December 17, 2021

GS 81 Extension of Temporary Amendment of Bylaws re: Pastoral Relations; Temporary Amendment re: Congregational Annual Meeting

At its meeting on November 26, 2020, the Sub-Executive of the General Council passed a motion to:

- temporarily suspend the requirement in section B.5.1 of The Manual for congregations or pastoral charges to hold an annual meeting; and
- temporarily amend the responsibility of the congregation or pastoral charge to make a decision on their annual draft budget by allowing the governing body of the congregation or pastoral charge to fulfil this responsibility where necessary, and where permitted by the regional council;

with each of the foregoing to be in effect until June 30, 2021, subject to earlier cancellation or further extension by decision of the Executive or Sub-Executive of the General Council.

On December 16, 2020, The Communities of Faith Commission of Shining Waters Regional Council decided to permit any congregations or pastoral charges in Shining Waters Region to allow the governing body of the congregation or pastoral charge to make a decision on their annual draft budget. This permission is in effect until June 30, 2021.

Please note that this does not prevent a congregation or pastoral charge from holding an annual meeting, either virtually or in-person (if allowed by provincial regulations, local health guidelines and following all required protocols) at which they may decide on their annual draft budget. These permissions are intended to support congregations and pastoral charges who do not feel able or have the capacity to hold an annual meeting during the pandemic.

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