

Resolution

Subject: Amendments of Terminology Re: Voting in the Southern Province
Book of Order
From: Government Committee

WHEREAS, the Book of Order, Moravian Church in America, Southern Province 2018 contains terminology regarding voting requirements for elections and amendments that is inconsistently stated and not aligned with terminology found in *Robert's Rules of Order*; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to voting terminology would not change voting requirements for elections or amendments but would clarify terminology to align with long-standing practice and the wording of *Robert's Rules of Order*; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the statement in the Book of Order, Moravian Church in America, Southern Province 2018, "Constitution of the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province" that currently says:

Section 9. Elections and Appointments ...

"3. **A majority vote of two-thirds of the votes cast** shall be necessary for the election of bishops (by ballot without nomination) and the President of the Provincial Elders' Conference (by ballot without nomination). **A majority vote of two-thirds of the votes** cast shall be necessary for the election of each clergy and lay member of the Provincial Elders' Conference (by ballot with nomination)" (p. 66) be amended to say:

Section 9. Elections and Appointments

3. **Two-thirds of the votes cast** shall be necessary for the election of bishops (by ballot without nomination) and the President of the Provincial Elders' Conference (by ballot without nomination). **Two-thirds of the votes** cast shall be necessary for the election of each clergy and lay member of the Provincial Elders' Conference (by ballot with nomination); and

RESOLVED, that the statement in the Book of Order, Moravian Church in America, Southern Province 2018, "Constitution of the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province" that currently says:

"Section 26. Amendments Any proposed changes in this Constitution shall be submitted to a Provincial Synod, and then referred to the Committee on Govern-

ment, and when reported back by the said committee, may be adopted by **a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast by Synod**” (p.75) be amended to say:

Section 26. Amendments Any proposed changes in this Constitution shall be submitted to a Provincial Synod, and then referred to the Committee on Government. When reported back by the said committee **to a Synod plenary session**, the proposed changes may be adopted by **two-thirds of the votes cast**; and

RESOLVED, that the statement in the Book of Order, Moravian Church in America, Southern Province 2018, “Synod Approved Recommendations of Rules and Regulations” [for Congregations] that currently says:

“Article VI Amendments: These Rules and Regulations may be altered, amended or added to at any time by **a majority of two-thirds of all votes cast** in the Congregation Council ...” (p. 102) be amended to say,

Article VI Amendments: These Rules and Regulations may be altered, amended or added to at any time by **two-thirds of the votes cast** in the Congregation Council ...