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Chargeable Offense – Bishop “do no harm.”
Discipline new ¶ 2702.3
General Church Budget Implications: None
Global Implications: Yes

1 Amend ¶ 2702.03 by adding a new 3 and renumbering the rest:

2 **3. A bishop may be tried when charged (subject to the statute of limitations ¶2702.5) with**

3 **one or more of the following offenses:**

4 **a) the bishop appoints a pastor whose past service while appointed has been documented to**

5 **be harmful and detrimental to the local church; and/or**

6 **b) the bishop directs the acceptance by a District Superintendent of a pastor who**

7 **he/she knows will be detrimental to the life of a congregation based on past service**

8 **performance while appointed.**

9 **Rationale:**

10 Submitted in quest of mutual accountability, church vitality, and collegial effectiveness. As
11 undermining the ministry of another pastor is a chargeable offence (¶2702.1g.), therefore
12 undermining the ministry of a congregation should be as well.

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