

AGENDA 2.1.6.11

Membership and Dissolution clauses: Model Constitution of Congregations

PROPOSED MOTION

Submitted by General Church Board

PROPOSED THAT in the Model Constitution for a Congregation the following changes be made (words to be deleted - ~~strike through~~; words to be added - **bold**):

ARTICLE 11. DISSOLUTION

- 11.1 A special resolution is required if it is proposed that the Congregation dissolve and any such resolution for dissolution shall be made according to the following procedure:
- 11.1.1 Written notice of a motion to dissolve the Congregation shall be given to the members of the Congregation.
 - 11.1.2 The motion shall be presented to the Congregation only after the Bishop of the District has been consulted.
 - 11.1.3 At least thirty [30] days written notice of a meeting, specifying the intention to dissolve as a special motion, shall be given to all the voting members of the Congregation.
 - 11.1.4 The motion shall require a majority of **not less than** three-quarters [3/4] of all the voting members of the Congregation for determination at a general meeting.

ARTICLE 13. ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- 13.1 The Congregation may resolve, by a resolution requiring at least a ~~two-thirds~~ majority of **not less than two-thirds [2/3] of the members present**, to amend, alter, add to or repeal its Constitution, including changing the name of the Congregation, except as hereinafter provided in the following clause 13.4 and subject to the preceding clause 3.1.4.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL

These changes are to ensure the correct interpretation of, and consistency in, the wording for the specified required majority. The inclusion of the words “not less than” ensures that any margin of two thirds (2/3) OR three quarters (3/4) of the required amount, or more, is sufficient majority. This amendment brings the Model Constitutions for a congregation into line with the LCA, District and parish constitutions.