Committee on Overtures and Resolutions

Standing Committee Report
38th General Assembly

The Standing Committee on Overtures and Resolutions convened at 3:15 p.m. on Thursday, June 21, 2018 and met *once*. Chairman *TE Stephen Morefield* opened the meeting with prayer.

A. Business Referred to Committee:

1. **Overture GA38-09**
2. **Communication GA38-11**
3. **Recommendation GA38-18**
4. **Recommendation GA38-22**
5. **Recommendation GA38-27**
6. **Recommendation GA 38-28**

B. Recommendations:

1. That **Overture GA38-09** from Presbytery of the Central South**,** that the 38th General Assembly approve amending the borders of the Presbyteries of the Central South and the Great Plains **be adopted.**

2. **Communication GA38-11** That the 38th General Assembly gratefully accept the invitation from Cherry Hills Community Church, Highland Ranch, CO to host the meeting of the 39th General Assembly **be adopted.**

3. **Recommendation GA38-18, '**that the 38th General Assembly approve an interim committee be appointed by the Moderator to study how the EPC can better become a denomination that faithfully embraces and serves our neighbors from ever nation, tribe, people, and language (Revelation 7:9) **be adopted.**

   Rationale:
   At its January 2018 meeting, the NLT spent considerable time discussing where God is calling the EPC in the next decade. One of the areas in which the NLT believes we can improve as a denomination is in our efforts to minister to the diverse racial, ethnic, and cultural communities that surround many of our churches and that the Lord calls us to serve.

4. **Recommendation GA 38-22**, that the 38th General Assembly approve an amendment to *Rules for Assembly* 2-3 to delete "nominating speeches" for Moderator-Elect nominees **be adopted.**

Current *Rules for Assembly 2-3*	Proposed *Rules for Assembly* 2-3
2-3 The first order business shall be the election of a Moderator. Though the Moderator-elect will normally be the presumptive nominee, the Committee on Nominations must make such nomination. The floor shall be opened for additional nominations. There shall be only one nominating speech per nominee not to exceed five minutes for each nominee. No seconding speeches shall be permitted.	2-3 The first order business shall be the election of a Moderator. Though the Moderator-elect will normally be the presumptive nominee, the Committee on Nominations must make such nomination. The floor shall be opened for additional nominations. There shall be only one nominating speech per nominee not to exceed five minutes for each nominee. No seconding speeches shall be permitted.
2-4 A Moderator-elect shall be elected according to the same procedure as the election of the Moderator.	2-4 A Moderator-elect shall be elected according to the same procedure as the election of the Moderator, *except that there will be no nominating speech.*

Rationale:

Although nominating speeches have been an occasion for levity at the beginning of the Assembly, they are ultimately superfluous. The report of the Nominating Committee and the biographical background of the nominee that appears in the Commissioner's Handbook should be sufficient for commissioners to act on the nominee. Also, the elimination of this item will save some time during the Assembly.

5. **Recommendation GA 38-27**, that the 38th General Assembly revise language from *Rules for Assembly* Committee on Nominations XI. 11-3 **be adopted.**

Current *Rules for Assembly* XI.11-3	Proposed *Rules for Assembly* XI.11-3 Additions in **bold italics**
XI. Committee on Nominations **11-3** Each year at the Assembly, the outgoing Moderator shall nominate four to the Assembly for membership on this committee. At that time, the floor will be opened for other nominations.	**XI. Committee on Nominations** **11-3** Each year at the Assembly, the outgoing Moderator shall nominate ~~four~~ *the appropriate number of persons* to the Assembly for membership on this committee. At that time, the floor will be opened for other nominations.

Rationale:
The nominating committee finds it necessary to revise the language in order to provide sufficient guidance for the committee in the fulfillment of its responsibilities to the EPC.

Rule 11-3 currently requires the Moderator of the Assembly to name four (4) nominees each year in order to create three balanced classes that represent each presbytery. With the growth of the EPC to 14 presbyteries, it may be that the Moderator would need to add more than four (4) in a class in order to ensure adequate representation to all presbyteries.

6. **Recommendation GA 38-28**, that the 38th General Assembly approve the following amendment to *Rules for Assembly* X 10-1K.1 to add 2 members to the PRC **be adopted**.

Current *Rules for Assembly* X 10-1K.1	**Proposed** *Rules for Assembly* X 10-1K.1 Additions in ***bold italics***
1. Membership: Committee to consist of four members, including at least one former stated clerk.	1. Membership: Committee to consist of ~~four~~ *six* members, including at least one former stated clerk.

C. **Additional Recommendations from the Standing Committee**:

1. Per *Rules for Assembly* 9-6, the Committee voted to place the following eligible recommendation(s) on an omnibus consent motion.

   [NOTE: a recommendation amended by the Standing Committee, substitute recommendation or additional recommendation in C.2 are not eligible for the omnibus consent motion.]

   - **Recommendation GA38-09**
   - **Recommendation GA38-11**
   - **Recommendation GA38-18**
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2. No Additional Recommendations

TE Stephen Morefield closed the meeting with prayer.

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Respectfully submitted,

_____, Chairman
TE Stephen Morefield

_____, Clerk
RE Doris Hauck