

**CONSENT CALENDAR**  
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**Legislation**

**Section 1**

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7	111-11-3	
8	p. 401, line 18, delete (-02%) and insert (2%)	
9	p. 402, beginning on line 3 and ending on line 7 after “working for”, delete “...a	
10	<del>moratorium on the Death Penalty in Pennsylvania. Examples of such</del>	
11	<del>groups would include Pennsylvanians for Alternatives to the Death</del>	
12	<del>Penalty, Pennsylvania Committee for Analysis and Reform of Our</del>	
13	<del>Criminal System, UM Advocacy in Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania</del>	
14	<del>Council of Churches, and the Pennsylvania Moratorium Coalition;”</del> and	
15	insert “the elimination of racially discriminatory sentencing in	
16	Pennsylvania.”	
17	p. 402, line 12, after the word “testimony” delete the “,” and insert a “.”	
18	p. 402, line 13, delete “such as the letter provided with this Resolution;”	
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2	106-4-0	
3	p. 410, between line 20 and 21, Insert the following “WHEREAS if and when the	
4	other nine districts have developed similar plans	
5	p. 410, line 30 delete “ <del>the Indiana</del> ”	
6	p. 410, line 31 delete “ <del>District</del> ” and insert “all Districts”.	
7	p. 410, line 31 after “to organize” delete “ <del>a</del> ”.	
8	p. 410, line 31 change “Union” to “Unions”.	
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10	RS 204 Swissvale UM Church Building .....	410
11	122-0-0	
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30	p. 413, line 19 delete “ <del>724-652-1012 or <a href="mailto:thayntt@comcast.net">thayntt@comcast.net</a></del> ” and insert the	
31	following “724-462-4090 or <a href="mailto:thayntt@comcast.net">thayntt@comcast.net</a> ”	
32	p. 413, beginning at line 20 and ending at line 21 delete “ <del>Latin American</del>	
33	<del>Encounter With Christ, # SS005100CSA. Contact: David Stains 814-362-</del>	
34	<del>8812 (o) or <a href="mailto:d_stains@hotmail.com">d_stains@hotmail.com</a></del> ” and insert the following “WPA	
35	Conference Advance: Columbia Projects for construction and team	
36	support #SS005100CSA. Contact Rev. Dr. David Stains at 814-362-8812	
37	(o) or <a href="mailto:clementof@hotmail.com">clementof@hotmail.com</a> ”	
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1	RS 304 Base Compensation for Pastors.....	413
2	124-2-0	
3	p. 414, beginning on line 1 and ending on line 2, after “...there is no minimum	
4	compensation for...” delete “ <del>the student Pastors or Part-time local Pastors.</del>	
5	<del>Charges...</del> ” and insert “Part-time Pastors, charges...” The sentence	
6	should now read...” BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that although there is	
7	no minimum compensation for Part-time Pastors, charges served by	
8	them...”	
9	p. 414, beginning on line 5 and ending on line 7 delete “ <del>Additionally, pastors</del>	
10	<del>regardless of category, when assigned to a less than full time position,</del>	
11	<del>should be compensated at a proportionate level both for their individual</del>	
12	<del>assignment and category.”</del>	
13	p. 414, line 10 change “2011” to “2010”	
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16	136-3-0	
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19	RS 405 Annual Conference Fee.....	414
20	97-7-1	
21	p. 415, line 4, change “Richey” to “Ritchey”	
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24	86-7-0	
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30	p. 440, line 1, change “Richey” to “Ritchey”	
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2 RS 504 Future Liabilities & Benefit Reserve Fund .....444  
3 113-0-0  
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5 RS 505 Health Benefit Program .....445  
6 82-17-7  
7 p.446, line 49, after the words “by law or contract” delete the colon and insert “,  
8 except that, to the extent that provisions in Section I, subsections 1, 2, or 3  
9 below constitute changes in cost responsibility from the program as  
10 currently in effect, such changes will be effective January 1, 2014 unless  
11 required sooner by law or contract:”  
12 p. 447, line 46, after “1.” and before “Upon the death...” insert “Notwithstanding  
13 the other provisions of this section H, the Conference will continue to pay  
14 the apportioned cost of participation in the Conference program of persons  
15 who are surviving spouses as of the passage of this legislation unless no  
16 longer eligible under subsection 2 below.”  
17 p. 447, line 46 after “Upon the death...” and before “...of an enrolled” insert  
18 “following passage of this legislation...”  
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21 RS 506 Retired Clergy Day .....452  
22 92-0-0  
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25 **Section 6**  
26 RS 601 Christian Education Sunday .....452  
27 104-1-3  
28 p. 452, line 37, change “11” to “18” so that the date should read “September 18,  
29 2011”  
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31 RS 602 Golden Cross/Red Stocking Sunday .....453  
32 116-0-2  
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34 RS 603 Rural Life Sunday .....453  
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37 RS 604 Disability Awareness Sunday .....453  
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1 RS 605 Keeping the Doors Open.....454  
 2 122-1-4  
 3 p. 454, line 15 delete “~~Keeping the Doors Open~~” and insert “Doorways to Hope at  
 4 Home”  
 5 p. 454, starting on line 17 and ending on line 18 after “United Methodist Church”,  
 6 delete “...has many mission agencies, mission local churches and other  
 7 ministries...” and insert “...in 2009 selected six regional mission agencies,  
 8 Connellsville Community Ministries, Erie Alliance, Johnstown Human  
 9 Services, Greater Pittsburgh Ministries, Beaver County Center for Hope  
 10 and WPA Prison Outreach Ministry...”  
 11 p. 454, line 19, after “loving care” delete “;” and insert “...within our  
 12 Conference boundaries, and...”  
 13 p. 454, line 26 after “support of ...” insert “the six”  
 14 p. 454, line 26 after “Conference...” insert “regional”  
 15 p. 454, starting on line 26 and ending on line 27 after “mission agencies” delete  
 16 “, mission churches and other outreach ministries”  
 17 p. 454, line 27 after “Conference boundaries” delete “who need” and insert “with”  
 18 p. 454, line 28 after “continue” insert “and expand”  
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 20 RS 606 Camping Sunday .....454  
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 32 Wesbury  
 33 102-0-2  
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 35 p. 456, line 48 after “Patricia Henninger” insert, “Rev. John H. Phipps, Mr. James  
 36 L. Donner, Dr. David D. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Wallace Irwin.”  
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 38 Camp Allegheny 47 Olmsted Manor  
 39 104-0-1 48 105-0-1  
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 41 Jumonville 50 Arbutus Park  
 42 106-0-1 51 103-0-1  
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 44 Wesley Woods 53 UMSA  
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**NON-CONSENT CALENDAR**  
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**Section 4 (Order of the Day)**

