, incl. but not lim. to, racial and/or sexual harassment

11. Racial or gender discrimination

12. Fiscal malfeasance

Penalties—If the Trial Results in Conviction.

Further testimony may be heard and arguments by counsel presented regarding what the penalty should be. The trial court shall determine the penalty, which shall require a vote of at least seven members. The trial court shall have the power to remove the respondent from professing membership, terminate the conference membership, and revoke the credentials of conference membership and licensing, commissioning, ordination, or consecration of the respondent, suspend the respondent from the exercise of the functions of office, or to fix a lesser penalty.

Penalties—If the Trial Results in Conviction. (CONT)

However, where the conviction is for conducting ceremonies that celebrate homosexual unions or performing same-sex wedding ceremonies under ¶ 2702.1(b) or (d), the trial court does not have the power to and may not fix a penalty less than the following:

- a) First (1st) offense – One (1) year’s suspension without pay.
- b) Second (2nd) offense – Not less than termination of conference membership and revocation of credentials of licensing, ordination, or consecration.

Penalties—If the Trial Results in Conviction. (CONT)

However, where the conviction is for refusing to conduct ceremonies that celebrate homosexual unions or refusing to perform same-sex wedding ceremonies under ¶ 2702.1(b) or (d), the trial court does not have the power to and may not fix a penalty less than the following:

a) First (1st) offense – One (1) year’s suspension without pay.

b) Second (2nd) offense – Not less than termination of conference membership and revocation of credentials of licensing, ordination, or consecration.

Ballot Language

(1) for reasons of conscience regarding a change in the requirements and provisions of the Book of Discipline related to the practice of homosexuality;

(2) for reasons of conscience regarding the ordination or marriage of self-avowed practicing homosexuals as resolved and adopted by the 2019 General Conference”;4

Ballot Language Cont.

(3) for reasons of conscience regarding the actions or inactions of its annual conference related to a change in the requirements and provisions of the Book of Discipline and related to the practice of homosexuality, or related to the ordination or marriage of self-avowed practicing homosexuals as resolved and adopted by the 2019 General Conference.



John Wesley
1703-1791



George Whitefield
1714-1770