

GC42 CR 1 Chasing the Spirit That the 42nd General Council 2015:

- (1) commit to supporting new ministries and new forms of ministry through an initiative tentatively called “Chasing the Spirit”;**
- (2) direct that ten (10%) percent of annual Mission and Service givings be invested in this initiative, with the United Church to begin work immediately towards implementation of this direction, and for it to be fully implemented no later than 2018; and**
- (3) direct the General Secretary, General Council that implementation should:**
 - include initiatives for existing communities of faith that want to be transformed;**
 - reconsider the name of the new initiative and its theological implications;**
 - consider setting proportional targets for diverse intercultural ministry expressions;**
 - consider accessibility and engagement by rural, remote and other communities;**
 - consider additional sources of revenue for the fund, such as revenues from property sales or bequests; and**
 - communicate with regions.**

GC42 CR2 Aboriginal Ministries

That notwithstanding any decisions made by the 42nd General Council in response to the Comprehensive Review Task Group’s Report, the 42nd General Council 2015 direct the Executive of the General Council to:

- (1) establish a process to continue conversations with the Aboriginal ministries that form the Aboriginal Ministries Council to build a relationship based on mutuality, respect, and equity, and to report back no later than GC 43;**
- (2) maintain funding for Aboriginal ministries at current levels, to the extent possible, during the next triennium while the conversations continue; and**
- (3) establish a process for developing a model for funding Aboriginal Ministries and Indigenous Justice on a going forward basis.**

GC42 CR3 – A Three Council Model

That the 42nd General Council 2015 approve the reorganization of The United Church of Canada from its current four-court structure to a three-council structure consisting of communities of faith, regional councils, and a denominational council as follows:

1. COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

A. Description:

A community of faith would be any community of people within the United Church that:

- gathers to explore faith, worship, and serve, including but not limited to congregations, outreach ministries, faith-based communal living, house churches, and online communities; and
- is recognized as a community of faith within the United Church by the regional council through a covenantal relationship between the community of faith and the regional council.

B. Membership

The members of the community of faith would be:

- people admitted to membership by the community of faith, within denominational guidelines;
- eligible for election to denominational council and regional council; and
- entitled to vote on all community of faith matters; and entitled to extend the right to vote on financial and administrative matters to adherents.

C. Authority and responsibility

The community of faith would have authority and responsibility for:

Mission

- living in covenant with the regional council with mutual responsibilities for the life and mission of the community of faith, and fulfilling its responsibilities under the covenant;
- doing regular self-assessments of the ministry of the community of faith; and filing the report with the regional council;
- joining the hearts, voices, and resources of the community to witness to the gospel and vision of Jesus for a compassionate and just society, both in Canada and around the world;
- local, regional, national and global initiatives and partnerships (community, ecumenical and interfaith) for ministry, mission and justice work;
- ministry with children and youth and young adults;
- honouring and living into intercultural mission and ministry, as described in *Vision for*

Becoming an Intercultural Church;

- recognizing that the Aboriginal Ministries have not yet determined their presence within the new structures of the church; and
- living in covenant with Mother Earth and All My Relations in the Earth community.

Governance and administration

- making decisions about the life of the community of faith, including worship, care, spiritual practice, and learning; local administration, finances, and governance, and local mission, justice, and evangelism;
- meeting at least annually;
- complying with denominational and regional policies; and
- buying, selling, leasing, and renovating community of faith property in cooperation with the regional council, within denominational guidelines.

Spiritual life

- setting policies for membership, within denominational guidelines and receiving and celebrating new members in the community of faith;
- helping members deepen their faith while exploring their faith journey; and
- ensuring the proper administration of the sacraments

Ministry and other leadership

- cooperation with the regional council, within denominational guidelines, in recruiting, choosing, calling, appointing, and covenanting with ministry personnel and other staff, and in ending calls and appointments/covenants with ministry personnel and other staff;
- encouraging members to consider ministry roles a responsibility shared through the whole community of faith; and
- recommending to the appropriate body suitable lay members as inquirers, candidates, and licensed lay worship leaders, as and if required under denominational policy;

Participation in regional and denominational life

- helping to fund the cost of sending members to the meetings of the regional council;
- electing members to serve on regional council with shared funding of the cost; and
- receiving, dealing with, and forwarding on proposals from members of the community of faith to regional councils.

