

## General NMI Convention Standing Rules

The general NMI council recommends the following rules for adoption by convention delegates:

### ADMISSION

1. Visitors may attend meetings of the convention. A convention packet will be issued to delegates and a program to visitors.
2. Badges will be required for admission of delegates to all meetings.

### SPEAKING AND VOTING PROCEDURES

1. A delegate wishing to speak shall go to the appropriate microphone, await recognition by the chair, and state clearly his/her name and the name of the district represented.
2. The chair may use his/her discretion in assigning the floor.
3. A delegate shall not speak for more than two minutes at any one time on any question under discussion, nor more than twice on the same question. No delegate shall speak for the second time until all delegates seeking recognition have had the opportunity to speak for the first time.
4. All motions shall be presented to the recording secretary in writing (via pages) when they are made, and shall be signed showing the name of the maker and district represented.
5. Discussion or debate of any resolution on the floor may not exceed thirty minutes inclusive of all points of order and points of information.
6. During debate the chair shall attempt to recognize delegates "for" and "against" motions in alternating order.
7. Resolutions to be considered by the convention must have been submitted to the general NMI office by February 15, 2009. Presentation of late resolutions may be accepted for consideration upon two-thirds vote of the Resolutions Committee.
8. Parliamentary Authority. The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern this convention in all cases to which they are applicable and in matters not covered by these Special Rules of Order.

### GENERAL

1. Announcements to be made from the platform must pertain to the convention program or emergency situations. Other communications, announcements, and messages may be posted on the Convention bulletin board.
2. During convention meetings, only convention pages shall deliver messages and communications to the desk.

**NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL  
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS and RESOLUTIONS  
21<sup>st</sup> General NMI Convention**

**Resolution 1**

**Source: NMI General Council**

To amend as follows:

Strike the word “General” and insert the word “Global” when reference is made to “General” Council, “General” President, “General” Director, and “General” Convention throughout the Constitution.”

Rationale:

- This change clearly expresses the scope of representation for these people, organizations, and events.
- “Global” communicates to all nations and all generations.
- The change would provide international identity when working with other denominations and mission agencies.
- “General” in some cultures is seen as hierarchical, so “global” will put all of NMI on the same level.

**Resolution 2**

**Source: NMI General Council**

To amend Article II as follows:

The purpose of this organization shall be to:

- ~~Mobilize the entire church in active mission involvement, in united prayer, and in the study of the salvation needs of the world;~~
  - ~~Promote a wider knowledge of the mission fields of the Church of the Nazarene;~~
  - ~~Inspire and challenge youth and children to be open to God’s call for missionary service, and to facilitate the mentoring of children, youth, and adults in their calls;~~
  - ~~Raise funds, as elsewhere provided for in this Constitution for extending the kingdom of Jesus Christ around the world~~
- mobilize the church in mission through praying, discipling, educating, and giving.

Rationale: This amendment states succinctly and clearly the purpose of NMI and states the objectives of the organization.

### Resolution 3

#### Source: NMI General Council

To amend Article III, Section 3, Paragraph 2 as follows:

Amend to read: “All district and local NMI organizations shall constitute the General NMI. ~~It shall be auxiliary to the Church of the Nazarene.~~”

#### Rationale:

- That Nazarene Missions International no longer be considered an auxiliary organization, but a ministry of the Church of the Nazarene.
- The Nazarene *Manual* refers to NMI, NYI, and SDMI as “auxiliaries.” In limited usage today, auxiliary is defined as “a person or group engaged in supplementary service, but not part of a regular team.” Synonyms for “auxiliary” include: secondary, spare, back-up, trivial, nonessential.
- By contrast, essential is defined as “part of the essence of something, giving a cause or group necessary, significant, and unique qualities.” Synonyms for “essential” include foundational, vital, indispensable, integral.
- NMI partners with many ministries within the Church of the Nazarene and will continue to do so.
- NMI is part of the core team.

### Resolution 4

#### Source: Los Angeles District

To amend Article IV. Membership as follows:

#### Article IV. Membership

A. Members: Any person who ~~is a member of the Church of the Nazarene~~ attends a district-recognized Church of the Nazarene, regardless of its status as organized, mission-type, new start, or a part of a Multicongregational church operating under the umbrella of an organized church, and supports the Nazarene Missions International (NMI) purpose may be a member of NMI in that church/congregation.

