



## STATEMENT FROM AFRICA COLLEGES OF BISHOPS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2022

AFRICA UNIVERSITY, MUTARE, ZIMBABWE

Whereas we, the Bishops of The United Methodist Church in Africa, remain committed to the teachings of the Bible and to the doctrines of our Christian faith and heritage;

Whereas the Africa Initiative was created to advocate for African causes, issues and representation in The United Methodist Church agencies and gatherings such as the General Conference;

Whereas the Africa Initiative has lost its original goal of helping The United Methodist Church in Africa;

Whereas the Africa Initiative is now working with Wesleyan Covenant Association to destroy our United Methodist Church;

And whereas the Africa Initiative is working with and supporting the Global Methodist Church, a denomination that has not been recognized by the General Conference;

Therefore, we, the Bishops of The United Methodist Church in Africa, declare the following:

- We will dissociate from any activities of the Africa Initiative and will not allow any activities of the Africa Initiative in our areas.
- We will not allow or entertain any activities of the Wesleyan Covenant Association who are wrongly influencing God's people in our areas.
- We will not tolerate anyone giving false information about The United Methodist Church in our areas.

We will continue to be shepherds of all of God's people throughout our beloved continent.

### Bishops present:

Bishop Eben Nhiwatiwa

Bishop Ntambo Nkulu Ntanda

Bishop José Quipungo

Bishop Daniel Lunge

Bishop Owan Kasap

Bishop Daniel Wandabula

Bishop Samuel Quire

Bishop Mande Muyombo

### The statement is supported by other African Bishops who were not present:

Bishop Benjamin Boni

Bishop Gabriel Unda

Bishop Warner Brown

Bishop Joaquina Nhanala

Bishop Gaspar João Domingos