



## ¶1807.

Petition Number: 20342-IC-¶1807; Krause, Dan - Nashville, TN, USA for General Commission on Communication.

### Commission Membership

Amend ¶ 1807 as follows:

1807. Organization—1. Membership— The membership of the General Commission on Communication shall be composed of ~~twenty-seven~~ twenty-one members as follows:

- a) Two bishops, including one from the United States and one from the central conferences named by the Council of Bishops.
  - b) ~~Eleven~~ Seven members elected by the jurisdictional conferences based on the following formula: North Central— ~~2~~ 1, Northeastern— ~~2~~ 1, South Central— ~~3~~ 2, Southeastern— ~~3~~ 2, and Western—1. It is recommended that at least one of the persons elected by the jurisdictional conferences be a racial or ethnic person. In order to ensure inclusiveness, the composition of the commission should reflect the major recognized categories of Church members (see ¶ 705.3c, d).
  - c) A total of ~~seven~~ five members of the central conferences, plus one bishop referenced above, named by the Council of Bishops.
  - d) Seven additional members elected by the commission to ensure membership of persons with expertise in communication or to ensure inclusiveness.
  - e) The additional members shall be nominated by a committee composed of one commission member designated from each jurisdiction and one of the member bishops.
  - f) In order to ensure inclusiveness, the composition of the entire commission ~~shall~~ should reflect the major recognized categories of Church members (see ¶ 705.3c, d).
2. Meetings—The commission shall hold at least one meeting in each calendar year. ~~Fifteen~~ Eleven members shall constitute a quorum.
3. Officers—The commission shall elect a president, at least one vice president, a recording secretary, and such other officers as it determines.

~~There may be an executive committee comprised of not more than one third of the total membership of the commission and elected by the commission. The membership of the executive committee shall be representative of the composition of the commission to the greatest extent possible.~~

4. Internal Organization—The General Commission on Communication is empowered to create internal structures as it deems appropriate for effective operation.

5. Staff—The commission shall ~~elect annually~~ employ a general secretary ~~upon nomination by the executive committee or a nominating committee and shall elect such deputy general secretaries as needed, and it shall provide for election or appointment of other staff.~~ The appointment and hiring of other staff shall be the responsibility of the general secretary. ~~The general secretary shall cooperate with the Connectional Table for program services and with the general secretary of the General Council on Finance and Administration for financial services.~~

**Rationale** - We propose reducing the size of UCom's board in order to reduce costs, increase efficiency while maintaining diverse representation. This brings our board size to 21, in line with the majority of other agencies.

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