



# 2016 Proposed Resolutions to the General Conference

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**2016 General Conference**

**Palais des congrès de Montréal, Montréal QC  
Proposed Resolutions**

*(As at Thursday, March 3, 2016)*

**RESOLUTION #1      ARTICLE 7.1.3      MISSION CANADA WORKERS**

*WHEREAS Mission Canada workers hold recognized ministry appointments;*

*AND WHEREAS Mission Canada workers are eligible to vote as members of the General Conference based on the same criteria available for senior pastors and global workers;*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Article 7.1.3 be amended as follows:*

**7.1.3** Ordained global and Mission Canada workers under appointment, and global and Mission Canada workers holding a valid Licensed Minister or Recognition of Ministry credential, who have been under Global or Mission Canada Worker appointment for two (2) full and consecutive years.

*AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that any remaining references for Mission Canada workers be amended in the entire General Constitution and By-Laws as appropriate.*

**RESOLUTION #2      ARTICLE 7.1.4      LAY DELEGATES FROM LOCAL ASSEMBLIES**

*WHEREAS affiliated assemblies are entitled to send at least one lay delegate to each General Conference;*

*AND WHEREAS clarification may be helpful in outlining the criteria for additional appointed lay delegates from affiliated assemblies who have a membership of more than 200;*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Article 7.1.4 be amended as follows:*

**7.1.4** Duly appointed lay delegates from any affiliated assembly.

~~**7.1.4.1**~~ Each local assembly affiliated with The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada is authorized to appoint and send one **(1)** lay delegate to each General Conference. Those churches with a membership of ~~more than 200~~ **or more** shall be entitled to ~~one~~ **two (2)** delegates. ~~For each~~ **additional** 100 active official members recorded on the membership roster of the local assembly, **the church may send one (1) additional delegate**. These delegates shall be Spirit-filled members in good standing with the assembly.

Lay delegates shall not be credential holders or the spouses of voting credential holders.

Lay delegates must present a letter of authorization from the secretary of the church board to the conference registrar.

**RESOLUTION #3      ARTICLE 7.1.5      VOTING MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE**

*WHEREAS lay members of the General Executive and other individuals serving in district or the international office may be authorized by the district executive or the Executive Officers Committee to be voting members of the General Conference;*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Article 7.1.5 be amended as follows:

7.1.5 Lay members of the General Executive and duly appointed national departmental directors and departmental coordinators, and appointed or elected district departmental and ministry leaders who present to the registrar a letter of authorization from the district executive or Executive Officers Committee.

**RESOLUTION #4      BY-LAW 10.2.8.3      LICENSED MINISTER EXEMPTIONS**

WHEREAS the granting of an exemption based on By-Law 10.2.8.3 applies to new credential applicants who are unable to fulfill the educational requirements as outlined;

AND WHEREAS the options in By-Law 10.2.8.3 apply to two different status options for credential candidates;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 10.2.8.3 be amended as follows:

**10.2.8.3 EXEMPTIONS**

In recognizing that the evident call of God may rest upon candidates for the ministry who are unable to fulfill the educational requirements as previously outlined, the following policy and procedure may be applied by a district executive in granting exemption to the following categories:

candidates who are 30 years of age or more who have not secured a high school diploma or the acceptable equivalent for admission to an approved Bible college level education program, or

candidates who are 45 years of age or more,

Candidates must provide ~~and who have~~ the recommendation of their home church pastor, ~~and who provide~~ evidence of involvement in Christian service in their home church, and ~~who~~ show promise of capable ministerial service to an interviewing committee established by a district or conference executive,

~~s~~Such person(s) may be approved for enrollment in a special program approved by the Superintendents Committee and upon completion may qualify for a Licensed Minister Credential.

