

Bylaw, Section 2, Vision/Mission/Ends and General Conference Working Groups and Plan Proposal

We will need around 5 small groups working to move some large-scale work between now and GA and the hope is that every board member is on at least one of these. The first two are the bylaw study commissions. We need 2-study commission to do some intensive work in Nov-January and then to help lead or at least come up with a process after the Feb 1st deadline for GA. One is the Article II Study Commission and the other one is the General Bylaw Study Commission. They both do have a lot of members but my hope is that we can get the main point people to help.

Article II Study Commission - 11 people maximum - with point 8 members

JTWTC- 2 members - 1 point

COA - 2 members - 1 point

Moderators - 2 people - 1 point

non President or moderator Board Members- 2 members

1st Principle Task Force - 1 person

8th Principle Task Force - 1 person

1 other person potentially RLG or another body with sway

- Survey sent to Board Members in Nov
- At least one reach out to necessary parties before Dec board meeting
- At least one call or information gathering before Dec board meeting
- Recommendation before Jan board meeting – next steps and language (*if possible*)
- If proposed language to trigger study commission exists share in January and get 15 congregations to sign on
- Feb 1st proposed language is submitted (*if possible*)

Bylaw Study Commission - 11 people maximum - with point 7 members

Task Force - 2 members - 1 point

JTWTC - 2 members - 1 point

COA - 2 members - 1 point

Moderators - 2 people - 1 point

non President or moderator Board members- 2

RLG (regional leaders group formerly DPA)- 1 member

Need to talk to GA PC because they can also introduce bylaws

- Survey sent to Board Members in Nov
- At least one call and outreach to necessary parties before Dec board meeting (LREDA, BLUU, DRUUMM, UUMN, etc.)
- Recommendation before Jan board meeting

- Language workshop and creation at Jan board meeting
- Small group take it and any reworking
- Share with board end of January
- Moderator submits Feb 1st
- Additional bylaw work

Section 2 Governance Policies - led by governance working group

Governance working group

Co-moderators

President

- By Dec 4th- working group members go thru policies and determine which ones should stay, which ones should be affirmations and which ones should change - survey sent to working group members
- By ___ subgroup take suggestions and draft into recommendations
- Dec meeting- recommendations shared if possible
- January meeting- board approval if possible and if not shared

We will need two more small groups after January

Mission, Ends and Vision- led by another small group - 9 people maximum

non-President or moderator Board members- 2

JTWTC - 2 members

Moderators- 2 people

President

Task Force - 2 members

Reimagining Covenant and General Conference

There are a couple of different aspects of this work, the actual conference itself and the bylaw change. The bylaw change will be taken care of by the general bylaw-working group.

With the General Conference the thinking is to have something between GA 2018 and GA 2019 and that there be conversations at the district level and a national gathering after that. That would help us weave the commission on institutional change's work and what we need to do around the Mission, Ends, Vision, and Reimagining Covenant work.

These two go together and the hope is that we can construct conversations to happen at GA in 2018 that will help us get closer to the Mission, Ends and Vision. The January and April board meeting should also have us do some work around these as well.