

Remit No. 2 “Appointed,” “Chosen,” “Elected,” “Selected”

Background:

“Appoint” refers to the action taken to fill an office with one or more named individuals, where nominations of additional individuals for consideration are not possible, and where the decision in respect of each named individual is either in the negative or in the affirmative.

“Elect” refers to the action taken to fill an office with one or more nominated individuals, where nominations of additional individuals for consideration are possible, and where the decision is made from among the nominated individuals.

The terms “appointed,” “chosen,” “elected,” and “selected,” are used in the Basis of Union interchangeably, somewhat indiscriminately, and not always in accordance with the foregoing understanding.

The Fortieth General Council (2009) authorized this Remit to test the will of the Church as to whether the terms “appoint” and “elect” ought to be used consistently in the Basis of Union in accordance with the foregoing understanding.

This would entail a change to sections 5.3, 5.6.1, 5.9, 5.11, 6.2.5, 6.2.6, 6.4.14, 7.6.1, 8.4, 9.4, and 9.7.2 of the Basis of Union.

In accordance with paragraph 505(a)vi. of the By-Laws, the Fortieth General Council (2009) further determined, by more than two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast, that these changes are to come into effect on the date as of which the changes incorporated into the 2010 edition of *The Manual* will come into effect, provided that the Executive of the General Council declares that two-thirds (2/3) of the Presbyteries have given their approval, and pending the final action of the Forty-First General Council (2012).

The Question:

Does the Presbytery agree that the Basis of Union should be amended to reflect a consistent use of “appoint” and “elect”, as follows:

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| <p><u>proposed</u></p> <p>5.3 Subject to the provisions of the next succeeding paragraph hereof, all property, real and personal, under the jurisdiction <u>existing</u> (continued)</p> <p>of the Parliament of Canada, held in trust for or to the use of a church, charge, circuit, or congregation of any of the negotiating Churches shall be held by trustees appointed by or on behalf of such church, charge, circuit, or congregation, upon trusts set forth and declared in a Model Trust Deed. ...</p> | <p>who shall jointly constitute the Session;</p> <p>5.9 The members of the Session, other than the member(s) of the Order of Ministry settled in the Pastoral Charge, shall be chosen <u>changes shown</u> (continued)</p> <p>of the Parliament of Canada, held in trust for or to the use of a church, charge, circuit, or congregation of any of the negotiating Churches shall be held by trustees appointed <u>elected</u> by or on behalf of such church, charge, circuit, or congregation, upon trusts set forth and declared in a Model Trust Deed. ...</p> | <p>and set apart or ordained for that work, who shall jointly constitute the Session;</p> <p>5.9 The members of the Session, other than the member(s) of the Order of Ministry settled in the Pastoral Charge, shall be chosen <u>proposed</u> (continued)</p> <p>of the Parliament of Canada, held in trust for or to the use of a church, charge, circuit, or congregation of any of the negotiating Churches shall be held by trustees elected by or on behalf of such church, charge, circuit, or congregation, upon trusts set forth and declared in a Model Trust Deed. ...</p> |
| <p>5.6 The liberty of the Pastoral Charge shall be recognized to the fullest extent compatible with:</p> | <p>5.6 The liberty of the Pastoral Charge shall be recognized to the fullest extent compatible with:</p> | <p>5.6 The liberty of the Pastoral Charge shall be recognized to the fullest extent compatible with:</p> |
| <p>5.6.1 the oversight of the spiritual interests of the Pastoral Charge by the member(s) of the Order of Ministry settled in the Pastoral Charge, and a body of persons specially chosen and set apart or ordained for that work,</p> | <p>5.6.1 the oversight of the spiritual interests of the Pastoral Charge by the member(s) of the Order of Ministry settled in the Pastoral Charge, and a body of persons specially chosen <u>elected</u></p> | <p>5.6.1 the oversight of the spiritual interests of the Pastoral Charge by the member(s) of the Order of Ministry settled in the Pastoral Charge, and a body of</p> |

	persons elected and set apart or ordained for that work, who shall jointly constitute the Session;	6.2	lay members of the United Church:	6.2	lay members of the United Church:
		
