

1 **LEGISLATIVE**  
2 **ITEM #18**           **AUTHORITY OF VIRTUAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

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4 **FROM:**               Rev. Jason McConnell, clergy

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6 I move:  
7       that the clergy and lay members who are authorized to participate by voice and vote in the  
8       2020 session of the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church (*The*  
9       *Book of Discipline 2016* ¶¶ 602-606) on Saturday, September 19, 2020, shall conduct its  
10      business using remote technology;

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12      and that all decisions made in this session shall have the same effect and have the same  
13      authority as an in-person session of the North Texas Annual Conference under the terms of

- 14      • the Constitution of The United Methodist Church [Division Two, Section VI, Article I
- 15      (¶32), Article II (¶33), Article III (¶34), Article IV (¶35), Article V (¶36)],
- 16      • the laws of the Church, as enacted by the General Conference for the conduct of annual
- 17      conference business, and
- 18      • the Rules of Order of the North Texas Annual Conference.

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