**RESOLUTION #5      BY-LAW 10.3.4 AND 12.13.2      ISSUING OF CREDENTIALS AND DISTRICT CONFERENCE APPROVAL**

WHEREAS the criteria for issuing credentials are subject to the requirements of the General Constitution & By-Laws;

AND WHEREAS credentials may be issued in advance of the next biennial district conference meeting;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 10.3.4 be amended as follows:

**By-Law 10.3.4** The National Credentials Committee shall issue credentials to ~~only those~~ who meet the requirements of the General Constitution and By-Laws and who have been recommended and approved by the district executive that may act on behalf of the and district conference, ~~or by the National Credentials Review Committee and ratified by the appropriate district conference, and who have complied with General Conference requirements.~~

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 12.13.2 be amended to reflect appropriate approval of the district conference:

**By-Law 12.13.2** The granting of credentials recommended by the district's Credential Committee shall be subject to the appropriate approval of the district conference.

**RESOLUTION #6      BY-LAW 10.2.3      DIVORCED CREDENTIAL HOLDERS REMARRYING**

WHEREAS amendments to the General Constitution and By-Laws in 2010, 2012 and 2014 were intended to cover varying circumstances for credential applicants or credential holders who may wish to marry a divorced person;

AND WHEREAS the By-Laws affecting current credential holders do not directly address a credential holder who is divorced but may be eligible to remarry based on the criteria outlined in the General Constitution and By-Laws;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 10.2.3 be amended as follows:

- 10.2.3** Should a credential holder who has never been married or a credential holder who is widowed or a credential holder who is divorced and eligible to remarry wish to marry a divorced person whose former spouse is still living, the conditions in By-Law 10.2.2 shall apply to the divorced person.

## RESOLUTION #7 BY-LAW 8.1.2.2 NATIONAL CREDENTIALS REVIEW COMMITTEE

WHEREAS the General Executive passed a motion in 2011 to enable the Chair of the National Credentials Review Committee to select PAOC credential holders to the National Credentials Review Committee rather than only being appointed by the General Executive;

AND WHEREAS the Chair uses discretion to include both male and female credential holders and diverse cultures, when appropriate, to sit on this committee;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 8.1.2.2 be amended as follows:

### 8.1.2.2 ORGANIZATION

- 8.1.2.2.1** The National Credentials Review Committee shall consist of the Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services, and other situationally appropriate credential holders as determined by the Chair ~~members appointed by the General Executive.~~

## RESOLUTION #8 BY-LAW 10.4.1.1 AND 10.4.2.2 CREDENTIAL TRANSFERS BETWEEN DISTRICTS

WHEREAS there is a distinction between the transfer of a credential from one district to another, and whether or not the receiving district recognizes the credential holder's appointment in ministry;

AND WHEREAS credential holders must hold their credential with the district in which they reside, except if the pastor's residence is across a district boundary from the congregation they serve, in which case the location of the church is the determining factor as outlined in By-Law 10.3.5;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 10.4.1.1 be amended as follows:

- 10.4.1.1** When credential holders move from one district to another in Canada, their credential shall ~~automatically be transferred to the office of the district~~ as outlined in By-Law 10.3.5 ~~of their new appointment.~~ The transfer shall be sent ~~mailed~~ to the International Office, and the records shall be adjusted accordingly.

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 10.4.2.2 be amended to differentiate between the credential transfer and the approval of an eligible appointment in ministry;

- 10.4.2.2** Credential holders transferring in from one of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada districts shall be accepted by another of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada districts ~~when they fulfill constitutional requirements for active credentials.~~ The new district shall provide appropriate consideration of constitutional requirements relative to a ministry appointment.

## RESOLUTION #9 BY-LAW 10.6.3.1-2 CHARGES AND ALLEGATIONS

WHEREAS there are both allegations and subsequent potential charges in matters relating to credential discipline;

AND WHEREAS the alleged offense may have occurred in a district other than the credential holder's current district;

AND WHEREAS the allegations are addressed prior to charges being laid;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 10.6.3.1 and 10.6.3.2 be amended as follows:

**10.6.3.1** The official allegations and any subsequent charges must be reported ~~and charges registered with~~ to the credential holder's current district.

