

EDUCATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE AREAS

Whereas, The General Conference is given the responsibility to determine educational boundaries (**1590:14**, **1655:14**);

Whereas, Within the Education and Clergy Development division, the *WE5* emphasis has highlighted the united mission of Houghton College, Kingswood University, Indiana Wesleyan University, Oklahoma Wesleyan University and Southern Wesleyan University to provide Christian higher education to the denomination at large;

Whereas, Kingswood and Wesley Seminary serve the denomination spanning all educational area boundaries;

Whereas, Our current boundaries structure could in some cases restrict the maximization of Kingdom opportunities;

Whereas, Online learning (e-learning) is without geographic boundaries;

Resolved, That paragraphs **1590:14**, **2371**, **2374**, **2450**, **2455**, **2460**, **2465**, **2470** be stricken from *The Discipline* eliminating educational areas;

~~**1590:14** To determine the boundaries of the educational areas in such a way as to provide an equitable distribution of the membership and financial strength of the Church among the approved schools, for which a recommendation shall be received from the General Board (**2365-2371**; **2450-2470**; cf. **1655:14**).~~

~~**2371**. The established districts, provisional districts, and developing districts of The Wesleyan Church in the United States and Canada shall be divided into four educational areas (**1590:14**), corresponding in general with the four representative areas of the Church, and in general with the regional accreditation associations serving the area in which the schools are located. The boundaries of the educational areas are given in **2455-2470**.~~

~~**2374**. Each general educational institution shall be considered as serving all the districts of the area or areas to which it is assigned.~~

~~**2450**. The merger of districts and of educational institutions between sessions of the General Conference may lead to changes in the educational area boundaries, which changes may be made by the General Board (cf. **1655:13**).~~

~~**2455**. The NORTH CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL AREA shall be served by Indiana Wesleyan University and Kingswood University, and shall include the districts of the North Central Representative Area, and the Indiana South District (cf. **2430**; **2440**).~~

~~**2460**. The NORTHEASTERN EDUCATIONAL AREA shall be served by Houghton College and Kingswood University, and shall include the districts of the Northeastern Representative Area (cf. **2435**).~~

~~**2465**. The SOUTHERN EDUCATIONAL AREA shall be served by Southern Wesleyan University and Kingswood University, and shall include the districts of the Southern Representative Area (cf. **2440**) except for the Indiana South District which shall remain in the North Central Area.~~

~~**2470**. The WESTERN EDUCATIONAL AREA shall be served by Oklahoma Wesleyan University and Kingswood University, and shall include the districts of the Western Representative Area (cf. **2445**).~~

51 *Resolved*, that edits be made to paragraph **1655:14** so it complies with the elimination of
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