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## **A Petition to the 2016 General Conference**

WHEREAS our blessed LORD Jesus said in Mark 10:14, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God;” and

WHEREAS we as disciples of Jesus Christ respect the sacredness of the life and well-being of the mother and the unborn child; and since staff members of the General Board of Church and Society sit on numerous boards and organizations to promote the United Methodist Social Principles, and although the United Methodist Church does not provide any funding to “The Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, we do have seat on the organization’s board to promote and voice the United Methodist Social Principles;

THEREFORE, the members of the North Alabama Annual Conference petition the 2016 General Conference to officially withdraw the one seat the United Methodist Church has on the Board of the organization called “The Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice.”

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***A quorum majority of the Committee on Petitions and Resolutions voted nonconcurrency with this Petition.***