

MOTION: Move to recommend to the assembly that the following articles of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Christian Church in Kentucky be amended for the purpose of implementing a new structure for the Regional Board, [to take effect at the conclusion of the 2020 Regional Assembly](#).

October 2018

Constitution
[Article 5.B. Intro](#)
Article 5.B.1.
Article 5.B.[27](#).
[Article 5.B.7](#).
Article 5.D.

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~~Constitution~~
~~Article 5.B. Intro~~

By-Laws
Article 2.A.
[Article 4](#)

(I've included the full articles below)

ARTICLE 5

B. BOARD

A duly-elected Board shall administer policies approved by the Assembly, assume creative responsibility for the program of the Region, implement the nature and purpose of the Region as described in Article 3-B and initiate and maintain relationships with affiliated institutions and units serving within the Region. In preparation for the Assembly, members of the Board shall also serve as the Commission on Assembly Business and the Commission on Nominations as set forth in items (6) and (7) below. The Board shall be composed of the elected officers of the Region; ~~two members, one man and one woman, clergy or laity, elected from each district; eight members elected from the Region at-large; and two ecumenical representatives.~~ [11 at-large members, and one ecumenical representative](#). There shall be no more than one Board member from a congregation, exclusive of the elected officers. [All regional ministers shall serve in an ex-officio capacity. Other ex-officio members of the Board shall be designated in the By-laws.](#)

[\(1\) Criteria for At-large Members: To ensure proper diversity and representation, the Commission on Nominations shall be responsible for nominating at-large members, using the following criteria as \[guidelines\]\(#\)\[KW1\]:](#)

- [a. 2-4 people from each of Eastern, Northern, Central, and Western Kentucky](#)
- [b. No less than 3 people from under-represented minorities](#)
- [c. No less than five women](#)

- d. No less than three lay people
- e. No less than three people from rural churches
- f. No less than three people between the ages of 18 and 40

~~(21) Election: Each district shall elect one member to the Board each biennium and shall report the results of the election to the Region prior to the meeting of the Commission on Nominations. In electing members to the Board, districts shall replace a retiring member with a person of the same sex. In the event a district fails to hold such an election, the Board is empowered to appoint a member to the Board in behalf of such district. Four members at-large and onetwo ecumenical representatives shall be nominated by the Commission on Nominations each biennium and elected by the Assembly. The timing of this process shall be staggered so that no more than 10 new members are elected at one time. The filling of vacancies and other matters shall be addressed in the Personnel Committee Policies and Procedures. Members of the Board shall ~~not succeed themselves~~not serve more than two consecutive terms.~~

(a) Assembly Program

A committee composed of the second vice-moderator serving as chairperson and at least ~~six~~three other members shall be responsible for the program and all arrangements for the Assembly.

(b) Personnel

A committee composed of at least ~~five~~four members shall interview and recommend ministerial staff personnel, review annually all contracts and suggest employment policies of the Region. In nominating and calling the general minister of the Region, the Personnel Committee shall seek counsel from the office of the General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. Procedures concerning the calling of the general minister of the Region shall be approved by the Board before any prospects are considered. In nominating and calling other regional staff, the Personnel Committee shall seek counsel from the general minister of the Region.

(c) Budget and Funds

A committee composed of the Chairperson of the Personnel Committee, the Chairperson of the Mission Finance Committee and three other members shall be responsible for reviewing internal budgets and finances of the Region. The secretary-treasurer of the Region shall be a non-voting ex officio member of this committee. The committee shall approve an operational budget for the Region which shall be recommended to the Board at the meeting calendared prior to the biennial Assembly. After action by the Board, the budget shall be recommended to the Assembly. This committee shall also be responsible for capital needs and askings and for the permanent funds of the Region.

(6) Commission on Assembly Business: In preparation for the biennial Assembly, a Commission on Assembly Business shall meet in the 30 day period following the announced called deadline for business items to be considered by the Assembly. The Board members in their first biennium of service shall constitute the Commission on Assembly Business. This Commission shall receive and review all business items submitted for the Assembly and make recommendations to the Board regarding them and receive, initiate, evaluate and edit resolutions, combining similar resolutions, and submit them in proper form for consideration by the Assembly. The first vice-moderator of the Region shall serve as chairperson of this Commission and the secretary-treasurer shall serve this Commission as recorder, without vote. If additional meetings of the Commission are needed, they shall be held upon the call of the chairperson, in consultation with the General Minister, or upon written request to the Region by five Commission members.

~~—(d) Mission Finance—~~

~~—A committee composed of the members of the Board elected by each of the districts who are serving their second biennium shall share responsibility for interpreting and implementing the program of Mission Finance of the Region. The program of Mission Finance is negotiated each biennium in accordance with the By Laws of the Church Finance Council, Inc. of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).~~

(7) Commission on Nominations: Board members in their second biennium of serviceThe moderator, first vice-moderator, and three members of the Board, ~~both those elected by the districts and at large,~~ shall constitute the Commission on Nominations. Nominees for ~~officers of the Region and all other representatives named by the Region~~all board positions shall be nominated by this Commission and submitted for consideration by the Board at least 90 days prior to the opening of the Assembly. The moderator shall serve as chairperson of this Commission and a member of the ministerial staff of the Region, designated by the general minister, shall serve as recorder, without vote. If additional meetings of the Commission are needed, they shall be held upon call of the chairperson, in consultation with the general minister, or upon written request to the Region by five Commission members.

D. TERM

~~The moderator and two vice moderators shall serve~~Board members shall serve for a term of two years, the term beginning the first day the month following the Assembly.

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BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 2 - DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

A. STRUCTURE

The organization in each district shall include any officers elected by the districts ~~and, representatives to the Board and representatives of fellowship groups and programs as directed by the Board,~~ ministers who have ministerial standing in the Region related to participating congregations within the district and representatives from each participating congregation within the district.

~~ARTICLE 4 - PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION~~

~~— Regional programs shall be implemented by committees appointed by the Board. Chairpersons of these committees not already Board members shall become ex-officio non-voting members of the Board. Membership of these committees shall be composed of members of the congregations in the Region and such resource persons as needed.~~

~~— For the purpose of coordination, all reports of commissions, committees and cabinets shall be presented in writing to the associate minister designated as program coordinator prior to the Board meeting which is to receive them.~~