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BISHOP HAE-JONG KIM (Pittsburgh Area): Now, I present Janet Forbes for the extending connection. *(pause)* Yes. Over there? Microphone 1?

FRED H. HAUSTEIN (Arkansas): In an effort for us to have effective holy conferencing, we would like to have as much correct information as we can. Therefore I would like to move that the General Conference ask the Judicial Council for a declaratory

decision in answer to the following questions. One, does the statement in Paragraph 304.3 constitute a declaration by The United Methodist Church that the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching? Two, if the answer to [question] 1 is yes, does Paragraph 2702.1(b), "practices declared by The United Methodist Church to be incompatible with Christian teachings," incorporate that declaration into United Methodist

church law by reference? I so move.

BISHOP KIM: Is there a second?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

BISHOP KIM: Okay. The motion to request for a declaratory ruling is before you. Are you ready to vote? Please vote now. The result is "Yes," 511; "No," 286. ["Abstain," 42] It passes. Thank you.