



**WHEREAS:** the Board of Administration bears chief responsibility for oversight of executive functions of the denomination between General Conferences and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Administration works closely with the Board of Bishops in caring for the financial and policy-making needs of the church and

**WHEREAS,** it is the responsibility of the incoming Board of Bishops to nominate the chair and vice-chair of the Board of Administration and

**WHEREAS,** due to change in the Book of Discipline, the incoming Board of Bishops now does not take office until 90 days after the close of the General Conference in which they were elected and

**WHEREAS,** it seems reasonable to also allow time for orderly transitions and careful consideration of leadership nominations for the Board of Administration and

**WHEREAS,** electronic communications and board votes are commonplace, no longer requiring immediate election of officers at the General Conference meeting,

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Paragraph 4310 A of the Book of Discipline regarding organization of the Board of Administration be rewritten to complement the current terms of the Board of Bishops; that current language be stricken and replaced with the following:

The term of office of each Board of Administration member will begin 90 days after the close of the General Conference in which they were elected and shall remain in office for four years or until 90 days following the close of the subsequent General Conference. Within 30 days after the close of General Conference, the incoming Board of Bishops will nominate a chair and vice-chair of the Board and the outgoing Nominating Committee will nominate candidates for the incoming Board's Nominating Committee. Officer elections will be held via electronic ballot by the incoming Board of Administration within 60 days following General Conference. Those elected will take office with the start of the new terms 90 days after the close of General Conference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That Paragraph 4310 B. be amended as follows:

~~A- The~~ Nominating Committee shall consist of not less than six persons, including two bishops and consisting of equal lay and clergy representation. Its initial duties shall be ~~elected by the Board of Administration~~ to subsequently nominate the members and chairs of the committees and task forces of the Board. In the selection process, sensitivity to regional, ethnic, and gender diversity should be demonstrated.

## Annual Conference Resolutions Committee Worksheet:

**Mission:** To love God, love people and make disciples.

**Vision:** To bring wholeness to the world through healthy biblical communities of holy people multiplying disciples, leaders, groups and churches.

1. Does the resolution have a direct relationship to the vision and mission of the Free Methodist Church?

Yes

No

2. How will the proposed change help us accomplish our vision and mission?

3. The Resolutions Committee rates this resolution as:

(A) Support - recommend adoption

(B) Recommended - worthy of review

(C) Rejected - anticipate General Conference rejection

Other Comments: