Resolution Concerning the Equality of Women

Be it resolved that the Alabama West Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church meeting at Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church from June 3-6, 2018 hereby resolves to pledge our full support of both women and men who have been called to serve Christ and the Church.

Whereas, women have served in significant leadership roles throughout Methodist history and The United Methodist Church has affirmed the ordination of women since 1956,

Whereas, women and men are an important part of The United Methodist Church at every level of ministry,

Whereas, both men and women are created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27, NRSV),

Whereas, women along with men were significant disciples of Jesus Christ (Luke 8:1-3, NRSV),

Whereas, Mary Magdalene was the first person sent by Jesus to proclaim the resurrected Christ (John 20:11-18, NRSV),

Whereas, the account of Pentecost describes both men and women being filled with the Holy Spirit and the power to prophesy (Acts, 2, NRSV),

We, the people of the Alabama-West Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church, hereby affirm that both women and men are created in the image of God and are of equal worth, we affirm the ordination of women, we affirm open itinerancy, and affirm the equality and calling of women both in our own region and throughout the world. We will seek to protect the dignity of all people made in God’s image. We will work to end threats to the well-being of women and girls. As the people of the Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference, we give thanks to God for the calling of both women and men.

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