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Governing Board Webinar UFMCC Bylaw Change Proposals

13 June 2013
8:00 pm GMT / 3:00 pm EDT

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Welcome and Introductions

- **Reverend Onetta Brooks, Facilitator**
 - *Chair, Governance Committee*
 - *Member of the Governing Board*
- **Reverend Elder Darlene Garner**
 - *Director, Office of Emerging Ministries*
 - *Member of the Council of Elders*

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Agenda

Purpose of Bylaw Change Proposal webinar

Review of four Bylaw Proposals

Questions & Answers

Wrap Up

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Purpose


An opportunity for General Conference delegates to ask questions about the Bylaw change proposals as part of preparing yourself for the General Conference business meeting.

Business Forum

- *Monday, 01 July at 3:30 PM CDT*

Business Meeting

- *Tuesday, 02 July 2013 at 10:45 AM CDT*

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BYLAW PROPOSAL 1

Addendum 1- PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING BYLAW
 (page 2 of UFMCC Bylaw Proposal document -
http://believe.mccchurch.org/?page_id=1263)

Proposed by: The Governing Board


Purpose:

1. To allow the Governing Board as a body and the Council of Elders as a body to propose amendments to the MCC Bylaws.
2. To make transparent the process that is followed by the Governing Board and Council of Elders.

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RATIONALE: The current Procedures for Submitting Bylaw Proposals only authorizes individual Clergy and Lay Delegates to propose Bylaw amendments. Throughout the history of MCC, bodies that are elected and affirmed by General Conference have also been able to propose changes to the MCC Bylaws. The Governing Board and the Council of Elders are the current bodies that are elected and/or affirmed by General Conference. The proposed change would authorize them to propose Bylaw amendments and set forth a procedure for those bodies to follow.

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BYLAW PROPOSAL 2

Article IX – CHURCH FINANCES
(page 5 of UFMCC Bylaw Proposal document)

Proposed by: The Governing Board and the Council of Elders

Purposes:

1. Clarifies that emerging churches are also expected to plan and implement stewardship programs .
2. Creates a way for emerging churches to contribute to UFMCC.
3. Clean up to correct previous typographical errors and editorial oversights.

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BYLAW PROPOSAL 3

Article VI – CHURCH MEMBERSHIP
(page 8 of UFMCC Bylaw Proposal document)

Proposed by: The Council of Elders


Purpose: To expand access to membership in MCC:

1. Allows emerging churches to offer membership in MCC
2. Allows all MCC clergy and all members of local churches to be recognized as members of the MCC global movement, as well as being members of a local church
3. Allows for the MCC virtual church to offer membership in MCC

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RATIONALE: Currently, we have a single, narrow pathway to membership in MCC; the only way for someone to belong to MCC is by becoming a member in good standing of an affiliated church. This set of amendments would create additional ways for people to come into membership with MCC.

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BYLAW PROPOSAL 4

ARTICLE V – GOVERNMENT, ORGANIZATION, AND OFFICERS
(page 11 of UFMCC Bylaw Proposal document)

Proposed by: The Council of Elders


Purposes:

1. To create the status of “emerging churches”
2. To create the status of “aligned organizations”
3. To modify the status of “associated organizations”
4. To allow representation at General Conference by emerging churches, aligned organizations, and associated organizations.

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RATIONALE: This series of amendments is proposed by the Council of Elders in order (1) to make clear MCC's desire to be in community with like-minded people, ministries, and organizations and (2) to expand the ways by which like-minded individuals, ministries and organizations can access and be in relationship with MCC.

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These amendments also provide a framework for implementation of the recommendations from the International Task Force. In addition, some of these amendments are proposed as "clean up" so that the current MCC Bylaws will more completely reflect the changes in MCC structure that were adopted by the 2010 General Conference.

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Wrap Up

Questions & Answers

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Thank you!

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