

1 *Amend ¶ 906.1 as follows and adding a new (f) and re-alphabetize the remaining.:*

2 1. Membership –a) ~~Twenty-eight~~ **Twenty-seven** persons elected through jurisdictional
3 and central conferences, one from each of the central conferences by their own nomination
4 processes and ~~24~~ **20** from the jurisdictional

5 **(f) One representative able to represent the variety of rural ministries in the United States**
6 **and the breadth of issues facing rural America to be elected by the Connectional Table**
7 **upon nomination by: 1) jurisdictional Town & Country associations; 2) the United**
8 **Methodist Rural Advocates ; and 4) the Rural Chaplain Association.**

9 *Rationale:*

10 In the United States 25,000 rural United Methodist congregations are home to 2.9 million
11 members. The connectional Table needs the gifts brought by one who has the focused
12 perspective from the context of rural and/or town and country ministry and rural socio-
13 economic-cultural-environmental issues.

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