

Resolution 7

ANNUAL TRAINING FOR MINISTERS

1 WHEREAS, Ministry is becoming more complex in light of a changing landscape
2 culturally, legally, ethically, and financially; and

3 WHEREAS, Understanding of the most current information and best practices in various
4 areas of ministry more readily equips ministers to competently navigate
5 rising challenges; and

6 WHEREAS, When ministers are uninformed, they may put the ministry they lead, their
7 district, the General Council, and themselves at greater risk for harm legally,
8 relationally, and in their public witness; and

9 WHEREAS, Ongoing training related to theology, biblical studies, and ministry practice
10 including ethics, risk management, and financial stewardship are beneficial
11 for every minister in both their personal growth life and in their service as a
12 minister; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws Article VII. MINISTRY, Section 10. Credential
14 Renewals and Reinstatements, pages 53-54, be amended by inserting a
15 new subparagraph g, page 54, to read:

16 g. A minimum cumulative total of one (1) hour of online training
17 must be completed annually in the renewal process. Completion of
18 the continuing education requirement shall be a prerequisite for
19 renewal of credentials of all active ministers; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That these changes would not go into effect until September 1, 2024, to
21 allow for the general secretary's office to properly prepare for any
22 adjustment required in the renewal process.

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