Floor Committee 20: Committee on Constitutional Matters

Subject: Proposed Bylaw revisions retiring the Ministry of Christian Giving Commission and the Communication Services Commission

Reference: *Book of Reports and Memorials*, pp. 34, 221

Resolution No. 05

WHEREAS 1) the Conference of Presidents (COP) has proposed a revision of the Bylaws, Section 4.20, on Ministry of Christian Giving (MCG) retiring the Ministry of Christian Giving Commission (BORAM, Item #B-4, p. 221); and

WHEREAS 2) the rationale of the COP states that "the Ministry of Christian Giving works closely with the president and the Conference of Presidents, making a separate commission unnecessary" (BORAM, p. 221); and

WHEREAS 3) the MCG Report also states that "the commission has not been needed in recent years since the COP directly oversees the MCG director" (BORAM, p. 34); and

WHEREAS 4) the rationale of the COP further states that "the amendments [of Section 4.20] reflect current practice" (BORAM, p. 221); and

WHEREAS 5) the COP has proposed a revision of the Bylaws, Section 4.30, on Office of Communication Services retiring the Communication Services Commission (BORAM, Item #B-5, p. 221); and

WHEREAS 6) the rationale of the COP states that "the office of Communication Services works closely with the president, the Conference of Presidents, and the areas of ministry, making a separate commission unnecessary" (BORAM, p. 221); and

WHEREAS 7) the rationale of the COP further states that "the amendments [of Section 4.30] reflect current practice" (BORAM, p. 221); therefore be it

Resolved, a) that the delegates of the 2017 Synod Convention concur with the proposed revisions of Section 4.20 and Section 4.30 of the Bylaws that would result in the retiring of the MCG Commission and the Communication Services Commission; and be it finally

Resolved, b) that the delegates of the 2017 Synod Convention approve the proposed revisions of Section 4.20 and Section 4.30 of the Bylaws.

Pastor Mark Voss, chairman

Teacher Dave Knittel, secretary

ADOPTED