**10.6.3.2** Based on the nature of the allegations ~~charges~~ the superintendent of the credential holder's current district shall have the right to determine restriction of ministerial activities until the allegations have been resolved.

**RESOLUTION #10 BY-LAW 10.6.9 CONFESSION AND THE FILING OF CHARGES**

*WHEREAS a confession from an accused credential holder may be received prior to the convening of a disciplinary hearing in matters relating to credential discipline;*

*AND WHEREAS a disciplinary hearing may not be required if the District Superintendent is confident that the credential holder's confession sufficiently addresses the full scope of the allegation(s);*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 10.6.9 be amended by the addition of a new paragraph as follows:

**10.6.9 PREPARATION AND FILING OF CHARGES**

If, after due investigation of allegations, it is determined that charges should be laid, formal charges shall be prepared and filed in the district office. The investigators shall have the right and responsibility to make written charges if there is sufficient evidence to present a reasonable case for a hearing. The laying of formal charges is not to be considered as an indication of belief in the guilt of the accused by the investigators. It is a procedural matter to deal with evidence at hand.

The person against whom charges have been filed shall be informed in writing of the charges made according to By-Law 10.6.2, including a signed copy of the charges; either by registered mail or personally by the investigating committee at least 15 days before being called to appear before the hearing committee. The disciplinary hearing should take place, if possible, in the locality of the alleged offense or offenses to facilitate access to as many witnesses as possible.

Should a credential holder, following the issuance of charges, admit to or confess to the charges, the District Superintendent shall exercise discretion as to whether or not a disciplinary hearing needs to proceed.

**RESOLUTION #11 BY-LAW 10.6.11 LAYING OF CHARGES**

*WHEREAS charges are laid by the investigators and not by the complainant in matters relating to credential discipline;*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 10.6.11 be amended as follows:

**10.6.11 DISCIPLINARY HEARING**

Upon the laying of charges by ~~either the complainant or~~ the investigators, the District Superintendent shall arrange for a disciplinary hearing.

**RESOLUTION #12 BY-LAW 10.6.11.4 CREDENTIAL HOLDER SUPPORT**

*WHEREAS in matters relating to credential discipline an accused credential holder has the right to have another credential holder or spouse present for support in a disciplinary hearing;*

*AND WHEREAS the individual filing the allegation may also desire support during the hearing process;*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 10.6.11.4 be amended as follows:

**10.6.11.4 CREDENTIAL HOLDER'S SUPPORT**

The accused credential holder shall have the right to have another credential holder or spouse present for support, but not as an active participant in the hearing process.

The complainant shall have the right to have another person present for support, but not as an active participant in the hearing process.

**RESOLUTION #13 BY-LAW 10.3.5 CREDENTIAL HOLDERS AT THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE OR BIBLE COLLEGE FACULTY**

*WHEREAS credential holders employed at the International Office may choose to hold their credentials in any district;*

*AND WHEREAS members of Bible college administration or faculties may hold credentials in any of the sponsoring districts of the college;*

*AND WHEREAS these credential holders have a recognized appointment in ministry at the International Office or Bible college or seminary and therefore retain district conference privileges in their home district and may remain eligible for district ministry appointments or elections;*

*AND WHEREAS By-Law 12.5.1 addresses membership at a District Conference with residential exceptions made at the discretion of the district executive rather than the Superintendents Committee;*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 10.3.5 be amended as follows:*

- 10.3.5** All ministers must hold their credentials with the district in which they reside, except if the pastor's residence is across a district boundary from the congregation they serve, in which case the location of the church is the determining factor. ~~Exceptions may be made only with the approval of the Superintendents Committee.~~ Credential holders working at the International Office may choose **to hold credentials in any district, their own district affiliation; and members** of Bible college **administration or** faculties may hold credentials in any of the sponsoring districts of the school. **Such credential holders may remain eligible for district ministry appointments or elections in the district in which they hold credentials.** Credential holders who are 60 years of age or older and have retired from active full-time ministry may hold their credentials in any district within the fellowship, regardless of residence. Ordained ministers on full-time study leave as provided in By-Law 10.5.7.3 may retain their credentials in their home district.

