

2025 MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

R #1 – Establish the 2026 Past Service Rate

It was resolved by the Michigan Conference:

Establish the Michigan Conference 2026 Past Service Rate (PSR) for the Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund (Pre-82) at \$960. The surviving spouse benefit rate shall remain at 85 percent.

R #2 – Establish Housing/Rental Allowance for Retired Clergy/Clergy on Disability

It was resolved by the Michigan Conference:

The Michigan Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits moves to:

Establish the Housing/Rental Allowance for retired or clergy on medical leave status (receiving disability benefits) in the Michigan Conference as follows:

- 1 An amount equal to 100% of the retirement and disability plan distributions received during the year 2026 is hereby designated as a rental/housing allowance for each retired and disabled ordained, commissioned, or licensed clergyperson of The United Methodist Church who is or was a member of the Michigan Conference at the time of his or her retirement or disability.
- 2 This rental/housing allowance shall apply to each retired and disabled ordained, commissioned, or licensed clergyperson who has been granted the retired relationship or placed on medical leave by the Michigan Conference and whose name and relationship to the conference is recorded in the Journal of the Michigan Conference or in other appropriate records maintained by the conference.
- 3 The retirement and disability plan distributions to which this rental/housing allowance applies shall be the retirement and disability plan distributions resulting from all service of such retired and disabled ordained, commissioned, or licensed clergypersons from all employment by any local church, annual conference or institution of The United Methodist Church, or from any other employer who employed the clergyperson to perform services related to the ministry and who elected to sponsor the retirement plan and/or welfare plans of The United Methodist Church for such retired clergyperson's retirement or disability benefits. Retirement distributions include all eligible amounts received from the United Methodist denominational retirement plan administered by Wespath Benefits & Investments.
- 4 The amount of the housing/rental allowance that may be excluded is limited to the lesser of: a) The amount designated as the housing/rental allowance, or b) The amount actually expended for housing/rent, or c) The fair rental value of housing as required by law.

R #4 – Re-Prioritize Federal Spending from the Military to Human Security

It was resolved by the Michigan Conference:

We call for a "swords into plowshares" re-prioritizing of the spending of federal taxpayers' money in the Federal Discretionary Budget.

We encourage Michigan United Methodists to advocate for the National Defense Budget (FY 2025 Estimate: \$926,763,000,000 "Green Book" DOD) to be reduced in order for the savings to pay for human security.

We urge Pentagon spending be reduced by at least \$100,000,000,000 to support healthcare, education, housing, and climate change mitigation. Wages and health benefits of members of the military would not be reduced.

We urge Michigan United Methodist individuals, groups, and congregations to work with organizations such as Peace Action of Michigan (peaceactionmich.org), Michigan Move the Money Coalition (movethemoneyymi.org), Michigan Peace Alliance (MIPeaceAlliance.org), and the National Priorities Project (nationalpriorities.org).