5.9	The members of the Session, other than the member(s) of the Order of Ministry settled in the Pastoral Charge, shall be <u>existing</u> (continued)	6.2.5	appointed by Pastoral Charges and Missions of the United Church, whether or not the Pastoral Charge or Mission is served by a member of the Order of Ministry. Such <u>changes shown</u> (continued)	6.2.5	appointed <u>elected</u> by Pastoral Charges and Missions of the United Church, whether or not the Pastoral Charge or Mission is served by a member of the Order of Ministry. Such <u>proposed</u> (continued)
	by those in full church membership, and shall hold office under regulations to be passed by the General Council.		<u>elected</u> by those in full church membership, and shall hold office under regulations to be passed by the General Council.		elected by those in full church membership, and shall hold office under regulations to be passed by the General Council.
5.11	The Stewards shall be chosen by the local church, and, wherever practicable, should be persons in full membership. It shall be the duty of the Committee of Stewards to secure contributions for the purposes of the local church, and to disburse the monies received for these purposes.	5.11	The Stewards shall be chosen <u>elected</u> by the local church, and, wherever practicable, should be persons in full membership. It shall be the duty of the Committee of Stewards to secure contributions for the purposes of the local church, and to disburse the monies received for these purposes.	5.11	The Stewards shall be elected by the local church, and, wherever practicable, should be persons in full membership. It shall be the duty of the Committee of Stewards to secure contributions for the purposes of the local church, and to disburse the monies received for these purposes.
6.0	The Presbytery shall consist of:	6.0	The Presbytery shall consist of:	6.0	The Presbytery shall consist of:
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...		(4) four representatives from each Congregation with 301 or more resident members;	
6.2	lay members of the United Church:		(4) four representatives from each Congregation with 301 or more resident members;
...		6.2.6 appointed, on the same basis as those in section 6.2.5, by an inter-denominational congregation or mission, including Canadian Forces Bases, in which the United Church is one of the participating denominations and which is recognized by Presbytery; <u>changes shown</u> (continued)	
6.2.5	elected by Pastoral Charges and Missions of the United Church, whether or not the Pastoral Charge or Mission is served by a member of the Order of Ministry. Such <u>existing</u> (continued)		6.2.6 appointed <u>elected</u> , on the same basis as those in section 6.2.5, by an inter-denominational congregation or mission, including Canadian Forces Bases, in which the United Church is one of the participating denominations and which is recognized by Presbytery;
	representatives are to be appointed on the following basis for each Pastoral Charge or Mission:		<u>proposed</u> (continued)
(1)	one representative from each Congregation with 100 or fewer resident members;	representatives are to be appointed <u>elected</u> on the following basis for each Pastoral Charge or Mission:	representatives are to be elected on the following basis for each Pastoral Charge or Mission:
(2)	two representatives from each Congregation with between 101 and 200 resident members;	(1) one representative from each Congregation with 100 or fewer resident members;	(1) one representative from each Congregation with 100 or fewer resident members;
(3)	three representatives from each Congregation with between 201 and 300 resident members;	(2) two representatives from each Congregation with between 101 and 200 resident members;	(2) two representatives from each Congregation with between 101 and 200 resident members;
(3)	three representatives from each Congregation		

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| <p>(3) three representatives from each Congregation with between 201 and 300 resident members;</p> <p>(4) four representatives from each Congregation with 301 or more resident members;</p> | <p>7.6.1 It shall be the duty of the Conference:
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(2) to appoint an Executive;</p> | <p>7.6.1 It shall be the duty of the Conference:
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(2) to appoint <u>elect</u> an Executive;</p> |
| <p>6.2.6 elected, on the same basis as those in section 6.2.5, by an inter-denominational congregation or mission, including Canadian Forces Bases, in which the United Church is one of the participating denominations and which is recognized by Presbytery;
<u>existing</u> (continued)</p> | <p>8.4 Overseas Personnel who are appointed by the United Church shall not be eligible for election as commissioners to the General Council by a Conference, but Overseas Personnel who are members of the United Church shall be entitled to representation at each General Council on the basis of one commissioner for every eighteen such Overseas Personnel, but in any case at least three commissioners, chosen as follows: ...
<u>changes shown</u> (continued)</p> | <p>8.4 Overseas Personnel who are appointed by the United Church shall not be eligible for election as commissioners to the General Council by a Conference, but Overseas Personnel who are members of the United Church shall be entitled to representation at each General Council on the basis of one commissioner for every eighteen such Overseas Personnel, but in any case at least three commissioners, chosen <u>elected</u> as follows: ...
<u>proposed</u> (continued)</p> |
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| <p>6.4.14 to appoint one member of the Order of Ministry and one lay member to the Conference Settlement Committee; and</p> | <p>6.4.14 to appoint <u>elect</u> one member of the Order of Ministry and one lay member to the Conference Settlement Committee; and</p> | <p>6.4.14 to elect one member of the Order of Ministry and one lay</p> |

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| member to the Conference Settlement Committee; and | the Order of Ministry and one lay member appointed by the Presbytery. | represented by one member of the Order of Ministry and one lay member appointed <u>elected</u> by the Presbytery. |
| 7.6.1 It shall be the duty of the Conference: | | |
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(2) to elect an Executive; | 9.7.2 When a member of the Order of Ministry chosen by a Pastoral Charge, other Presbytery Accountable Ministry, or other Presbytery Recognized Ministry cannot be settled, the Pastoral Charge, or its Official Board if so authorized by the Pastoral Charge, Presbytery Accountable Ministry, or Presbytery Recognized Ministry may place another name before the Settlement Committee. | 9.7.2 When a member of the Order of Ministry chosen <u>requested</u> by a Pastoral Charge, other Presbytery Accountable Ministry, or other Presbytery Recognized Ministry cannot be settled, the Pastoral Charge, or its Official Board if so authorized by the Pastoral Charge, Presbytery Accountable Ministry, or Presbytery Recognized Ministry may place another name before the Settlement Committee. |
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bounds of Conference shall be represented by one member of the Order of Ministry and one lay member elected by the Presbytery.

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