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No. 9151

(Operational Business Item)

**AMENDMENT TO THE DESIGN REGARDING MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL BOARD
AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

ADOPTED by the General Assembly

Background Information

The church is facing increased costs of travel and lodging for meetings of its plenary bodies. Allocations to the budget of the Office of General Minister and President are not adequately covering meetings mandated by The Design. The General Board is proposing amendments to The Design to give some possible flexibility to holding these meetings, though it is not intended to exercise the option except in consideration of a serious negative financial situation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Paragraph 25 of The Design be amended as follows:

Regular meetings of the General Board shall **ordinarily** be held annually at a time and place to be fixed by the General Board, except that the meeting in the year in which the General Assembly shall convene shall be held not more than 90 days nor less than 60 days prior to the beginning of the regular meeting of the General Assembly. One half of the voting membership of the General Board shall constitute a quorum. **The meeting of the General Board in a year in which a General Assembly is not held may be canceled by action of the Administrative Committee, and the business to be transacted at such meeting may be carried out at a meeting of the Administrative Committee upon specific reason for the cancellation being furnished to the members of the General Board and a majority affirmative vote of the members of the General Board, being secured by mail ballot.** Special meetings of the General Board may be called under extraordinary circumstances by the Administrative Committee; and