

Proposal 26

Title: Continuing Role of Commissioners to General Council

Originating Body: Church in Action Committee of Maritime Conference

The 40th General Council (2009):

It is proposed to the General Council by Maritime Conference:

- 1) that the General Council ~~express to~~ *direct* the Executive of General Council ~~to involve the desire of the Commissioners to be involved~~ in important decisions of the General Council between meetings of the General Council and
- 2) that the General Council ~~request~~ *direct* the Executive of General Council ~~to take measures~~ to involve the Commissioners between meetings of the General Council, such as providing in a timely fashion working papers and agendas before meetings of the Executive Of General Council and minutes after such meetings so that Commissioners are empowered to communicate to respective conference representatives on the Executive of General Council their wisdom on important matters that the Executive is considering.

Background:

- 1) General Council consists of its commissioners. (Definitions, p. 35, The 2007 Manual; Section 423, p. 186, The 2007 Manual)
- 2) The commissioners are chosen in a careful manner to reflect the regionality and diversity of the church. Also in the selection of commissioners, historically a number of the commissioners have come from a variety positions, on church committees, executives and other agencies. As a consequence, the commissioners either have or have access to a great deal of the church's wisdom.
- 3) The technology of today permits rapid and inexpensive communication that only a few years ago could not have been imagined.

Friendly amendments in the proposed #1 to add the word “direct” after “that the General Council” and remove the words “express to”; add the word “to” after “the Executive of General Council” and remove the words “the desire” after the words “to involve” and remove the words “to be involved” after the words “the Commissioners”.

In #2 to add the word “direct” after “that the General Council” and remove the words “to take measures” after “the Executive of General Council”

AMENDMENT CARRIED

It is moved by Bob Johnson, seconded by Peter Smith that the 84th Annual Meeting of Maritime Conference concur with Proposal #26 entitled “Continuing Role of Commissioners to General Council” and transmit to the 40th General Council.

MOTION CARRIED