D. Limitations

All authority and responsibility of the community of faith would be subject to:

- policies set by the denominational council on membership, governance, pastoral relations, property, and any other area within the authority of the denominational council;
- the covenantal relationship between the community of faith and the regional council; and
- the authority of the regional council to assume control of the community of faith in extraordinary circumstances where the community of faith is unable to or refuses to meet its responsibilities or acts outside of denominational or regional policies.

2. REGIONAL COUNCILS

A. Description

A regional council would be a decision-making body responsible to serve and support communities of faith within its bounds and provide necessary oversight.

B. Membership

The regional council would be composed of:

- **all ministry personnel within the geographic bounds served by the regional council; and**
- **lay members elected by the community of faith, respecting the balance of lay and ministry personnel where possible.**

C. Authority and Responsibility

The regional council would have authority and responsibility for:

Covenanting:

- **recognizing a new community of faith by entering into a covenantal relationship with it;**
- **living in a covenantal relationship with each community of faith, with mutual responsibilities for the life and mission of the community of faith, and fulfilling its responsibilities under the covenant; and**
- **living in a covenantal relationship with ministry personnel.**

Services for communities of faith:

- **providing support, advice, and services to communities of faith in human resource matters;**
- **providing support, advice, and services to communities of faith in dealing with congregational property;**
- **managing regional archives;**
- **providing on-going leadership training for ministers and lay persons; and**
- **providing funding partnerships with United Church educational and leadership training centres and camps as determined regionally.**

Serve, support and provide oversight of communities of faith:

- **reviewing and periodically auditing the self-assessments of communities of faith in light of the covenant between the community of faith and the regional council;**
- **supporting emerging new ministries;**
- **supporting communities of faith in their life and work;**
- **serving, supporting and providing oversight when necessary of camps and incorporated ministries in the region;**
- **promoting articulation of mission and ministry;**
- **ensuring compliance with the policies and polity of The United Church of Canada and reviewing any relevant records; and**

- assuming control of a community of faith in extraordinary circumstances where the community of faith is unable to or refuses to meet its responsibilities or acts outside of denominational policies.

Mission and ministry:

Encouraging and engaging in:

- joining our collective hearts, voices, and resources to witness to the gospel and vision of Jesus for a compassionate and just society, both in Canada and around the world;
- local regional national and global initiatives and partnerships (community, ecumenical and interfaith) for ministry, mission and justice work;
- ministry with children, youth and young adults;
- honouring and living into intercultural ministry and mission as described in *Vision for Becoming an Intercultural Church*;
- recognizing that the Aboriginal Ministries have not yet determined their presence within the new structures of the Church; and
- living in covenant with Mother Earth and All My Relations in the Earth community.

Policy and finance:

- administering policy set by the denominational council, and setting appropriate regional policy;
- buying, selling, leasing, and renovating community of faith property in cooperation with communities of faith, and distributing any proceeds within denominational guidelines;
- buying, selling, leasing, and renovating regional property, and distributing any proceeds within denominational guidelines;
- receiving, dealing with, and forwarding on proposals from communities of faith to the denominational council based on denominational policy;
- setting and managing its annual budget including revenue from the denominational assessment and setting any additional regional assessment for any additional services the regional council wishes to undertake;
- participating in determining priorities for mission and ministry work through Mission and Service; and
- meeting at least annually as the entire regional council or through its executive.

Preparation for Ministry:

- recruitment and discernment of persons for ministry;
- accompaniment and supervision of persons in the preparation process;
- ordination and commissioning of members of the order of ministry;
- recognition of Designated Lay Ministers;
- licensing of Licensed Lay Worship Leaders; and
- celebrations of admissions and re-admissions.

Pastoral Relations;

- Cooperating with communities of faith in recruiting, choosing, calling, appointing and covenanting with ministry personnel and communities of faith;

Celebrating Retirements.

Oversight of ministry personnel;

- encouraging and supporting ministry personnel towards health, joy and excellence in ministry practice;
- assisting with informal conflict resolution processes; and
- maintaining the roll of ministry personnel and informing the office of vocation of those ministry personnel in good standing;

Participation in denominational life:

- electing members to serve on denominational council.
- receiving, dealing with, and forwarding on proposals from members of the community of faith to the denominational council; and
- promoting and fostering direct dialogue between communities of faith and the denominational council.

