

Resolution

Resolution # 1-
Final

Subject: Provincial Structure Reorganization
From: Task Force on Provincial Administration

WHEREAS, the 2006 Synod recognized that as a province that seeks to be faithful in its discipleship, we are called to greater efforts toward realizing our potential, thereby making our ministries more available and active; and,

WHEREAS, the 2006 Synod recognized a desire to improve communications, polity, unity and community building, as well as discover how we might better organize ourselves for the service of Christ; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution 55 of the 2006 Synod directed the PEC to appoint an impartial task force charged with systematically and critically examining all aspects of our provincial administration and ministries, including PEC, boards and agencies and their relationships with local congregations; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the direction of the 2006 Synod, the PEC appointed the Task Force on Provincial Administration/Ministries; and,

WHEREAS, the Task Force has regularly met, examined matters within its charge and has reported its findings to the PEC; and,

WHEREAS, this Special Synod of 2009 has been duly called for the purposes of considering the recommendations of the Task Force; and,

WHEREAS, the Task Force on Provincial Administration/Ministries of the Synod of 2006 has by its Report recommended that the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province, be internally reorganized in the form and manner as set forth in the Report of the Task Force, and incorporated herein by reference, and hereinafter referred to as the "Reorganization Plan", therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the *Rules and Regulations of the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province* shall be amended to conform to the **Reorganization Plan**, all as set forth in the **Restated Rules and Regulations**, attached hereto as Appendix #1, and incorporated herein by reference; provided, however, the effective date(s) of amendment(s) shall be at or following a determination by the Provincial Elders' Conference of adequate transition as hereinafter provided.

RESOLVED, That a Steering Committee shall be formed to effect the implementation of the Reorganization Plan and make such provision for transition issues as may come before it,

including, but not limited to, appropriate revisions to the Book of Order. The Steering Committee shall consist of five members elected by the Special Synod of 2009, two members of the Task Force appointed by the Task Force and two member of the Provincial Elders' Conference appointed by the Provincial Elders' Conference. The Steering Committee shall be authorized to utilize resource person as needed to accomplish its work and shall organize itself and assemble implementation teams as may be needed.

RESOLVED, That, in lieu of election of persons by the 2010 Synod to the Board of Christian Education, Board of Evangelism and Home Mission, Provincial Financial Board, and Archives Board, persons elected by the 2006 Synod shall continue in office in their respective positions until such time as the convening of the stated Synod of 2010.

RESOLVED, That the Provincial Elders' Conference shall review the ongoing work of the Steering Committee and make such determination of the effective date of implementation of the new Rules and Regulations in conformity with the Reorganization Plan; and until such determination shall have been made, the Rules and Regulations, not inconsistent with the previous Resolution, and effective prior to this amendment, shall remain in place. Such determination and effectiveness may be made in whole or in partial phases;

RESOLVED, That, provided however, the appointment and replacement of a Synod elected Provincial Financial Board shall not be implemented unless and until appropriate amendments to the *Constitution of the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province* shall have been duly adopted.

RESOLVED, That the Special Synod of 2009 hereby recommends to the stated Synod of 2010 that *The Constitution of the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province*, be amended by deleting **Article I, Section 4. Duties and Functions of the Provincial Synod**, and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Article I, Section 4. Duties and Functions of the Provincial Synod

The Provincial Synod shall have power:

- a. to carry out the principles of the Moravian Church (Unitas Fratrum) laid down by the Unity Synod for constitution, doctrine, worship and congregational life;
- b. to examine and oversee the spiritual and temporal affairs of the Province and its congregations;
- c. to legislate in regard to constitution, worship and congregational life for the Province;
- d. provide the vision, direction and expectations for Provincial mission and ministry and to review the results thereof;
- e. to elect the Provincial Elders' Conference which shall constitute the administrative board of the Province and which shall be responsible to the Synod for the management of the affairs committed to it;
- f. to elect representatives to inter-provincial agencies, boards and such other entities as it deems appropriate;
- g. to elect Bishops;
- h. to elect Delegates to Unity Synod;
- i. to act as the final court of appeal to hear and redress grievances; and,
- j. to perform such other acts as shall be designated to it by the Rules and Regulations and such other acts as shall be lawful under its Articles of Incorporation.