

No. 9121

(Operational Business Item)

AMENDMENT TO THE DESIGN

WHEREAS, the General Assembly seeks "to manifest the wholeness and unity of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) within the one body of Christ;" and

WHEREAS, we affirm the principle of one person, one vote; and

WHEREAS, the present allocation to congregations for voting representatives to the General Assembly does not comply as well as it might with the one person, one vote principle;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that paragraph 11(a) of The Design for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) be amended as follows:

1. Paragraph 11 (a) becomes, "Voting representatives from congregations. Each congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) shall be entitled to have two voting representatives, plus one additional voting representative for each [Delete: 500] **200** participating members or major fraction thereof over the first [Delete: 500] **200**. These voting representatives from congregations shall be in addition to persons holding the offices of ordained minister **and licensed minister.**"
2. Paragraph 87 (1) becomes, "Congregations are represented in the General Assembly by voting representatives of their choosing. Each congregation is entitled to be represented in the General Assembly by two voting representatives, plus one additional voting representative for each [Delete: 500] **200** participating members or major fraction thereof over the first [Delete: 500] **200**. These voting representatives shall be in addition to its ordained and licensed ministers who are voting members as provided in paragraph 11 (c)."

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The General Board recommends that the General Assembly ADOPT business item No. 9121, effective date, January 1, 1992. (Debate time 12 minutes)
