

## **A Resolution Endorsing the Recommendations of the Ministry with Marginalized Peoples Task Force**

*Whereas* this body, the Wesleyan Covenant Association's 2019 Global Legislative Assembly, authorized the formation of a Ministry with Marginalized Peoples Task Force to identify and deploy models for local churches to be in ministry with the poor, marginalized, addicted, and recovering;

*Whereas* the Ministry with Marginalized Peoples Task Force has delivered its final report to the WCA's Global Council which received the report and recommended the approval of its recommendations to the WCA's 2021 Global Legislative Assembly;

*Now, therefore,* the Global Legislative Assembly commends the report for study and implementation, endorses the following recommendations, directs the WCA staff to advocate in support of such recommendations, and encourages the Convening General Conference of the Global Methodist Church to implement such recommendations:

1. Adopt revised reporting criteria for charge conferences that would invite local churches to be responsive to the needs of marginalized peoples in their community.
2. Encourage local churches to conduct community surveys every 3 to 5 years.
3. Encourage regular engagement of local churches with relevant study material.
4. Have the Global Methodist Church's Commission on Evangelism, Missions, and Church Planting create a website database of key principles and models of effective ministries within our Wesleyan tradition.
5. Have the Global Methodist Church's Commission on Evangelism, Missions, and Church Planting provide training and resources for conferences and congregations on effective practices in ministry with marginalized peoples.
6. Publicize testimonials of God's work related to ministries with marginalized peoples.