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# Proposal: Article II Amendment Process

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## Amendments Proposed Already

- Many of us have received emails or texts, or FB posts with ways to change the proposal
- Bylaws allow for a mini-assembly during GA
  - Not enough time
- Goal: “Amendment Workshops” prior to GA where potential amendments can be combined, plain language used, etc.
  - Provides time for congregations to consider possible amendments before GA



# Step 1. Submit Potential Amendment

- Create online form for submission
  - Include author contact information
  - Details of text being modified
  - Rationale for change
  - Not limited to delegates only, due to the need to start the process before delegates are selected
  - Limit one amendment proposal per person



## Step 2. Attend a Workshop

- Invite similar proposals to the same workshop
- Workshops are open to all
- May include Article II Study Commissioners offering background on original language
- Final proposal posted to a discussion forum



## Step 3. Discussion Form

- Proposed amendment posted to discussion forum
- Comments and discussion encouraged
- Moderation required
- Discussion may result in an additional workshop – repeat step 2



## Step 4. The Mini Assembly

- Online, Thursday morning at GA
- Proposed amendments will need a delegate sponsor
- Limit one amendment per delegate
- New amendments cannot be prohibited (per bylaws)
  - Any new amendments may be prioritized to the bottom of the debate schedule
  - There will be a limited amount of time for amendments during the general session
- Note: Mini-assembly for other business will be before GA





## Step 5. General Session Debate

- Amendment Author (2 minutes)
- Article II Study Commission (2 minutes)
- Alternate Pro and Concern for 8 additional minutes (2 minutes max per speaker)



## Step 6. Voting

- Online Ballot after Thursday's General Session
- Amendments that are accepted will be incorporated into the version the delegates consider on Saturday
  - Vote by ballot on Saturday
- Any Board-proposed amendments will be debated on Friday
  - Vote by ballot on Friday
  - If there are no Board-proposed amendments, may adjust schedule