



## 2022 Proposed Covenant Bylaw Amendments

*These items will be voted on during the 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Covenant.*

**Section 7.2.** The Executive Board shall designate the time, **place, and medium** of each Annual Meeting.

*Rationale: After the pandemic, and with the growing fiscal/social demands evolving in our society, this modification allows for the Covenant Executive Board to define the means for Annual Meeting engagements. They presently select the place and time. This increases the flexibility to elect in-person, virtual, or hybrid modes of engagements. The director of events, along with the Council of Administrators, will continue to serve as advisors.*

**Section 7.8.a.iii.** Copies of the proposed agenda and accompanying materials shall be available to delegates electronically or in writing **sixty days** ~~thirty days~~ prior to the meeting.

*Rationale: This modification aligns the timeline of notification with the expectation stipulated in Article XVI. Section 16.2 and ensures delegates and their respective congregations receive Annual Meeting material in a timely manner, regardless of the meeting's setting or medium.*

### **Section 7.9. Elections and Calls.**

a. ECC President.

ii. One candidate for president of the ECC shall be nominated by a Presidential Nominating Committee consisting of the following: twelve persons elected by the Executive Board from its elected members so as to reflect the composition of the Executive Board as a whole; one person each elected by and from the elected members of the Board of Directors of Covenant Ministries of Benevolence, the Board of the Ordered Ministry, the Board of Pensions and Benefits, ~~and~~ the Board of Trustees of North Park University; and ~~the chairs of one member of each of the Executive Boards of the~~ Regional Conferences. **The Presidential Nominating Committee shall have at least one member from every ethnic group that has an established ethnic association within the Covenant.**

*Rationale: With input from the Presidential Nominating Committee (PNC), the Covenant Executive Board sought to provide greater flexibility on the representatives from the conferences' Executive Boards, while also continuing to advance the multiethnic mosaic of which we are all a part of. A member from a Conference Executive Board may be elected by their peers to represent the conference*

*on the PNC. The PNC membership will have a minimum of one member from the Covenant Ethnic Associations. This modifies representation on the PNC, not the total number of members on the PNC.*

## **Section 8.2. Composition and Selection of the Executive Board.**

b. ***Ex-officio Members.*** The Executive Board shall have the following ex-officio members: the president of the ECC, a conference superintendent designated by the Council of Superintendents who serves as liaison from that council, an elected member of the Board of Directors of Covenant Ministries of Benevolence, **and Centro Hispano de Estudios Teológicos del Pacto Evangélico**, and ~~an elected member of the~~ Board of Trustees of North Park University who serves as a liaison from these boards to the Executive Board. An ex-officio member of the Executive Board who serves as a liaison from another board shall not be an employee of the ECC, any ECC institution, any regional conference, any conference institution, or any regional mission organization.

*Rationale: This aligns the bylaws to the collaborative efforts that have been happening since 2016 when CHET transitioned under the umbrella of Covenant Organizations.*