

Resolution

Subject: Board of World Mission
From: World Mission Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of World Mission (BWM) looks to fulfill its role as the mission agency of the Southern Province while living out its purpose of being faithful to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission; and

WHEREAS, the BWM constitution states that up to sixteen (16) directors shall be elected in the following manner: “One (1) Director from the Alaska Province shall be elected by the Synod of the Alaska Province” and “One (1) Director from the Unity of the Brethren shall be elected by the Convention of the Unity of the Brethren” and “Up to Four (4) Directors at-large may be elected to a four-year term by the Board of World Mission” and “Six (6) Directors shall be chosen by the Northern Province in a manner determined by its Synod” and “Four (4) Directors shall be chosen by the Southern Province in a manner determined by its Synod”; and

WHEREAS, Section 20, paragraph 1 of the Southern Province Book of Order states: “*The Synod of the Southern Province shall elect two directors of the Board of World Mission of the Moravian Church. The Provincial Elders’ Conference shall appoint one of its members as a director of the Board of World Mission of the Moravian Church. The Board of Directors of the Mission Society of the Moravian Church, South, Inc. shall appoint one of its members as a director of the Board of World Mission of the Moravian Church*”; and

WHEREAS, a change in the selection process for one of the four directors could allow for the continuation of all current constituencies to be represented on the BWM, while also allowing for flexibility to meet other board member criteria; and

WHEREAS, an adapted process would provide greater board continuity with appointments happening in non-Synod years to prevent scenarios where a majority or all Southern Province BWM representatives rotate off the BWM board of directors at the same time; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Section 20, paragraph 1 of the Southern Province Book of Order shall be amended to state the following: “*The Synod of the Southern Province shall elect one director of the Board of World Mission of the Moravian Church. The Provincial Elders’ Conference shall appoint one of its members as a director of the Board of World Mission of the Moravian Church, and appoint a second at-large member as a director of the Board of World Mission of the Moravian Church. The Board of Directors of the Mission Society of the Moravian Church, South, Inc. shall appoint one of its members as a director of the Board of World Mission of the Moravian Church*”; and

RESOLVED, that in order to facilitate overlapping terms of Southern Province representatives, the first appointment by the PEC shall take place in 2024, after the conclusion of the Spring 2024 BWM board of Directors meeting for a full four-year term; and

RESOLVED, that in order to fill the two-year gap until the appointment of the PEC at-large representative the 2022 Synod of the Southern Province shall elect two (2) representatives, one (1) shall be for a full four-year term, and one (1) shall be for a two-year term (concluding at the end of the Spring 2024 meeting of the BWM).

Note: *This proposal changes the Constitution and requires a 2/3 majority vote. Government has reviewed and approved as to form.*