

A Resolution for Review and Revision of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Potomac Association

Brought on behalf of the 2010-2011 Potomac Association Board of Directors

In light of our ministry together and our Still-speaking God;

WHEREAS:

In 2006, the Central Atlantic Conference (CAC) Board of Directors approved a resolution to establish a Commission on New Church Development, and a resolution to establish a Commission on Church Vitality and Growth; affirming the Conference's role as the primary agency in church planting within the Conference and its Associations¹;

AND:

That in Article V.5 of the CAC Bylaws, the Board of Directors is charged to "coordinate the implementation of Conference-wide programs in the Associations," such as congregational health, vitality, and stewardship²;

AND:

That several of the functional units of the ministry of the Association have become inactive, or without a current mission and vision for their work.

AND:

That the formation of the Conference Ministry Team is in a period of transition, and it is expected that the relationship of the Team to the Association will need to be formally addressed.

AND:

That in best practices for the life of a living agency, review and revision of governing documents should be performed at regular periods of leadership change³.

¹ Minutes of the Board of Directors, Central Atlantic Conference, June 2006

² Bylaws of the Central Atlantic Conference, Article V.5 (Version dated 6/14/2008)

³ <http://www.christianitytoday.com/yc/1999/novdec/9y6010.html>

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Delegates of the 2011 Spring Meeting of the Potomac Association affirm the need for review and revision of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Potomac Association;

AND:

That the Delegates affirm the suspension of the following Committees named in “Article V—Standing Committees,” and associated sections of “Appendix C”, and the distribution of any active duties at the discretion of the Board of Directors:

- a. Stewardship
- b. Local Church Development
- c. Women’s Coordinating

AND:

That the Delegates instruct the Association Board of Directors to convene a Task Force to investigate forms of governance, to communicate with the local congregations and clergy about the mission and vision of our ministry together.

AND:

That the Delegates instruct the Task Force to return to the 2012 Spring Meeting of the Potomac Association a revision of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Potomac Association for consideration by that assembly.