

**[PROPOSAL NAME]**

**Origin: [Regional Council Name]**

**1. What is the issue?** (describe in broad terms)

We believe God/Jesus/Holy Spirit is calling us to:

- do something about...
- engage the topic of...
- respond to the challenge of...
- etc.

***Note: proposals for the General Council are for issues of denominational responsibility that go beyond the bounds of a Regional Council.***

**2. Why is this issue important?**

For example:

- What are the key underlying theological, ecclesiological, missional, or justice issues?
- What is the history/background of this issue?
- What are the principles informing this issue?
- What would be the implications of taking no action on this issue?

**3. How might the General Council respond to the issue?**

**The (Regional Council) proposes that the General Council could:**

Name a possible response that the General Council might consider:

A. Study/Discussion of the issue

B. Action on the issue, which could include:

- General Council directing that a policy/strategy be developed based on specified principles and parameters
- General Council adopting a policy position/strategy
- General Council encouraging/suggesting action by congregations and other communities of faith on the issue

Note to 3.A: The General Council could be asked to have a conversation about a particular issue as an end in itself without making a policy decision or taking other action.

Note to 3.B: Suggestions for wording of a policy/strategy could be offered as possibilities for consideration in the decision-making process but not as expectations of a particular outcome.

**4. For the body transmitting this proposal to the General Council:**

Are there comments, affirmations, suggestions you would like to make with respect to this proposal? Is this proposal in response to a previous proposal, motion or action? If so, please name the previous action(s) and proposal number(s).

If you have questions regarding this proposal please send them to [info@generalcouncil44.ca](mailto:info@generalcouncil44.ca).