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LICENSED MINISTER STATUS TO A POSSIBLE TERMINAL STATUS

Whereas, *The Discipline* status of licensed minister (*Disc.* 3030-3055) is a temporary status on the path toward the goal of ordination status;

Whereas, There are significant ministers and staff who do not desire ordination status but would prefer a path toward completion of their fundamental training requirements that lead to a terminal status;

Whereas, There are ministers who come to us from other denominations that have abundant classes and life/ministry experience but have abundant course requirements for ordination; and

Whereas, This action of moving the licensed minister status to a "terminal status" would release the district board of ministerial development (DBMD) to meet with more ministerial students and licensed ministers on the ordination path;

Resolved, That a district may take action to make the licensed minister status a terminal status;(After successful completion of the education requirements as outlined by the Ministerial Study Course Agency and a period of supervised ministry as advised by the DBMD)

Resolved, That the status would remain in effect in that district when serving in a ministerial capacity in a church in that district and completing a satisfactory Annual Service Report (ASR) for noting membership and leadership effectiveness for the previous year;

Resolved, That when the licensed minister resigns, transfers, or ceases their ministerial appointment in a district church, the certificate of ministerial license would be filed in the district office, or the license may be accepted for transfer in the next district within The Wesleyan Church. The license may be revoked for such reasons as ordained or commissioned ministers; and

Resolved, That all Wesleyan ministerial courses, so approved for ordination, may be used to apply for ordination or commissioning if the licensed minister so desired.

SOUTH COASTAL DISTRICT
Kathy Barton, Secretary

Committee on Memorials

☒ Recommended ☐ Not Recommended

General Conference

☒ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted