

## Congregational Meetings Pandemic Update 2021:

On November 26 2020, the Sub-Executive of General Council approved the following, effective immediately. These remain in place until 30 June 2021, subject to earlier cancellation or further extension by decision of the Executive or Sub-Executive of the General Council:

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

The General Secretary recommends:

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council:

1. extend the temporary amendments to pastoral relations policies that were originally adopted in April, 2020; (*allowing governing bodies to make pastoral relations decisions if a congregational meeting is not possible*)
2. temporarily suspend the requirement in section B.5.1 of The Manual for congregations or pastoral charges to hold an annual meeting; and
3. 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; (this has been approved by the ARW, HF and WOW regional councils)

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.

Check the "[How to Hold Meetings During a Pandemic](#)" in the Covid-19 resources for additional information