

GS 01 PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Origin: General Secretary

Bounds of Council

That the bounds of the plenary for the 43rd General Council 2018 be Gymnasiums 3, 4 and 5 in the Campus Recreation and Wellness Centre College of Durham College & University of Ontario Institute of Technology, Oshawa, Ontario, excluding the visitor seating and unnumbered tables.

Corresponding Members

That the following persons who are in attendance be corresponding members of the 43rd General Council 2018 and as such, be entitled to speak but not to move motions or to vote:

- **All former Moderators;**
- **Global partner representatives, ecumenical, inter-faith and official guests of the 43rd General Council 2018;**
- **Youth Forum participants who are not Commissioners;**
- **Participants of the Children and Young Teens;**
- **Those who have been requested by the General Secretary, General Council to serve as resource persons to the Council;**
- **Members of the Business Committee who are not Commissioners;**
- **General Council Officers, Executive Ministers, Executive Officers, and Conference Executive Secretaries and Speaker;**

Resource People:

Business Committee Membership

- **Allan Buckingham, Chair**
- **Jordan Cantwell, Moderator**
- **Larry Doyle, Chair, General Council Planning Committee**
- **Nora Sanders, General Secretary, General Council**
- **Shannon McCarthy, Executive Secretary, Conference of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario**
- **David Allen, Remit Implementation Project Leader**
- **Cynthia Gunn, Legal/Judicial Counsel**
- **Bev Kostichuk, Chair, Permanent Committee on Governance and Agenda**

Friends in Council

That the Friends in Council for the 43rd General Council 2018 be Lawrence Moore, Cathie Cunningham, Cheryl Jourdain, Ryan McNally, Kim Heath, Bill Smith.

Scrutineers

That the Scrutineers for the 43rd General Council 2018 be:

- **Norma Thompson, Chief Scrutineer**
- **Wendy Lowden**
- **Patti Rodgers**

- Heather Leffler
- Charles McMillan
- Laurie O’Leary
- Robert Hayes
- Paul Wright

Facilitation Group

That the Facilitation Group for the 43rd General Council 2018 be Marion Best, Hewitt Holmes, Jamie Scott, Betty Kelly and Carmen Lansdowne.

Business before the 43rd General Council 2018

That the reports and proposals provided in the Workbook, (online and including additions and updates), along with any change pages, and any new business received by the deadline for new business, be received for consideration by the 43rd General Council 2018.

Business Procedures

That the following business procedures be adopted:

The Moderator will chair the meeting, making any rulings necessary and ensuring that there is full opportunity for discussion and decision making.

Business at the meeting will be considered according to the following three phase process:

1. *Listening phase:* Information sessions will inform Commissioners about the issues on the agenda. This continues the listening phase that began prior to the meeting of the 43rd General Council 2018. Information sessions may be held in plenary or concurrently in breakout rooms, with Commissioners choosing which listening sessions to attend.

2. *Discussion phase:* Commissioners and corresponding members who are seated at table groups will meet in discussion groups with a pre-named chair/host and a note-taker. Within the discussion groups, they share what they have heard through the listening phase so everyone is informed about all the issues. Discussion groups deliberate on the proposals. Note-takers record comments, affirmations, and suggestions, and the discussion groups confirm the information to be recorded and shared. Reports from all discussion groups are available for viewing by the entire court and the Facilitation Group.

3. *Decision-making phase:* The Facilitation Group’s refined proposals are made available to the court. There is final debate and refinement of the proposal in plenary, with the Facilitation Group returning to do more refinement as necessary. The process concludes with a motion in response to the proposal and a vote on the motion.

During the decision-making phase in plenary, the Moderator will apply the Rules of Debate and Order (*The Manual Appendix*).

Speakers will:

- **Speak from designated microphones in the court;**
- **Be recognized by the Moderator prior to speaking;**
- **Begin comments by identifying themselves by name, role, and Conference (or position as appropriate);**
- **Only speak once to a given proposal except at the discretion of the Moderator;**
- **Each new speaker should offer a new perspective or information;**
- **Speak for no longer than 90 seconds except at the discretion of the Moderator;**
- **Use the designated procedural floor microphone to raise a point of order, that is to raise a specific question of procedure with the Moderator;**
- **Use the floor microphones to raise points of personal privilege, which will be understood to be limited to comments noting that the individual raising the point has been insulted or maligned in the current debate.**

Note: General concerns about the meeting (inability to hear, temperature of the room, missing documentation) will be raised directly with the Friends in Council, who will determine how the concern will be addressed. Concerns for the well-being of individuals, celebrations of birthdays, etc. will be made to the Friends in Council who will co-ordinate these for “community moments”.

Voting at the meeting will be by electronic ballot unless otherwise specified.

Prioritizing Work

The work of the 43rd General Council 2018 will be assigned based on the priorities named by Commissioners of the 43rd General Council 2018 as determined through consultation in advance of the meeting. Proposals will be reviewed and grouped by theme/issue. The top 10 proposal themes/issues named by them will serve as the priority agenda for the meeting of the 43rd General Council 2018. Any proposals not dealt with during the meeting will be referred to the Executive of the General Council or the General Secretary.