**RESOLUTION #14 BY-LAW 12.9.2.3 GENERAL EXECUTIVE NOMINEE PROCESS**

*WHEREAS a district conference nomination ballot and first election ballot for the General Executive credential holder nominee requires a two-thirds majority to be selected as the district nominee to General Conference;*

*AND WHEREAS a simple majority of votes is acceptable for the first election ballot;*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 12.9.2.3 be amended for clarification as follows:*

**12.9.2.3 GENERAL EXECUTIVE NOMINEE**

Prior to the convening of the biennial General Conference, the district conference shall choose a credential holder to serve as a nominee to the General Conference for election to the General Executive. The process for choosing the nominee shall be as follows: on a nomination ballot the district executive shall present three names. Additional credential holders receiving over 5% on the nominating ballot shall be eligible to appear on the election ballot. A two-thirds majority on the district conference nomination ballot ~~or first election ballot~~ shall be required to select the district nominee to be presented to the General Conference. If the district nominee is not confirmed on the **nomination ballot, a first election ballot shall be held. If the district nominee is not confirmed on the first election ballot by simple majority,** the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall appear on the second election ballot. A **simple majority of votes are required for election** ~~vote shall confirm the election~~ of the district nominee for the General Conference nomination slate for General Executive members-at-large.

WHEREAS the General Executive has reviewed the positions for the Executive Officers Committee and determined that a change in title would enable greater clarity;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the position of Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services be renamed General Secretary Treasurer and the position of Assistant Superintendent for International Missions be renamed Executive Director for International Missions in Article 10.1 as follows:

#### ARTICLE 10 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

##### 10.1 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS COMMITTEE

The Executive Officers of the corporation shall be elected by the membership of the biennial General Conference and shall consist of the General Superintendent, the **General Secretary Treasurer** ~~Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services~~ and the **Executive Director** ~~Assistant Superintendent for International Missions~~ and such officer or officers as may be added from time to time by action of General Conference.

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the above-named positions be amended in the entire General Constitution and By-Laws.

WHEREAS qualifications for individuals nominated for the positions of Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services and Assistant Superintendent for International Missions may be enhanced by specific skills and experience;

AND WHEREAS there may be value in expanding the nominating committee to include an individual with a professional financial designation;

AND WHEREAS the nominating committee could be empowered to add additional names to the nomination process of candidates who meet the criteria outlined in By-Law 3.2.1;

AND WHEREAS the nominating committee will present up to three (3) names to the General Conference for election of the Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services and the Assistant Superintendent for International Missions;

AND WHEREAS the existing nomination process would apply to only General Superintendent nominees;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 3.3.1 be amended as follows:

#### 3.3 NOMINATIONS

##### 3.3.1 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS COMMITTEE

- 3.3.1.1** A pre-conference nomination ballot for each executive officer position shall be mailed 90 days prior to General Conference to all members eligible to vote at General Conference, as described in Article 7, and to lay delegates who have been duly appointed and recorded with the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services at least 90 days prior to General Conference, to be returned postmarked no later than 60 days prior to Conference. The pre-conference nomination ballot shall be mailed together with a description of the qualifications, responsibilities and duties of the elected Executive Officers Committee.
- 3.3.1.2** The General Executive shall appoint a Nominations Committee of **at least** three members at a meeting of the General Executive no later than four months prior to the General Conference. The members of the Nominations Committee shall declare themselves to be non-candidates. **At least one member shall have a financial designation.**
- 3.3.1.3** Nominees **for General Superintendent** receiving five per cent or more of ballots cast shall be contacted prior to General Conference for the purpose of accepting or declining the nomination. Only those standing candidates receiving more than five per cent of nomination ballots cast shall become nominees for election. Nominees may stand for more than one position.
- 3.3.1.4** Should a nominee **for General Superintendent** withdraw after receiving more than 50 per cent of the

votes cast on the pre-conference nomination ballot, a second nomination ballot shall be conducted at General Conference at which time the General Conference shall be advised of all standing nominees who received more than five per cent of the votes cast in the pre-conference ballot. Further nominations from those present and voting shall be permitted on such a second nomination ballot only. Those who may have withdrawn after the pre-conference ballot shall be considered eligible for nomination. Those receiving three per cent or more of ballots cast shall be reported on the nomination ballot and shall become eligible nominees for election.

