

NON-GEOGRAPHIC PRESBYTERS

1 **WHEREAS**, some of our ethnic pastors are serving in ethnic ministries and not in
2 independent churches; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, the term “church” creates an unwanted restriction on the qualification
5 requirement for being an ethnic/language presbyter and for being a member of this
6 caucus; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, the term “member” may also suggest an unwanted restriction on this
9 presbyter position and caucus group; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, the function of the non-geographic presbyter caucuses is for nominating
12 purposes and not voting; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, the designation of “executive and sectional presbyters” does not accurately
15 reflect the electing body of the non-geographic presbyters; therefore,

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17 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that bylaw article IV section B subsection 3a which reads:

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19 a. Qualifications. This presbyter shall be a member of a minority ethnic/language group
20 which has established churches in the Ministries Network

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22 Be amended to read:

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24 a. Qualifications. This presbyter shall be a member of a minority ethnic/language group
25 and serve in a church or ministry within the WNMMN which has a majority of minority
26 ethnic/ language group participants;

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28 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that article IV section B subsection 3c which
29 reads:

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31 c. Multi-Ethnic/Language Group Caucus Voting Constituency. The voting
32 constituency of this group shall consist of all ordained, licensed, and certified
33 ministers serving in churches with a majority of ethnic/language group members
34 and credentialed ministers who through a U.S. Missions appointment or a Network
35 para-church ministry serve populations consisting primarily of members of one or
36 more of these ethnic/language groups.

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38 Be amended to read:

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40 c. Multi-Ethnic/Language Group Caucus Nominating Constituency. The nominating
41 constituency of this group shall consist of all ordained, licensed, and certified
42 ministers serving in churches or ministries with a majority of minority
43 ethnic/language group participants and credentialed ministers who through a U.S.
44 Missions appointment or a Network para-church ministry serve populations
45 consisting primarily of members of one or more of these ethnic/language groups.

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that article IV section B subsection 1 b and c be amended by word replacement to read:

- b. ~~Voting~~ Nominating constituency. The ~~voting nominating~~ members for each non-geographic presbyter position will include all ordained, licensed and certified ministers of the Network as defined by the qualifications of each non-geographical presbyter position.
- c. Nomination and Election. When a term of office has been completed or when there is a vacancy, names of all ministers qualified to serve shall be presented electronically to the ~~voting nominating~~ constituency for that presbyter position. The members of that ~~voting nominating~~ constituency will then have two weeks to nominate a minister electronically or by mail to the Ministry Network Office. The Network Superintendent will then provide two names from those nominated to the ~~executive and sectional~~ board of presbyters. The ~~executive and sectional~~ board of presbyters will then elect one of these individuals to the non-geographical presbyter position.

Respectfully submitted by
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