

Since the beginning of our presbytery, the Executive Council felt it necessary to intentionally lead churches into networking relationships. The MNC (Ministry Network Committee) provided opportunities for churches to develop networking relationships. Since many of our churches are now in both formal and informal networking relationships, it is the belief of both the Ministry Network Committee and the Executive Council that the need for an ongoing standing committee is no longer necessary.

Therefore, the Executive Council, *with the concurrence of* the chair of the Ministry Network Committee, proposes the following change to the By-Laws of the Presbytery of the Alleghenies;

- eliminate from Article VI, Section 6.1 the words “Ministry Network Committee”
- eliminate from Article VI, Section 6.6 Ministry Network Committee.

By this action we disband the Ministry Network Committee and thank those members for their work in the development of church networking in the Presbytery of the Alleghenies.

Timeline – According to our By-laws this is the first read of the proposed change to the By-Laws. The proposed changes will be mailed to all TE and Clerk of each Session at least 7 days prior to the meeting where the vote will take place. The second read and vote will take place at the 25th Stated Meeting in February of 2018.

ARTICLE VI

COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Section 6.1 Presbytery Committees and Commissions.

The Corporation shall have the following standing committees: Ministerial Committee, Church Development Committee, ~~Ministry Network Committee~~, and Business Administration Committee. Presbytery Committees and Commissions shall consist of Teaching Elders and/or Ruling Elders of Presbytery. Special committees may be elected by Presbytery Members or appointed by the Moderator as Presbytery Members choose. Commissions may be established, as defined by *The Book of Order, the Book of Government*, ¶ 6-26, and these Bylaws, by three- fourths vote of the Presbytery Members. Presbytery Committees and Commissions shall have a quorum of a minimum of one-half the membership. The membership and length of service on Presbytery Committees and Commissions shall be determined by action of the Presbytery Members.

~~Section 6.6 Ministry Network Committee.~~

(a) ~~_____ Purpose. The mission of the Ministry Network Committee (“MNC”) is to take primary leadership in assisting churches in developing meaningful connections with one another to 1) assist in the work of the Presbytery Members, 2) develop and nurture pastoral relationships, and 3) enhance the development of ministry within Presbytery. It is recognized that ministry networking is a developing concept. Therefore the role of the MNC will need to be fluid by design in order to best serve the changing needs of Presbytery.~~

(b) ~~_____ Membership. There shall be six (6), nine (9), or twelve (12) members of this Committee, depending on the need, with an even or close to even membership of Ruling and Teaching Elders. Every attempt shall be made to have members geographically distributed throughout Presbytery. Each member of the Committee shall be elected to serve a 3-year term and shall be eligible to serve a second 3-year term. If elected to a second 3-year term, no member will be eligible to serve another term until after a 1-year time period elapses. To provide continuity, members shall be divided equally into 3 classes such that no more than 3 members rotate off at one time.~~

(c) ~~_____ Duties of the Ministry Network Committee:~~

(i) ~~_____ To support the administration and conduct of the Presbytery’s affairs;~~

(ii) ~~_____ To develop pastoral relationships;~~

(iii) ~~_____ To assist churches in developing ministry; and~~

(iv) ~~_____ Additional responsibilities as may be assigned by Presbytery Members.~~