

Resolution 1

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER VACANCIES

1 WHEREAS, The General Council Constitution and Bylaws make provision for filling the
2 vacancy of executive presbyters; and

3 WHEREAS, The current provision specifies that the General Presbytery will elect a
4 minister to fill the vacancy until the next meeting of the General Council;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, This provision was written at a time when the term for executive presbyters
7 was two years, and all positions were voted upon at each meeting of the
8 General Council; and

9 WHEREAS, The General Council Constitution and Bylaws were amended in 2011 to
10 allow for four-year terms for executive presbyters, and for the elections of
11 those positions to be staggered; and

12 WHEREAS, The wording in the vacancy provision was not updated at the time of the
13 revision, resulting in an unintended consequence of the General Council
14 being required to reelect someone to fulfill the unexpired term when the
15 General Presbytery had previously elected someone to fill the vacancy; and

16 WHEREAS, This seems to be a departure from the intent of the original vacancy provision
17 and creates a cumbersome process; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws, ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND
19 PRESBYTERS, Section 3. Vacancies, paragraph b, (1), (a) page 28, which
20 reads:

21 (1) *By area*

22 (a) In the event a vacancy shall occur, for any reason, in the office
23 of an area nonresident executive presbyter, the general secretary
24 shall request each district council within that area (see Bylaws,
25 Article II, Section 2, paragraph c) to submit two nominees for the
26 office. The General Presbytery shall, at its next meeting, elect one
27 minister from among the nominees submitted to fill the vacancy until
28 the next meeting of the General Council. (See Bylaws, Article II,
29 Section 1, for qualifications.)

30 Be amended to read:

1 (1) *By area*

2 (a) In the event a vacancy shall occur, for any reason, in the office of an
3 area nonresident executive presbyter, the general secretary shall
4 request each district council within that area (See Bylaws, Article II,
5 Section 2, paragraph c) to submit two nominees for the office. The
6 General Presbytery shall, at its next meeting, elect one minister from
7 among the nominees submitted to fill the vacancy for the remainder
8 of the unexpired term ~~until the next meeting of the General Council.~~

9 (See Bylaws, Article II, Section 1, for qualifications.); and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws, ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND
11 PRESBYTERS, Section 3. Vacancies, paragraph b, (2), page 29, which
12 reads:

13 (2) *By ethnic fellowship.*

14 In the event a vacancy shall occur, for any reason, in the office of an
15 ethnic fellowship nonresident executive presbyter, the general
16 secretary shall submit as nominees all current general presbyters who
17 represent an ethnic fellowship. (See Bylaws, Article V, Section 8.) The
18 General Presbytery shall, at its next meeting, elect one minister from
19 among the nominees submitted, to fill the vacancy until the next
20 meeting of the General Council. (See Bylaws, Article II, Section 1, for
21 qualifications.)

22 Be amended to read:

23 (2) *By ethnic fellowship.*

24 In the event a vacancy shall occur, for any reason, in the office of an
25 ethnic fellowship nonresident executive presbyter, the general
26 secretary shall submit as nominees all current general presbyters who
27 represent an ethnic fellowship. (See Bylaws, Article V, Section 8.) The
28 General Presbytery shall, at its next meeting, elect one minister from
29 among the nominees submitted to fill the vacancy for the remainder of
30 the unexpired term ~~until the next meeting of the General Council.~~ (See
31 Bylaws, Article II, Section 1, for qualifications.);

32 And be it further

1 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws, ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND
2 PRESBYTERS, Section 3. Vacancies, paragraph b, (3), page 29, which reads:

3 (3) *Additional representation.*

4 In the event a vacancy shall occur, for any reason, in the offices of
5 nonresident additional representatives [see Bylaws, Article II, Section
6 2, c, (2), (c)], the General Council Executive Presbytery shall submit
7 up to four nominees for the vacant position. The nominees shall be
8 selected with due consideration given to those who have been
9 nominated in the past for those positions and who would yet qualify.
10 The General Presbytery shall, by regular or electronic mail referendum
11 or at its next meeting, elect one minister from among the nominees
12 submitted to fill the vacancy until the next meeting of the General
13 Council. (See Bylaws, Article II, Section 1, for qualifications.)

14 Be amended to read:

15 (3) *Additional representation.*

16 In the event a vacancy shall occur, for any reason, in the offices of
17 nonresident additional representatives [see Bylaws, Article II, Section
18 2, c, (2), (c)], the General Council Executive Presbytery shall submit
19 up to four nominees for the vacant position. The nominees shall be
20 selected with due consideration given to those who have been
21 nominated in the past for those positions and who would yet qualify.
22 The General Presbytery shall, by regular or electronic mail referendum
23 or at its next meeting, elect one minister from among the nominees
24 submitted to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term
25 ~~until the next meeting of the General Council.~~ (See Bylaws, Article II,
26 Section 1, for qualifications.)

Sponsor: General Presbytery

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Amended	_____
Referred	_____
Adopted	_____
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