**3.3.1.5 Nominees for the positions of Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services and Assistant Superintendent for International Missions receiving five per cent or more of ballots cast shall be considered by the Nominations Committee.**

**3.3.1.5.1 The Nominations Committee will review the qualifications of candidates nominated to the positions of Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services and Assistant Superintendent for International Missions, as outlined in By-Law 3.2.1. Qualified candidates shall be contacted prior to General Conference for the purpose of accepting or declining the nomination. Candidates who are not qualified or willing to serve will be removed from the process by the Nominations Committee.**

**3.3.1.5.2 The Nominations Committee may add additional names to the nomination process of candidates who meet the criteria outlined in By-Law 3.2.1.**

**3.3.1.5.3 The Nominations Committee will present up to three (3) names to the General Conference for election. The General Conference shall be presented with a biography for each qualified candidate at the General Conference prior to the election.**

**3.3.1.5.4 Nominees may stand for more than one position.**

**RESOLUTION #17 BY-LAW 3.2.1 QUALIFICATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS COMMITTEE**

*WHEREAS qualifications for individuals nominated for the positions of Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services and Assistant Superintendent for International Missions may be enhanced by specific skills and experience;*

*AND WHEREAS qualified credential holders are elected to these positions;*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 3.2.1 be amended as follows:*

**3.2 QUALIFICATIONS**

**3.2.1 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS COMMITTEE**

The Executive Officers Committee shall be members of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and shall be persons of mature experience and ability, who have been ordained for a period of not fewer than ten (10) consecutive years with The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, including at least two years immediately prior to the nomination, whose life and ministry are above question, and such qualities shall determine their eligibility for office.

**The Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services shall have a minimum of five (5) years of proven senior financial or managerial experience or at least two (2) years of proven senior financial or managerial experience with a professional financial or managerial designation.**

**The Assistant Superintendent for International Missions shall have proven international missions involvement.**

**RESOLUTION #18 BY-LAW 8.2.2 INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

*WHEREAS the Missions Operations Committee is a subcommittee of International Missions;*

*AND WHEREAS the International Missions Operations Committee also includes Regional Directors, representation from PAONL and the Director of ERDO,*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 8.2.2 and 8.2.2.2.1 be updated as follows:*

**8.2.2 INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**



**8.2.2.2.1** The **International** Missions Operations Committee shall include the Executive Officers Committee and the international missions departmental **directors, Regional Directors, representation from The Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador, and the Chief Executive Officer of ERDO** coordinators.

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the above-named committee be amended in the entire General Constitution and By-Laws.

**RESOLUTION #19 BY-LAW 8.2.3 INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS REGIONAL DIRECTORS COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS the Regional Directors Committee also includes representation from PAONL and the Director of ERDO,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 8.2.3.2.1 be updated as follows:

**8.2.3.2.1** The Regional Directors Committee shall include the Executive Officers Committee, the regional directors, and by invitation, the international missions department **directors, representation from The Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Chief Executive Officer of ERDO,** coordinators and national leaders.

