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2 Suggested Title: Expansion of Inclusive Language

3 Resolution #3122

4 Action Required: Amend or Readopt Resolution #3122

5 General Church Budget Implications: None

6 Global Implications: Yes

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8 Whereas, we live in an ever-changing global community with a diversity of multi-racial

9 identities where racial/ethnic identification is not limited to one category and much of the world

10 bases identity on ethnic nationality rather than racial/ethnic categories; and

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12 Whereas, the United Nations and countries other than the United States have varying

13 racial/ethnic classifications; and

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15 Whereas, the inclusion and naming of persons with more than one racial or ethnic identity gives

16 visibility to people who often are excluded; and

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18 Whereas, many forms used within The United Methodist Church require the growing population

19 of biracial/multiracial people to choose between one identity or another, by requiring people to
20 identify themselves by selecting only one of the six dominant racial options: Asian, Black,
21 Hispanic/Latino(a), Native American, Pacific Islander, and White;

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23 Therefore, be it resolved, that The United Methodist Church offer expanded racial identification
24 options on all its forms so that biracial/multiracial persons will have options that are not limiting
25 but embracing of persons with more than one racial or ethnic background.

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