

Bishop's Report To The Judicial Council Of The United Methodist Church

1. This is the form which the Judicial Council is required to provide for the reporting of decisions of law made by bishops in response to questions of law submitted to them in writing during the regular business of a conference session. The reporting of such decisions is mandatory, whether or not they are appealed. (See ¶¶ 56, and 2609 of 2008 *The Book of Discipline*, and Judicial Council *Decision* 153, ¶ 3 under “jurisdiction.”)

2. This form may also be used to report decisions on questions of law when such decisions are appealed by one-fifth of the members of the conference. (See ¶¶ 56 and 2609 of 2008 *The Book of Discipline*, and Judicial Council *Decision* 153, ¶ 2 under “jurisdiction.”)

Please check whether this report is under **1 x** or **2**

Report of an episcopal decision made by **Bishop Jane Allen Middleton – Decision II**
submitted in response to Judicial Council Decision 1330

during the session of the **New York Annual** Conference, meeting

Hofstra University on **June 8 – 11, 2016.**

Subject:


A request for a ruling in the following question:

Is the Conference Board of ordained Ministry required to ascertain whether a candidate meets the qualifications for candidacy and ordained ministry, including whether or not she or he is exhibiting “fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness” or is a self-avowed practicing homosexual

Please attach the following relevant documents and information:

If under No. 1 - The text of the written request for decision; the decision, and, optionally, the reasoning behind it; notation of appeal, if taken; pertinent background information, etc.

If under No. 2 - The parliamentary situation; the decision, and, optionally, the reasoning behind it; transcript of the appeal taken; pertinent background information, etc.

Signed 

Bishop of The United Methodist Church

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Secretary of the Judicial Council (13 Copies)

Bishop (1 Copy)