2. Unless otherwise stated in this constitution, reference to “members” means NMI members who ~~are members of~~ attend the district-recognized congregation.

~~B. Associate Members: Any person who is not a member of the Church of the Nazarene and supports the NMI purpose may be an associate member of NMI.~~

#### Article VI Section 2A3. District Meetings

#### A. Convention

a. ~~Only members of the respective district~~ Members of every category of district-recognized church/congregations shall be eligible to serve as ex-officio or elected delegates.

b. Ex-officio members of the convention shall be district NMI council; district superintendent; all assigned ministers and full-time salaried associate ministers of ~~local churches~~ district-recognized churches/congregations; lay members of the district advisory board; the ~~local~~ NMI presidents of district-recognized churches/congregations of the assembly year just ending, and newly elected NMI presidents or newly elected vice presidents if the newly elected president cannot attend;...

c. Elected delegates from each ~~local church~~ district-recognized church/congregation shall be NMI members (15 years of age or older). The number of elected delegates shall be based on the following formula: two delegates (~~excluding associate members~~) from each district-recognized congregation's NMI of 25 members or fewer, and one additional delegate for each additional 25 members or major portion thereof.

Rationale:

NMI membership be open to every district-recognized congregation. Every district-recognized congregation be allowed to send delegates to district NMI conventions.

According to the NMI Constitution only organized churches are allowed to send delegates to district NMI conventions. This denies representation and participation by new-start, mission-type, unorganized ethnic churches and multiethnic congregations that operate under the umbrella of an organized English church.

At district NMI conventions, new-start, mission-type, unorganized ethnic and multiethnic congregations feel excluded because they have no voice or vote. This leads to these churches independently organizing their missionaries and organizations.

Then at the time of official organization, these churches have committed themselves to non-Nazarene mission activities.

The resolution is supported in the 2005-2009 Manual under "The Local Church; A. Organization, Name, Incorporation, Property, Restrictions, Mergers, Disorganization; 100.1 The Multicongregational Church" because it states: "In such Multicongregational churches where not all the individual congregations are fully organized churches, the District Advisory Board, with the approval of the district superintendent and the general superintendent in jurisdiction, may grant to such congregations the rights and privileges of an organized local church;" and Under "The Local Church; B. Membership; 107.2. Members of a Church-Type Mission," as supporting the resolution because it states: "Where the organization of a local church has not been effected, a church-type mission shall receive and report church members according to 107 and 107.1 in the annual statistics."

**Resolution 5****Source: NMI General Council**

To amend Article V, Section 1B.2 as follows:

That Article V Council and Officers, Section 1 Local Council, B Composition, section 2 be amended as follows:

Council members shall be responsible to mobilize the church in mission through praying, discipling, educating and giving. ~~mission education, LINKS, prayer and fasting, Mission Call, Alabaster, Missionary Health Care, Work and Witness, World Mission Broadcast, publicity, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, children's missions, youth missions, and / or any other emphasis deemed necessary by the local council.~~ Chapter chairmen shall be members of ~~the local NMI council.~~ A council member may hold more than one position but only have one vote.

Rationale: The purpose of the NMI is to mobilize the church in mission through the four objectives on NMI: praying, discipling, educating and giving. It is more appropriate to state this purpose as being the responsibilities of the council members rather than a list of programs and tools used by the council members to achieve the purpose. Such information should be provided in the Handbook. In addition, this amendment provides flexibility for the structure of a council while retaining the minimal requirements for the number of officers (4) and council members (4 officers plus 2 council members).

**Resolution 6****Source: NMI General Council**

To amend Article V, Section 2, B, 2 as follows:

That Article V Council and Officers, Section 2 District Council, B Composition, section 2 be amended as follows:

Council members shall be responsible to mobilize the church in mission through praying, discipling, educating and giving. ~~mission education, LINKS, prayer and fasting, Mission Call, , Alabaster, Missionary Health Care, Work and Witness, World Mission Broadcast, publicity, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, children's missions, youth missions, and / or any other emphasis deemed necessary by the local council.~~ Chapter chairmen shall be members of ~~the local NMI council.~~ A council member may hold more than one position but only have one vote.

