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2008 General Conference of The United Methodist Church directs the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry to convene a task force with jurisdictional representation from the Council of Bishops to (i) examine itineracy and the appointment-making systems and recommend improvements that support clergy health; (ii) examine and recommend improvements to supervisory systems; (iii) address processes for entering and exiting ordained and licensed ministry; and (iv) provide guidelines for sustaining a healthy work/life balance during ministry. This task force shall present its findings and recommendations to the Connectional Table, Council of Bishops and General Secretaries no later than 2011. This task force will develop recommendations for submission to the 2012 General Conference.

**RATIONALE:** The denomination should increase awareness of the effects that Church systems have on the health and wholeness in mission of clergy and reduce any negative impacts of Church systems by transforming the essential employment systems and structures of the Church that affect the health and wholeness in mission of clergy.

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