

MEMORANDUM

TO: Presbytery Secretaries
cc. Conference Executive Secretaries

FROM: Nora Sanders, General Secretary

RE: Remit 1 Election of lay Representatives to Presbytery
Remit 2 "Appointed", "Chosen", "Elected", "Selected"

DATE: September 4, 2009

Greetings to you as we return from summer and begin the work of implementing the directions and decisions of the 40th General Council in Kelowna.

In August, 2009, the 40th General Council authorized six remits to be sent to presbyteries. One of those remits will also go to pastoral charges.

At this time, I am sending Remits 1 and 2 to you together with a voting form for each remit. The forms are to be used to record your vote, and also contain instructions on returning the forms.

Please note that the deadline for returning the voting forms for these two remits is November 12, 2009.

The 40th General Council decided that Remits 1 and 2 are "Category 1" remits, which means they can generally be described as wording or editorial changes only. These remits are being issued now so the changes, if approved, can be incorporated into the 2010 edition of *The Manual*.

The Executive of the General Council meets from November 13 to 16, 2009. At that meeting, it will declare the voting results for Remit 1 and Remit 2.

These remits require approval by a two-thirds majority of presbyteries by the deadline. If fewer than two-thirds of presbyteries have approved a remit by that date, the changes in that remit will not be included in the 2010 edition of *The Manual*.

Each remit contains a brief summary of the action of the 40th General Council and a question for discussion. Each remit also contains the current wording of the relevant sections of the Basis of Union and the proposed new wording of the same sections.

In voting, you will be responding to both the question posed and the proposed new wording of The Basis of Union.

Your participation in this process is a vital contribution to the work of discerning God's will for our church. May God's blessing be upon each of you as you engage in this ministry of administration in the name of The United Church of Canada.