

## VOTE

The Board of Trustees, pursuant to Bylaw Sections 4.11 and 15.2, proposes that the following amendments to the bylaws and Rules be put on the Final Agenda for consideration by the 2010 General Assembly:

### Section 5.4. Removal of Committee Member.

A member of any standing committee of the Association may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the Board of Trustees at a meeting at which not less than three-fourths of the Board is present, if in the opinion of the Board the member is incapacitated or ~~otherwise~~ unable to carry out the duties of the office or otherwise for good cause.

### Section 6.7. Resignation and Removal of Trustees.

A trustee may at any time resign by giving written notice to the Board of Trustees. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein, or, if no time is specified, then on delivery. A trustee may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the entire Board at a meeting at which not less than three-fourths of the entire Board is present if in the opinion of the Board such trustee is incapacitated or ~~otherwise~~ unable to carry out the duties of the office or otherwise for good cause.

### Section 4.16. Additions to the Agenda of Regular General Assemblies.

(a) Non-substantive items related to greetings and similar matters may be admitted to the agenda by a regular General Assembly.

(b) Not more than six General Assembly Actions of Immediate Witness, (year) may be admitted to the agenda of a regular General Assembly and acted upon.

(1) A General Assembly Action of Immediate Witness, (year) is one concerned with a significant action, event or development the timing or specificity of which makes it inappropriate to be addressed by a UUA Statement of Conscience pursuant to the Study/Action process.

(2) The petition to admit such resolutions to the agenda must be signed by 150 delegates from at least 25 congregations in at least five districts. If six petitions or fewer are received, all petitions received that have the requisite level of delegate and congregation support are eligible to be considered for possible admission to the Agenda. In the event more than six petitions are submitted that satisfy the sponsorship requirement, the Commission on Social Witness shall select six from among those which meet the criteria for a General Assembly Action of Immediate Witness, (year) and shall submit those six actions to the Agenda of the General Assembly ~~(along with a tentative designation of scope, i.e., U.S. or Continental)~~ for possible admission.

(3) The motion to admit each General Assembly ~~(U.S. or Continental)~~ Action of Immediate Witness, (year) ruled eligible is not debatable, but an opportunity for a two-minute statement of advocacy to the General Assembly for each eligible action by one of its sponsors prior to any such motion shall be provided. Admission of a General Assembly ~~(U.S. or Continental)~~ Action of Immediate Witness, (year) shall be by a two-thirds vote.

(4) During the General Assembly, a mini-assembly shall be held during which each admitted action shall be discussed and amendments shall be accepted in writing. All such amendments shall be

made available in writing to the General Assembly. The Commission on Social Witness shall finalize each General Assembly ~~(U.S. or Continental)~~ Action of Immediate Witness, (year), and the chairperson of the Commission on Social Witness, in consultation with the moderator of the General Assembly, the parliamentarian and legal counsel, shall prioritize unincorporated amendments for consideration by the General Assembly.

(5) Adoption of a General Assembly ~~(U.S. or Continental)~~ Action of Immediate Witness, (year) shall be by a two-thirds vote.

(6) Actions submitted pursuant to this Section 4.16(b) must be in writing and filed with the Chair of the Commission on Social Witness or the Commission's designee by the deadline established by the Commission and announced at the opening session of the Assembly.

(c) Responsive Resolutions may be admitted to the agenda of a regular General Assembly and acted upon.

(1) A Responsive Resolution is a resolution made in response to a substantive portion of a report by an officer or committee reporting to a regular General Assembly.

(2) Adoption of a Responsive Resolution shall be by two-thirds vote.

#### **Rule G-4.12.1. Report of Comments on UUA Statements of Conscience.**

The Commission on Social Witness shall report to the General Assembly in summary fashion those comments on UUA ~~(U.S. or Continental)~~ Statements of Conscience submitted to it by member congregations and districts.

#### **Rule G-4.18.2. Business Resolutions and Study/Action Issues for Social Justice.**

A Study/Action Issue for Social Justice is one that deals with issues of public policy within the province of the Department of Faith in Action. A Business Resolution directly involves the administration and structure of the Association.

Any resolution submitted which, taken as a whole, has as its purpose the making of a statement of social concern or principle shall be deemed to be a Study/Action Issue for Social Justice.

A Study/Action Issue for Social Justice or a UUA ~~(U.S. or Continental)~~ Statement of Conscience appearing on the Final Agenda shall not be amended so as to become a Business Resolution.