

2018 Recommendations of Standing Committee regarding New Business Items

NB 1. Brethren Values Investing

Standing Committee recommends to the 2018 Annual Conference that the recommendation to amend the Church of the Brethren Benefit Trust's Articles of Organization to change terminology from "socially responsible investing" to "Brethren Values investing" be adopted.

Standing Committee has determined that this item will require a two-thirds majority vote because it is a change in polity.

NB 2. Polity for Electing Brethren Benefit Trust Board Directors

Standing Committee recommends to the 2018 Annual Conference that the recommendation to amend the "Election" section of the Church of the Brethren Benefit Trust's Articles of Organization be adopted.

Standing Committee has determined that this item will require a two-thirds majority vote because it is a change in polity.

NB 3. Vision for a Global Church of the Brethren

Standing Committee approves the "Vision for a Global Church of the Brethren" mission philosophy paper and recommends it to the 2018 Annual Conference delegate body for adoption.

Standing Committee has determined that this item will require a simple majority vote.

NB 4. Polity for Electing the District Executive Representative to the Pastoral Compensation and Benefits Advisory Committee

Standing Committee recommends that the 2018 Annual Conference delegate body approve the proposed amendments.

Standing Committee has determined that this item will require a two-thirds majority vote because it is a change in polity.

NB 5. Change in Delegate Representation at Annual Conference

Leadership Team requested and Standing Committee approved that the item be withdrawn, because it has been discovered that this proposed change in polity would also require amending the bylaws, and the bylaws can only be amended through a query process or a recommendation from the Mission and Ministry Board. The recommendation will be presented to the Mission and Ministry Board for its consideration.

Standing Committee's Actions regarding Unfinished Business items

UB 1 Vision of Ecumenism for the 21st Century

The study committee will present its report and move that the paper "A Vision of Ecumenism for the 21st Century" and its recommendations be adopted by the 2018 delegate body.

Standing Committee has determined that this item will require a simple majority vote.

UB 2 Vitality and Viability

The study committee will present its report and will move, in keeping with what is written in bold on p. 207 in the Conference booklet:

that congregations and districts make use of this report and its resources for a renewal of relationships with our Lord and Savior and with each other, and

that this report be adopted as the completion of the study committee's assignment and its resources be referred to the Compelling Vision Working Group for its possible use in the Compelling Vision process.

Standing Committee has determined that this item will require a simple majority vote.

UB 3 Creation Care

The study committee will present its report and will move that its recommendations be adopted by the 2018 delegate body.

Standing Committee has determined that this item will require a simple majority vote.

UB 4 Compelling Vision

Leadership Team will present its report and will move that its recommendation (printed in bold on page 235) be adopted by the 2018 Annual Conference:

that all new business for the 2019 Annual Conference be set aside so that the delegate body and other Annual Conference participants can focus their attention on the essential conversations that will lead to discerning the compelling vision that Christ intends for the Church of the Brethren

Standing Committee has determined that this item will require a two-thirds majority vote because it is a significant change in standard practice.

UB 5 Update to Polity Regarding Annual Conference Agencies

Leadership Team will present an interim report and will request that an additional year for study be granted.

Standing Committee has determined that this item will require a simple majority vote.

UB 6 Amendments to the Bylaws of the Church of the Brethren Inc.

The Mission and Ministry Board will present its report and will move that the proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the Church of the Brethren Inc. be adopted by the 2018 Annual Conference.

Standing Committee has determined that this item will require a two-thirds majority vote because it is a change in polity.

If the amendment # 3 on p. 239 is approved, the nominee of the Council of District Executives will be presented for approval by the delegate body

UB 7 Denominational Leadership Gathering

The Program Feasibility Committee will present its report. Then the 2017 recommendation from the Review and Evaluation Committee that is printed on page 244 in the Conference booklet will be presented for adoption by the delegate body.

Standing Committee has determined that this item will require a two-thirds majority vote because it proposes a change in polity.