Rationale: The purpose of the NMI is to mobilize the church in mission through the four objectives on NMI: praying, discipling, educating and giving. It is more appropriate to state this purpose as the responsibilities of the council members rather than a list of programs and tools used by the council members to achieve

the purpose. Such information should be provided in the Handbook. In addition, this amendment provides flexibility for the structure of a council while retaining the minimal requirements for the number of officers and council members.

### **Resolution 7**

#### **Source: Missouri District**

To Amend Article V, Section 2: District Council; Item B.3 as follows:

“Executive Committee shall be the district superintendent, NMI officers and ~~two~~ three other council members.”

Rationale: Since the vice president is automatically one of the officers and is elected as one of the four required council members, that only leaves three elected council members from which to choose two executive council members at large. If we had three executive council members at large, it would then include all required elected council members.

### **Resolution 8**

#### **Source: NMI General Council**

To amend Article V, Section 2C, 2h as follows:

To delete the sentence from Article V, Section 2C, 2h: “Delegates and alternates to the General Convention shall be elected by ballot at a district convention. Alternates to the General NMI Convention may be elected on a separate ballot, or, at the recommendation of the district NMI council, on the same ballot as the delegates.” And move it to Article VI, Section 3A, 3b. with subsequent paragraphs being re-alphabetized.

Rationale: It is more appropriate for the method of election of delegates to the General NMI Convention to be stated at the same place as the determination of the numbers of delegates.

### **Resolution 9**

#### **Source: NMI General Council**

To amend Article V, Section 2D, 3c, and Article VI, Section 3A3a as follows:

Amend by striking “NMI program coordinator” and inserting “regional NMI coordinator”.

Rationale: The title “regional NMI coordinator” more accurately describes the role of this position. This leader coordinates NMI ministries and not merely NMI program.

**Resolution 10****Source: Kentucky District**

To amend Article V, Section 3C, 3e as follows:

Election of General Council Members

The term of service shall be ~~limited to two full terms~~ unlimited, but the person must be re-elected after two full terms. A term of service shall be one quadrennium. If a person is elected to fill a vacancy of a General Council member, that person is also eligible to serve ~~two full~~ unlimited terms upon election to the General Council.

Rationale: To retain qualified and experienced leadership.

**Resolution 11****Source: Tennessee District**

To amend Article V, Section 3C, 3e as follows:

~~The term of service shall be limited to two full terms.~~ A term of service shall be one quadrennium. If a person is elected to fill a vacancy of a General council member, that person is also eligible to serve two full terms. A person shall not serve more than two full terms consecutively. A person may serve again after being out of office for at least one term.

Rationale: This change fully supports developing leaders, but also recognizes the value of experienced leadership.

**Resolution 12****Source: Central Florida District**

To amend Article V, Section 3C, 3e by substitution the following:

A term of service shall be one quadrennium. A person elected to the General council may serve a maximum of four full terms. However, no person may serve more than two full terms consecutively nor be elected after reaching the age of 70. If a person is elected to fill a vacancy of a General council member, that person is also eligible to serve a maximum of four full terms, but no more than two full terms consecutively.

Rationale: To limit an individual to two full terms on the General NMI Council might cause leadership and focused direction to suffer. If a younger or emerging leader is elected, it is possible that within the foreseeable future there

would only be emerging young leaders on the council. A council comprised of various generations will continue to move NMI forward.

### **Resolution 13**

#### **Source: Kansas City District**

To amend Article V, Section 3C, 4a as follows:

The General Council shall in its first meeting nominate and elect a vice president, a secretary and ~~two~~ one additional members for the executive committee.

Rationale:

- Maintains consistency with election of local and district secretary for the council and executive.

### **Resolution 14**

#### **Source: Northwest District**

To amend Article VI, Section 2A, 3c as follows

Elected delegates from each local church shall be NMI members (15 years of age or older). The number of elected delegates shall be based on the following formula: ~~two~~ delegates (excluding associate members) from each local NMI of ~~25~~ 50 members or fewer, and on additional delegate for each additional ~~25~~ 50 members or major portion thereof.

Rationale:

- The change from 25 to 50 delegates would make the NMI selection formula the same as the formula specified in the Manual paragraph 201.1. for electing delegates to the District Assembly.
- This would uniform the selection process for local church electing delegates to attend both the District Assembly and the annual District NMI Convention.
- The financial burden would be eased upon the part of the local church in underwriting the cost of delegates attending the annual District Assembly and NMI Convention.

