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6 **CONSTITUTION: MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENTS**
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8 Whereas, One of the unintended consequences of action taken by the 2016 General
9 Conference was to make paragraph 268 of *The Discipline* to be in conflict with paragraph 297,
10 which does not make adherence to the Membership Commitments a condition for membership,
11 and paragraph 557 which encourages members to prayerfully consider and embrace the
12 Membership Commitments, but does not require them to do so, and Article 3 is titled Membership
13 Commitments but is referred to in paragraph 557 as Guides and Help to Holy Living,
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15 *Resolved, That the title of Article 3 be edited as follows:*

16 Article 3. Guides and Helps to Holy Living
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18 *Resolved, That paragraph 268 of The Discipline be edited as follows:*

19 **268.** These are the ~~Membership Commitments~~ Guides and Helps to Holy
20 Living for ~~of~~ our Church. We believe all these to be consistent with the principles
21 of Christ as taught in the Word of God, which is the only and sufficient rule both of
22 our faith and practice. If any among us do not observe them, and/or habitually
23 break any of them, we will admonish such persons in love with the hope of restoring
24 them to lives of ~~in~~ harmony with the **spirit of the** above ~~Membership Commitments~~
25 Guides and Helps to Holy Living. ~~If such efforts of restoration continue to prove~~
26 ~~fruitless, official action may be taken toward termination of said persons' church~~
27 ~~membership. However, the church members are encouraged to continue efforts~~
28 ~~toward the spiritual restoration of these persons.~~
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30 *Resolved, That all other Discipline references to "Membership Commitments" shall be*
31 *edited to the wording "Guides and Helps to Holy Living."*
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33 SUBCOMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS
34 Janelle Vernon, Secretary

Committee on Memorials

Recommended Not Recommended

General Conference

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