

## Brief Overview of Changes in the Proposed Bylaws, Draft Two, June 2010

The major shift in our identity and structure is away from a denominational model where the churches fund the denomination that provides programs and services for the churches to an associational model. This requires a return to a grassroots effort where the association coordinates and facilitates churches working together to benefit each other and to accomplish their God-given mission. This structure and the covenant relationship of the churches is spelled out in the *Operations and Policy Manual* (hereafter referred to as OPM) rather than in the Bylaws. Great flexibility has been built into these new bylaws to accommodate the differing needs of our region and needed changes in the future.

Section in PROPOSED Bylaws	Compared to CURRENT Bylaws (Revised 10-2-2007)
Article 1: Name	Name is unchanged, slight changes in wording of article
Article 2: Purpose	Compared to the "Preamble" of Current Bylaws, basic purpose is restated in terms of Values, Mission and Vision.
Article 3: Declaration of Faith	Unchanged
Article 4: Membership	<p>Compared to Article 3 "Affiliation"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Membership is stated in terms of a covenantal relationship</li> <li>• Membership Requirements are unchanged</li> <li>• Membership Application procedures moved to the OPM</li> <li>• Area/Ethnic Fellowships moved to the OPM</li> <li>• Representation simplified to equal representation by church rather than by church size.</li> </ul> <p>Membership Meetings Compared to Article 6 "Meetings"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quorum needed reduced to 10% of member churches</li> <li>• In lieu of a single meeting other options provided in OPM</li> </ul>
Article 5: Executive Board	<p>Compared to Article 5: "Executive Board"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number &amp; Selection moved to OPM</li> <li>• Budgets adopted by Executive Board</li> </ul>
Article 6: Officers	<p>Compared to Article 4 "Officers"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election of Officers is from the Board.</li> </ul>
Article 7: Executive Director	<p>Compared to Article 9: "Personnel"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Duties spelled out in the Guiding Principles section of the OPM</li> <li>• Responsible for building a team of leaders and staff</li> </ul>
Article 8: Operation & Policy Manual	<p>Compared to Article 11: "Mission Policy Manual"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expanded to include Guiding Principles, Policies, &amp; Procedures</li> </ul>
Article 9: Amendments	<p>Compared to Article 12: "Amendments"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simplified but similar procedure</li> <li>• ¾ vote for adoption of amendment unchanged</li> </ul>
Article 10: Liability, Indemnification, & Insurance	<p>Compared to Article 13: "Liability, Indemnification, &amp; Insurance"</p> <p>Unchanged</p>
Article 11: Miscellaneous	<p>Compared to Article 14: "Miscellaneous"</p> <p>Unchanged</p>
Article 12: Dissolution	<p>Article 15: "Dissolution"</p> <p>Unchanged except for the description of the three national CB agencies.</p>
Other Notable Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Article 7: "Committees" article deleted – responsibilities held by the committees are handled in the Area Fellowships or in other ways as outlined in the OPM</li> <li>• Article 8: "Financial Policies" article deleted – details covered in other sections of the proposed bylaws or in the OPM.</li> <li>• Article 10: "Auxiliary Organizations" article deleted – responsibilities are handled in the Area Fellowships or in other ways as outlined in the OPM</li> </ul>