RS 401 Funding for Ministry 2011 Mission Share Budget .....415  
91-5-0  
p. 424, line 47, change “Richey” to “Ritchey”

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40-52-0

**Substitute Motion****P# 104 ON EVOLUTION AND INTELLIGENT DESIGN: A CALL FOR OPEN  
DIALOGUE  
(Section 1)***Scriptural Foundation:*

Genesis 1:1, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” (NIV)

John 1:1-5 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness had not understood it.” (NIV)

WHEREAS, United Methodist laypeople, clergy, biblical scholars and scientists all have individual and diverse opinions about the biblical compatibility of the theory of evolution and its impact on the church, and since this “conflict” is a modern debate, not yet resolved within the traditions of our denomination, or our culture at large, we should as a church body refrain from currently taking any public stand on the evolution / creation question except for our historic doctrinal standard of divine creation by God.

WHEREAS, the 2008 General Conference of the United Methodist Church made an authorization change to *The Book of Discipline* that would exclude any further dialogue on the issue of Creation and Evolution within our denomination even though no consensus has been reached.

WHEREAS, Open dialogue between those who support a literal interpretation of Genesis and those who are open to a more allegorical interpretation should be permitted and encouraged in such a manner that conforms to our Methodist doctrinal standards and our scriptural foundation in the Bible.

WHEREAS, The language of ¶160.E in the 2004 *Book of Discipline* did not attempt to make any scientific or theological claims that are in question by laypeople, clergy, biblical scholars or scientists, or any claim that would further divide the church. Instead, it sought to identify science and theology as complementary.

WHEREAS, the 2008 *Book of Discipline* was correct in saying that science increases our knowledge of God’s creation (the natural world).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that WPAUMC call upon the Conference Secretary of Western PA Conference to forward a petition to General Conference to amend *The Book of Discipline*, **Science and Technology 160.F** as follows and declares as its rationale that “Open dialogue between those who support a literal interpretation of Genesis and those who are open to a more allegorical interpretation should be permitted and encouraged.”

1 **160.F Science and Technology** – *We recognize science as a legitimate interpretation of*  
2 *God’s natural world. We affirm the validity of the claims of science in describing the*  
3 *natural world although we preclude science from making authoritative claims about*  
4 *theological issues and theology from making authoritative claims about scientific issues.*  
5 *We find that science’s descriptions of cosmology, geology and biology are not in conflict*  
6 *with theology. We recognize medical, technical and scientific technologies as a legitimate*  
7 *use of God’s natural world when such use enhances human life and enables all of God’s*  
8 *children to develop their God-given creative potential without violating our ethical*  
9 *convictions about the relationship of humanity to the natural world. We reaffirm our*  
10 *ethical convictions as our understanding of the natural world increases. We find that as*  
11 *science expands human understanding of the natural world, our understanding of the*  
12 *mysteries of God’s creation and word are enhanced.*  
13 *In acknowledging the important roles of science and technology, however, we also*  
14 *believe that theological understandings of human experience are crucial to a full*  
15 *understanding of the place of humanity in the universe. Science and theology are*  
16 *complementary rather than mutually incompatible. We therefore encourage dialogue*  
17 *between the scientific and theological communities and seek the kind of participation that*  
18 *will enable humanity to sustain life on earth and, by God’s grace, increase the quality of*  
19 *our common lives together.*

20 *ADOPTED 2008*

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23 Cathy Preston, [Trinity United Methodist Church, Erie PA]  
24 Dale Shunk, [Somerset: First UMC, Somerset PA]

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