

1 **RESTRUCTURING OF CONFERENCE BOUNDARIES**

2 **Approved As Amended**

3 **A Prudential Resolution**

4 **TEXT OF THE MOTION**

5 Therefore be it resolved that the 29th General Synod invites each of the 38 conferences and their covenant
6 partners (such as associations, local churches and authorized ministers) to engage in a prayerful process of
7 discernment in order to assess what they may need to assure a sustainable and thriving future for their
8 ongoing missional responsibilities as well as effective ministries; and

9 Be it further resolved that the 29th General Synod calls upon the Collegium of Officers to work
10 collaboratively and pastorally with any and all conferences and their covenant partners in a mutual
11 process of discernment in order to develop viable proposals designed to revitalize conferences, share
12 resources among them, and/or reconfigure conference boundaries in ways faithful to our church's calling
13 and which make practical sense; and

14 Be it further resolved, that any such proposals from conferences and a report from the Collegium will be
15 transmitted to the 30th General Synod for further deliberation and approval as necessary.

16 **FUNDING**

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18 Funding for the implementation of the resolution will be made in accordance with the overall
19 mandates of the affected agencies and the funds available.

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21 **IMPLEMENTATION**

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23 The Collegium of Officers, in consultation with appropriate ministries or other entities within the
24 United Church of Christ, will determine the implementing body.