

Resolution

Subject: Church Educator Representation at Synod
From: Adult Educational Ministry & Practice Committee

WHEREAS, the Synod of 1995 granted delegate status to three Moravian full-time professional Church Educators currently employed by the congregations in the Southern Province and chosen by the Church Educators; and

WHEREAS, the Synod of 1998 passed a resolution stating that “all certified Moravian full time professional church educators currently employed by congregations in the Southern Province” are full voting delegates at Synod; and

WHEREAS, the Synod of 2014 passed a resolution stating that “All certified Moravian full-time professional Church Educators currently employed by congregations or provincial boards in the Southern Province” are full-voting delegates at Synod; and

WHEREAS, a provincial certification process for Church Educators was established in the 1980s and recently revised in 2021; and

WHEREAS, several certified full-time Church Educators are using their gifts and calling to serve at a provincial agency level and in individual congregations doing the ministry of Christian Education; and

WHEREAS, the level of ministry, leadership and involvement of our educators in the province has risen steadily. There are currently at least 12 Church Educators employed throughout the province and certified by the Southern Province, 9 retired educators, and 4 educators serving as pastors or in another denomination; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that under the 2018 Constitution of the Southern Province of the Moravian Church in America, Section 7, “Members of the Provincial Synods,” the content of sub-paragraph number 16 be amended from “Members of Provincial Synods, item 16. ‘All certified Moravian full-time professional Church Educators currently employed by congregations or provincial boards and agencies in the Southern Province.’” to read as follows:

16. All provincially certified Moravian professional Church Educators currently employed in the Southern Province in congregations, provincial boards and agencies.

Note: *This proposal changes the Constitution and requires a 2/3 majority vote.
Reviewed and recommended by Government Committee as to form.*