D. *Limitations*

All authority and responsibility of the regional council would be subject to:

- policies set by the denominational council on membership, governance, pastoral relations, candidacy, ministry personnel, property, and any other area within the authority of the denominational council; and
- the authority of the denominational council to assume control of the regional council in extraordinary circumstances where the regional council is unable to or refuses to meet its responsibilities or acts outside of denominational or regional policies.

E. *Staffing*

Each region would have staff to assist the regional council in meeting its responsibilities:

- staffing numbers would be based on assessments, grants from Mission and Service, and any other regional income;
- staffing would be based on priorities and needs as determined regionally;
- staff would be hired and managed by a regional secretary who reports to the General Secretary of the denominational council and relates to the regional council executive; and
- regional councils with more resources would be free to retain more staff, and sharing of all resources across the church would be encouraged.

3. DENOMINATIONAL COUNCIL

A. *Description:*

The denominational council would be the decision-making body for the United Church as both a denomination and a legal corporation.

B. *Membership*

The denominational council would consist of:

- those elected by the regional councils according to an agreed-upon formula
- the presiding officer or elder of each regional council;

- the Moderator and the immediate Past Moderator;
- the General Secretary of the denominational council; and
- other members and guests as determined.

C. *Authority and responsibility*

The denominational council would have authority and responsibility for:

Mission:

- joining our collective hearts, voices, and resources to witness to the gospel and vision of Jesus for a compassionate and just society, both in Canada and around the world;
- engaging denominational-level ministry and mission including resource development and being a resource to regional councils and communities of faith;
- encouraging local and regional mission and ministry, partnerships, ecumenical and interfaith;
- engaging in national and global partnerships, ecumenical and interfaith relationships;
- honouring and living into intercultural mission and ministry as described in *Vision for Becoming an Intercultural Church*; and
- living in covenant with Mother Earth and All My Relations in the Earth community.

Policy:

- setting policies for the denomination on doctrine, worship, membership, governance, pastoral relations, property, and the entrance to paid accountable ministry;
- making decisions on denomination-shaping issues relating to public witness; and
- dealing with proposals received from regional councils;

Governance:

- electing a Moderator;
- electing the executive of the denominational council;
- referring all unfinished matters to the executive of the denominational council;
- meeting once every three years in person, with members having the option of full participation through electronic or equivalent means;
- meeting more frequently as required through electronic or equivalent means; and
- approving the number and boundaries of regional councils, supporting them and promoting parity of service across regions;

Finance and administration:

- setting a three-year budget framework for the church
- determining the assessment formula for communities of faith and assessing them to meet the requirements of the budget; and
- maintaining the denominational archives.

D. *Limitations*

This proposal does not affect the limitations that exist at the current time:

- *remit*: the Basis of Union may only be changed through the remit process, which requires the approval of a majority of the presbyteries and also, if the General Council

considers it advisable because the change is substantive or denomination-shaping, pastoral charges;

- *membership requirements*: no terms of admission to full membership may be prescribed other than those laid down in the New Testament;
- *freedom of worship*: the freedom of worship enjoyed by churches at the time of union in 1925 may not be interfered with in the United Church; and
- *property*: all policy on congregational property adopted by the denominational council must comply with the requirements set in The United Church of Canada Act, 1925.

E. Executive of the denominational council

The executive of the denominational council would be the decision-making body for the United Church between meetings of the denominational council, living into covenantal relationship and mutually accountable with the Denominational Council, Regional Councils, and communities of faith, with size: a fixed number between 12 and 18 members, with the exact number set by the denominational council;

Authority:

- dealing with all unfinished matters referred to it by the denominational council;
- dealing with all routine and emergency work of the denominational council;
- between meetings of the denominational council;
- establishing standing and other committees; and
- exercising additional authority and subject to any limitations as set by the denominational council

F. Staffing

The denominational council would have staff to assist it in meeting its responsibilities through:

- staffing based on assessments of communities of faith, grants from Mission and Service, and other denominational income;
- staffing based on the priorities and needs as determined denominationally;
- administering denominational policies;
- providing centralized technical services such as information technology, communication, payroll, accounting, human resources, administration, and pension plan;
- supporting the Moderator; and
- providing leadership in global partnerships and national-level ministry and mission work.

4. CLUSTERS AND NETWORKS

Alongside the three-council structure, there would also be:

- *clusters*: local clusters of communities of faith that would provide community and support for communities of faith and their leaders, and focus on worship, mission, learning, collegiality, and strategic planning; and

- *networks*: linking people working on specific issues (e.g. supportive housing, intercultural ministry, youth ministry) or for project work (e.g. event planning) that function through the whole church, depending on the issue.

