Constitution & Bylaws Update

Preserve the covenant. Modernize the rules. Organize for action.

SUMMARY

Same covenant. Simpler governance. Clearer accountability.

The proposal preserves the Conference's identity and local-church autonomy while replacing four permanent Core Ministries with four focused standing committees and clearer operating rules.

At a Glance

01 PRESERVE
Faith, mission, covenant, and local-church autonomy remain foundational.

02 MODERNIZE
Fiduciary care, conflicts, terms, voting, and authority are clarified.

03 ORGANIZE
Recurring work moves into four focused governance lanes.

Key Governance Shifts

AREA	2021 MODEL	PROPOSED 2026
Structure	4 permanent Core Ministries	4 standing committees: Nominating, Personnel, Finance, Property
Board	18 members	18 members; clearer term and staggering rules
Delegates	2 Delegates: ≤300 Members 3 Delegates: 301 to 700 Members 4 Delegates: >700 Members	2 Delegates: 1–250 Members 3 Delegates: 251–500 Members 4 Delegates: >500 Member
Actions	Less differentiated	Witness: simple majority Prudential: 2/3 majority Board: simple majority
Guardrails	Existing disclosure/indemnification	Adds stated fiduciary standard, formal conflict policy, clearer asset authority

Leadership Lens

WHAT REMAINS

- Board size and quarterly meetings
- Diversity and equity commitments
- Board oversight of ministries and finances

ADOPTION-READINESS CHECKS

- Fix duplicate Article IV numbering
- Reconcile corporate-seal reference
- Align membership/Association language
- Complete legal and parliamentary review