

Resolution 3

ORGANIZATIONAL ASSISTANCE LANGUAGE

1 WHEREAS, The General Council Constitution makes provision for district council affiliated
2 assemblies (General Council Constitution ARTICLE XI, Section 2. District
3 Council Affiliated Assemblies, page 131); and

4 WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws makes provision for a district council, upon invitation
5 by a General Council affiliated assembly, to “bring the church under district
6 supervision and, when necessary, revert it from General Council status to district
7 affiliated status” (General Council Bylaws ARTICLE VI, Section 4, paragraph c.
8 Organizational assistance, page 153); and

9 WHEREAS, The meaning of “being supervised” without being district affiliated is unclear;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE VI. ASSEMBLIES, Section 4.
12 Relationships Between Churches, District Councils, and the General Council,
13 paragraph c. Organizational assistance, page 153, which reads:

14 **c. Organizational assistance.** The services of both the General Council
15 and district council are available to assist the General Council affiliated church
16 in dealing with any of its problems, either internal or external, when requested
17 by the pastor or a majority of the official board of the church or a petition signed
18 by 30 percent of the voting members, with the petitioning process and delivery
19 to the district council taking no more than 30 days in total to complete. When
20 district officers receive such requests, it is recommended they first verify that
21 scriptural principles of reconciliation, such as those found in Matthew 18:15–17
22 and 1 Timothy 5:19, have been reasonably attempted by the requesting party in
23 situations involving interpersonal conflict. District officers shall respond by
24 investigating problems and, if necessary, recommending remedial actions to the
25 responsible district governing entity, (e.g., district presbytery or district
26 executive presbytery). At its discretion, that governing entity may act to bring
27 the church under district supervision and, when necessary, revert it from General
28 Council status to district affiliated status until the governing entity considers the
29 problem resolved.

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Sponsor: General Presbytery

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