### **Resolution 15**

#### **Source: NMI General Council and Pittsburg District**

To amend Article VI, Section 2A, 3c. as follows:

By inserting the words, "Membership shall be based on the NMI membership reported at the local NMI annual meeting when elections take place. Delegates

shall be nominated by the local NMI nominating committee.” so that Article VI, Section 2A, 3c will read:

Elected delegates from each local church shall be NMI members (15 years of age or older). The number of elected delegates shall be based on the following formula: two delegates (excluding associate members) from each local NMI of 25 members or fewer and one additional delegate for each additional 25 members or major part thereof. Membership shall be based on the NMI membership reported at the local NMI annual meeting when elections take place. The local NMI nominating committee shall nominate delegates.

Rationale: This amendment will specify clearly the membership report to be used to determine the number of delegates that may represent a local NMI at the District Convention and the nominating process to be used.

### **Resolution 16**

#### **Source: NMI General Council**

To Amend Article VI, Section 3A 2 as follows:

That article VI, section 3A 2 be amended to read: The time and place of the convention shall be decided by the General Council in consultation with the general superintendent in jurisdiction. The General NMI Council shall approve official locations and shall ensure implementation of practical arrangements

Rationale:

- Visas to the U.S.A. have become more difficult to obtain in recent years.
- The practice will allow for wider age-range of delegates from around the world, as younger delegates are some who have the most difficulty acquiring visas.
- The General NMI Council will be charged with the responsibility of ensuring all practical arrangements to provide for full contributions of all delegates duly elected to discussions held at all sites without the diminishing of the spirit of the General NMI Convention.

### **Resolution 17**

#### **Source: NMI General Council and Pittsburg District**

To amend Article VI, Section 3A, 3b as follows:

By inserting the words, “Membership shall be based on the NMI membership reported at the district NMI convention when elections take place. Delegates shall be nominated by the district NMI nominating committee.” So that Article VI, Section 3A, 3b will read:

Elected delegates to the General Convention shall be based on the following formula: two delegates from each Phase 3 and Phase 2 district of 1,000 or fewer NMI members, excluding associate members, and one additional delegate for each 700 members or major portion thereof. Membership shall be based on the NMI membership reported at the district convention when elections take place. The district NMI nominating committee shall nominate delegates.

(See manual paragraph 200.2 for definition of district phases.)

Rationale: This amendment will specify clearly the membership report to be used to determine the number of delegates that may represent a district at the General Convention and the nominating process to be used.

### **Resolution 18**

#### **Source: Indianapolis District**

To insert Article VI, Section 3A, 3c as follows:

Delegates and alternates to the General Convention shall be elected by ballot at a district convention. Alternates may be elected on a separate ballot or at the recommendation of the district council on the same ballot as the delegates. Delegates and alternates may be elected by a plurality vote by ballot on approval by a two-thirds vote of the district convention upon recommendation of the district council. (See Article VI, Section 3A, 3b. for determining the number of delegates and time of election).

Subsequent paragraphs to be re-alphabetized

Rationale: To provide for election of delegates and alternates by plurality ballot in those districts where there may be a desire to do so.

### **Resolution 19**

#### **Source: NMI General Council**

To amend Article VII, Section 1B, 1 as follows:

That Article VII Funds, Section 1 Raised by Local Churches, B Approved Mission Specials section 1 be amended as follows:

Opportunity shall be given to contribute to Approved Mission Specials ~~(such as Alabaster, World Mission Broadcast, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, Deputation, Missionary Health Care, LINKS, Work and Witness, NMI International Student Scholarship Fund etc)~~ over and above WEF giving.

Rationale: The list of Approved Mission Specials is not inclusive of all such specials. This list should be available in the Handbook and should be inclusive of all such Approved Mission Specials.

## **Resolution 20 – A Resolution to the General Assembly**

**Source: Connecting A New Generation Committee**

Church of the Nazarene Manual Paragraph or Section Heading 903.16

### **Value of Children and Youth**

The Bible commands every Christian to, “Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute” (Proverbs 31:8). The Shema (Deuteronomy 6:4-7; 11:19) admonishes us to communicate God’s grace to our children. Psalm 78:4 declares, “We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done” Jesus affirms this in Luke 18:16, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”

As a response to this biblical perspective, the Church of the Nazarene acknowledges that children are important to God and a priority in His kingdom. We believe God directed us to attend to all children – to love, nurture, protect, uphold, guide, and advocate for them. It is God’s plan that we introduce children to the life of salvation and growth in grace. Salvation, holiness, and discipleship are possible and imperative in the lives of children. We recognize that children are not a means to an end, but full participants in the Body of Christ. Children are disciples in training, not disciples in waiting.

