

SECOND READING

Proposed Changes to the By-Laws

ARTICLE V. PRIMARY AREAS OF FOCUS

5-1. The Presbytery of South Louisiana shall maintain four (4) primary areas of focus, each of which shall be supported by the appropriate commissions and committees. Committee descriptions are in Article X of these Bylaws.

5-1A. *Vital Congregations*: Supporting congregations through training, workshops, evangelism resources, church growth resources and support for church transformation and new-church development.

5-1A1. Committee on Ministry

~~5-1A2. Congregational Development Committee (and subcommittees)~~

5-1A2. New Worshiping Communities Committee

ARTICLE X. COMMITTEES OF THE PRESBYTERY.

10-1. COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

10-1A The Presbytery shall elect a Committee on Ministry to serve as pastor and counselor to the teaching elders of the Presbytery, to facilitate relations between congregations, teaching elders, and the Presbytery, and to settle difficulties on behalf of Presbytery when possible and expedient. The committee shall review and approve pastoral support grants and mentor new church professionals.

10-1B This committee shall consist of equal numbers of teaching and ruling elders, with a membership of at least six. Its quorum shall be established by the Presbytery and shall be at least a majority of the membership of the committee. Membership shall be for a term of three years, and replacement of a member whose term has not expired shall for the remainder of that term. Members shall be ineligible to serve more than two consecutive terms or portions of terms.

~~10-1C. This committee shall also include one advisory member from each of the subcommittees of the Congregational Development Committee.~~

~~10-1D. The committee shall serve the Presbytery in accordance with these Bylaws, Manual of Operations and the *Book of Order*.~~

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~~10-2. CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE~~

~~10-2A. The Presbytery shall elect a Congregational Development Committee to encourage and facilitate transformation and growth of churches in the Presbytery of South Louisiana. This committee shall establish goals and a five-year strategy for church development across the Presbytery.~~

~~10-2B. Membership of this committee shall consist of two representatives from each of the four regions of the Presbytery, as defined by the Committee on Ministry, and chairs of the subcommittees specified in 10-2C. The General Presbyter shall serve *ex officio* on the committee.~~

~~10-2C. There shall be two subcommittees of the Congregational Development Committee:~~

~~10-2C1. The Church Transformation Subcommittee shall focus on the~~

1 ~~—growth and changes of existing churches in the Presbytery~~
2 ~~—through goal setting, training, workshops and interaction;~~
3 ~~10-2C2. The New Church Development Subcommittee shall concentrate~~
4 ~~—on the organization of new congregations in the Presbytery~~
5 ~~—through development and implementation of a five-year plan to~~
6 ~~—include immigrant congregations, house churches, development~~
7 ~~—and funding of new forms of worshipping communities.~~

8 ~~10-2D One representative from each of the above subcommittees shall serve as an advisory~~
9 ~~member of the Committee on Ministry as specified in 10-1C.~~

10 ~~10-2E. The Nominating Committee shall appoint a chair and four area~~
11 ~~representatives to each subcommittee.~~

12 ~~10-2F This committee shall serve the Presbytery in accordance with these~~
13 ~~Bylaws and the Manual of Operations.~~

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16 **10.2. NEW WORSHIPPING COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE**

17 *10-2A. The Presbytery shall elect a New Worshipping Communities Committee to encourage the*
18 *formation of new worshipping communities and support existing communities in the*
19 *Presbytery of South Louisiana.*

20 *10-2B. Membership of this committee shall consist of at least six members with at least one*
21 *representative from each of the four regions of the presbytery, as defined by the*
22 *Committee on Ministry. Each new worshipping community will send a representative to*
23 *the committee who will serve ex-officio unless also elected by the presbytery. The*
24 *General Presbyter shall serve ex-officio on the committee.*

25 *10-2C. The committee shall be divided into three classes of as equal number as possible. Terms*
26 *shall ordinarily be for three years. Members who have served six consecutive years will*
27 *be ineligible to serve for one year.*

28 *10-2D This committee shall serve the Presbytery in accordance with these*
29 *Bylaws, the Manual of Operations and the Book of Order.*