



The United Methodist Church

The northern Europe & Eurasia Central Conference
The Judicial Court

December 9th 2022

Decision No.: Judicial Court 2022 – 2.1

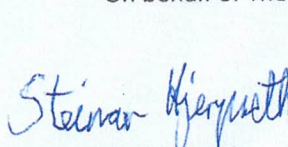
Re: Request from Jørgen Thaarup, Denmark for a Reconsideration of Judicial Court action 2022 - 2, June 21, 2022 (December 1st 2022).


Facts: In Jørgen Thaarups understanding Judicial Court 2022 - 2 is not a ruling but a recommendation of action. He therefore request for a reconsideration of the original request for a Declaratory Decision on the legality of BoD 2016 Supplement 405.3.c.
The question from Jørgen Thaarup 2018 was: Is the stated closing of nomination in the process of bishops' election in BoD 2016 Supplement § 405.3.c a violation of the rules for bishops' election we find in BoD 2016 §405.1 and therefore not legal?

Analysis: The Court admit, that the formulation in Judicial Court 2022 – 2 can be understood as Jørgen Thaarup says, as a recommendation instead of a ruling. We therefore agree in the need for clarification of Judicial Court 2022 – 2.

Ruling: Nomination by ballot is legal in Northern Europe and Eurasia Central Conference according to the General BoD 2016 § 405.1.
The Court suggest, that CC is asked to receive this ruling at the beginning of its next meeting. This ruling should be followed in the election of the next bishop and added in the next BoD Supplement.

On behalf of The Judicial Court


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Sending Judicial Court 2022 – 2 we asked the bishops office to inform the relevant persons about the decision.