Thus, holistic and transformational ministry to children and their families in every local church will be a priority as evidenced by:

- providing effective and empowering ministries to the whole child—physically, mentally, emotionally, socially, and spiritually;
- articulating Christian positions on current social justice issues that affect children;
- connecting children to the heart of the mission and ministry of the faith community;
- discipling children and training them to disciple others;
- equipping parents to nurture the spiritual formation of their children.

Since the church’s educational institutions (Bible schools, colleges, universities, and seminaries) prepare students for leadership, they play a crucial role in carrying out the vision and mission of communicating the value of children. They join local churches and families in taking responsibility to prepare clergy and laity to raise the next generation of children and youth to be biblically and theologically literate and to meet the known and unforeseen challenges for evangelizing, discipling, and transforming their societies.

The Church of the Nazarene envisions an intergenerational faith community where children and youth are loved and valued, where they are ministered to and incorporated into the Church family through a wide variety of means and methods, and where they have opportunities to minister to others in ways consistent with their ages, development, abilities, and spiritual gifts.

**FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:**

1. As a child, Jesus was embraced by the religious leaders in the Temple. They listened to Him and marveled at His insight.
2. As an adult, Jesus valued and welcomed children.
3. Around the world, many children are not valued and nurtured.
4. In a world that is characterized by pluralism and postmodern thought, it is critical to reach out in love to children and youth. Demographically, more than one-third of the world's population is children and youth. Statistics show the prime age to win a child to Christ is the "4/14 window" – the ages between 4 and 14. A child's sense of trust is developed in the first year of life. Trust is necessary for a person to have faith to receive Jesus Christ as Savior. Trust comes as loving, caring adults meet the needs of the whole child.

**Resolution 21**

**Source: NMI General Council Executive Committee**

To amend Article VI Meetings, Section 3A General Meetings, by adding new paragraph "3f." as follows:

In the event that elected delegates or duly elected alternate delegates are unable to attend the General Convention and this fact is identified after the last district convention before the General Convention, then replacement alternate delegates may be appointed by the district NMI council. Such replacements shall be notified as being delegates no later than two months before the start date of the General NMI Convention.

Rationale: To provide a means for the appointment of delegates to the General NMI Convention in the event that the delegates and alternate delegates elected by the District NMI Convention are unable to attend.

**Resolution 22**

**Source: NMI General Council Executive Committee**

To amend Article V Council and Officers, Section 3C General Council, 2e General President as follows:

The general president shall serve ~~from the adjournment of the General Convention until the adjournment of the next General Convention or until his or her successor has been elected and qualified~~ for a four-year term, from the

close of the General Assembly until the close of the following General Assembly.

Rationale:

1. To enable the general president representing NMI at the General Assembly to be the president who has served for the term leading to the General Assembly rather than the newly elected general president.
2. The newly elected general president may not have the background to discussions having taken place over the previous quadrennium within the General NMI Executive or Council or General Board.
3. The newly elected general president may be unable to represent the NMI at the General Assembly due to logistical arrangements following very recent election before the General Assembly
4. To bring consistency with the constitution of Nazarene Youth International.

### **Resolution 23**

#### **Source: NMI General Council Executive Committee**

To amend Article V Councils and Officers, Section 3C General Council, 3d General Council as follows:

~~Council members shall serve from the adjournment of the General Convention until the adjournment of the next General Convention or until their successors have been elected and qualified~~ for a four-year term, from the close of the General Assembly until the close of the following General Assembly.

Rationale:

1. To bring consistency with the proposed amendment #22 to Article V: Councils and Officers Section 3: General Council 2e.
2. To bring consistency with the constitution of Nazarene Youth International.

### **Resolution 24**

#### **Source: NMI General Council Executive Committee**

To amend Article VI Meetings, Section 3 General Meetings, B Council Meetings by adding paragraph "a." as follows:

The General Council newly elected at the General Convention may meet before the adjournment of the General Assembly for the purpose of organization and planning.

The current paragraph in Article VI, Section 3B will become paragraph "b."