**RESOLUTION #20 BY-LAW 10.6.3 GLOBAL WORKER DISCIPLINE MATTERS**

WHEREAS persons under appointment by the International Missions Operations Committee have their credentials with the department of the International Office responsible for international missions;

AND WHEREAS those persons who hold credentials with international missions department may be subject to disciplinary action;

AND WHEREAS there is a need to state the role of the Assistant Superintendent for International Missions which parallels the role of the District Superintendent in matters of credential holder discipline;

AND WHEREAS the International Missions Operations Committee performs the function of a district executive for international missions;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 10.6.3 be amended as follows:

**10.6.3 DISTRICT INITIATIVE**

Credential holders are responsible to the executive of the district in which their credentials are held **or the Missions Operations Committee in the case of global workers.**

Occasions sometimes arise which make it necessary to deal with credential holders who have reached a point at which, in the opinion of the district executive **or Missions Operations Committee,** endorsement can no longer be given. ~~District executive~~ **Committees,** which have the authority to ordain ministers and to recommend them for credentials, also have the right to carry out disciplinary procedures arising from causes cited in By-Law 10.6.2.

Credential holders who have global worker status are subject to similar review and decision by the Missions Operations Committee. **The Assistant Superintendent for International Missions shall fulfill the role of the District Superintendent in the case of global workers.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the appropriate references between By-Law 8.1.2 and By-Law 10.7.4 in the General Constitution and By-Laws be amended to include the additions of individuals and committees referred to in the main resolution.

**RESOLUTION #21      BY-LAW 12.1      DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

*WHEREAS the territories in Canada are Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut;*

*AND WHEREAS various districts include a portion of Nunavut;*

*AND WHEREAS several district boundaries make reference to the northern limit of Canada;*

*AND WHEREAS the word "Highway" and the number sign (#) are both included in the boundaries listed for Western Ontario (remove the #);*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT applicable sections of By-Law 12.1 be amended as follows:*

- 12.1.2** The Alberta and Northwest Territories District shall comprise the region bounded on the west by the eastern borders of the Province of British Columbia and the Yukon Territory, and on the east by the western border of the Province of Saskatchewan and continuing north on a direct line north through the Northwest Territories **and Nunavut** to the extreme **northern** limit of Canada.
- 12.1.3** The Saskatchewan District shall comprise the region bounded on the west by the eastern border of the District of Alberta, and on the east by the Manitoba provincial boundary line carried north in a direct line to the extreme northern limits of Canada.
- 12.1.4** The District of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario shall comprise the region bounded on the west by the eastern border of the Saskatchewan District, and on the east by a line running from Nipigon, Ontario, in a northwesterly direction to the present provincial Manitoba boundary at a point where the 95th parallel of longitude intersects the said boundary at a point south of Island Lake, and then northeasterly on the Manitoba provincial boundary to Hudson Bay and, from thence, due north to the extreme **northern** limits of Canada.
- 12.1.5** The Western Ontario District shall be the region bounded on the west by the eastern boundary of the Manitoba District, and on the east by a line beginning at the start of Highway #11A at the waterfront in the city of Toronto, north by **Highway #11A** to **Highway #401**, east to **Highway #11** and north on **Highway #11** to North Bay, and eastward from North Bay along Highway #17 to Mattawa (Mattawa being in the Western Ontario District), and northward from Mattawa along the Quebec border to the extreme northern limits of Canada, all towns on Highways 11 and 17 being in the Western Ontario District.
- 12.1.6** The Eastern Ontario District shall comprise that part of Ontario from the eastern border of the Western Ontario District, as described above, to the western border of the Province of Québec, and including that portion of **Nunavut** ~~the Northwest Territories~~ situated east of the line proceeding due north from the point where the Ontario/Québec provincial boundaries enter James Bay.

**RESOLUTION #22      LCC BY-LAW 2.1.5      EXTENDED ABSENCE**

*WHEREAS there are situations which require an extended leave of absence by the senior pastor;*

*AND WHEREAS the District Superintendent or their representative may be invited to assist during the extended absence;*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Local Church Constitution By-Law 2.1.5 be amended by addition as follows:*

**LCC BY-LAW 2.1.5 EXTENDED ABSENCE: In the event that the pastor is absent for an extended period due to inability or ineligibility to serve, the District Superintendent or their authorized representative may, in conjunction with the board, assist in arranging for pulpit supply and chair the board.**

*AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the remaining items be renumbered appropriately.*