

Proposal 20

Title: Clarify Prerequisites for Designated Lay Ministry

Originating Body: Halifax Presbytery

Halifax Presbytery proposes, through Maritime Conference, that **The 40th General Council (2009):**

Remove the Licensed Lay Worship Leader prerequisite for recognition of Designated Lay Ministers from The Manual (2007), Section 343 (a) iii.

Background:

- a) The Manual (2007) section 343 (a) iii. mandates that a prerequisite for recognition as a Designated Lay Minister is that an applicant be a Licensed Lay Worship Leader. The Handbook for Designated Lay Ministry (January 2009), pg. 8, a) iv. “Before or during discernment, the individual completes the Licensed Lay Worship Leader (LLWL) program and is recognized as a LLWL....” This presupposes that the spirit will call those individuals to Designated Lay Ministry rather than Ordered Ministry, where such a requirement does not apply.
- b) The Handbook for Designated Lay Ministry (January 2009) , pg. 7, b) states that qualifications “for applicants for word (sacrament) and pastoral care positions, is a Licensed Lay Worship Leader....” which does not appear to be in accordance with the Manual, which makes the requirement universal for DLM’s.

Intermediate Court Action:

Halifax Presbytery transmitted to Maritime Conference with concurrence.

It is moved by Bob Johnson, seconded by Graham Powell that the 84th Annual Meeting of Maritime Conference concur with Proposal #20 entitled “Clarify Prerequisites for Designated Lay Ministry” and transmit to the 40th General Council.

MOTION CARRIED