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Suggested title: Bishops Shall Use the Ordinal Approved by General Conference

Discipline: ¶ 415.6

Financial Implications: None

Sponsoring Agency: General Board of Discipleship

Rationale: The *Discipline* intends the Ordinal to be the established ritual for ordination and that it not be edited or altered beyond ways it itself suggests. It tightly defines the limits of discretion regarding ordination, for our own sake and for the sake of our ecumenical relationships, as this change clarifies.

Amend ¶ 415.6 as follows:

6. To consecrate bishops, to ordain elders and deacons, to consecrate diaconal ministers, to commission deaconesses, **home missionaries** and missionaries, and to see that the names of the persons commissioned and consecrated are entered on the journals of the conference and that proper credentials are furnished to these persons. As these services are acts of the whole Church, text and rubrics ~~are to~~ **shall** be used as **in the form** approved by the General Conference.