

1 **RECOMMENDATION TO WESTERN JURISDICTION**
2 **FOR ELECTION OF BISHOP**

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4 *Submitted by Conference Committee on Reconciliation*
5 *11 CCOR members were asked to vote via email*
6 *6 yes; 0 no; 5 abstained*
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8 Delegates to the Western Jurisdiction Conference Session in July 2016 in Scottsdale, Arizona,
9 are mandated to elect a bishop to replace Bishop Warner Brown, who is retiring as UMC Bishop.
10 Western Jurisdiction has specified certain marks of bishop to guide its election of a bishop in the
11 Western Jurisdiction – marks of faith, spirit, professionalism, and leadership.

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13 Western Jurisdiction has made it a priority that leadership, including the episcopacy, should
14 reflect the diversity of who we are in the Western Jurisdiction. We, the California Nevada
15 Annual Conference, have resolved to identify ourselves as a Reconciling Annual Conference and
16 with the other annual conferences in the jurisdiction, aspire to be a Reconciling Jurisdiction.

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18 These resolutions have implications for how we accept, elect, welcome, and affirm our leaders,
19 including our bishops, regardless of race, ethnicity, language, culture, ability, disability, gender,
20 gender identity, or sexual orientation.

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22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California-Nevada Annual Conference encourages
23 our Jurisdictional Conference Delegates to elect an Episcopal leader as detailed in the list below:
24 Christ-centered; a strong administrator and leader; a strong communicator with deep spiritual
25 maturity; and demonstration of effectiveness in leading the diverse people of the Western
26 Jurisdiction. Sexual orientation and gender identity should not be a barrier to election.