

AGENDA 2.4.16

Constitutional changes: Pastors Conference

PROPOSED MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED that **Section 5.6 General Pastors Conference** of the By-laws of the Church be amended to clarify the role of the Pastors' Conference in respect of Synod as follows (words to be deleted – ~~striketrough~~; words to be added – **bold**):

SECTION 5.6 GENERAL PASTORS CONFERENCE

- 5.6.1 The duties of the General Pastors Conference shall be to
 - 5.6.1.1 give guidance in matters of doctrine and confession;
 - 5.6.1.2 foster theological studies by all members of the Ministry;
 - 5.6.1.3 stimulate and give guidance to the members of the Ministry in the work of their calling;
 - 5.6.1.4 foster fellowship between the members of the Ministry; and
 - 5.6.1.5 consider matters relating to the well-being of the Church.
- 5.6.2 The General Pastors Conference shall serve as a theological adviser to the General Synod and in fulfilment of such function
 - 5.6.2.1 shall consider those questions, issues and statements of a theological and confessional nature which appear on the agenda of the convention of the General Synod and are referred to it by the General Church Council;
 - 5.6.2.2 **shall recommend one or more of the following actions with respect to a question, issue or statement referred to in 5.6.2.1, namely:**
 - 5.6.2.2.1 **agreement or rejection;**
 - 5.6.2.2.2 **amendments;**
 - 5.6.2.2.3 **corrections;**
 - 5.6.2.2.4 **additions; or**
 - 5.6.2.2.5 **advice or explanations; and**
 - 5.6.2.23 may voice its opinion with regard to the advisability or non-advisability of dealing with any such question or issue or of adopting a particular statement; **or motion. and**
 - ~~5.6.2.3 may recommend amendments, corrections, additions or explanations concerning proposed statements.~~

REASONS FOR THE MOTION

There has been a lack of clarity and consistency in the description of what is required of the Pastors' Conference in respect of advice and recommendations to Synod.