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**GA39-22**  
**FROM THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP TEAM**

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**Recommendation:**

That the 39<sup>th</sup> General Assembly **APPROVE** an amendment to *Rules for Assembly* that would revise and update the functions of the National Leadership Team. This amendment was proposed to but not acted upon by the 38<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2018).

<b>Current Rules for Assembly X.10-1A</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly X.10-1A (proposed amendment is in <i>bold italics</i>)</b>
<p>10-1 The ministries of the Assembly shall be conducted primarily through permanent committees and the Permanent Judicial Commission, to wit:</p> <p>A. National Leadership Team</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chaired by the immediate past Moderator.</li> <li>2. Committee Membership: Moderator, Moderator-elect, Stated Clerk, immediate past Moderator, and nine elected members.</li> <li>3. Functions in the following ways:</li> </ol>	<p>10-1 The ministries of the Assembly shall be conducted primarily through permanent committees and the Permanent Judicial Commission, to wit:</p> <p>A. National Leadership Team</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chaired by the immediate past Moderator.</li> <li>2. Committee Membership: Moderator, Moderator-elect, Stated Clerk, immediate past Moderator, and nine elected members.</li> <li>3. Functions in the following ways <b><i>subject to General Assembly review, approval and the Book of Order:</i></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b><i>Mission, Vision and Strategy</i></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b><i>Primary responsibility to seek the mind of Christ for our denomination and to express this in a mission statement that states who God has called the EPC to be.</i></b></li> <li>2. <b><i>Development of vision and strategies that express what God is calling the EPC to do to carry out the mission statement.</i></b></li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Administrative oversight<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Oversight and coordination of Administration Committee with World Outreach, Christian Education and Communications, Ministerial Vocation, Church Planting &amp; Revitalization, Women’s Ministries, and Student &amp; College Ministries Committees.</li><li>2) Responds to emergency and disaster situations</li><li>3) Serve as Directors of the corporation</li></ul></li><li>b. Denominational Development<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) General Assembly planning</li><li>2) Promotion/public relations</li><li>3) Personnel administration (staff hiring, staff accountability)</li><li>4) Budget development: receive projections from all committees and submit to General Assembly a proposed budget</li><li>5) All legal and corporate matters</li><li>6) Property and liability insurance</li></ul></li><li>c. All other business of ecclesiastical matters not</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. <b><i>Assess the execution of the mission, vision and strategies on behalf of the General Assembly.</i></b></li><li>4. <b><i>Encourage EPC Presbyteries and local churches to participate in implementing the mission, vision and strategies.</i></b></li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>b. Administrative oversight<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Oversight and coordination of National Leadership Team with World Outreach, Ministerial Vocation, Women’s <b><i>Resource Council</i></b>, and <b><i>Next Generation Ministries Council</i></b>.</li><li>2) Responds to emergency and disaster situations</li><li>3) Serve as Directors of the corporation <b><i>for the purposes of compliance with the laws of the state in which the EPC is incorporated and in accord with EPC by-laws.</i></b></li></ul></li><li>c. Denominational Development<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) General Assembly planning</li><li>2) Promotion/public relations</li><li>3) Personnel administration (staff hiring, staff accountability)</li><li>4) Budget development: receive projections from all committees and submit to General Assembly a proposed budget</li><li>5) All legal and corporate matters</li><li>6) Property and liability insurance</li></ul></li></ul>
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<p>specifically assigned to any other committees.</p>	<p><i>d. All other business of ecclesiastical matters not specifically assigned to any other committees.</i></p> <p><b>4. Explanatory Statement</b> <i>The National Leadership Team is not a court of the denomination, nor a commission of the General Assembly, but a committee of the denomination, with authority derived from the Book of Order. The NLT is therefore responsible to the General Assembly and carries out its work under the authority of the General Assembly by proactively making recommendations to the General Assembly and exercising authority to carry out those recommendations as approved by the General Assembly.</i></p>
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Rationale

With the dramatic growth the EPC since 2007, the development of the denomination as mission- and vision-driven and the increasing complexity of leading the EPC in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the work of the NLT has evolved significantly in the last five years. This proposed revision recognizes that development and, in the “Explanatory Statement” clarifies the relationship of the General Assembly and the NLT.

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