

GCE 12 Effective Date for Comprehensive Renewal Implementation
Origin: Executive of the General Council

The Executive of the General Council proposes:

That the recalled 42nd General Council on September 30, 2017, establish January 1, 2019 as the effective date of Comprehensive Renewal implementation with respect to all changes contemplated by the approved remits, subject to enactment by the 43rd General Council and recognizing that some transitional steps may take place before or after that date.

Background:

This proposal is based on the recommendation of the Governance and Agenda Committee, with advice from staff leaders and the Scenario Planning Steering Committee, that the move to new processes within the United Church can be accomplished more effectively if there is some time, but not too much time, between the finalization of the decisions that will bring about the changes, and the time when the changes become effective.

Extensive planning will be done across the church in the coming months leading up to the 43rd General Council, to achieve a state of “almost readiness” by July 2018. At the same time, some of the final arrangements cannot be put in place until the approval of the changes becomes final.