

Proposed Bylaw Amendments

underlining = insertion; brackets = deletion

Adoption requires a two-thirds vote, except for C-Bylaws. A proposal to amend a section of the Bylaws whose section number is preceded by a "C" must be placed on the agenda and approved by a majority vote at a regular General Assembly preceding the one at which it may be finally adopted. First-step approval requires a majority. Final adoption requires a two-thirds vote.

This proposed amendment prohibits the President from being a member of the Religious Education Credentialing Committee, identical to the restriction for the Ministerial Fellowship Committee.

Placed on the Agenda by the Board of Trustees

Vote by the Board of Trustees on the following amendment: For 23-0-0

459 **Section 8.9. President.**

460 The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall be a
461 member, ex-officio, without vote, of all standing committees of the Association, except
462 the Nominating Committee and the Board of Review, and of all standing committees of
463 the Board except the Ministerial Fellowship Committee and the Religious Education
464 Credentialing Committee.

This proposed amendment provides for General Assembly delegate status for Credentialed Religious Educators-Masters Level, substituting it for the former accredited religious education designation. It was not included on the Tentative Agenda through administrative error.

Placed on the Agenda by the Board of Trustees

Vote by the Board of Trustees on the following amendment: For 23-0-0

465 **Section 4.8 Delegates**

466 b) Minister Delegates and Religious Education Director Delegates. Each certified member
467 congregation is also entitled to be represented at each General Assembly by the ordained minister
468 or ministers in full or associate ministerial fellowship with the Association settled in such
469 congregation, and by the director or directors of religious education having achieved
470 Credentialed Religious Educator - Masters Level status by the Association and employed in
471 such congregation. In addition, each certified member congregation is also entitled to be
472 represented at each General Assembly by any minister emeritus or minister emerita of such
473 congregation in ministerial fellowship with the Association and by any director of religious
474 education emeritus or emerita having achieved Credentialed Religious Educator - Masters
475 Level status by the Association designated as such by a vote at a meeting of the member
476 congregation not less than six months prior to the General Assembly, provided that any such
477 minister has been settled previously in such congregation, and [by the] any such director of
478 religious education who [is accredited by the Association and] has been previously employed
479 in such congregation.

A proposed amendment to "Section C-2.3. Non-discrimination" was placed on the Tentative Agenda by the Board of Trustees. The Board withdrew it after it was realized that it did not conform to the conditions set forth in Bylaw Section C-15.1.(c). The proposed amendment would have changed the non-discrimination language to conform with more current understandings from our anti-oppression work.