

1 **LEGISLATIVE**
2 **ITEM #15** **RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE**
3 **OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
4 **ADDRESSING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

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6 **FROM:** Mr. Craig Holcomb, Lay Delegate, First United Methodist Church Dallas
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8 **WHEREAS**, as of 11AM on August 28, 2020, 5.8 million cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in the
9 United States of America, and 180,731 deaths have been confirmed; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, as of 11AM on August 28, 2020, 24.4 million cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed
12 worldwide and 831,969 deaths have been confirmed; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, the Social Principles of the *Book of Discipline* of The United Methodist Church states, “We
15 cannot be just observers. So we care enough about people’s lives to risk interpreting God’s love, to take a
16 stand, to call each of us into a response, no matter how controversial or complex;” and

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18 **WHEREAS**, containing the spread of the COVID-19 virus can best be achieved by all persons wearing
19 face masks, practicing social distancing of six feet, frequently washing their hands and being tested for the
20 virus;

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22 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the people of the North Texas Conference of The United
23 Methodist Church are resolute in their desire to stop the COVID-19 pandemic from harming more of our
24 brothers and sisters; and

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26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** all people should wear face masks, practice social distancing of
27 six feet, frequently wash their hands and be tested for the virus.
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