

1 **LEGISLATIVE**

2 **ITEM #13 A RESOLUTION ABOUT WOMEN IN THE PULPIT**

3 **FROM:** Commission on the Status and Role of Women (COSROW)

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5 **WHEREAS**, as United Methodist churches we practice the itinerancy system; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, as United Methodist churches we believe God calls men and women as pastors; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, some United Methodist churches in North Texas have never had the joy of having a female
10 pastor and may not understand United Methodist theology behind the practice of ordaining women; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, it is vital for young women in the North Texas area to not only see women in leadership roles,
13 but to imagine the possibilities of women in church leadership, both lay and clergy;

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15 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the North Texas Annual Conference will expect every Senior
16 Pastor to preach annually in the congregation about women’s ordination; and

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18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a written copy or video of the sermon will be sent to the District
19 Superintendent and the North Texas Annual Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women
20 (COSROW) with a report of attendance and the date of the worship service; and

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22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the North Texas Annual Conference will recommend that every
23 United Methodist Church in North Texas will have women, lay or clergy, preach at least four times a year.

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