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CORRECTED VERSION

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Bishop Johnson to convene commission in response to Resolution 2016-18 on Religious Freedom

In response to the amended Resolution 2016-18, related to Religious Freedom, Bishop Johnson will convene a commission, parallel to the one entrusted to the Council of Bishops for the General Church in 2016, to discern a path by which the Eastern PA conference can maintain their unity, amid deep and abiding disagreements over sexuality and marriage. This commission will be inclusive of the full diversity of the Eastern PA conference specifically including LGBTQI persons and will report back to the Annual Conference by November 2017.

The members of this commission will be chosen by Bishop Johnson. Anyone, clergy or laity, in the Eastern PA conference may self-nominate for this commission by sending their name, phone number and email address to: EPACommission@gmail.com. A follow-up email will be sent to all who self-nominate in order to ensure full inclusivity. Ten individuals will be selected by Bishop Johnson and will be notified by August 23, 2017. The first meeting will be September 23, 2017 at the Conference Office, time TBA.

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