

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS OF THE NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION

FOR VOTE ON APRIL 25, 2009

The Association Council proposes the following changes in the composition of the standing Commissions of the New Jersey Association. The Nominating Commission recommended these changes in March of 2008 as a reflection of the difficulties in fulfilling the existing requirements. The Association Council voted to accept these revisions in provisional form for the nominations that occurred at the annual meeting in April 2008 and now proposes their formal adoption at the annual meeting on April 25, 2009. These are the minimal changes that need to be passed in order to reflect current practice. (More extensive revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws are anticipated for the annual business meeting in 2010.)

The existing text from the affected part of the Bylaws is shown below. Proposed deletions in language are indicated by a strikethrough [~~language to be replaced~~]. The proposed new language appears in bold-faced type [**new wording**].

ARTICLE V. COMMISSIONS

Section 3. ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF STANDING

- (a) Terms of election. [**Unchanged**]
- (b) Christian Education and Youth Ministries Commission [**Unchanged**]
- (c) Church ~~Development~~ **Vitality** Commission - The Church ~~Development~~ **Vitality** Commission shall be composed of ~~six (6)~~ **four (4)** persons, serving in three (3) classes of ~~two (2) persons at least one (1) person~~ **each. At least two (2) members must be either clergy or laity. Membership must include both clergy and laity.**
- (d) Church and Ministry Commission - The Church and Ministry Commission shall be composed of ~~twelve (12)~~ **nine (9)** persons, serving in three (3) classes of ~~four (4) three (3) persons~~ **each. At least five four (4) members must be either from each of the clergy or and laity.**
- (e) Communications Commission - The Communications Commission shall be composed of ~~six (6)~~ **four (4)** persons, serving in three (3) classes of ~~two (2) persons at least one (1) person~~ **each. At least two (2) members must be either clergy or laity. Membership must include both clergy and laity.**
- (f) Nominating Commission - The Nominating Commission shall be composed of ~~six (6)~~ **four (4)** persons, serving in three (3) classes of ~~two (2) persons at least one (1) person~~ **each. At least two (2) members must be either clergy or laity. Membership must include both clergy and laity.**
- (g) Outreach Commission - The Outreach Commission shall be composed of ~~six (6)~~ **four (4)** persons, serving in three (3) classes of ~~two (2) persons at least one (1) person~~ **each. At least two (2) members must be either clergy or laity. Membership must include both clergy and laity.**
- (h) Pre-Ordination Commission - The Pre-Ordination Commission shall be composed of nine (9) persons, serving in three (3) classes of three (3) persons each. At least four (4) members must be ~~either from each of the clergy or and~~ **laity.**
- (i) Stewardship Commission - The Stewardship Commission shall be composed of ~~six (6)~~ **four (4)** persons, serving in three (3) classes of ~~two (2) persons at least one (1) person~~ **each. At least two (2) members must be either clergy or laity. Membership must include both clergy and laity.**