Although the clusters and networks would not be formal governance bodies, they would be central to the living out of our faith.

GC42 CR4 – Elimination of transfer and settlement

That the 42nd General Council 2015 approve the elimination of the transfer and settlement processes for members of the order of ministry within the United Church, including the elimination of the General Council Transfer Committee.

GC42 CR5 – Theological rationale for Three Council Model

That the 42nd General Council 2015:

- 1) direct the Theology Inter-Church Inter-Faith Committee to develop a theological rationale for the Three Council Model; and
- 2) Refer the following statement to the committee for consideration in this task:

We believe that God's holy Mystery has expressed itself in the sharing being through the creation, healing and ultimate perfecting of creaturely existence. We believe that the divine Mystery is most profoundly expressed in the event of Jesus Christ, God's Word made flesh. In responding to the divine initiative, and as led by the Holy Spirit, people of faith are called by the Holy Spirit into communion with others as members of Christ in the gathering of a local community of faith. Various known in Scripture as the people of God, the body of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, the church is more than the sum of all local communities. Communities of faith belong to one another across geographic, ethnic, and denominational boundaries in one holy, catholic and apostolic church. United Church governance reflects our belonging together through councils in which local communities of faith exercise mutual support and accountability. We dare to believe that the church is an instrument in God's hands, welcoming people into communion with God in Jesus Christ and seeking to serve God's mission to the world in Christ. Yearning for the coming of God's reign in its fullness, we are called to *be* the church, celebrating God's presence, living with respect in creation, seeking justice and resisting evil, and proclaiming Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

GC42 – CR6 – Office of Vocation

That the 42nd General Council establish a denominational office of vocation as a permanent feature of the denominational structure with the following responsibilities and structure:

Responsibilities:

- **establishing standards for training and accreditation of ministry personnel according to denominational policies;**
- **establishing expectations and standards for continuing education, formation, and professional development of ministry personnel according to denominational policies;**
- **determining the person's fitness and readiness for accreditation to ministry;**
- **maintaining registry of accredited ministry personnel;**
- **disciplining of ministry personnel including formal hearings and complaints;**
- **supporting and responding to requests for assistance from regional councils;**
- **administering the Discontinued Service List (Disciplinary and Voluntary);**
- **maintaining a list of trained conflict resolution facilitators;**
- **maintaining a list of recognized Interim Ministers, and those trained for the Ministry of Supervision; and**
- **establishing and implementing standards for admitting ministers from other denominations and re-admitting ministers.**

Structure:

The office of vocations will be overseen by an elected body honouring and living into intercultural mission and ministry, as described in *Vision for Becoming an Intercultural Church*; consisting of a balance of ministers whether ordained, diaconal, or designated lay ministers and lay people, with a variety of active experience.

GC42 –CR 7 ASSOCIATION OF MINISTERS

That the 42nd General Council 2015 direct the Executive of the General Council:

- (1) **to establish a working group consisting of ministry personnel to consider the idea of establishing an Association of Ministers; and**
- (2) **to receive the report of the working group and to take appropriate action in response.**

GC42 –CR 8 FUNDING A NEW MODEL

That the 42nd General Council 2015 approve the following principles to guide the budgeting process for The United Church of Canada:

- (1) spend only what is received, which will require at least an \$11 million reduction in spending by 2018 from current 2015 spending levels;
- (2) determine the number of staff and what they do based on revenues received;
- (3) use Mission and Service to fund only ministry and mission activities;
- (4) fund governance and support services, whether at the regional council or the denominational council, by assessing communities of faith;
- (4) share assessments equitably across the whole church;
- (6) permit the regional council to use additional resources for regional purposes; and
- (7) encourage sharing of all resources across the church.

And further, that the Executive of the General Council be directed and authorized to take the actions necessary to finalize and implement the new model based on the above principles, to the extent permissible pending the outcome of this remit.

GC42 – CR9 - REGIONS AND MEMBERSHIP

That the 42nd General Council direct the General Secretary to address the following prior to the issuing of a remit on the three- council model and report to the General Council Executive:

- the number of regions
- the membership of the regional council executive
- the membership of the denominational council executive
- the costs of conducting the meetings of the regional and denominational councils and who will bear that cost
- the relationship of regional council and denominational council to staff
- the means of participating in meetings (including technology)

With attention to these principles:

- good stewardship of human and financial resources;
- the resources to sustain the councils;
- geographical accessibility to participants
- our tradition of conciliar representation
- aboriginal, ethnic, francophone, racial, intercultural, youth and other diverse voices.
- UCW representation
- the engagement of networks and clusters with the councils
- our tradition of balancing council membership considering lay-ordered, gender and youth, etc.

