

1 **UNYUMC-2022.6 – Endorsement of Candidates for Episcopacy**

2 **Whereas**, the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference, if authorized by the special called
3 session on October 15, will begin with Episcopal interviews on November 1st;

4 **Whereas**, the Annual Conference is able to endorse a nominee for the episcopacy under
5 paragraph 405 of the *Book Discipline*;

6 **Therefore, be it resolved**, the Upper New Conference will engage in a process of discernment
7 while in session for the purpose of endorsing a candidate to stand for election at the
8 Northeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church;

9 **Therefore be it further resolved**, the Conference will use the following process of discernment
10 and decision-making to endorsement a candidate for the episcopacy in the Northeastern
11 Jurisdiction:

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13 **VOTING PROCESS**

14 Immediately following the approval of the motion to raise a nominee from the Upper New York
15 Conference, the following process will be used:

- 16 1. The names received in advance will be shared by the head of the delegation and, after a
17 moment of prayer, the floor will be open for any new names to be shared.
18 2. Once all names have been raised, the Conference will address other business while
19 each person whose name has been raised can be contacted and either agree to accept
20 or reject their potential nomination.

21 Once all potential nominees have been contacted and confirmed, the following process will be
22 used for voting on the remaining list of potential nominees:

- 23 1. (IF POSSIBLE) The persons whose names have been raised will have three minutes to
24 introduce themselves to the Annual Conference. NOTE: If more than six names have
25 been raised, an initial vote will take place and the top six will be given the opportunity to
26 speak to the conference.
27 2. The slate of potential nominees is placed on a single ballot. Should one candidate
28 receive more than 60% of the vote on the first ballot, that person will be UNY's endorsed
29 candidate. If no candidate receives more than 60% of the vote, the top three candidates
30 will be put to the next ballot.
31 3. The three top candidates are voted upon with the two candidates with the highest vote
32 totals progressing to the next ballot.
33 4. The two top candidates are voted upon with the candidate with the highest vote totals
34 progressing to the next ballot.
35 5. The final name is voted upon, if they receive more than 60% of the vote, they will be
36 UNY's endorsed candidate.

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