Procedure for Withdrawing Proposals from an Omnibus or Consent Motion

The 43rd General Council 2018 will adopt the following procedure in the event that a Commissioner desires that a proposal be withdrawn from an omnibus or consent motion and/or that a proposal be assigned to a body other than that recommended by the Business Committee:

- 1. The Commissioner making such a request will have one minute to make their request and provide their rationale for their request, indicating the piece of business they wish to have removed in its stead.**
- 2. The request will be granted only if a majority of Commissioners vote in favour of it.**

3. If an item of business is removed from an omnibus or consent motion, the Moderator will direct the Business Committee to find a place for the work consistent with the request.

New Business

All notices of new business (including the draft proposal) will be presented in writing to the Business Committee. The Business Committee will report items of new business and recommendations for incorporation into the agenda for the decision of the court.

Items of new business will not be ordered on a first come-first presented basis, but with preference to items:

- a. arising unexpectedly in response to the meeting of the 43rd General Council 2018;
- b. arising in response to global or national matters that occur during the meeting of the 43rd General Council 2018; and
- c. as determined by the court on the recommendation of the Business Committee.

New business that cannot be dealt with by the General Council 2018 due to time limitations will be dealt with by a motion to refer to the Executive of the General Council or the General Secretary.

Election of Moderator

That the following be approved as the process for nominations and election of the 43rd Moderator of The United Church of Canada:

1. Nominations may be made from the floor until 4:20 pm on Sunday July 22nd, 2018. There must be a mover and a seconder, and the nominee must indicate willingness to stand for election. The Moderator will call for any further nominations just before the official close of nominations.
2. Nominations from the floor of the 43rd General Council 2018 will be declared closed at 4:20 pm on Sunday July 22nd, 2018.
3. The nominees will be introduced to the 43rd General Council 2018 and presented with their nominee stoles before the supper break on Sunday July 22nd, 2018.
4. Nominees will address the 43rd General Council 2018, individually, on Monday, July 23rd, 2018.
5. Voting will be by ballot and take place on Thursday, July 26th, 2018.
6. Anyone who receives 50% plus one of the votes cast will be declared elected as the new Moderator.

7. If there are ten or more names on the ballot, the four with the lowest numbers of votes cast in their favour will be released from the subsequent ballots; if there are seven, eight or nine names on the ballot, the three with the lowest numbers of votes cast in their favour will be released from the subsequent ballots; if there are five or six names on the ballot, the two with the lowest numbers of votes cast in their favour will be released from the subsequent ballots; if there are four or fewer names on the ballot, the one with the lowest number of votes will be released from subsequent ballots.
8. When there are four or more names on the ballot and there is a tie in the number of votes cast for the candidates with the lowest number of votes in their favour as set out in the preceding paragraph, the candidates who are tied will be released from subsequent ballots. This could mean that more candidates are released from a ballot than as specified in the preceding paragraph.
9. Voting on any ballot with more than ten names will be done by paper ballot. Voting on ballots with ten or fewer names will be done by electronic ballot.
10. Announcements of the results of the ballots will take place at times determined by the Moderator with advice from the Business Committee.
11. Tallies of votes will not be announced.

Minutes of the 42nd General Council 2015

That the minutes of the 42nd General Council 2015 be approved.

Minute Secretary

That the Minute Secretary for the 43rd General Council 2018 be Susan Fortner.

Reports

That the 43rd General Council 2018 accept the accountability report of the Executive of the General Council.

That the 43rd General Council 2018 receive for information the following reports:

- **Moderator's Accountability Report**
- **Moderator's Advisory Committee Report**
- **General Secretary's Accountability Report**
- **Report from the Remit Implementation Task Group**
- **Aboriginal Ministries Council Accountability Report**
- **Caretakers of Our Indigenous Circle Report**
- **Committee on Indigenous Justice and Residential Schools Report**
- **United Nations Declaration Task Group Report**
- **Theology and Inter-Church Inter-Faith Accountability Report**
- **Effective Leadership and Healthy Pastoral Relationships Report**

- Manual Committee Report
- Nominations Committee Report
- General Council Judicial Committee Report
- Conference Records Review 2012-2015
- Archives and History Committee Report
- Report on the Full Communion with the Disciples of Christ
- Faithful Decision Making on Social Justice Issues
- Audit Committee Report
- Report of the Boundaries Commission
- UCW Report
- Newfoundland and Labrador Conference Report
- Maritime Conference Report
- Synode Montreal & Ottawa Conference
- Bay of Quinte Conference Report
- Toronto Conference Report
- Hamilton Conference Report
- London Conference Report
- Manitou Conference Report
- All Native Circle Conference Report
- Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Report
- Saskatchewan Conference Report
- Alberta and Northwest Conference Report
- British Columbia Conference Report
- The United Church Foundation Report
- Rulings and Opinions of The General Secretary, General Council – July 2015 to June 2018
- Minutes of the Executive of the General Council – June 2015 to June 2018 (found in the United Church Commons)
- Actions of the Executive of the General Council – Summary Report (found in the United Church Commons)

Agenda

That the 43rd General Council 2018 accept, as its agenda, the agenda as circulated and approved on the understanding that the agenda may be changed, as necessary, by the action of the 43rd General Council 2018, on the recommendation of the Business Committee.

Budget Constraints

All motions having significant budget implications for the General Council Office shall be considered “in principle only” and, if adopted, be referred to the Executive of the General Council to implement to the fullest extent possible within adopted budgetary constraints.

Moved: N. Sanders

Seconded: L. Doyle

Carried.