Dear Delegates to the SEJ Conference in November,

Grace and peace to you. We look forward to seeing you soon at Lake Junaluska.

Below is a link to a video created by the SEJ Committee on Episcopacy to help prepare you to vote on the number of bishops to be elected in November, 2022. The SEJ Committee on the Episcopacy is recommending the election of three bishops at the 2022 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

You can find the full report of the SEJ Committee on Episcopacy on page 45 of the <u>ADCA</u>. The recommendation and rationale begin on page 49. Please watch this video with further information about the recommendation: <u>https://vimeo.com/760611993/d63845fefc</u>

Judicial Council Decision <u>Number 1445</u> issued on May 20, 2022, and Judicial Council Memorandum <u>Number 1446</u> issued on May 31, 2022, clarified the plan for Jurisdictional Conferences scheduled for November 2-4, 2022.

The Judicial Council reviewed and clarified the relevant *Discipline* provisions (¶¶ 26, 27.2, 45, 404.2, 405, 406, 407, 408.1 and 512.2) and clarified the role of the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy (see ¶524) as it relates to making a recommendation to the Jurisdictional Conference regarding the number of bishops to be elected. The Judicial Council ruled that "The jurisdictional conference ... may proceed with the business listed in ¶ 27 of the Constitution, including, but not limited to, the election, consecration, assignment, and retirement of bishops, in the usual manner prescribed by the Discipline."

We hope all delegates will review our report in the ADCA and watch the video before arriving at the Lake.

We invite all of us to be in prayer as we prepare to conference together in November.

The Peace of the Lord, The SEJ Committee on Episcopacy