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SUGGESTED TITLE: Joining of Coalitions

*DISCIPLINE* PARAGRAPH: *Discipline ¶¶* ¶ 702

GENERAL CHURCH BUDGET IMPLICATION: No

GLOBAL IMPLICATIONS: No

AMEND ¶ 702 by adding a new section 8 as follows:

¶ **702.** *Amenability and Program Accountability*—1. All the general agencies of The United Methodist Church that have been constituted by the General Conference are amenable to the General Conference, except as otherwise provided.

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8. The joining of, or ongoing participation in, a non-United Methodist coalition by any general agency must be approved quadrennially by the General Conference. Interim approval may be granted by the Connectional Table, subject to final approval by the next session of the General Conference.

Rationale: Because non-United Methodist coalitions by nature can include groups with a wide disparity of views, not necessarily aligned with United Methodist doctrinal and ethical standards, membership in such coalitions ought to be subject to review and approval by the General Conference on behalf of the whole church.