RESTRICTURING OF CONFERENCE BOUNDARIES

Approved As Amended

A Prudential Resolution

TEXT OF THE MOTION

Therefore be it resolved that the 29th General Synod invites each of the 38 conferences and their covenant partners (such as associations, local churches and authorized ministers) to engage in a prayerful process of discernment in order to assess what they may need to assure a sustainable and thriving future for their ongoing missional responsibilities as well as effective ministries; and

Be it further resolved that the 29th General Synod calls upon the Collegium of Officers to work collaboratively and pastorally with any and all conferences and their covenant partners in a mutual process of discernment in order to develop viable proposals designed to revitalize conferences, share resources among them, and/or reconfigure conference boundaries in ways faithful to our church’s calling and which make practical sense; and

Be it further resolved, that any such proposals from conferences and a report from the Collegium will be transmitted to the 30th General Synod for further deliberation and approval as necessary.

FUNDING

Funding for the implementation of the resolution will be made in accordance with the overall mandates of the affected agencies and the funds available.

IMPLEMENTATION

The Collegium of Officers, in consultation with appropriate ministries or other entities within the United Church of Christ, will determine the implementing body.