Remit 1 – Amendment to the Basis of Union Regarding Membership of Regional Councils

Background:

At the 45th General Council 2025, the General Council:

(i) approved a change to the Basis of Union regarding the composition of the Regional Council to allow:

- Regional Councils to elect additional lay members; and
- retired designated lay ministers to hold membership in their respective Regional Councils; and

(ii) authorized a Category 2 remit (including information and study materials) to test the will of the church concerning this change.

The Question:

Does the Regional Council agree that the Basis of Union be amended to include the following?

6.2 Membership. The Regional Council is composed of:

6.2.3 lay members elected by the Community of Faith;

6.2.4 additional lay members elected by the Regional Council; the total number not to exceed 10 percent of the number of lay members elected under section 6.2.3; and

6.2.5 lay members who at the time of their retirement were designated lay ministers within the bounds of the Regional Council.