- the numbers of communities of faith to be serviced, the number of members, their wealth, geographic distances, and sense of belonging
- the possibility of staff being shared among a number of regions within a geographical area

GC42 – CR10 METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

That the 42nd General Council direct the General Secretary, General Council to address the method of assessment, reporting to the General Council Executive. Upon the approval of the General Council Executive, the method of assessment will form the background material for the necessary remit. In creating this method of assessment, the following principles must be included:

- the principles articulated in CRTG 6
- just, sustainable, understandable and fair
- recognizes the differences in, and gives priority to the financial and spiritual health of communities of faith and regional councils, individually and collectively. money is expended with priority to providing service and support to communities of faith through the most effective means, recognizing that this is most often realized through regional deployment
- the resultant method of assessment should be transparent, understandable, and fair.
- reliable and accurate statistical basis
- awareness that the standard of measurement will affect the behaviour of the church
- mandatory background to any remit on the subject of assessment.

The Proposals M&O 11 and MTU 3 are referred to the General Secretary, General Council for information in the above work.

GC42 CR 11 - REFERRAL OF PROPOSALS

The 42nd General Council refer proposals M&O 18 FRANCOPHONE DECISION-MAKING NETWORK, MAR 5 EXISTING SOCIAL JUSTICE NETWORKS, M&O 17 RECOGNITION IN PRINCIPLE OF FRANCOPHONES and to the General Secretary, General Council as part of the work undertaken under GC42 CR9.

GC42 CR 12 RELATIONSHIP OF STAFF

The 42nd General Council direct the General Secretary, General Council to clarify and report to the Executive of the General Council on:

- the relationship of the Regional Secretaries and the General Secretary; and

- **the relationships and accountability of regional staff.**

GC42 CR 13 EVALUATION

That the 42nd General Council direct that the Executive of the General Council define “objectives and ends” for the governance changes adopted and determine measurements for evaluation to be done in time for the 43rd General Council.

GC42 CR 14 PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS

That the 42nd General Council direct the General Secretary to initiate a thorough review of the property and investments (including but not limited to policies and amounts) of The United Church of Canada at all levels, being guided by the principle for the sharing of human and property resources between financially wealthy and financially disadvantaged communities of faith at the denominational, regional and local levels.

GC42 CR 15 DISPOSAL OF PROPOSALS

That the 42nd General Council take no further action on the following Proposals:

ANW 4 Caring for Pastoral Relationships – a Response to the Comprehensive Review
 ANW 7 Membership of the UCW in GC
 ANW 8 Number of Regional councils
 ANW 9 Organization & Responsibilities of Proposed Denominational
 ANW 10 Organization & Responsibilities of Proposed Regional Councils
 ANW 11 Funding Model (1) CRTG #6
 ANW 12 Funding Model (2) CRTG #6
 ANW 14 CRTG – Representation of UCW
 ANW 15 Grass Roots Stimulus
 ANW 16 Denominational Funding
 BC1 Concerning Covenants
 BC 10 Considering Terminology in United in God’s Work
 BC 12 Amendments to “United in God’s Work”
 BC 13 Response to United in God’s Work
 BQ 1 Renew the Current Structure
 BQ 3 Clarification of the Proposed New Assessment Formula
 BQ 4 A Response to the Final Report of the Comprehensive Review Task Group
 BQ 6 Full Voting Status National UCW President
 BQ 8 Natural Justice for College of Ministry
 CRTG 1 Comprehensive Review: Chasing the Spirit
 CRTG 2 Aboriginal Ministries
 CRTG 3 A Three-Council Model

