

Resolutions Process for 2010 Annual Conference

In order to encourage a process of holy conversation and discernment, persons and groups making resolutions to the 2010 Annual Conference are encouraged to adhere to the following guidelines, developed by the Committee on Resolutions and Annual Conference Planning Team.

All resolution makers should have their resolutions to the Director of Connectional Ministries by Friday, January 15, 2010. Resolutions meeting this deadline will be referred to relevant Boards, Agencies or the Committee on Resolutions by Friday, January 29. They will also be posted on ClergyNet, LaityNet, RetireeNet and vaumc.org by the same date, with telephone and e-mail contact information of the resolution maker.

Makers of resolutions will be responsible for cultivating conversation and discernment around their resolutions prior to Annual Conference. They are encouraged to:

1. Open conversation through e-mail and other internet tools.
2. Convene a conversation at lunch on Monday of Annual Conference for those who wish to have debate and discussion about the resolution.

The goal of such conversations is to do the perfecting work of resolutions in venues other than the floor of Annual Conference. Those venues should be more conducive to holy conferencing.

Note that these deadlines and requests exceed the Rules of the Conference, which are still in effect as the final deadlines and processes. We appreciate the cooperation of brothers and sisters across the conference as we work toward a more faithful way of being in dialogue together.