

Resolution 5

ELECTRONIC MEETINGS

1 WHEREAS, The 2020 COVID-19 pandemic forced organizations, including districts/networks
2 and the General Council, to cancel business meetings or move to virtual platforms
3 quickly; and

4 WHEREAS, The advancement in technology is providing greater opportunity for the possibility
5 and option to conduct business remotely; and

6 WHEREAS, It is beneficial for the General Council Bylaws to contain provisions of the
7 possibility, not the right nor obligation, to conduct business remotely in the event
8 of unforeseen circumstances that make this route the best option; and

9 WHEREAS, The present wording in the General Council Bylaws is up to interpretation and not
10 specifically clear; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS,
12 PRESBYTERS, EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM, Section 10. Meetings,
13 paragraph 1, page 120, which reads:

Section 10. Meetings

14
15 Members of the Executive Presbytery, or any committee designated by the
16 Executive Presbytery, General Presbytery, or General Council, may participate
17 and act at any meeting through the use of a conference telephone or other
18 communications device by means of which all persons participating in the
19 meeting can communicate simultaneously with each other. Participation in such
20 meeting shall constitute attendance and presence in person at the meeting of the
21 member or members so participating.

22 Be amended to read:

Section 10. Meetings

23
24 Members of the Executive Presbytery and, in the event of an emergency or
25 other sufficient cause, members of the General Presbytery and General Council,
26 or any committee designated by the Executive Presbytery, General Presbytery,
27 or General Council, may participate and act at any meeting through the use of
28 a ~~conference telephone or other~~ technology by
29 means of which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate
30 simultaneously with each other, upon such terms and in such manner as the

1 Executive Presbytery shall determine. Participation in such meeting shall
2 constitute attendance and presence in person at the meeting of the member or
3 members so participating.

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery
 General Presbytery

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