Rationale: To provide for the newly elected General NMI Council to be able to meet for the purposes of organization and planning before formally taking office at the adjournment of the General Assembly.

## Resolution 25

**Source: NMI General Council**

**Note: The intention of this resolution is to harmonize potential action of NMI with pending general assembly action. General Assembly resolution GA 307 proposes a revised procedure for missionary representation to general assembly by a method approved by the General Secretary's office. GA 307 is copied below the NMI resolution for ready reference. If the NMI convention approves this NMI resolution, this NMI resolution will be implemented only if GA 307 is approved by the general assembly.**

To amend the NMI *Constitution* Article VI, Section 3, Paragraph A3c as follows only if GA 307 is approved by the general assembly and to harmonize the NMI *Constitution* with pending action by the general assembly:

c. One global missionary delegate for every World Mission region of 50 or fewer missionaries, or two global missionary delegates for each region with 51 or more missionaries shall be ~~elected by the Regional Advisory Council in each region~~ nominated and elected from and by the assigned global missionaries serving in that region, by a method approved by the general NMI director's office.

Rationale:

1. This resolution would allow assigned global missionaries serving on a region to elect missionary delegate(s) by a process approved by the general NMI director's office. This new procedure would replace the current procedure, which allows missionary delegates to be elected by the regional advisory council.

2. NMI government is representative. Missionary delegates to the general NMI convention are elected to represent missionaries and mission ethos on a given region, and not specifically to represent the region per se. The regional advisory council is not composed of missionaries. Missionaries should elect missionary representative(s) to the general NMI convention.

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GA 307

MEMBERSHIP OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
MISSIONARY DELEGATES  
Robert D. McCroskey, et al.  
*Manual* 301, 344.3

RESOLVED that *Manual* paragraph 301 be amended as follows:

B. Membership of the General Assembly

301. The General Assembly shall be composed of ministerial and lay delegates in equal numbers from each Phase 3 district, the district superintendent serving as one of the assigned and ordained ministerial delegates, the remaining assigned and ordained ministerial delegates and all the lay delegates elected thereto by the district assemblies of the Church of the Nazarene; the general superintendents emeriti and retired; the general superintendents; the general secretary; the general treasurer; the editor of *Holiness Today*; the directors of the several departments, ministries, and services of the General Board; the education commissioner; the regional directors; the national director of the Church of the Nazarene, Canada; the General Nazarene Missions International president; the Global Nazarene Youth International president; the regional college/university presidents (in regions where more than one school exists, one delegate from these schools would be elected by the Regional Advisory Council); presidents of multiregional institutions whose Board of Directors are elected by multiple district representatives; the president of the Nazarene Publishing House; the president of the Church of the Nazarene Foundation; the revivalism coordinator; one career missionary delegate for every region of 50 or fewer missionaries and two career missionary delegates for every region with 51 or more missionaries, [elected by the Regional Advisory Council in each region] nominated and elected from and by the assigned career missionaries serving in that region, by a method approved by the General Secretary's office. In the absence of such election the missionary representative shall be elected by the World Mission Committee.

FURTHER RESOLVED that *Manual* paragraph 344.3 be amended as follows:

344.3. Regional Advisory Council (RAC). A region may have a Regional Advisory Council whose responsibilities will be to assist the regional director in strategy development for the region, to review and recommend approval or disapproval of all national board minutes before forwarding the same to the office of the general secretary, to interview missionary candidates for recommendation to the World Mission Department and/or for deployment as regional and General Board contracted missionaries, to receive reports from the regional director, field strategy coordinators, and ministry coordinators, [to elect missionary delegates to the General Assembly in accordance with provisions of the *Manual*,] and to elect a principal/rector/president of an International Board of Education institution as a delegate to the General Assembly.

Membership of the RAC shall be flexible in order to shape the RAC according to the needs, development and requirements of the individual regions. The regional director will recommend the number of members of the RAC to the World Mission director and the general superintendent in jurisdiction for approval. Ex-officio members will be the general superintendent in jurisdiction of the region, the World Mission Department

director and the regional director who will serve as chairperson. World Mission Department contracted personnel shall not be candidates for election to the RAC but may serve as resource persons. Members of the RAC will be elected by ballot by the regional caucus at the General Assembly. The RAC will fill any vacancy between General Assemblies.

The regional director, in consultation with the RAC, may convene a regional conference or area evangelism conference as needed.