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CREATION  
North Arkansas District Resolutions Committee  
*Manual* 903.8

RESOLVED that *Manual* paragraph 903.8 be amended as follows:

903.8. The Church of the Nazarene believes in the biblical account of creation (“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth ...”—Genesis 1:1). We are open to scientific explanations on the nature of creation while opposing [We oppose] any [godless] interpretation of the origin of the universe and of humankind that rejects God as the Creator (Hebrews 11:3). (1, 5.1, 7) (2009)

REASONS:

1. The Genesis account is fundamentally a theological statement, not a scientific one.
2. Arguing about the exact mechanism used by God to create the universe causes unnecessary divisions in the body of Christ
3. Science and theology should not be considered to be at odds with each other.
4. The Church of the Nazarene has always made room for differing interpretations on how God created, insisting only on the theological assertion that God is the Creator.