CRTG 4 A College of Ministers
 CRTG 5 An Association of Ministers
 CRTG 6 Funding a New Model
 HAM 4 Representation of United Church Women on Councils
 HAM 6 Representation of United Church Women on Councils
 HAM 7 Initiating Comprehensive Review of Property & Monies
 LON 1 Naming the Denominational council
 LON 2 Naming of the Denominational Court
 LON 3 Proposed Name for the Denominational council
 LON 4 Representation to General Council
 LON 6 Representation of UCW on Councils
 LON 7 Representation of UCW on Councils
 LON 8 Representation of UCW on Councils
 LON 9 Representation of UCW on Councils
 LON 10 Representation of UCW on Councils
 LON 11 Representation of UCW on Councils
 LON 12 Representation of UCW on Councils
 LON 13 Representation of UCW on Councils
 LON 14 Accountability of Regional councils
 LON 15 College of Ministers & Association of Ministers
 LON 16 Association of Ministers
 LON 18 Funding for Restructuring
 LON 25 Ministers Attached to Courts
 LON 26 Balanced Representation on Regional and Denominational councils
 M&O 1 Alternative 3 Council Model
 M&O 2 Number of Regional councils
 M&O 3 Representation at the National Council
 M&O 4 CR: Strengthen Cooperation & Relationships with Other Churches
 M&O 5 Pastoral Oversight
 M&O 6 Oversight of Communities of Faith
 M&O 7 Comprehensive Review Representation of UCW Councils
 M&O 8 Amendment to the 3 Council Model Regarding Delegate Participation
 M&O 9 Evaluation after Implementation of CR Changes
 M&O 10 Chasing the Spirit
 M&O 11 Funding a New Model
 M&O 13 Enabling Justice Work through Times of Change
 M&O 12 Resource Sharing
 M&O 14 Change the Name of the College of Ministers
 M&O 15 Allow for a Larger Board of Directors for the College of Ministers
 M&O 16 National Listing for Interim Ministry and Ministry of Supervision
 M&O 19 Support for Ministries in French
 MAR 7 The Denominational council Structure & Funding
 MAR 8 Representation of UCW on Councils
 MAR 9 Alternative Structure to College
 MAR 10 Responsibilities of Colleges Assigned to Regional councils
 MAR 11 Regional council Responsibility for Youth Gatherings

MNWO 1 Attendance Numbers of General Council
 MNWO 2 Comprehensive Review – College of Ministers
 MNWO 3 Comprehensive Review – Three Council Model
 MNWO 4 Representation of United Church Women on Councils
 MNWO 5 Comprehensive Review – Lay Leadership Development and Education
 MNWO 9 Comprehensive Review – United in God’s World
 MNWO 10 Staff Person for Supporting Transformation and New Ministries
 MNWO 11 Reconsider Name – Chasing the Spirit
 MNWO 12 Comprehensive Review – Regional councils Should be Appropriate Size
 MNWO 13 Comprehensive Review – Order of Ministry and “UCC Memberships”
 MTU 3 Denomination Funding Formula
 MTU 4 Comprehensive Review: United in God’s Work – Representation of United Church Women on Councils
 NL 1 A New Model
 NL 2 Non-support for an Association of Ministers
 NL 3 Task Group to Establish Regional Boundaries
 SK 2 Training & Accountability of Ministry Personnel
 SK 3 Amendment to College and Association of Ministers
 SK 4 College & Association of Ministers
 SK 5 Support, Assessment, Oversight & Discipline for DLMs
 SK 6 Oversight of Communities of Faith – 3 Court Model
 SK 7 Strengthening Regional councils – An Alternative
 SK 10 Amendment to Chasing the Spirit
 TOR 6 Sharing of Resources
 TOR 11 UCW Representation on Council

GC42 CR 16 - Remits

That the 42nd General Council 2015 authorize Category 3 remits to presbyteries and pastoral charges to test the will of the church with respect to the reorganization and polity changes set out in motions CR3, CR4, CR6 and CR8.

GC42 –CR 17 REMITS / MEETINGS OF THE 43RD GENERAL COUNCIL

That the 42nd General Council 2015:

- (1) waive the requirement for 24 months’ study and information sharing before the remit return date, in order to allow for an earlier return deadline for presbyteries and pastoral charges, for all category 3 remits arising from the Comprehensive Review;**
- (2) advance the date of the regular meeting of the 43rd General Council from 2018 to September 15, 2017, or such other date named by the Executive of the General Council, so that the results of these remits may then be**

reported to the General Council and, if the remits have been approved, a decision made whether to enact them;

- (3) authorize the Executive of the General Council to hold the first regular meeting of the 43rd General Council electronically if deemed necessary for the purpose of dealing with remits and other emergent business; and**

- (4) authorize test projects for the Three Council Structure and the Office of Vocation to begin immediately, with participation to be voluntary, and the Executive of the General Council to provide direction for and oversight of the testing.**