

Connection for Ministry

18. We affirm the priority given by the Conference to create an information network linking the Conference Center, district offices, clusters and local churches. To that end, we recommend that, by January 1, 1996, the episcopal office, the conference center, and each district office be equipped with the following: (1) a computer linked to the Conference Center, (2) a laptop PC for all executive staff members and superintendents, (3) a desk top PC with printer for each support staff person, and (4) a fax machine. We further recommend that the Council Office be given a separate 800 number and that video conferencing be explored as an optional operational style. Purchases of computers, printers and fax machines shall be coordinated through the Conference Computer Committee for the purposes of maintaining compatibility within all offices of the Conference.

R-18 was approved and referred to the Council on Finance and Administration.

19. We recommend that in any year in which Conference reserves fall below five percent (5%) of the current Conference budget, the Conference Council on Finance and Administration shall submit a spending budget for the succeeding year no higher than the amount approved for the current year.

R-19 was approved and referred to the Conference Council on Finance and Administration.

20. We recommend establishing block grants from the Shares of Ministry for district programming which may be carried over from year to year. Grants may accumulate up to the percentage of the amount previously received through Shares of Ministry from the district's congregations. Grants will be allocated by the district council on ministries.

R-20 was approved and referred to the Conference Council on Ministries.

21. We recommend assessing Shares of Ministry on the district level, with individual church amounts determined in consultation with a district finance committee.

R-21 was defeated.

22. We recommend that a Task Force be created for the purpose of studying the feasibility of relocating the Conference Center for purposes of utility, economy, and geography. The Task Force shall report to the 1996 session of annual conference. Membership of the Task Force shall consist of two members from the Board of Trustees, two members from the Council on Finance and Administration, the Conference Treasurer/Comptroller, one member from the Conference Council on Ministries, the Council Director, one member from the Stewardship Foundation, the Executive Director of the Stewardship Foundation, one member from the Committee on Episcopacy, and the Bishop or representative.

R-22 was approved and referred to the Conference Board of Trustees.

23. We recommend that the Conference formulate and adopt a version of its vision for Church Growth With Integrity at the June, 1995 session of annual conference.

R-23 was approved without referral.